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Changes Coming to Airport



Airport officials, along with local dignitaries, break ground for the new Terminal B parking garage. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Department of Airports

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA - Effective Oct. 1 and without much ceremony, the Sacramento International Airport (SMF) hourly parking lot was closed, according to the airport website.

This was the closest parking lot to Terminal B, had more than 600 parking spaces available and was ideal for short visits to the airport to meet or drop off travelers using Terminal B.

Terminal B accommodates the following airlines: Aeromexico, Alaska Airlines, Frontier, Hawaiian Airlines, Horizon, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit and Volaris.

The Sacramento International Airport's website indicates the hourly lot will be permanently closed to make way for a new parking garage that will boast more than 5,500 spaces when completed. This new development is part of a larger capital improvement project ongoing at the airport. The project, dubbed SMF Foreword, by Sacramento County leaders is expected to cost \$1.3 billion when completed.

According to a September airport news release, project funding is coming from the sale of General Airport Revenue Bonds.

"Increasing close-in garage

parking capacity is the number one opportunity we have to improve the guest experience at SMF," said Cindy Nichol, director of airports for the Sacramento County Department of Airports, in an April 2024 news release.

Indeed, a day after the hourly lot was closed, airport officials were joined by local dignitaries to break ground on the new Terminal B parking garage.

"Today's groundbreaking is another important step to realize the SMF Forward vision and deliver tangible improvements for

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Big Plans for Small Businesses

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - It's just like it sounds: Small Business Accelerator Program (SBAP).

City officials plan to thrust forward small business owners with 15 or fewer employees here.

Economic Development manager Meaghan Stiles held a brief workshop on Sept. 18 for the program funded through Measure N in 2019, when city officials committed 30% of resources over time to inclusive economic development.

Up to \$1.5 million was set aside for the program in 2023. Currently, 2,200 businesses reside in West Sacramento, with 1,700 considered small, not accounting for home-based commerce not eligible for the program.

Of the 1,700, Stiles said 68% have less than five employees, 24% have up to 10, and 8% have 11 to 15 employees.

"Part of the reason we went with the 15 and under is based on some research we did with our jurisdictions that have similar programs," Stiles said.

The Small Business Accelerator Program has four funding categories. The first is for business makeovers.

To qualify, a business of less than 15 must make \$3 million annually and be located in a disadvantaged geographic or be a minority or majority-women-owned commerce. Once accepted, that business can receive up to \$75,000 in frontage and site improvements if accepted.

"If you are a small business that has an aging exterior, landscaping, signage or parts of our building that are struggling, that would be eligible under this," Stiles said.

The next Small Business Accelerator Program funding category is the Small Business Permit Fee Assistance Program. Of the four proposed funding categories, the Small Business Accelerator Program Permit Fee Assistant Program is the simplest to implement, according to a staff report, "but rather is used internally to reimburse staff time for plan

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Sacramento Avenue Complete Street Plan

By Angela Underwood

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The power of a Post-it.

Dozens of tiny colored papers, corridor walk audits, pop-up workshops and community workshops are just a few ways that the city reached out to the public for the Sacramento Avenue Complete Street Plan.

Not to mention focus groups, online engagement and a draft plan for public review between May and June.

Citizen opinions such as Caitlin Mueller's help make up the long-awaited plan.

"I am a resident of the Lighthouse neighborhood and I just came across the complete street plan,"



Pop-up audits, as seen here, were one way that city officials gathered information from the public, along with focus groups and online engagement. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

Mueller noted in her public comment. "I am so glad the city recognizes the need for improvements to Sacramento Avenue since my experience of the road is that it's old, worn, barren, hot and very unfriendly."

The public hearing for

the plan was Sept. 18. Before hearing even more about the plan, Community Development senior

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Here is an architectural rendering of the future Terminal B parking garage as seen from overhead. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Department of Airports

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our community,” said Congresswoman Doris Matsui at the groundbreaking event. “This new parking garage will greatly expand capacity while going above and beyond to make the facility convenient and technologically cutting edge. I’m proud to champion the work of our airport and we are only continuing to push the envelope to keep it the national gold standard for years to come.”
According to a Sacramento County news release on the groundbreaking event, the parking garage project will generate 1,000 jobs during its construction phase and will utilize labor under a Community Workforce Training Agreement, creating opportunities for the

local workforce.
Sacramento International Airport visitors have recently become accustomed to the airport’s existing parking lots and parking garages near the terminals being full during busy travel periods, leaving travelers few options except to utilize the remote long-term parking lots and ride the shuttle to the terminals.
The new parking garage, when completed, will be a great asset to Sacramento travelers. In the meantime, the hourly lot closure will put additional pressure on the other airport parking lots during the new garage’s construction.
Sacramento International Airport’s senior public information officer Scott Johnston provided

this guidance, “Travelers are encouraged to check parking availability and track shuttles in real-time before arriving at the airport. We also recommend arriving two-and-a-half hours before a flight and using rideshare options instead of driving.”
“SMF is seeing an average of one million passengers per month and is expected to surpass 13 million in 2024, which would be a record-breaking year for the airport,” Johnston added explaining the need for the expanded parking facilities.
For more information on parking at Sacramento International Airport, visit the Sacramento County website at www.sacramento.aero/smf/to-and-from/parking ★

RESTAURANT ROW

Vince’s Ristorante: Value, Family, Italy, Community



Here is the Rossi family in 2009.



By Janice Row

Vince and Pauline Frugoli opened Vince’s Ristorante in mid-1964. They loved great food and sharing their great food and recipes with family and friends. Vince’s in West Sacramento was the first of three locations, followed by one on Folsom Boulevard in Sacramento and the third one in Elk Grove.
The West Sacramento ristorante was run by Pauline’s brother throughout the 1970s to December 2008. He was in his 70s when he turned the reins over to Robert and Peter Rossi. The Rossis and the Frugolis were friends (which means they are family). Robert worked in the Folsom location for two years in the ’80s while going to school to cook. Robert moved to the East Coast and back to the West Coast, learning to be a chef. When it was time for Pauline’s brother to retire, they asked Robert if he was interested in becoming the new owner.
Robert and his father, Peter, took ownership of this great Italian ristorante in January 2009. You would often find Peter on the piano and

singing, while Robert with his exquisite cooking skills was in the kitchen. Robert is still in the kitchen making amazing old-world Italian dishes, pizza, lasagna, gnocchi, ravioli as well as chicken, seafood and their famous steaks. Vince’s Ristorante makes their own sausage, homemade raviolis and lasagna, plus cut all their own steaks.
Whether it is lunch or dinner, the customers love the authentic Italian feel, the relaxed and family-friendly atmosphere plus the great food. The bar is a fun place, too, with more than 20 varieties of bottles and draft beers and an amazing wine list. The full bar has a fun and talented bartender.
Community is very important and Vince’s

sale on the first Saturdays and live music. Plus, there is a Comedy Night every Friday.
There will be a big 60-year celebration in October and all is welcome.
I asked Robert what he wanted people to know and he said, “that we value family, Italy and community.”
When you’re at Vince’s, you feel like family and that you’re in old world Italy.
Vince’s Ristorante is at 840 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento. The phone number is 916-371-6395 and the website is www.vinceswestsac.com. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 4 to 8:30 p.m. (dinner only) on Saturdays. Vince’s



Sauteing to perfection is a Vince’s Ristorante given.

Ristorante supports many nonprofits, historical society and Lions Club using their banquet room, along with fundraisers.
The arts are also very important. The many events hosted at Vince’s Ristorante include karaoke on the second and fourth Thursdays, yard

Ristorante is closed Sundays and Mondays.
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transportation planner Stephanie Chan detailed a specific complete street plan and funding from the 2021 Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

“The grant allowed us to complete the Sacramento Avenue Complete Street Plan,” Chan said. “A complete street is a transportation planning policy and design approach for our streets to be accessible and safe and for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists.”

Sacramento Avenue, a city-inherited roadway from the state and county, is a four-lane roadway with a center-left turn lane from Harbor to Jefferson Boulevards, which narrows to a two-lane arterial from Jefferson Boulevard to 5th Street.

Mueller concurred in her written comments that, with improvements, it is a complete street.

“I greatly appreciate the depth of research and thought put into the plan as well as the community engagement,” Mueller said. “I read through most of the comments on the interactive project map and I agree with many of them, based on my personal experience.”

In 2022, Chan explained how another Sacramento Area Council of Governments Green Means Go grant funded a non-transportation infrastructure study to develop in-fill housing opportunities along the C-Street corridor, supporting future development.

Additionally, the study determined if future development could be incorporated and coordinated with the Complete Street Improvements, that would cause less disturbance multiple times for residents along the way.

With various pictures, Chan showed the ideal current conditions, including bike lanes and sidewalk gaps across the corridor. Chan brought her point home with a picture of a person pushing a cart in a bicycle lane, not in an ideal condition.

However, new proposed concepts drew attention, with Councilwoman Verna Sulpizio-Hull saying the protected bike lanes looked “phenomenal.”

“I love roundabouts and I know a lot of people don’t,” Sulpizio-Hull said of the type of intersection that provides many safety features.

In an attempt to make use of the existing right of way, Chan said a roundabout is proposed at Harbor Boulevard and the beginnings of a sidewalk, with a one-way bike lane and eight-foot landscaping on each side.

Additional roundabouts are proposed on Jefferson as well. Also, a shared-use path is proposed for Elkhorn Road to “provide for pedestrian access, and a less stressful option for cyclists.

Vice-Mayor Dawnte Early said the plan has been coming for a “very, very, long time.”

“I am excited for our kids and for the families that live there as well,” Early said.

Ultimately, the proposed concepts “create an accessible Green Corridor, Community Streetscape and Multimodal Street themes,” Chan explained, detailing features with several pictures.

The estimated cost is \$125 million.

Councilwoman Quirina Orozco said every time officials discuss spending funds from voter-approved measures, “it has to be what we tell the voters.”

But it’s not just about keeping the promise; it’s about improving areas with heavy impact fees, especially in older parts of the city.

“Seeing it come to the first step of fruition is incredible,” Orozco said.

Mayor Martha Guerrero mentioned the importance of parking and EV charging stations, how officials need to obtain grant funding for that, and other plan features.

“I am just trying to figure out what components we need for the future,” Guerrero said, noting while she hopes wide bicycle lanes are possible, it might be hard to integrate into the older part of the city.

“I just want to make sure as we are moving forward, we educate the community,” Guerrero said.

That could mean more Post-its.

“Let’s start raising \$125 million,” Verna-Sulpizio Hall said. ★



Councilmember Verna Sulpizio Hull proposed hiring a marketing campaign for existing and new businesses regarding the A’s coming to town. Photo courtesy of the West Sacramento News Ledger

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check and review costs associated with improvement project(s).”

The following funding category is the Small Business Microgrant Program, allotting up to \$20,000 for small businesses transitioning to brick-and-mortar or expanding to larger commercial space. Lastly, the Small Business Vandalism Relief program provides up to \$5,000 for victimized business owners.

“This was created through talks with PD (police department),” Stiles said of funds that can be used for high insurance deductibles related to vandalism.

Additional program costs for the new program include funding a dedicated website and design cost assistance to seek out architects familiar with city features regarding redesign.

Councilwoman Verna Sulpizio Hull said the idea of an “on-call architect and people that know city processes and how we do business will really help usher in businesses who haven’t gone through the permitting process.”

While Stiles said a small business could take care of all four funding category avenues, Sulpizio Hull suggested adding a “fifth bucket” that has everything to do with the A’s coming to town.

According to the councilwoman, a more unified voice and marketing dollars are vital to attracting new businesses now that the Major League Baseball team calls West Sacramento home.

“Hire a marketing agency specifically focused on restaurants and hotels and get ahead of creating a brand for the community to lead off,” Sulpizio Hull said.

West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce President Denice Seals approached city officials, saying the Small Business Accelerator Program is “a long time coming.”

“It is so encouraging,” Seals said, specifically of the permit assistance fee funding.

“Entrepreneurs and small businesspeople are people that start with a passion,” Seals said. “They are excited about what they do.”

According to the commerce president, “acknowledging that passion by reducing a fee sets a tone with the city for the rest of their relationship with the city.”

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Since issuing its Public Notice in May 2022, DTSC completed an investigation work plan and obtained permission to sample the former C&S Battery property and some nearby properties. DTSC also began collecting and analyzing soil samples from the C&S Battery property and some of the nearby properties.

On July 12, 2024, DTSC provided a Notice of Extension, extending the investigation period until November 19, 2024. At this time, while continuing to act judiciously and in good faith, DTSC has not yet completed its evaluation of the investigation results. DTSC hereby extends and provides notice of the extension of the deadline by three months from November 19, 2024, to February 19, 2025.

Where to View Information/Documents

• DTSC’s LABRIC Webpage: www.dtsc.ca.gov/labric-investigation-sites
At this webpage, you will find the Public Notices and a link to the DTSC EnviroStor database.

• By appointment at DTSC’s Sacramento Regional Office:
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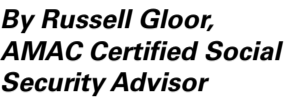
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California Is Banning Artificial Food Dyes in School Snacks and Drinks. Here’s What the Science Says

By **Kristen Hwang**
CALMatters.org

Many brightly colored kids’ snacks and beverages will disappear from California schools under a new law Gov. Gavin Newsom signed on Sunday that bans certain artificial food dyes from K-12 campuses.

Starting in 2028, six common food dyes will no longer be allowed in food sold at schools because of concerns that they cause behavior and attention problems in some children. The banned dyes are: Blue 1, Blue 2, Green 3, Red 40, Yellow 5 and Yellow 6.

Artificial food coloring production in the U.S. has increased more than six-fold since the Food and Drug Administration first issued safety regulations in the 1930s. Although initial studies indicated that artificial colors were nontoxic, recent research has linked eating foods containing synthetic dyes to hyperactivity and trouble concentrating, particularly among children.

This legislation builds on a first-in-the-nation law Newsom signed last year to ban the sale of food containing four food additives common in candies and baked goods, and are thought to be harmful. That law applies to food sold anywhere in California, while this year’s legislation focuses solely on school nutrition.

“The reason it makes sense to focus on schools is because that’s where a lot of those behavioral and hyperactivity issues are going to compound,” Melanie Benesh, vice president for government affairs with Environmental Working Group, a national advocacy group that co-sponsored the legislation. “If you know there are kids in these

schools that have a sensitivity to these dyes, and it makes it harder for them to concentrate, then you are not creating the most conducive learning environment for those kids.”

Several state legislatures are considering bills similar to California’s. The federal government, however, has not updated its safety standards.

“California is once again leading the nation when it comes to protecting our kids from dangerous chemicals that can harm their bodies and interfere with their ability to learn,” said Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, the Democrat from Encino who authored the law.

Packaged food manufacturers opposed the food dye restrictions, saying that the FDA — not California — is the appropriate food safety regulator.

“The approach taken by California politicians ignores our science and risk based process and is not the precedent we should be setting when it comes to feeding our families,” said John Hewitt, a senior vice president at Consumer Brands Association, which opposed the measure. The organization represents major food manufacturers, such as Coca Cola and J.M. Smucker.

What does the science say on food dyes?

Managing risk of harmful chemicals can be tricky, and California is no stranger to considering controversial legislation that attempts to reduce exposure.

An early version of the law Newsom signed last year to ban certain food additives was derided by critics as a “Skittles ban” before lawmakers amended it in a way that excluded the dye in the popular candy. Meanwhile,



The foods that contain the most dye are poor quality junk food. Photo by Ylanite via Pixabay

cancer warnings that are required by a 1986 law known as Proposition 65 are often criticized for creating consumer confusion and spurious lawsuits.

But advocates say federal regulations don’t move as quickly as science, requiring state lawmakers to take initiative.

California’s environmental hazard research agency published a 300-page report assessing the risk of synthetic food dyes in 2021. The conclusion: The studies used by the FDA to develop safety standards did not assess neurological outcomes that have since been associated with food coloring. Those papers, which are between 35 to 70 years old, instead looked for physiological toxic effects, such as weight gain or decreased liver function in animals.

More recent research,

including clinical trials, show links between eating dye and behavioral problems in children at much lower doses than the FDA’s current allowable limit.

“We all agreed that the weight of evidence supported an association, and that the current acceptable daily intakes for some of the dyes set by FDA may not adequately protect against behavioral or neurobehavioral outcomes,” said Asa Bradman, a public health professor at UC Merced who worked on the state’s risk assessment. “And you know, that’s kind of a bombshell.”

Hewitt from the Consumer Brands Association said packaged food manufacturers stand by the FDA guidelines.

“It’s unfortunate the scientifically proven, safe ingredients have been demonized without a

scientific basis,” Hewitt said.

But Bradman said the industry hasn’t been able to discredit any of the newer research — it has only pointed to the original studies, which are outdated and not appropriate for assessing behavioral changes.

Dyes in juice, soda and ice cream

Children are the most vulnerable to the adverse effects associated with food coloring, in part, because they’re more likely to eat foods and beverages that are dyed. Even medications for children, such as cough syrup and vitamins, are manufactured with synthetic dyes. Kids are also more susceptible because their brains are still developing, and their body weight is smaller compared to the amount of dye consumed, research shows.

Juice, soda, icing and ice cream cones are major sources of exposure among kids.

Poverty and race also increase exposure risk, the state’s report found. Black children and women of childbearing age ingested significantly more food coloring than other ethnic groups.

The foods that contain the most dye are “poor quality junk food,” Bradman said. Most schools already have healthy food programs aimed at reducing them on campus. This legislation would help encourage schools to serve even healthier foods, he said.

Kristen Hwang is a health reporter for CalMatters covering health care access, abortion and reproductive health, workforce issues, drug costs and emerging public health matters. Her series on soaring rates of maternal and congenital syphilis won a first place award from the Association of Health Care Journalists. ★

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Transportation Impacts Dialysis Patient Outcomes

UC Davis News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - An estimated 35.5 million Americans have kidney disease and more than 554,000 of them are on dialysis, according to the National Kidney Foundation.

Dialysis is a treatment to replace the filtering function of the kidneys. It removes waste and extra fluid from a person's blood, and then returns the filtered blood into their body.

Most patients go to a dialysis center three times a week, where each treatment takes three to four hours to complete. Skipping dialysis can be harmful — causing fluid overload, high potassium and elevated phosphorus levels — and can lead to severe health problems.

Dialysis requires consistency and a significant time commitment. But what happens when patients don't have reliable transportation? How consistently can they receive dialysis treatment?

That is a question UC Davis Health researchers are asking. Through a collaborative effort between Family and Community Medicine and Nephrology, a team of researchers are conducting a study to better understand the impact transportation and different modes of transportation have on dialysis patient outcomes.

"As a nephrologist, I see patients missing their dialysis appointments on a daily basis due to the variable quality of their transportation," explained Baback Roshanravan, associate professor of nephrology at UC Davis Health. "However, we have little research about who qualifies as transportation insecure and how we can best help them."

Transportation data collection

For the study, researchers will be working with a prospective cohort of 300 patients. Through U.S. Renal Care, they will collect transportation screening data from dialysis centers across the country and then look at each patient's outcomes following one-year of treatment.

The researchers will also analyze a quantitative data set looking at the

associations of patient outcomes and particular modes of transport, including services provided by Medicaid, paratransit, public transportation or private pay transportation.

"Our hope is this data will help guide us on how to screen for patients who are transportation insecure and help us develop the best strategies to better support them," said Na'amah Razon, assistant professor of family and community medicine at UC Davis Health and principal investigator of the study.

Measuring transportation insecurity

Researchers will also evaluate different tools to measure the extent transportation impacts dialysis patient outcomes.

One of the tools is the Transportation Security Index developed at the University of Michigan. It is the first validated measure of transportation security that offers insights into who experiences transportation insecurity and enables researchers and practitioners to determine which interventions can improve this condition.

"The transportation security index is modeled after the food security index," explained Razon. "The survey is composed of items that focus on the material and relational aspects of transportation insecurity."

Razon added, "We don't really have a common language with a shared definition to talk about or measure transportation insecurity. This index could help us identify the symptoms of transportation insecurity and think about specific interventions that could move the needle."

The study is being funded by the Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23) from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). The K23 supports the career development of individuals with a clinical doctoral degree who focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research.

Collaborators include researchers from the University of Michigan, Stanford University, University of California San Francisco and Vanderbilt University. ★

DWR Marks 10 Years of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sept. 16 marks the 10th anniversary of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), a landmark law that is driving reductions in the overuse of groundwater, protecting drinking water supplies, and making communities, agriculture and ecosystems more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was signed into law on Sept. 16, 2014, midway through the historic 2012-2016 drought. Driven by the need to address declining groundwater supplies, the law created a state-wide framework to protect this critical resource in California, which provides 41 percent of the state's total supply in a normal year and up to 60 percent during droughts. About 85 percent of Californians rely on groundwater for some portion of their water needs.

In the 10 years since its passage, remarkable accomplishments have been achieved under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act:

More than 250 local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) have been formed to protect drinking water wells, reduce land sinking and improve groundwater supplies.

These Groundwater Sustainability Agencies are implementing over 100 Groundwater Sustainability Plans, using creative solutions like recharging groundwater supplies, limiting usage, and other management actions that will help create a resilient and sustainable water supply for California.

California is now collecting more groundwater data than ever before, providing a better understanding of groundwater conditions and ultimately leading to better management decisions.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act has raised public awareness about the importance of protecting groundwater and has encouraged more cooperative management efforts.

Water supply reliability is improving with efforts to recharge groundwater. In 2023 alone, 4.1 million acre-feet of water were added to underground aquifers through managed efforts.

The State has invested nearly \$1 billion in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in 10 years, including more than \$100 million through the Department of Water Resources for local groundwater recharge projects.

"It has been impressive to see that through the tireless efforts of local groundwater sustainability agencies, every ambitious SGMA milestone has been met so far," said Paul Gosselin, Department of Water Resources (DWR) Deputy Director of Sustainable Water Management. "A foundational part of SGMA is that groundwater is best managed locally, by the people that know their groundwater basins and depend on the resource. As a result, over 95 percent of groundwater pumping is subject to a locally adopted, enforceable groundwater sustainability plan."

The State's goal is to help Groundwater Sustainability Agencies reach sustainable groundwater conditions in their basins while maintaining local control, for the benefit of sustainable agriculture, drinking water supplies, and healthy ecosystems.

Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, local agencies are responsible for the sustainable management of their groundwater basins. However, state agencies — namely the Department of Water Resources and State Water Board — are responsible for ensuring local groundwater management achieves the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act's goals.

The Department of Water Resources is the primary technical assistance and oversight agency responsible for assessing and evaluating basin compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. The State Water Board acts as the state "backstop" and will temporarily intervene in the management of a groundwater basin when the Department of Water Resources determines that the basin is not in compliance, working with local agencies to resolve failures and end state intervention.

"Improving groundwater management practices to achieve sustainable aquifers is essential for the future of California and the ability of agriculture to continue food production in a hotter, drier future," said Karen Ross, Secretary, California

Department of Food and Agriculture. "The State of California has made significant investments to support local authorities with financial investments, policy development to accelerate groundwater recharge, sharing of data and technical assistance to chart a pathway forward to successfully implement this historic law."

"Ten years ago, when SGMA became law, all of us took on the responsibility of bringing about sustainable management of our groundwater basins for the benefit of everyone who relies on them," said Joaquin Esquivel, board chair of the State Water Resources Control Board. "A lot of progress has happened since then to meet this challenge, and we have more work to do to achieve sustainability for California's groundwater basins."

The next 10 years of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act will focus on implementing the plans developed so far. Projects and decisions aim to bring California's groundwater basins to sustainable conditions by the early 2040s. Weather extremes, especially drought, make this work even more critical, as the state must store and capture as much water as possible during wet years.

To celebrate this milestone anniversary, the Department of Water Resources will host an event on Nov. 18. Featured speakers and panelists will include Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth, and Department of Water Resources Deputy Director of Sustainable Water Management Paul Gosselin, as well as representatives from Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, community organizations, state leaders and others in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act community.

This all-day event will be held in person at the California Natural Resources Agency building in Sacramento and online via Zoom. More information will be announced soon. To receive the latest in groundwater news and updates on 10-Year Anniversary events from the Department of Water Resources, visit the Department of Water Resources email subscription page at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/signup/30770> and select the 'Sustainable Groundwater Management' topic. ★

Matsui Applauds Milestone for California's BEAD Program Proposal

Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Oct. 4, Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-07), Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Communications and Technology Subcommittee, issued the following statement after the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) approved California's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Initial Proposal Volume 2. This approval enables California to request access to funding and begin implementation of the BEAD program.

"In an increasingly interconnected world, closing the digital divide is an economic imperative. From finding a job to growing a business to submitting a homework assignment — everyday necessities require a reliable connection," said Congresswoman Matsui. "Born out of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the BEAD program represents a generational investment to connect every American to affordable, high-quality broadband. Today's announcement is a critical milestone on our road to realizing that vision and allowing us to begin selecting the broadband projects that will receive funding."

"We know the stakes couldn't be higher for those still lacking access," Matsui continued. "Almost two-thirds of Californians without home broadband say cost is a key reason. In my district, I hear about the need

for broadband affordability whether I'm in downtown Sacramento or in our farming communities down in the Delta. That's why we have done the important work to identify and acknowledge our most overlooked and unserved Californians. Now we must continue to push hard to deploy these funds and get our neighbors connected."

Congresswoman Matsui has led national efforts to close the digital divide and ensure access to affordable broadband. Earlier this year, Matsui and House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. wrote to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration supporting its efforts to prioritize affordability in the BEAD Program as it reviews state plans.

She and her colleagues previously wrote a letter to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in March 2022 as the agency prepared to implement the broadband programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, stressing the importance of affordability and empowering the agency to ensure as many people as possible benefit from the program.

Background

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program provides \$42.45 billion to expand high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment and adoption programs in all 50 states. In California, the BEAD program is being implemented by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

California was allocated over \$1.8 billion to deploy or upgrade high-speed internet networks and close the digital divide.

States were required to submit an Initial Proposal for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's approval — detailing how they plan to spend their Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment allocation to deliver high-speed internet access to all unserved and underserved locations within their borders. All states submitted their Initial Proposals by Dec. 27, 2023. One year from Initial Proposal approval, states must submit a Final Proposal that details, among other things, the outcome of the subgrantee selection process and how the state will ensure universal coverage.

For a more detailed breakdown of the entire Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment process in California, visit <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/bead-program>.

Congresswoman Doris Matsui has represented the city of Sacramento and its surrounding areas since 2005. She currently serves California's Seventh Congressional District, nestled between the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, which is centered in Sacramento, and includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murieta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta. ★

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The Old Willis Place
by Mary Downing Hahn, adapted by Scott Peterson, Meredith Laxton, Sienna Haralson

From the wonderful spooky mind of Mary Downing Hahn is the graphic novel adaptation that will captivate a whole new audience. Diana and her little brother love living in the old Willis place, even though people say it is haunted. They revel in the freedom to run and play, with no bedtime or teeth-brushing rules. The only restriction is they can't leave the grounds. Their excitement peaks when Lissa's father becomes the estate's caretaker, offering the possibility of a new friend. But there's a catch – no friends allowed.

But what happens if they do?

This is a ghostly, great story, with excellent illustrations and even full-page letters.

The Creepening of Dogwood House
by Eden Royce

Everything in his life changes when Roddie gets sent to live at Dogwood house. The house is creepy and weird, and the Spanish moss reminds him of his hair, which makes him think of his mom. But one thing his mom didn't teach him is hoodoo, and as he learns more about the secrets hidden within the house-secrets that are reaching out to Roddie.

Exit Nowhere
by Juliana Brandt

When Barret embarks on a group project to research a historical landmark, she suggests the abandoned Raithfield manor. Little did she know that she would soon find herself in the midst of a genuinely haunting situation. As the sun sets, the mansion locks them inside, turning into a thrilling game of childhood games. The only way out is to win the game. Now, the group must learn to work together or risk disappearing in the process!

The October Witches
by Jennifer Claessen

Clemmie has always loved October, but this October will be different. Now that Clemmie is twelve, it might be time to receive her October power like her mom, aunt, and cousin, but magic with her family can get messy. However, some want to try and harness the

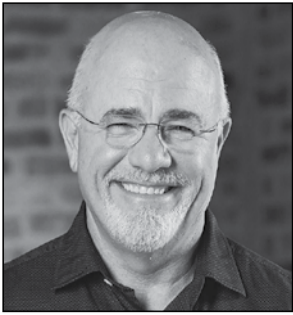
magic to last more than just a month, which could put her coven in mortal danger. What would people pay to have magic all year or even to have magic, and what is the ultimate price they will pay?

Grab a blanket and a cup of hot cocoa for this fun fall read.

Tales From Cabin 23 The Boo Hag Flex
by Justina Ireland

Everything in Tasha's life has changed. After her mother's death, Tasha is sent to live with her grandmother in the middle of nowhere, Georgia. What makes matters even worse is that one of the neighbors mysteriously passes away. Then, she meets Ellie. Ellie is certain she knows who is responsible for the death- a weird shadow creature that stalks the trailer park at night. It all seems made-believe until Tasha discovers a book filled with old Southern hoodoos. Could Ellie actually be right?

Filled with all the bumps in the night, readers will be able to Follow along as Tasha and Ellie try to solve the mystery and their trailer park.



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I follow your advice and live on a budget, but it's really hard to save up for a down payment on a house because property is so expensive on the West Coast. My family thinks I should buy a cheaper property back home, fix it up and flip it to get the extra money I need. How do you feel about this?

– Alan

Dear Alan,

When you take on this kind of work, you need to oversee what's happening every step of the way. You're working out details, keeping an eye on the crew and it's all on you to make sure everything's being done right.

It's not unusual for pros who flip houses to look at 100 or more properties to buy just one. It's not an easy way to make money, and it's definitely not something to consider doing from a distance. All that being said, can you guess what my answer's going to be? Fixing and flipping properties in the area where you live is hard

Dave Ramsey Says Wait and Save Up

enough work. Trying to do it from hundreds of miles away would be a nightmare. There's no way I'd sign on for something like this.

Keep working on your budget, and start saving as much money as you can. You might even consider getting a part-time job for a little while to bring in some extra cash for your house fund. But waiting and saving up is a lot smarter than trying to fix and flip a house in another state.

– Dave

Eliminate the Confusion

Dear Dave,

I work for a construction company. The closer we get to winter, the more I think about work slowing and my income dropping. I've had couple of winters in the past where things were pretty lean. Do you think I should begin building an emergency fund for the slow times?

– Carl

Dear Carl,

I love that you're thinking about the future. I also think it's great that you've learned from past mistakes and are determined not to repeat those mistakes.

You've got a smart idea,


Remember, we're not talking about some random amount of money. It's an exact amount that you can budget for accordingly. This winter you may have to think about picking up a side job, depending on the weather and other circumstances. But after that, it'll be a simple matter of planning ahead for the down time and setting aside something each month to see you through!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. ★


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COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

MY MARRIAGE IS ON THE ROCKS

...BUT IT'S NOT SO BAD...

...WHEN YOU CONSIDER IT USED TO BE "UNDER" THE ROCKS.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

DAD, I'M HAVING SOME TROUBLE WITH THIS MATH PROBLEM. CAN YOU HELP?

I REMEMBER GETTING ANSWERS TO A LOT OF MY HOMEWORK FROM MY DAD.

MOM, WHAT'S GRANDPA'S PHONE NUMBER?

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

FREE RANGE CLOWNS

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

WHATCHA UP TO TIGER?

MOM BOUGHT A NEW RAKE

WE COULD USE IT FOR POLE-VAULTING

IT WOULD MAKE A GOOD CHINNING BAR

HOW'ABOUTA TIGHTROPE ACT?..

OR A STICK-BALL BAT

HEY, TIGER, MOM SAYS GET ON WITH IT!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY KANDY MIKOLIND

ONE THING THAT'S ALWAYS AMAZED ME ABOUT YOU IS HOW MANY MEN WE FOR YOUR AFFECTION, OLIVE.

AWW, THANK YOU, SUTRA!

THEN I REMEMBER THE QUALITY OF THE MEN WHO CHASE YOU, AND IT SUDDENLY MAKES SENSE.

HEY, PPSQUEAK, I WANNA FIGHT YOU FER VER GIRLFRIEND.

DOES YA THINKS SHE WANTS THAT?

HUH?

MERBE SHE DONTSK WANNA BE FOUGHT OVER.

I DONTSK MIND BEATIN' THE TAR OUTTA YA, BUT AT LEAST MAKE SURE VER NOT GETTIN' WHIPPED FER NO REASON.

OLIVE, THIS GUY WONTS TREAT ME UP SO YA TELL DATE HIM.

THAT'S NOT HAPPENING.

VA DONT THINK I CAN BEAT UP POPEYE?

NOPRE, AND EVEN IF YOU COULD I WOULDNT WANT TO DATE YOU.

BUT ID BE THE STRONGER GUY!

COUNTERPOINT, I HAVE BODILY AUTONOMY.

OOOOOOH.

IS IT CONTAGIOUS?

I STILL DONT WANT YOU FIGHTING OVER ME, BUT FEEL FREE TO PUNCH HIM IN THE FACE FOR FUN.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

DON'T LOOK AT ME THAT WAY. YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SAYS CALORIES ARE JUST A MADE-UP NUMBER ON PACKAGING.

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1. End of WW2 conference location

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9. Cake with rum

13. * ____ Asinoff, author of "Eight Men Out"

14. Invoice qty.

15. Fox crime drama, 2005-2017

16. *Baseball player's representative

17. Pastrami's partner

18. With irregular edge

19. "Last year's World Series winners

21. "Brave contender

23. Certain tray content

24. Fail to mention

25. Nocturnal flyer

28. Team homophone

30. "Last year's MVP Corey ____

35. Iranian monarch

37. Proactiv target

39. "Superman" star

40. Head of family

41. Button-up or button-down

43. Singles

44. Graduates

46. Symphony member

47. "Number in a baseball lineup

48. Say again

50. Brezhnev's country

52. PST plus three

53. Mouth off

55. Brewed beverage

57. "Fall ____

61. *Two-time World Series MVP winner in 1970s

65. Two under on one hole in golf

66. Brewed alcoholic beverage

68. Grind down

69. #72 Across, in the olden days

70. *2003 World Series winner or Marvel leader, Stan

71. Plural of #62 Down

72. Eject

73. ____ excellence

74. Noise of contempt

DOWN

1. 1984, e.g.

2. Pond plant

3. Right to a property

4. Polynesian kingdom

5. Affirm to be true

6. TV's "Storage ____"

7. Comedian Schumer

8. Iron setting

9. Bora ____

10. Any day now, formerly

11. Superlative of better

12. Not in port

15. Loud singer

20. Actress ____ Perlman, pl.

22. ____ the season!

24. Double-decker

25. Wilde of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" fame

26. Blue or gray swimmer

27. Drink like a cat (2 words)

29. Reply from a tunnel

31. Eon, alt. sp.

32. Robin Williams in "Aladdin"

33. 0 and 2, e.g.

34. Set to zero

36. *Touch to score

38. Son of Aphrodite

42. T in Ferrari TR

45. Uses #53 Across

49. ____ Chi

51. Break for Congress

54. Dandruft manufacturer

56. Ohio city

57. ____ pit

58. Nordic native

59. Malaria symptom

60. A whole bunch

61. Crowd's derision

62. Performer's time to shine

63. Aroma

64. Egg holder

67. Grazing field

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240777
The following person(s) is doing business as: Timberwood Custom Cabinets, 2959 Promenade Street, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691.
John M. Zonneveld, 2959 Promenade Street, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1978.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/9/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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TIMBERWOOD 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240773
The following person(s) is doing business as: JJ's Hawaiian BBQ, 2300 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. West Sac Food Inc, 205 Hawkecrest Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/6/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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JJS 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240688
The following person(s) is doing business as: West Valley Baptist Church, 18045 County Road 95, Woodland, CA 95695. West Valley Church of Woodland, Inc., 18045 County Road 95, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/27/1997.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/12/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
WEST 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240771
The following person(s) is doing business as: United Rentals General Engineering, 100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700 Stamford, Ct 06902, County of Fairfield.
United Rentals (North America), Inc., 100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700 Stamford, Ct 06902
This business is conducted by Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/30/2019
/s/ JOLI GROSS, SVP UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA) INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/05/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: MBRAUN, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240700
The following person(s) is doing business as: Dollar Tree #10267, 375 West Main Street, Suite B, Woodland, CA 95695-3683.
Dollar Tree Stores, Inc, 500 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, VA 23320. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/15/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
DOLLAR 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240800
The following person(s) is doing business as: Westlake Market, 1260 Lake Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616.
Gur Kirpa LLC, 878 Daffodil Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/16/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
WESTLAKE 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240794
The following person(s) is doing business as: Speedy Pawz, 1401 Patriot Way, Woodland, CA 95776.
Speedy Pawz LLC, 1401 Patriot Way, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/23/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/13/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
SPEEDY 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240778
The following person(s) is doing business as: Penrith Home Loans/Scenic Oaks Funding, 1200 East Orangeburg Avenue, Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350.
Scenic Oaks Funding, LLC, 1200 East Orangeburg Avenue, Suite 103, Modesto, CA 95350. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/15/2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/9/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
PENRITH 10-18-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240776
The following person(s) is doing business as: Sunshine Healing Spa Massage, 512 College Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Xie Yongchao, 5630 55th Street, Sacramento, CA 95824. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 9, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/9/24
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024
SUNSHINE 10-25-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240822
The following person(s) is doing business as: BradyPLUS of California, 9353 Waxie Way Sandiego, CA 92123, County of Yolo.
WAXIE'S ENTERPRISES, LLC, 9353 WAXIE WAY SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company (submit Articles of Organization from the Secretary of State).
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ Glenn Chamberlin, Vice President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/23/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25/24
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NEWS-LEDGER 10-25-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240842
The following person(s) is doing business as: Best Rate Motors LLC, 5080 East Chiles Road, Suite 2, Davis, CA 95618
Best Rate Motors LLC, 23 Mount Stephens Court, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 30, 2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/1/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 2024
RATE 11-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240835
The following person(s) is doing business as: Pizza Twist, 2115 Bronze Star Drive, Suite 120, Woodland, CA 95776
EK Nirankar LLC, 2109 Wooster Place, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/27/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 2024
PIZZA 11-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240848
The following person(s) is doing business as: Insight Seed Technologies, 10 North East Street, Suite 203, Woodland, CA 95776
Aginnovation LLC and SeQso, B.V., 1930 Tienda Drive, Suite 104, Lodi, CA 95242. This business is conducted by a Joint Venture. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/3/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 2024
SEED 11-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240849
The following person(s) is doing business as: Cardio Rhythm For Life, 955 Cranbrook Court, Suite #301, Davis, CA 95616
Joyce Barrett, 955 Cranbrook Court, Suite #301, Davis, CA 95616. This business is conducted by a Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/3/2024.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 10/3/2024.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 2024
CARDIO 11-1-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240804
The following person(s) is doing business as: MANA CIRCUIT STUDIOS, 26378 PLAINFIELD ST, ESPARTO, CA 95627, County of YOLO.
RYAN ANDREW MILES, 26378 PLAINFIELD ST, ESPARTO, CA 95627
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/03/2023
/s/ RYAN ANDREW MILES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/17/2024.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: KQUAM, Deputy
10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1/24

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2280

Virginia Margaret Pascucci has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Virginia Margaret Pascucci to Virginia Margaret Nakano.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 9, 2024
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
NAKANO 10-11-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2117

Thi Dien Hoang and Quang Thai Le On Behalf Of Ngoc Nhi Hoang, A Minor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ngoc Nhi Hoang to Maggie Le.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 9, 2024
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
HOANG 10-18-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2168

Barbara Johnson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Barbara Joan Johnson to Barbara Joan Mason.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 9, 2024
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 2024
BARBARA 10-18-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2341

Mary Eatha Hagerty has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mary Eatha Hagerty to Mary Eatha Hagerty.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 18, 2024
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024
HAGERTY 10-25-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2024-2397

Mickey Marie Corona has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mickey Marie Corona to Mickiela Marie Yagen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 24, 2024
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Oct 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 2024
YAGEN 11-1-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MILDRED E. FARNELL CASE NO. PR2024-0157
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be

otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mildred E. Farnell.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Charles Farnell, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Charles Farnell be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: November 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Matthew D. Scott, 1013 Galleria Boulevard, Suite 290, Roseville, CA 95678; 916-953-5517
Publish: October 11, 18, 25, 2024
FARNELL 10-25-24

LIEN SALE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to satisfy Extra Space's lien, by selling personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated.
1022 Gibson Rd, Woodland, CA, 95695 on 10/23/24 @11am: Jennifer Helm Goss
19389 County Rd 102, Woodland, CA, 95776 on 10/23/24 @2pm: Alejandra X: Cisca Dogbe: Solargistix: Cieaira Brown: Kimberly Gray
975 F St, West Sacramento, Ca, 95605 on 10/23/24 @11am: Alitha Pearson: Reyna Carr: Juan Manzo: Star Powell
1100 N 1st St, Dixon, CA 95620 on 10/23/24 @2pm: Thomas Gomez: Samuel Sverlow: Regina Mitchell
3280 Jefferson Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691 on 10/23/24 @11am: Shane Johnson
The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's ProcureNow system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 p.m. local time on October 22, 2024**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

HOMELESS EMERGENCY HOUSING FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The City of West Sacramento was awarded Yolo County Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funds to support the acquisition of two motels to operate a homeless emergency housing program. The properties located at 1809 and 1821 West Capitol Avenue (and 1812 Merkley Avenue - combined parcel) have been acquired for the purposes of operating the program. It is the intent of this facility improvement project to make the necessary repairs and improvements to the properties to meet the needs of the homeless emergency housing program.

Engineer's Estimate: \$600,000.

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

OR

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

***Attendance is mandatory at only one of the two meetings above. Attendance roster will be published on the project portal linked below.**

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within **One Hundred Fifty (150) working days** from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's ProcureNow link at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.

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PUBLIC HEARING

November 6, 2024

The West Sacramento City Council will meet on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to attend in person, watch the meeting Livestream, or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to *submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on November 6, 2024*.

To submit a comment in writing, please email jenniferc@cityofwestsacramento.org and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the City Council and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

7:00 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

- Public Hearing on the Appeal of the Yarbrough Phase I Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (BERUMEN)**
The purpose of this item is to facilitate the City Council's review of an appeal to the proposed Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map (VTSM) No. 5224 that would create 548 parcels for Phase I of Yarbrough Master Plan Development. On August 15, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the Phase I VTSM and the Development Agreement amendments. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-2PC approving the Phase I VTSM and Resolution 24-3PC, thereby recommending the City Council approve Ordinance 24-11 detailing the amendments to the DA subject to the conditions and findings. On August 23, 2024, the City Clerk received an appeal from a West Sacramento resident challenging several aspects on the project. CEQA: The project was originally approved by the City Council in June 2008 and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified to satisfy requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Note: Since the Planning Commission's role is to make a recommendation to the City Council on the Development Agreement (DA), the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council is to approve the DA, it is not considered an appealable action and will not be considered in the appeal proceedings.
- Public Hearing on the First Reading of an Ordinance regarding Yarbrough Development Agreement (DA) Amendments (BERUMEN)**
The purpose of this item is to facilitate City Council's review of amendments to the Development Agreement (DA) relative to the Yarbrough Project. On August 15, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the Phase I VTSM and the Development Agreement amendments. Following a public hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-2PC approving the Phase I VTSM and Resolution 24-3PC, thereby recommending the City Council approve Ordinance 24-11 detailing the amendments to the DA subject to the conditions and findings. CEQA: The project was originally approved by the City Council in June 2008 and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified to satisfy requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The City of West Sacramento is soliciting sealed proposals for professional engineering services for the:

PORT AREA INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's Procurement system at <https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 PM local time on October 31, 2024** at which time and place they will be posted and available for public review.

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Sen. Dodd’s Defensible Space Bill Signed by Governor

Office of Sen. Bill Dodd News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, announced Oct. 1 Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed his measure to enhance wildfire safety by improving standards for creation of defensible space.

“This measure saves lives by improving on my previous legislation on defensible space,” said Sen. Dodd. “With more destructive and frequent wildfires, we must take every opportunity to protect ourselves and our communities. One of the best things we can do is to clear the space around our homes of combus-

tible brush and other flammable material.”

Sen. Dodd has long been a leader in wildfire legislation, authoring more than a dozen bills signed into law. This year, he continued with more bills, including Senate Bill 504. The proposal establishes more robust standards, especially for new construction and home upgrades, with creation of an ember-resistant zone between 5 and 30 feet of a dwelling.

SB 504 was approved by overwhelming Assembly and Senate votes before being signed by the governor. The bill is supported by local government including the city of Santa Rosa.

“Local firefighters know that in an emergency, every inch of defensible space counts,” Santa Rosa City Councilmember Chris Rogers said. “This bill prioritizes resources to cities like Santa Rosa that have set safety standards and helped homeowners protect their properties. I look forward to my community benefiting from this new law.”

Senator Bill Dodd represents Senate District 3, which includes all or portions of Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento and Contra Costa counties. More information on Senator Bill Dodd can be found at www.senate.ca.gov/dodd ★

Governor Signs Sen. Dodd's Generative AI Accountability Act

Office of Sen. Bill Dodd News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Gov. Gavin Newsom on Sept. 29 signed legislation from Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, that will build upon recent directives from President Joe Biden and Gov. Gavin Newsom addressing the unprecedented growth of generative artificial intelligence technology by encouraging continued innovation while ensuring the rights and opportunities of all Californians are protected.

“Today, we take a big step toward identifying potential problems with generative AI and developing appropriate guidelines to protect our state and the public as we take advantage of this transformative technology,” Sen. Dodd said. “Because we know AI has tremendous potential to improve our lives and the functioning of government. But we also know it presents risks, specifically the threat to consumer privacy, transparency and fairness. This new law will help us address many of these concerns.”

The 2023 White House Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights, in addition to recent executive guidance from Gov. Newsom, establish a framework for addressing concerns including AI-driven algorithms that discriminate against people based on income levels or race, and

the effects of the technology on our workforce. Additionally, the president and governor have underscored threats posed by AI to data and consumer privacy, and the potential for misusing the technology to deceive and defraud.

Sen. Dodd’s California Generative AI Accountability Act, also known as Senate Bill 896, will guide the decision-making of state agencies, departments and subdivisions in the review, adoption, management, governance and regulations of AI technologies. One provision in the bill would require state agencies to notify users when they are interacting with AI. Further, the act encourages the state to invest in AI education and build AI competency in the state’s workforce. It also requires state agencies to consider opportunities in which generative AI can improve the efficiency, effectiveness, accessibility and equity of government operations.

The bill was approved with unanimous Assembly and Senate support before being signed by the governor.

“SB 896 codifies several important aspects of this EO, including direction to CalOES to perform risk analyses on potential threats posed by the use of GenAI to California’s critical infrastructure,” wrote Governor Newsom in a signing statement

on the bill.

“Under this direction, CalOES has been working with frontier model companies to analyze energy infrastructure risks and convened power sector providers to share threats and security strategies. Building on this work, and in signing this bill, I am further directing CalOES to undertake the same risk assessment with water infrastructure providers in the coming year, and the communications sector shortly thereafter.”

“In this era of disinformation, it is critical that guardrails be in place for the use of generative AI,” said Brian Hofer, executive director of the nonprofit Secure Justice, a bill supporter. “By addressing procurement, use, and training, Sen. Dodd’s SB 896 will help California mitigate risk from using AI, while allowing for careful exploration and appropriate uses of this fast-emerging field.”

SB 896 is a follow-up to Sen. Dodd’s Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, adopted last year, which sets forth many of the ideas and was the first AI-drafted state resolution in history.

Senator Bill Dodd represents the 3rd Senate District, which includes all or portions of Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, Solano, Sacramento and Contra Costa counties. More information on Senator Bill Dodd can be found at www.senate.ca.gov/dodd ★

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INVITATION TO BID

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B STREET TOWER PARKLET PROJECT

The proposed work consists of the following:

BASE BID:
Removing current art panels and signs, repairing and adjusting tower bracing, straightening steel beams, minor repairs to concrete foundation pedestals, cleaning the existing structure and painting lower portion of the tower.

ADDITIVE ALTERNATE BID ITEMS:
Adding a concrete slab and walkway under the tower, including associated excavation and aggregate base, installing temporary fencing, and removing existing fencing, gates and bollards.

The Contractor shall provide labor, materials, tools, equipment and incidentals, and shall perform all work necessary to deliver a completed, workmanlike project.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Bid Publication | | October 4, 2024 |
| Question Submission Deadline | no later than | 2 P.M. October 18, 2024 |
| Bids Due / Bid Opening | no later than | 2 P.M. October 30, 2024 |
| Award of Contract | | December 4, 2024 |

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IRS Encourages People to Do an End-Of-Summer Tax Checkup

IRS News Release

WASHINGTON (MPG) - The Internal Revenue Service recently encouraged taxpayers to consider using the end of the summer to make tax withholding or payment updates to avoid a potential surprise next year at tax time.

While most taxpayers get a refund after filing their taxes, many also find they unexpectedly owe taxes. This can be due to a life or job change for which they did not make the necessary tax adjustment during the year.

Those who should be especially careful are Gig economy workers, those with a “side hustle” and anyone earning income not subject to withholding.

These individuals should check the amount they pay, or the amount of tax they have withheld throughout the year, to bring the tax they pay closer to what is owed. The IRS has a special Tax Withholding Estimator that can help taxpayers align their tax withholding or tax payments with what they owe.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that tax planning done now can save time and frustration later. Here are some important things to keep in mind:

How Refunds Work

The federal tax system is pay-as-you-go. Taxpayers pay tax as they earn wages or receive income during the year. For many, taxes are withheld from their paycheck by their employer and then given over to the IRS on their behalf. Others, such as gig economy workers, make or should make quarterly estimated tax payments throughout the year to stay current. A refund normally results when too much is withheld or paid throughout the year.

Recent IRS statistics show that two-thirds of taxpayers received a refund so far in 2024. As of mid-May, nearly \$270 billion in refunds went to taxpayers with the average refund just under \$2,900.

Avoid an Unexpected Bill

On the other hand, many taxpayers end up with estimated tax penalties because they underpay throughout the year. The penalty amount varies but for some it can be several hundred dollars. Adjusting withholding on paychecks or the amount of estimated tax payments can help prevent penalties. This is especially important for self-employed people, including those in the gig economy, those with more than



While most taxpayers get a refund after filing their taxes, many also find they unexpectedly owe taxes. Photo pexels-mikhail-nilov

one job and those with major changes in their life, like a recent marriage or a new child.

With that in mind, the IRS encourages taxpayers to use the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator this summer to help better align their tax withholding or tax payments with what they owe.

Tax Withholding Estimator

This handy tool on IRS.gov helps people figure the amount of federal income tax they should pay during the year. All that’s needed for taxpayers to use it are paystubs for all their jobs or other income information, such as from side jobs, self-employment or investment income and a copy of their 2023 tax year return.

People can use the Tax Withholding Estimator to estimate their federal income tax withholding, see how a refund, take-home pay or tax due are affected by withholding amounts and choose an estimated withholding amount that works for them and their family.

If a withholding change is needed upon completion, taxpayers should adjust their withholding by submitting a new Form W-4 to their employer or pension provider. They can also adjust quarterly estimated tax payments as appropriate.

IRS also reminds people to use the Tax Withholding Estimator if there’s a major life change such as a new job or other paid work, major income change, a marriage, childbirth or adoption and a new home purchase.

While the Tax Withholding Estimator works for most taxpayers, people with more complex tax situations should instead use the instructions in Publication 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax. This includes taxpayers who owe Alternative Minimum Tax or certain other taxes, and people with long-term capital gains or qualified dividends. ★

California’s Expensive Explosion of Real Estate Fraud Hits Home



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Rana Robillard came very close this year to losing her life’s savings and with it her dream home, when she wired nearly \$400,000 to an internet scammer.

Robillard, ironically, is an experienced veteran of the Bay Area technology industry, but when she received what she thought was a request for her down payment on a home in Orinda, she sent the money, only to learn that she had been tricked.

“That’s when I went into a full panic,” Robillard, 55, told CNBC, the cable channel devoted to financial matters, which chronicled her terrifying experience.

Robillard was not alone in being victimized.

The real estate industry has fully embraced online transactions, thus eliminating the hassle of having buyers, sellers, real estate agents, mortgage lenders and title company employees shuffle through dozens of paper documents that must be signed or initialed to complete transactions.

It’s made the process of buying and selling houses much more convenient, but it’s also given scammers an opening for fraud that has cost home buyers many millions of dollars.

The request for down

payment that Robillard received was virtually identical to the many email messages she had exchanged and, in fact, was the only bogus one, which is why scammers have been so successful.

Cyber crooks have mastered the dark art of mimicking legitimate messages, complete with the real names of title company employees and authentic-looking logos, and artificial intelligence could make their scams even more successful in the future.

FBI data, CNBC reported, reveal that real estate fraud involving bogus emails has risen from less than \$9 million in 2015 to \$446.1 million in 2022.

A study of real estate fraud commissioned by Anidjar and Levine, a Florida law firm, found that California’s 1,583 cases in 2023 far surpassed those of any other state, as did its \$24.8 million in losses.

Robillard is one of the lucky victims. She quickly reported her loss and her \$398,359.5 was tracked through several banks as the thieves shifted it around to avoid detection. Five months later, after CNBC began making inquiries, she received \$150,000 from one bank and then the remaining nearly \$250,000 from another.

Robillard contacted CNBC about her case both to help her recover the money and bring more attention to the real estate fraud explosion.

“This is not what I thought my public representation would look like, which is that I’ve lost all this money,” Robillard told

CNBC. “If it helps other people, I’m happy to do it, even though it’s obviously not my proudest moment.”

I take a particular interest in Robillard’s case not only because it’s important but because I came within a whisker last week of also becoming a victim.

I, too, received a very authentic-looking instruction from the title company handling my purchase of a smaller home for downsizing, seeking down payment and closing costs to complete the purchase. It seemingly came from the title company employee who had been handling my transaction and had all of the appearances of a legitimate communication.

I intended to comply with the request a few hours later, but then received a phone call from my lender about closing the transaction. I told him of the request and he immediately smelled a rat.

That phone call was a lifesaver. A few days later, I presented a valid cashier’s check to the title company employee whose identity had been borrowed by the scammer and signed the legitimate paperwork to finalize the purchase.

One of the documents I signed was a warning about phony payment instructions. Perhaps it should have been one of the first documents I was given, rather than one of the last.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and 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. ★



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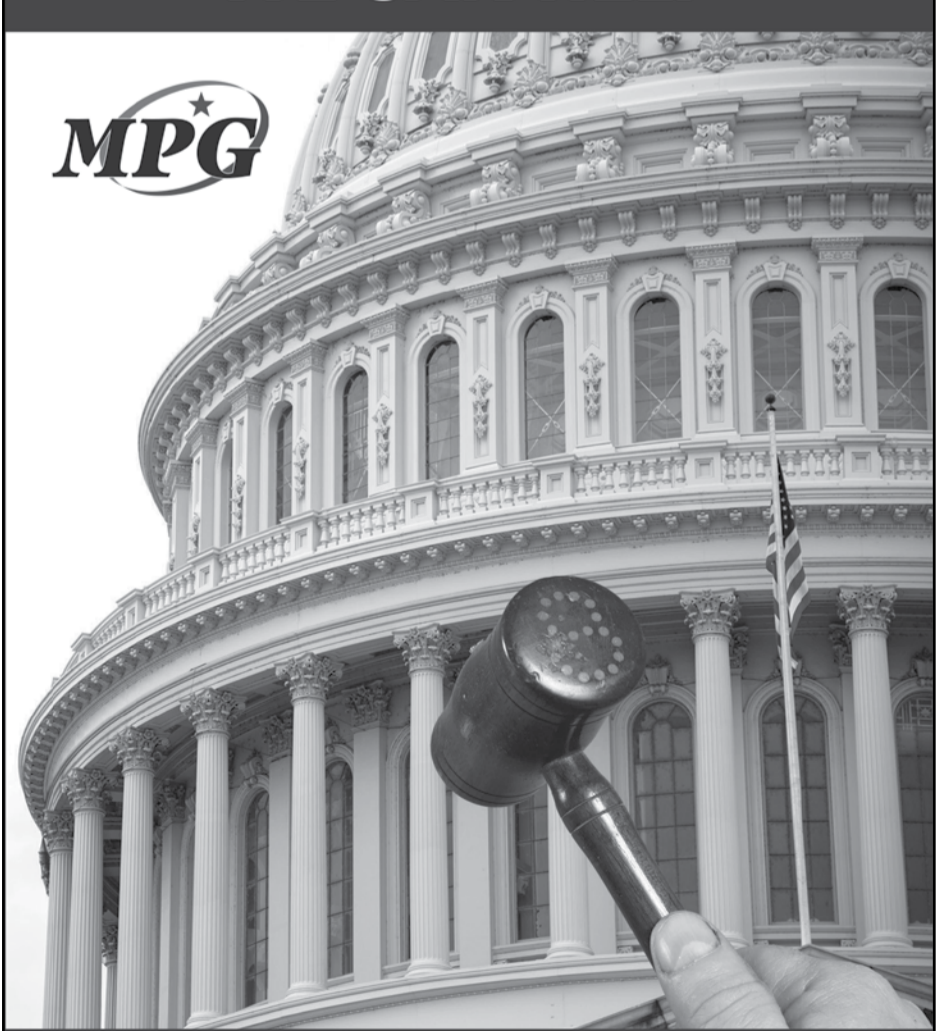
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Sacramento Woman Indicted for Fraudulent Investment Scheme

The Biden Administration is “Marching In” On Innovation

United States Attorney’s Office,
Eastern District of California
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A federal grand jury returned a 32-count indictment against Maria Dickerson, also known as Dulce Pino, 47, of Sacramento, charging her with 24 counts of wire fraud, one count of securities fraud, and seven counts of money laundering, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced. The indictment was unsealed following her arrest.

According to the indictment, from 2020 through 2024, Dickerson created an investment scheme, selling interest in her illusory shell company, Creative Legal Fundings of California, to investors. Dickerson promised investors that their investments were safe and secure and backed by substantial starting capital. Dickerson promised approximately 140 investors a fixed percent of return per month on their principal investment with additional compounding monthly interest if they left their money invested with her.

In reality, Dickerson used new investor money to pay off prior investors, to fund a lavish lifestyle, and to purchase Mercedes-Benz vehicles and a home in Sacramento. Dickerson did not register the sale of her securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Dickerson took money from investors and collected millions of dollars in

investment funds solicited with her false promises and representations.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and IRS Criminal Investigation, with assistance from the Alabama Securities Commission. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kristin F. Scott and Rosanne L. Rust are prosecuting the case.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is filing a parallel action against Dickerson. The Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency of the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation previously filed a Desist and Refrain Order against Dickerson.

If convicted, Dickerson faces a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count of wire fraud. Additionally, she faces a maximum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 for each count of money laundering. On the securities fraud charge, Dickerson faces a statutory maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5 million. Any sentence, however, would be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. The charges are only allegations; the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. ★

Commentary by John
S. Sears

What do the HIV drug Emtricitabine, next-generation navigation gyroscopes for autonomous cars, and unmanned air vehicles have in common?

All three were developed at prestigious research universities -- and were created in part using basic scientific research funded by the U.S. government.

All three are also examples of technology success stories that could be threatened if the Biden administration’s proposed changes to federal research licensing go into effect.

Last year, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) published a proposal that, for the first time, would allow the federal government to “march in” and rescind patent protections for commercial products developed with federal dollars when the government deems those products too expensive.

Understanding the significance of this decision requires looking back to the Bayh-Dole Act of 1980. Prior to Bayh-Dole, the United States had established itself as a research powerhouse. But while the U.S. government had accumulated more than 28,000 patents, it had licensed less than 5% of them for commercial development.

Bayh-Dole changed that by allowing small businesses and universities to retain patent rights on inventions developed with the help of federal funding. Studies have found that, in the four decades since its inception, Bayh-Dole has generated \$1.9 trillion in U.S. economic growth, supported 6.5 million jobs, and spawned over 17,000 startup companies.

Bayh-Dole gives the federal government the ability to “march in” and relicense these patented technologies to third parties under certain conditions. But in more than 40 years since Bayh-Dole’s inception, there has never been a single occurrence of a federal agency exercising march-in rights. It has historically been understood as a form of recourse appropriate only in exceptional circumstances. And the authors of Bayh-Dole explicitly stated that price is not a legitimate basis for march-in.

Across all industries, Bayh-Dole has been a huge success because it balances the risks and incentives between public funding of early-stage research and the private sector’s R&D efforts. This has fueled research and development across all industries -- and generated billions in private-sector capital investment to support the licensing and commercialization of federally sponsored

technologies.

If, under the proposed framework, companies and investors must contend with federal agencies relicensing their technologies based solely on price, investors may simply decide that the risks of investing in federally backed research outweigh the rewards -- and shift their investments to technologies that are not funded by federal dollars.

If that happens, it will take us back to the stagnant, pre-1980s era of commercialization of federally funded research. It would also undermine technologies developed through the CHIPS Act, among many other federal programs.

Earlier this year, a bipartisan group of 28 lawmakers sent a letter to President Biden to express their concerns with the proposal. We can only hope the White House listens.

John S. Sears is an IAM 300 top global intellectual property strategist recognized for his work with early-stage companies and technologies. He is a Senior Partner at the law firm Johnson, Marcou, Isaacs, & Nix and a Principal at venture capital firm Anzu Partners. He holds a PhD in chemistry from Georgia Tech and a law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law. This piece first appeared in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. ★



California Comment on Latest NFIB Jobs Report

National Federation of
Independent Business
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Release Sept. 5 of the National Federation of Independent Business’ (NFIB) latest monthly Jobs Report once again confirms that finding qualified, or any, workers remains an intractable problem for small business owners, so much so that it’s become a new normal.

“The difficulty small business owners have been having with finding workers is something that will take some time to work itself out,” said John Kabateck,

state director for the National Federation of Independent Business in California. “What would be helpful in the meantime is not to exacerbate the many other problems Main Street entrepreneurs have with running their businesses.”

First and foremost, according to Kabateck, is for Congress to pass the Main Street Tax Certainty Act (H.R. 4721, S. 1706), which would make the 20% Small Business Deduction permanent. Without it, taxes will increase on over 90% of small business owners if Congress fails to act.

Kabateck also called on Gov.

Gavin Newsom to veto all the anti-business legislation just sent to him by the State Legislature, including Senate Bill 399, which he called an appalling assault on the free speech rights of employers.

From National Federation of Independent Business Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg on the Latest Jobs Report

“Job openings on Main Street remain historically high as small business owners continue to lament the lack of qualified applicants for their open positions. Owners have grown understandably frustrated as attempts to

fill their workforce repeatedly stall and cost pressures continue to rise.”

Highlights from the Latest Jobs Report

Overall, 62% of small business owners reported hiring or trying to hire in August, up five points from July. Fifty-six percent (90% of those hiring or trying to hire) of owners reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill.

Thirty-six percent have openings for skilled workers (up four points) and 15% have openings for unskilled labor (down one point).

Job openings in construction were

up five points from July and over half of them (60%) have a job opening they can’t fill. Job openings were the highest in the transportation, construction, and manufacturing sectors, and the lowest in the agriculture and finance sectors.

A seasonally adjusted net 13% of owners plan to create new jobs in the next three months, down two points from July.


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

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“Norma Alcala succeeded in bringing millions for sidewalks in Broderick and Byte. Sidewalks are necessary to protect our families with children on bicycles from traffic, our seniors from uneven ground where they could fall, and our disabled who need to live independently. Finally, we have someone looking out for Broderick and Bryte. That is why I am voting for Norma Alcala for City Council in District 1.”

–Virginia Coffey, President of the Washington Unified School District Board.

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- ★ **Economic Growth:** Increased support for local businesses, expanded job opportunities, and services for seniors to foster growth and prosperity for all.

West Sacramento continues to be an ideal city to grow roots, start a business, and raise a family. But we are a growing city, and with that, we have more to do to ensure a quality community experience for all.

Martha Guerrero is a mom, grandparent, legislative advocate, and licensed social worker who has 25 years of experience in public service. Martha understands what it takes to be an effective leader and get things done for West Sacramento. Her leadership has earned support from businesses, and public safety, labor, and community leaders.

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