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**North State Building
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - During a time of year when new home sales in the greater Sacramento region normally are dipping to their annual low point, buyers continued to purchase new homes at near-record levels in November, the North State Building Industry Association (BIA) reported Dec. 10.

Building Industry Association members reported selling 524 new homes in the region in November. That was a scant 1.2% lower than in October and 4.6% higher than in November 2023. However, sales were 47% above the average sales volume for the month (356).

November was the fourth straight month in which 500 or more homes were sold. July was the only month so far this year in which sales were below 500 (433).

November's sales were the second-highest in the region for the month since 2004's monthly record of 821 during the height of the housing boom (also trailing 554 sales in November 2021).

Tim Murphy, North State Building Industry Association's president and CEO, said the year's strong late-year surge shows that demand continues to be incredibly strong, despite mortgage rates ticking upward, and reinforces the Building Industry Association's message that new home construction continues to be far below the level needed.

"We continue to stress to elected officials throughout the region that excessive regulations and sky-high fees averaging over \$100,000 per home make it more difficult and more costly to build the new homes the region needs," Murphy said. "Reforms to speed the approval process and reduce the fee burdens would allow our members to build more homes than they can today, improve affordability, and begin to bring supply and demand into balance. These changes are needed statewide but especially here in Sacramento, which was historically far more affordable than today."

During October, Roseville retained the top spot with 125 sales reported, followed by Rancho Cordova (78),

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Elected City Council Members Appointed

By Ornella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova City Council held its meeting on Monday, Dec. 16, where significant leadership changes were made, including the appointment of a new mayor and vicemayor, as well as a discussion on the city's Planning Commissions future.

The meeting began with the swearing-in of elected council members Siri Pulipati, David Sander and Joe Little. The council swiftly selected Pulipati as mayor and Garret Gatewood was appointed as vice mayor.

Pulipati's appointment marked a historic moment for the community.

"This is our first Indian female Asian Pacific mayor in the community ever and for our community, that is a big deal," said Gatewood. Councilmember Linda



From left, Joe Little, David Sander, Siri Pulipati, Garret Gatewood and Linda Budge are the newly appointed City Council members. Photo by Rick Sloan

Budge also highlighted the significance of Pulipati's election.

"It's also the second time we have a woman in this

council and I appreciate that," Budge said

Pulipati expressed her commitment to representing all Rancho Cordova

residents, with a focus on education, economic development and public safety.

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Bennett, 14, chose suicide

Winston, who goes by Win, is 8 years old, and he chose three days of safe shelter for a family or individual in need, provided by Catholic Charities throughout the Sacramento region. Win chose that, Leslie says, "because whenever he sees a homeless person, he feels so sad for them and wants to help take care of them." Other gifts for Catholic Charities are an infant care kit for a new mother, a "dress for success" gift that provides a job seeker a new outfit, one week of food for a senior

Daisy's twin brother, Freddy, "loves to play soccer, and he couldn't figure out how any child could go without a soccer ball," Leslie said. So, he chose the gift of four soccer balls for a school to help teach students teamwork and promote fitness. That gift is offered by Right to Play, a global charity that helps children in impoverished

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MEDnRX Launches Innovative Telemedicine and Telepharmacy Kiosk



Curt Haven, left, presented a proclamation from the City of Rancho Cordova to Vaibhav Shah, co-founder and CTO, and Dr. Steven Gest, co-founder and CEO, during their grand opening on Dec. 12.



MEDnRX launched its first telemedicine and telepharmacy kiosk on Dec. 12 at SF Market.

Story and photos by Omella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - MEDnRX, an El Dorado Hills-based healthcare technology company, officially launched its first telemedicine and telepharmacy kiosk on Dec. 12 at SF Market, 2738 Sunrise Blvd.

This innovative kiosk aims to transform access to healthcare by combining virtual medical consultations with convenient on-site prescription pickup.

The MEDnRX kiosk is designed to provide an efficient, patient-centered experience by eliminating long waits at traditional doctor's offices and pharmacies. Patients can use the MEDnRX app to connect with a healthcare provider for a virtual consultation, and if prescribed medication, can pick it up directly from a secure Dropbox at the kiosk.

Alternatively, patients can have an on-site consultation by stepping inside the kiosk for a video call with a provider. After each visit, the kiosk automatically sanitizes to ensure a clean

and safe environment for the next user.

For those who don't need a consultation and simply need to pick up their prescriptions, the MEDnRX kiosk features a rapid refill pickup area for immediate access to medications.

MEDnRX also offers a convenient prescription pickup option for patients who prefer not to use the kiosk. Through a secure locker system, patients can access their medications at extended hours by entering their information and retrieving their prescriptions from a designated locker. This flexible system ensures patients can pick up their medications at a time that works best for them.

MEDnRX co-founder and CEO, Dr. Steven Gest, expressed the company's commitment to addressing gaps in healthcare access.

"We surveyed the community's needs and found that pharmacies were closing, creating pharmacy deserts," Gest said. "A lot of people don't have transportation or access, so our main goal is to make

healthcare more affordable and accessible. About a third of people don't pick up their medication or don't do so in a timely manner, which can aggravate the issue. We're working to make healthcare more efficient, more effective and more accessible."

In addition to its telemedicine services, MEDnRX plans to build a medical office on-site.

"For every 15 kiosks, we need a pharmacy, and for every pharmacy, we need a medical office," Gest said.

The company's expansion plans include targeting underserved communities, particularly areas facing pharmacy deserts.

"Rancho Cordova is a great center of innovation," Gest said. "It's a growing community that's flexible and open-minded, and we already had an office here. It's the perfect place to launch this initiative."

Said Vaibhav Shah, co-founder and CTO of MEDnRX, "Our goal is to make healthcare more accessible and affordable for everyone.

As pharmacies close and people are forced to travel long distances to fill prescriptions, we're working to solve that problem. By providing an efficient, cost-effective alternative, we can serve underserved communities."

Several city official representatives were on hand to celebrate the grand opening with proclamations and certificates of recognition.

"We're so happy you're here in Rancho Cordova serving our community," said Josh Gumacal, a representative from Congressman Ami Bera's office. Mark Cullum from Assemblyman Josh Hoover's office, also spoke, noting the evolution of healthcare.

"Healthcare is so important, and it's great to see how healthcare has diversified. This is the way of the future," Cullum said. "We're excited that you chose Rancho Cordova and hope to see many more locations across the Sacramento region."

Kosim Latipov from state Sen. Roger Niello's office extended congratulations,

stating, "On behalf of Senator Niello, I want to thank you for bringing such an innovative way to deliver healthcare to our community. We're so pleased you chose Rancho Cordova."

Curt Haven, a chamber board member, presented a proclamation from the City of Rancho Cordova, signed by Mayor David M. Sander, Ph.D.

"On the occasion of your ribbon cutting, we present this proclamation to MEDnRX in recognition of your innovative contributions to our community," Haven said.

Other officials included Bee Lopez with Explore Rancho Cordova and Josh Gumacal, a representative from Congressman Ami Bera's office.

The kiosks will be strategically placed in public spaces such as SF Market to ensure convenience for those who might not have easy access to medical offices or pharmacies. MEDnRX accepts all major insurances, including Medicare and Medi-Cal, and allows patients to select their preferred location for prescription pickup. ★



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25th Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting a Success

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The 25th annual Cordova Community

Christmas Tree Lighting was held on Dec. 1 at Village Green Park. The annual free event provided enjoyment of

approximately 5,000 enthusiastic revelers, according to the Cordova Community Council. The event was made possible

due to the Cordova Community Council, the Cordova Recreation & Park District, the City of Rancho Cordova and all the

sponsors that make the magic happen. The tree will be up throughout Jan. 5, weather permitting. ★



Above: From left, Mrs. Rancho Cordova, Miss Rancho Cordova and Miss Teen Rancho Cordova gather at the 25th annual Cordova Community Christmas Tree Lighting. Photos by Rick Sloan

Middle: Lots of families were in attendance to watch the tree lighting.

Right: Residents stare in awe at the newly-lit Christmas tree.



Elected City Council Members Appointed

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American in council, I truly recognize the importance of diversity and leadership and the responsibility that it brings. I am committed to representing every resident of Rancho Cordova, that every voice is heard and that every resident is valued. We will be better together, a smart and sustainable Rancho Cordova,” Pulipati said.

The council took a moment to honor outgoing Mayor David Sander for his leadership during 2024.

“These are big shoes to fill. Your council members would like to thank you and recognize you for serving as mayor in 2024. It was a memorable year, and you served Rancho Cordova on both the national and international stage,” Pulipati said.

Sander, reflecting on his time as mayor, expressed gratitude for the support he received.

“It has been a remarkable and interesting year to serve as your mayor. It has been a very eventful and successful year. I want to thank everyone for the support that they have given me and, through me, support our city. There is no way I could’ve done it alone,” Sander said.

The council also discussed the upcoming selection process for three regular Planning Commission members, whose terms expire in December. Those members are Lee Frechette, nominated by Councilmember David Sander, Surender Devarapalli, nominated by Councilmember Siri Pulipati, and Robert McGarvey, nominated by Councilmember Donald Terry.

With the transition to district-based elections, the council considered whether to adjust the appointment process and reviewed three options.

The first option, which was also recommended by city staff, proposes to maintain the existing qualifications that a regular Planning Commission member resides within the boundaries of the city limits with members nominated by an individual City Council member and confirmed

by a majority vote.

The second option proposes a shift to district-based appointments, where Planning Commission members would be required to live in the district of the City Council member who nominates them.

A third option combines aspects of the first two, proposing district-based appointments without requiring a majority vote for confirmation but this model is less common in surrounding areas and was not recommended by city staff.

Public comment saw advocates for district representation from several community members.

“There is a lot of interest in our community to have greater representation of Lincoln Village,” said resident Jim Garcia, suggesting that district-based appointments would provide better insight into neighborhood-specific concerns.

Resident Sara Malone echoed this sentiment, saying, “I feel like if someone was elected from our district, they would have more investment in what goes on in our neighborhood.”

Resident Helen Beshaw also advocated for option two, saying, “Districting is important, I do believe the representative of the Planning Commission should be of a district because each district is unique in its own.”

However, some council members expressed reservations about the proposal.

“The learning curve for serving in the Planning Commission is incredibly steep. I’m more interested in tying it to the expertise of the individual rather than the lines on a map,” Sander said.

Vice Mayor Gatewood also voiced reservations, warning that district-based appointments could limit options.

“We don’t want to tie our hands,” Gatewood said “If we go out and someone is trying to find representation and they can’t find someone in their district, that is not good. If we can’t find someone, there is no reason to force someone in.”



Mayor Siri Pulipati is sworn in by her brother at the Rancho Cordova City Council meeting on Dec. 16. Photo by Rick Sloan



Newly elected Councilmember Joe Little is sworn in by Ken Cooley alongside his mother, Moira, and father, Mark. Photo by Rick Sloan

Mayor Pulipati echoed that sentiment, saying, “We will pick a person from our district but if we don’t find someone that is interested, qualified and fits that role, we should reach out to the broader Rancho Cordova region, so I am also in

favor of option 1.” Ultimately the council unanimously agreed to continue with the existing process. The next council meeting is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 6, at the Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive. ★

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Sacramento County Launches CARE Court Program

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County officially launched its Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act Program (known as CARE Court) on Dec. 1 to connect individuals struggling with schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders with voluntary, community-based treatment through a civil court process.

The program is available to individuals aged 18 and older who are diagnosed with a schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorder, currently experiencing behaviors and symptoms associated with severe mental illness (SMI), unable to stabilize through existing voluntary treatment, and unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision.

The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment process begins with an individual, family members, behavioral health professionals, directors of organizations or hospitals involved in their care filing a petition, which is reviewed by a Sacramento County Superior Court judge to determine eligibility.

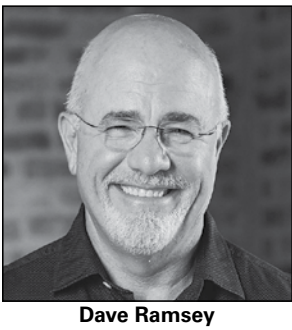
If criteria are met, the court may order Sacramento County’s Behavioral Health Services Division to investigate and develop a Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment agreement

or plan tailored to the participant’s needs. Through this process, participants can receive support through the program for up to 24 months, ensuring continuity of care and ongoing access to essential services.

“Launching the CARE Act Program is an important step toward providing hope and support for individuals who need services but are not seeking care for themselves,” said Behavioral Health Services Director Ryan Quist. “This program reflects a collaborative effort with the Sacramento Superior Court and our community partners. Together, we are ensuring that those in need have the opportunity to find stability and recovery.”

The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act embodies Sacramento County’s commitment to a compassionate, recovery-focused approach for addressing mental health challenges. By empowering individuals with the resources and support they need, the program fosters connections within the community, prioritizing dignity and respect throughout the recovery process.

For more information about the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court Program, including eligibility details and the forms to fill out a petition, visit Sacramento County’s Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Court program webpage. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

A friend told me about your Baby Steps plan, and after years of living paycheck-to-paycheck and running up credit card bills, I’m ready to get control of my finances. I just have one question. Baby Step 1 is saving \$1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. Do you recommend getting current on past due bills before starting Baby Step 1?

– Miles

Dear Miles,

Congratulations! I’m glad to hear you’re finally sick and tired of being financially sick and tired. This is the perfect question for someone is your situation, because it gives me a chance to walk you all the way through the Baby Steps. So, let’s go!

First, make sure all your necessities are taken care of. By necessities, I’m talking about food, clothing, shelter, transportation and utilities. Then, get current on anything you owe, or make payment arrangements for past due bills. After you’ve done this, it’s

Dave Ramsey Says The Roadmap to Financial Peace

time to take your very first Baby Step.

You’ve already mentioned getting \$1,000 in the bank for a starter emergency fund. That’s Baby Step 1. After that comes your debt snowball, which is Baby Step 2. Here, you’ll pay off all your debts from smallest to largest—except your home. Attack the first balance on your list by paying as much as you can each month, while making minimum payments on the other debts. When you’ve paid off the first one, add what you were paying on it to the payment on your next debt and start attacking it. As the snowball continues to roll over, you’re picking up more and more money to apply to your debts.

In Baby Step 3, you’ll save money and increase your emergency fund from \$1,000 to a full three to six months of expenses. You’re going to be surprised how fast you can save money when your income isn’t flying out the door to pay off debt every month.

Now, it’s time to really start looking toward the future. In Baby Step 4, start investing 15 percent of your income for retire-

ment. College funding is next in Baby Step 5 for any kids you have, or plan on having one day. And here’s a big one. Baby Step 6 is where you pay off your home early. How great will that feel?

But Baby Step 7 is the real deal. Now, you start building wealth and giving with outrageous generosity. When you’ve completed all the other Baby Steps, and are able to do these two things, you’ve achieved the pinnacle of smart money management. Or in other words, you’ve reached the point of financial peace.

Make it happen, Miles. You can do this!!

– 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. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★



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Planning Commission Approves Mather Veterans Village’s Phase Four

By Omella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova Planning Commission approved two projects on Tuesday, Dec. 11, after discussions on design and community impact. The meeting focused on a church remodel and a new affordable housing complex for veterans, both of which aim to enhance local infrastructure and support community needs.

The commission unanimously approved the Sun River Church's request for a Major Design Review and an Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The project, located at 11223 Trinity River Drive, includes renovations to the church’s existing buildings, adding approximately 3,000 square feet of space for storage, administration and a multi-use area. The proposal also includes changes to parking, landscaping, lighting and other site features.

The church, originally built in 1983, has seen minimal renovations over the years. The proposed design focuses on preserving the church’s character while incorporating modern materials to enhance its appearance.

“I’m happy to see the renovation happening,” said Planning Commission Chair Cynthia Stauss. “But I’m concerned about parking. The neighborhood sees a lot of overflow on weekends. Can we ensure that this project addresses those needs?”

Brendan Koon, principal at VITAE Architecture, which is overseeing the remodel, reassured the commission that parking had been adequately addressed.

“The current seating capacity is 750, and according to the city’s parking ratio, we are required to provide 225 spaces.

We’re offering 297 stalls,” Koon said.

The Planning Commission also gave the green light to the Mather Veterans Village Phase 4, a three-story, 70-unit affordable housing complex designed for homeless and disabled veterans over age 55. Located at the southeast corner of Bleckley Street and Schira Avenue, the 3.63-acre site is within the Mather Field Special Planning Area.

The complex will feature 58 one-bedroom units and 12 two-bedroom units, along with a community building, parking, landscaping and lighting. The site is strategically located near the Veterans’ Hospital, aiming to provide much-needed housing and services to local veterans.

During the public comment period, Don Black, a Western Electrical Company representative, voiced concerns about potential strains on local businesses.

“While I am not opposed to the project, we regularly deal with a homeless population near our property. The city needs to ensure that adequate resources are available to support this group,” Black said.

Commissioner Dave Huhn, P.E. addressed concerns over homelessness and neighboring businesses.

“It is a challenge we all face but that should not stop projects like this,” Huhn said. “We need to keep moving forward.”

The commissioners also asked about the impact of solar panels on the project, given the nearby airport, and recommended a glare study be done to avoid any issues with the flight path.

“I think this is a very good project,” said Commissioner Leroy Tripette. “It’s a benchmark program that’s been highlighted in the region.”

The motion passed unanimously. ★

Sacramento New Home Sales Ending 2024 on a High Note

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Sacramento (65), Elk Grove (58) and Folsom (54). Natomas was sixth (26), with Plumas Lake (21), El Dorado Hills (19), Lincoln (13) and Rocklin (12)

rounding out the Top 10.

Building Industry Association statistics include sales by members in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Things can change quickly in Kings Town, and the happenings of the past week certainly demonstrate exactly that.

The hardcourt gladiators from Sacramento are currently on a torrid 3-game winning streak, looking ahead to Monday night's game against the Denver Nuggets.

If you hadn't paid attention and just tuned into the Kings, you'd discover a team that is just finding themselves 26 games into the regular season, after losing every game in the preseason.

Fans and pundits alike have riddled the airwaves with remedies for multiple losing streaks, along with advice to coach Brown as to who should be his starting five.

I am more than happy to announce that coach Brown's decision to finally insert Malik Brown into the King's starting lineup has produced four wins in the last five games, and everyone is now wondering why it took three seasons to figure this one out.

But rather than casting aspersions, I will take the high road, and just give him an attaboy for making a decision that was long overdue. Malik is thrilled to be where he always thought he should be, and now coach Brown can simply focus on his bench that is currently ranked in the bottom of the league.

Kevin Huerter is showing signs of returning to form and seems to be comfortable taking the 6th man position that was formerly Monk's, so it's really the next three or four rotations that are going to tell the tale.

What has created chaos with the team is the night-in and night out inconsistency as to who will sit the night out completely, or who will garnish the majority of the minutes.

Big man Alex Len cannot catch a break, as he all too often finds himself at the end of the bench being a spectator for the entire game. This 7-foot giant has NBA game, and from my perspective, it's up to coach Brown and his staff to build this big man's confidence. One way you do that is by giving him a consistent rotation that he can count on every night.

Len has played several good games and shows real promise, only to find

himself relegated to the bench the very next game with no explanation except for the dreaded, coaches' decision.

The Kings can keep scouring the league for another trade/acquisition, or just look at their own bench, and perhaps realize that there is more talent already on this team than they are giving them credit for.

I for one believe that Alex Len has a big upside, but it takes a coach and staff that are willing to build a player's confidence if you want to see the desired result.

So far, I'm giving this staff a failing grade as it relates to evaluating talent, and you need to look no further than the inexplicable trade of Davion Mitchell to qualify my comments.

The Kings are still feeling the void left in Mitchell's absence, and all he is doing in Toronto is making Canadian fans fall in love with him. From the Kings bench to the Raptor's starting point guard, Davion is making the Toronto GM look like a basketball wizard.

The Kings cannot afford to continue undervaluing talent, or simply not see the forest for the trees. Let's get everything out of the team currently constituted, and that means starting with consistency as it relates to players coming off the bench. If Huerter is the 6th man, who is #7, 8, and 9? At this point no one but coach Brown knows, and he doesn't know until just before gametime.

Here's the good news! At 13-13 it's time to hit the reset button. Yes, the Kings are at 500, and now is the time to start making a run that can propel this team to the playoffs.

The starting five of, Fox, Monk, DeRozan, Murray, and Sabonis are a formidable group to guard, and I look forward to watching this team come out of the blocks on all 8 cylinders every night.

So, take heart Kings fans, because the best is yet to come, and that's without a trade or an acquisition.

Merry Christmas to one and all and go Kings!

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How California Can Fix Its School Crisis. Two Projects Point the Way



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When the state Department of Education released academic test scores of California's public school students in October, it cast them in positive terms.

"Overall," the department said, "the percentages of California students meeting or exceeding standards (demonstrating proficient or advanced grade-level knowledge and skills) in (English language arts), mathematics, and science increased, from 46.7% to 47% percent in (English language arts), from 34.6% to 35.5% in math, and from 30.2% to 30.% in science."

What the department didn't say is that those minuscule increases from the previous year meant that California remains one of the states where academic achievements are still below what they were prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As CalMatters' account of the test scores notes, "both English language arts and math scores are 4 percentage points below their 2018-19 levels, which were among the highest scores for California students since the state began administering the Smarter Balanced test in 2014-15."

Alix Gallagher, director of strategic partnerships at the education research non-profit Policy Analysis for California Education, told the San Jose Mercury News

that the slow recovery from the pandemic indicates that the massive federal and state funds given schools to cope with the pandemic failed to prevent declines.

"What we would want to see is that with those additional funds, we had a really strong recovery. Instead, what we saw were really modest gains," Gallagher said.

The department's obfuscation continued a month later when it released its "dashboard" of public education markers that trumpeted nonacademic factors, such as increases in attendance and decreases in student suspensions, but ignored California's subpar academic outcomes, which should be the most important.

That's not surprising, given that the state's education bureaucrats consciously developed the multipoint dashboard to conceal the chronic lack of academic achievement.

A state-by-state report on school system transparency of academic test results issued by the Center for Reinventing Public Education, based at Arizona State University, gives California a "D" for its lack of clarity.

"I have a Ph.D. in education policy and I can barely navigate these sites," Morgan Polikoff, a USC professor who worked on the report, told CalMatters. "How do we expect a typical parent to access this information and make sense of it?"

Are California's stubborn failings in teaching basic subjects such as math and reading, which the educational establishment hopes no one will notice, fixable?

Two recent projects to improve academic skills indicate that learning can be improved with sustained effort that uses proven techniques and shuns trendy short-term

fixes that school systems often adopt in their desperate efforts to raise test scores.

Policy Analysis for Public Education, a think tank jointly operated by several major universities that studies California schools, cites the math project in Lake Tahoe Unified School District's Sierra House Elementary School and a reading program in Grass Valley School District as successful examples.

In both, California Education Partners, a school reform organization staffed by academic experts, provided three years of hands-on help to improve instruction, and PACE evaluators found significantly positive results. "The Sierra House model serves as a blueprint for building adult capacity and fostering instructional coherence," they said, while Grass Valley's phonics-based reading program was adopted district-wide and "improved student outcomes."

California's educational crisis is palpable. Not only do California schools fare very poorly vis-a-vis other states in federal academic testing — seventh from the bottom — but there's a yawning "achievement gap" between low income and English learner students and their more privileged classmates that widened during the pandemic.

Rather than hide the problem with gimmicks such as the school dashboard, California should own up to it and embrace successful examples such as those in Tahoe and Grass Valley.

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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Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed
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GARDENS 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08508
Dung Huynh Quoc Nguyen and
Trang Thi Huyen Nguyen, 24988
Blue Ravine Road, #100B,
Folsom, CA 95630 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "BeBe Nails"
24988 Blue Ravine Road,
#100B, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed
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NAILS 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08401
Anastasiia Duda, 4059 Innovator
Drive, Unit 7102, Sacramento,
CA 95834 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "DA Beauty Club"
4059 Innovator Drive, Unit 7102,
Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
BEAUTY 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08957
Gurmeet Singh, 7409 Twin
Acre Way, Sacramento, CA
95829 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"G.S.S. Trucking" 7409 Twin
Acre Way, Sacramento, CA
95829. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
26, 2024
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
TRUCKING 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08763
Albert Chang and Sasha
Ren, 2108 N Street, Suite N,
Sacramento, CA 95816 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Bluezone

Aviation" 2108 N Street, Suite
N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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BLUEZONE 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08856
Jessica Sapno, 12084 Agen
Circle, S, Rancho Cordova, CA
95742 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Treats by Jess" 12084 Agen
Circle, S, Rancho Cordova, CA
95742. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
21, 2024
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TREATS 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08827
Melissa Lynn Maddern, 106
Austin Drive, Folsom, CA 95630
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Peacefull Melissa Yoga" 106
Austin Drive, Folsom, CA 95630.
Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
21, 2024
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PEACEFUL 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08860
Olivia Beauty LLC, 443 Waverley
Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Flywheel Group/Olivia Supply"
7509 Madison Avenue, #101,
Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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FLYWHEEL 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08584
Jazmin Gonzalez Andres,
6047 Main Avenue, #32,
Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Jazz
Custom Cleaning" 6047 Main
Avenue, #32, Orangevale, CA
95662. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
13, 2024
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JAZZ 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08885
Sabir Yousafzai, 7949 Carraway
Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Aria Tax
and Accounting Services"
2100 Watt Avenue, Suite #160,
Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County November 22, 2024
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ARIA 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08930
Jaime Palmer, 400 Bannon
Street, Sacramento, CA 95811
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"DUNIQUE Graphic Designs"
6020 Rutland Drive, B4 59,
Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County November 25, 2024
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DUNIQUE 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09051
Tammy Schmitt, 5004 Meadow
Pass Way, Antelope, CA 95843
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Lilac Massage Therapy" 5004
Meadow Pass Way, Antelope,
CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County December
3, 2024
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LILAC 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08740
Vitali Klimov, 6424 18th Street,
Rio Linda, CA 95678 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Vitcomm
Tech" 7046 34th Street, North
Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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VITCOMM 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09047
Aliya Alizai, 5027 El Camino
Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Alizai Cloths & Tailor" 5027 El
Camino Avenue, Carmichael,
CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County December
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ALIZAI 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09002
Consuelo Jaime, 378 Morrison
Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Best One Handyman" 378
Morrison Avenue, Sacramento,
CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
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HANDYMAN 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08419
Brisenos Master Gardens Inc.,
2739 Xavier Street, E. Palo Alto,
CA, 94303 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Brisenos Master
Gardens" 2739 Xavier Street, E.
Palo Alto, CA, 94303. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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BRISENOS 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08357
ES Cal II LLC, 9350 S Dixie
Highway, Suite 950, Miami, FL
33156 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Bergamo Montessori School"
8110 Pocket Road, Sacramento,
CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of
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SCHOOL 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09130
Inspiring Beginnings Childcare
Center LLC, 899 Maplegrove
Way, Sacramento, CA 95834
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Inspiring Beginnings Childcare
Center" 924 San Juan Road,
Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County December 5, 2024
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INSPIRING 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08981
Consulting Cafe LLC, 1401 21st
Street, Sacramento, CA 95811
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"SmartFile" 1401 21st Street,
Suite R, Sacramento, CA
95811. Filed with the Clerk of
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SMARTFILE 1-3-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08288
Bell Time Global, LLC, 2004
Robert Way, Sacramento, CA
95825 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Sourced Botanicals" 4370 24th
Street, Suite H, Sacramento, CA
95822. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County November
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BOTANICALS 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09230
RKP Investments CHCW LLC,
9819 Cranleigh Drive, Granite
Bay, CA 95746 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Citrus Heights Car
Wash" 7742 Auburn Boulevard,
Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County December 10, 2024
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CITRUS 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09092
Innovating My Insurance Inc. 525
Cantera Court, Roseville, CA
95747 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"My Innova Insurance Services"
7777 Greenback Lane, #106,
Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County December 5, 2024
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INNOVA 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09135
Haqui LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite
N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Tiny Terras/
Haqui" 2108 N Street, Suite N,
Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County December 5, 2024
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TINY 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09303
Sean Shokouh, 6858 Mariposa
Avenue, Citrus heights, CA
95610 is doing business un-
der the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "JDMPalace/JDMP
Motors/JDMP Management"
6858 Mariposa Avenue, Citrus
heights, CA 95610. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County
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JDMP 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09306
Grace O. Jackson 6220
Sampson Boulevard,
Sacramento, CA 95824 is do-
ing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Fashionez
By Gracious" 6220 Sampson
Boulevard, Sacramento, CA
95824. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County December
12, 2024
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GRACIOUS 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09169
Cesar Julian Montoya Segura,
2114 Pinetree Court, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Phoenix
Films And Photos" 2114 Pinetree
Court, Rancho Cordova, CA
95670. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County December
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PHOENIX 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09172
William B

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Citrus Heights Messenger Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Adjudication No. 34-2020-00273535 – March 12, 2020

The Rio Linda News Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Adjudication No. 358073 – March 21, 1988

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CAREPOINT 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09062
Alvarez Legacy Ventures Inc., 10736 Gemsbuck Lodge, San Antonio, TX 78245 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “The Crazy Blaze” 10360 Rockingham Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2024
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BLAZE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09203
Resham Singh Uppal, 3700 Catalan Sea Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “RS Uppal Trucking,” 3700 Catalan Sea Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2024
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UPPAL 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08426
Holi Morris, 2715 D Street, #4, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Midnight Sun Lashes” 3010 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2024
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MIDNIGHT 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08988
Its Just a Poke LLC, 3400 Cottage Way, Suite G2 #27095, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Its Just a Poke Sacramento” 2031 K Street, Unit B, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2024
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
POKE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09070
Felicia Williamsoneyes, 9905 Diamonte Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Culinary101Supplies.com” 9905 Diamonte Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2024
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CULINARY 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08956
Karena Brown, 5420 Kohler Road, #41055, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Because Soaps/Because Bath and Body” 4771 Clothier Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2024
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BECAUSE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09129
Golden Republic Inc, 1007 Taber Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Golden Republic Realty” 3810 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024
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GOLDEN 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08690
Kepha Health Care, 1401 21st Street, #10142, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Unique Virtual Care” 1401 21st Street, #10142, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2024
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UNIQUE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08867
King’s Casino Management Corp., 7727 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Stones Gambling Hall/The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall/The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall/Sammy’s Restaurant & Bar/Sammy’s Restaurant + Bar/Pin High” 6510 Antelope Road, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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STONES 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08833
Mehta & Mehta Medical Consultants Inc, 1320 Cornerstone Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 96762 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “PrimeLyfeMD/Prime Lyfe MD” 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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PRIMELYFE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-08967
HRBVR Inc., 2532 Landwood Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “Cap City Pools” 2532 Landwood Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2024
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CAP 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2024-09242
Heinbo Three Corporation, 7016 Canevalley Circle, Citrus Heights, Ca 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) “H3 Landscaping” 7016 Canevalley Circle, Citrus Heights, Ca 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2024
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H3 1-10-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV023018
Molly Katherine Roof has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Molly Katherine Roof to Molly Kathryn Fitzgerald Roof. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 12, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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ROOF 12-20-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV023591

Quang Tuan Duong has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Quang Tuan Duong to Johnny Duong Duong.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 19, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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DUONG 12-20-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV023738

Heshmat Ateai has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Heshmat Ateai to Danny Ateai.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 19, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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ATAEI 12-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV022456

Melissa Marie Stone aka Melissa Marie Duran has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Melissa Marie Stone aka Melissa Marie Duran to Sunnie Marie Duran.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 5, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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DURAN 1-3-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV017656

Shimal McEwen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Caleb Julian Moraga to Caleb Julian McEwen.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 720 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 5, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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MCEWEN 1-3-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV023842

Ahmadjaved Hashimi & Asma Hashimi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Said Mohammad Shah Hashimi to Mohammad Jan Hashimi.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this

court on March 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 20, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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HASHIMI 1-10-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV024808

Carina Anne Torres has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carina Anne Torres to Carina De Alba Lopez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 6, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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CARINA 1-10-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV024250

Albert Allen Lockard and Jennifer Michelle Welch aka Roberta Louise Welch has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Albert Allen Lockard to Albert Allen Branson and Jennifer Michelle Welch aka Roberta Louise Welch to Jennifer Michelle Branson.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 27, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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BRANSON 1-10-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV025064

Iurii Zhoglichev has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Semen Zhoglichev to Simon Zhoglichev.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 10, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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ZHOGlichev 1-10-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV024506

Ahmad Mustaba Abdul Roufi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ahmad Mustaba Abdul Roufi to Mujtaba Raowfi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: December 2, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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RAOWFI 1-10-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DENNIS WAYNE ERFERT CASE NO. 24PR003512

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DENNIS WAYNE ERFERT.

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by DONALD R. ERFERT, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento. The Petition for Probate requests that DONALD R. ERFERT be appointed as personal representative 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 personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative 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: Date: January 9, 2025 Time: 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, 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: GILBERT J. PREMO, 500 Northfield Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648; 415-974-6664.
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, 2024
ERFERT 12-27-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF QUANG VAN NGUYEN CASE NO. 24PR003552

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Quang Van Nguyen.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tracy Mytien Mai, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Tracy Mytien Mai be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

If YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Ali Gexiafong Moua, 1104 Corporate Way, Sacramento, CA 95831; (916) 333-7498
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBIN ROXANNE DRENTLAW CASE NO. 24PR003554

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Robin Roxanne

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A Petition for Probate has been filed by Darrell Patton, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Darrell Patton be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 15, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

If YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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DRENTLAW 1-3-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. FBNF2023-01186

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Costpro Lending, 2135 Butano Drive, Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95825. Summit Funding, Inc., 2135 Butano Drive, Suite 150, Sacrametno, Ca 95825. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 2/17/2023 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 11/20/2024.
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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE TS No. CA-24-993118-AB Order No.: 240370834-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/20/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): NAOMI SANCHEZ, UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 5/26/2020 as Instrument No. 202005260759 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SACRA-

MENTO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/7/2025 at 1:30 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the County Courthouse, located at 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$287,952.19 The purported property address is: 2013 MCGREGOR DR, RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670 Assessor’s Parcel No.: 056-0195-013-0000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder’s office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee’s sale or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-24-993118-AB. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an “eligible tenant buyer,” you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an “eligible bidder,” you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call CA-24-993118-AB, or visit this internet website http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-24-993118-AB to find the date on which the trustee’s sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee’s sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee’s sale. If you think you may qualify as an “eligible tenant buyer” or “eligible bidder,” you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee’s sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee’s sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee’s sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS: For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-24-993118-AB and call (866) 645-7711 or log-in to: http://www.qualityloan.com. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is

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Social Security Matters

About How Medicare Premiums Are Determined



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Please explain the Medicare premium increase based on income reported to Social Security? For those of us that waited to draw Social Security until age 70, and who are still working - drawing a salary, and planning to retire at age 75 after RMDs kick in at age 73 - how do we make sure that Social Security reports our earnings accurately, so we don't wind up with increased Medicare premiums? Why not charge increased Medicare premiums when we are younger, instead of waiting to sneak up on us when we are older? **Signed: Confused about Medicare Premiums**

Dear Confused: I believe you are referring to Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount," or "IRMAA." IRMAA increases the Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium amounts for those whose combined income from all sources exceeds specified levels for their IRS tax filing status. Social Security (and Medicare) get your earnings information from the IRS and use your reported IRS income (on your income tax return) to calculate your Medicare

premium each year. But there is a twist – they use your reported combined income (also known as your "MAGI" or "Modified Adjusted Gross Income") from 2 years ago to determine your current year's Medicare premium. For example, they will use your 2023 MAGI to determine your 2025 Medicare Part B premium (and your Part D premium if you have Part D). So, if your income reported to the IRS on your tax return in 2023 is correct, Social Security will use that amount to determine next year's Medicare premium.

IRMAA uses a sliding income scale to determine your Medicare premium. If you filed your 2022 taxes as "married/jointly" and your combined income for that year was \$206,000 or less, for 2024 you are paying the standard Medicare Part B premium of \$174.50, and there is no additional amount added to your Part D premium. But if your MAGI as a married couple was over \$206,000 your Medicare premiums will be more – e.g., MAGI up to \$258,000 makes your Part B premium \$244.60 and results in a Part D supplement of \$12.90 per month. And so on - as your MAGI further increases, so will your Medicare premiums until you reach the maximum. MAGI over \$750,000 means a Part B premium of \$594/month and a Part D supplement of \$81/month. Thus, Medicare premiums are "means-tested" (those with higher income pay higher premiums).

A word about "MAGI" – MAGI starts with your Adjusted Gross Income on

your tax return, to which is added any non-taxable interest you may have had, and 50% of the Social Security benefits (if any) you received during the income tax year. The total of those three amounts is your MAGI, from which your Medicare premium is determined for the forthcoming year.

So, if your 2023 combined income (your "MAGI") as a couple was under \$206,000 you will pay the standard 2025 Medicare premium which, for Part B, will be \$185/month. If your 2023 MAGI as a married couple is more than \$206,000, you will pay higher Medicare premiums in 2025 due to IRMAA.

Why not pay higher Medicare premiums when we are younger? Well, that's because IRMAA only applies when you are enrolled in Medicare, and your premium relates to your income while receiving Medicare benefits.

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CHP Secures Federal Grant to Enhance Older Driver Safety

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP), in partnership with the Office of Traffic Safety, announced the receipt of a \$225,000 federal grant to launch the "Keeping Everyone Safe" (KEYS) program.

This program is designed to enhance traffic education and health awareness for drivers aged 65 and older and aims to ensure older drivers remain safe, confident and informed on the road.

A vital feature of this program is the "Age Well, Drive Smart" class. This free, two-hour course addresses older drivers' unique challenges, such as age-related changes, crash risk factors, safe driving strategies and Department of Motor Vehicles licensing requirements. This class also provides helpful self-assessment resources.

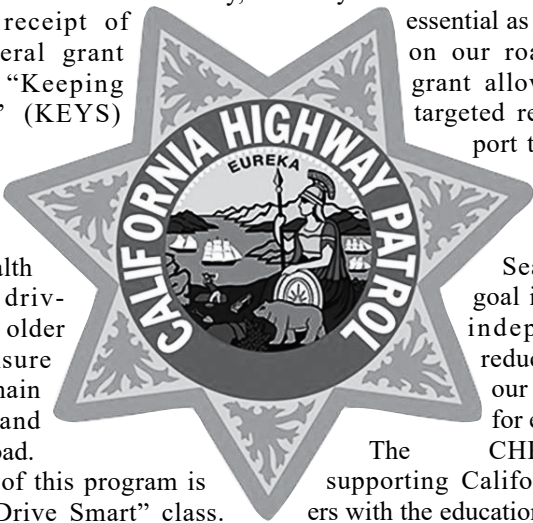
Classes are offered at all CHP area offices and taught by experienced CHP public information officers (PIOs), who

bring the class directly to community locations for added convenience. In addition, public information officers will engage with older drivers at local events and community gatherings. "Ensuring the safety of California's older drivers is essential as they remain active on our roads. This federal grant allows us to provide targeted resources and support to help them drive confidently and safely," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "Our goal is to enhance their independence while reducing risks, making our state's roads safer for everyone."

The CHP is committed to supporting California's older drivers with the education and the resources they need to continue driving safely and confidently.

For more information on the "KEYS" program or to enroll in an upcoming "Age Well, Drive Smart" class, contact your local CHP office.

This program is funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ★



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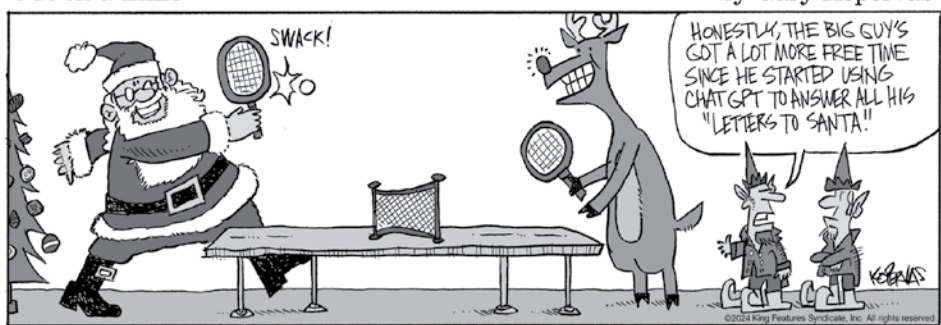
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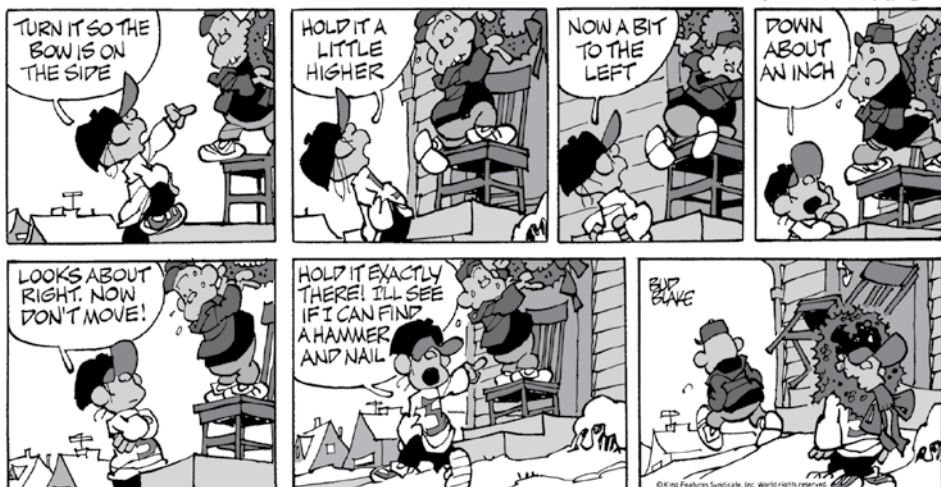
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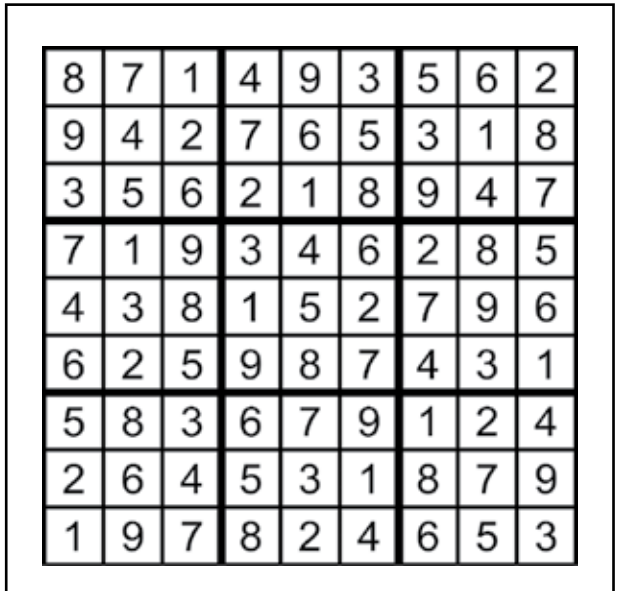
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Lady Lancers Soccer Preparing for Metro League Play



Cordova junior goalkeeper Alanna Thomas stops a shot on goal against Vista Del Lago. Photos by Rick Sloan

By James Darnell

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Despite getting off to a slow start to begin their season, the Cordova Lady Lancers varsity soccer team is feeling good as Metro League competition awaits after the new year.

Having lost their last two games after starting their season 2-2, the Lady Lancers (2-4 overall) have much room for improvement, according to head coach Charlie Gonzalez.

With that said, Gonzalez is encouraged by the glimpses of talent he has seen thus far.

“Things are OK but they could be better,” Gonzalez said. “But I think we’re headed in the right direction as soon as we fix a few little things.”

Gonzalez stressed the importance of his team improving defensively, particularly getting back on the ball after an offensive set as a key to his team taking the next step. On a positive note, Gonzalez mentioned his team’s passing and communication offensively as bright spots.

When asked which players have made the biggest impact early on, Gonzalez quickly praised sophomore midfielder Makayla Pena, who leads the team with seven goals.

“Extremely impressed,” Gonzalez said of the youngster. “She works hard and she’s in the right spots at the right times. She has a nice shot and she’s been making the most of her opportunities. It’s been great having her out there.”

Additionally, junior midfielder Karen Gonzalez and junior goalie Alanna Thomas have been standouts thus far and figure to play key roles down the stretch. Thomas, who is averaging 2.0 saves per match on the season, was credited as being vital in a recent victory at home against Sheldon on Dec. 4.

“In the game against Sheldon, she made some spectacular saves that kept us in the game,” Gonzalez said. “Without her making those saves, we would have lost that game.”

Team members will practice a few times during the upcoming Christmas break as they prepare for league play, which begins on Tuesday, Jan. 7 when McClatchy comes to Lancer Stadium for a 6:30 p.m. tilt. Gonzalez mentioned not wanting to take too much time off, as he knows the challenges coming their way with league play.

“It’s going to be competitive and we have our work cut out for us,” Gonzalez said. “We’re excited for it.” ★



Junior midfielder Karen Gonzalez controls the ball against Del Campo.



Sophomore midfielder Amelia Nunn fights for possession against Vista Del Lago.

Christmas Berries Grace the American River Parkway



By Derek Minnema

Christmas berries adorning the American River Parkway with their brilliant red clusters have symbolically been spreading Christmas cheer along California's waterways since long before the state was settled.

Spanish missionaries arriving in the late 18th century were struck by the resemblance of the plant to European holly, traditionally used as Christmas celebrations throughout Europe. The plant's association with Christian symbolism was immediate and profound. The bright red berries, appearing at their peak during the Christmas season, were seen as representing Christ's blood, while the sharp-toothed evergreen leaves reminded the faithful of the crown of thorns placed upon Jesus's head during the crucifixion.

This symbolism resonated deeply with early Christian settlers, who saw divine providence in finding such a powerful reminder of Christ's sacrifice in their new homeland. The berries' annual December emergence aligned perfectly with Advent, the Christian season of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. Just as the Star of Bethlehem guided the Wise Men, these red berries served as natural guides along the paths of early Christian travelers in California.

Today, along the American River Parkway in Fair Oaks, these biblical berries continue their winter display, creating a



Overlooking San Juan Rapids, winter berries brighten a December sunset. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

timeless connection between past and present. On a crisp December morning, with temperatures hovering around 55 degrees, mountain bikers and equestrians shared the damp trails, their paths lined with the festive shrubs. Recent rains had left the soil perfectly tacky for bike riding, and the air carried that distinctive winter freshness that makes every breath feel like a blessing.

The integration of natural space and residential areas in Fair Oaks creates a unique community character that reflects the peaceful coexistence of nature and civilization. Unlike many Sacramento suburbs that surrendered to high-density development, Fair Oaks has maintained its semi-rural atmosphere, with the American River Parkway serving as a green ribbon that ties the community together.



Planted on Landis Avenue by early Carmichael colonists, an ancient persimmon tree is framed by winter berries. Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

The Christmas berries mark the changing seasons along the parkway's winding trails, their transformation from white spring blossoms to red winter fruits mirroring the Christian

liturgical calendar. The berries begin to turn red as Advent approaches, reaching their peak brilliance during the Christmas season, when Christians worldwide celebrate the birth of Jesus

Christ. The berries' persistent presence through winter mirrors the endurance of faith, while their sharp leaves remind believers of Christ's later sacrifice.

As another December unfolds, I find myself increasingly grateful for these simple gifts, Open spaces that give us room to breathe, trails that bring neighbors together and these beautiful berries remind us of Christmas past and present. Whether watching a friend's horse carefully traverse the path or pausing to let a mountain biker pass with a wave and a smile, I'm reminded that the best Christmas presents don't come wrapped in paper. They grow wild along our trails, they float down our river and they live in the hearts of the community we've built together.

Derek Minnema is a Fair Oaks resident, who can be reached at DerekMinnema.com. ★

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