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County Health Awarded Accreditation



This accreditation validates Sacramento County Public Health's dedication to providing high-quality public health services and bolsters its ability to address emerging health challenges. Photo by Los Muertos Crew - Pexels

Sacramento County Public Health News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Public Health has officially earned national accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), recognizing its commitment to high-quality public health services that improve the health and well-being of County residents.

"This achievement affirms our commitment to meeting the highest standards in public health," said Sacramento County Public Health Officer Dr. Olivia Kasirye. "It demonstrates our division has the systems, processes and capacity

in place to deliver essential public health services that directly benefit our community. It strengthens our ability to address health disparities, respond to emerging public health threats and ensure better health outcomes for all Sacramento County residents."

The accreditation process is a rigorous and voluntary review in which health departments must demonstrate that they meet or exceed national standards of public health service developed by the Public Health Accreditation Board, an organization supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. These standards are based on the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention's 10 Essential Public Health Services that guide public health practices across the country.

Sacramento County Public Health's accreditation required a comprehensive review of its systems, policies and procedures, including the submission of over 200 documents and a two-day site visit. The county's accreditation efforts began in 2018, were put on hold during the pandemic and reinitiated in 2022.

"The value of becoming nationally accredited through PHAB extends far beyond the walls of the health department," said the Public Health Accreditation Board President

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TOT Grant Program Available for Non-Profits

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The County Board of Supervisors intends to continue providing \$1 million through the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program to support nonprofit organizations located in Sacramento County in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

For the last eight years, the Board of Supervisors has awarded funds to organizations that carry out community-based programs and/or services in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development and health and human services. The county began setting aside funding for this purpose in 2017.

Grants will be allocated through a competitive process and applicants must meet eligibility and funding requirements. Applications will be accepted online from Jan. 13 to Feb. 14 through the County's Office of Budget and Debt Management. Applications are only accepted online through the TOT Grant Portal. Late applications will not be accepted and incomplete applications will be disqualified. Applicants will receive electronic receipt notification upon the application's submission.

Transient Occupancy Tax Grant Program funding comes from the revenue generated by the Transient Occupancy Tax. This tax is applied to individuals who stay in accommodations such as hotels, motels and other temporary lodging options within the county's unincorporated areas.

A virtual grant workshop is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 28. Nonprofit organizations can register for the 2025-26 TOT Grant Workshop online at www.saccounty-net.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/.

Workshop attendees will review grant program and eligibility, insurance requirements, application questions, and timeline and submission information.

Subject area experts will review, evaluate and rank qualifying applications. On April 30, the TOT Board Review Committee will review recommendations of the subject area expert panels and award district-directed grants based on input from subject area experts.

For more information about the grant program, visit the TOT Grant Program website at <https://bdm.saccounty.gov/TOTGrantProgram/Pages/default.aspx>. ★

Sac County Partners Protect Children

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - When the Child Abuse Prevention Center chose a new leader, it found someone with a deep understanding of its mission: someone who was in foster care mainly because her family was impoverished.

In November, Janay Eustace became president and chief executive officer of the Child Abuse Prevention Center, an organization that aims to reduce child abuse and neglect.

"It's an amazing opportunity to give back to my own community," Eustace said.

The Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Center, based in Sacramento, has grown since its founding in 1977 from a local resource into a multiple-agency organization that offers training, education and research locally and statewide.

A core initiative that the



Janay Eustace became president and chief executive officer of the Child Abuse Prevention Center, an organization that aims to reduce child abuse and neglect. Photo by Anne Stokes

Child Abuse Prevention Center oversees, with backing from the Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) and First 5 Sacramento, are the Birth & Beyond Centers

located within family resource centers to support those in need in nine neighborhoods.

Whether Child Protective Services (CPS) refers families or they decide to come in on their

own, families can connect for free with Birth & Beyond services such as workshops on positive parenting, help with household utilities and safe sleep practices to prevent crib

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State Water Project Allocation Increases

California Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 23, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced an update to the State Water Project allocation forecast for 2025. The allocation has increased to 15 percent of requested supplies, up from the initial allocation forecast of 5 percent announced in December. The State Water Project provides water to 29 public water agencies that serve 27-million Californians.

Strong storms in late November and early December have helped boost statewide precipitation to just above average for this time of year. Reservoir levels have also increased because of the storms. The initial allocation forecast announced on Dec. 2 had not accounted for these storms because the data was not yet available to water managers. Prior to the second half of November, the start of the water year had been dry and warm.



Above average precipitation and snowpack allow for an increase in planned water deliveries for 2025. Photo courtesy California Department of Water Resources

“The past several weeks has brought welcome rain and snow to Northern California and these improved conditions have allowed the State Water Project to increase the allocation forecast to the benefit of millions of Californians,” said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. “While we typically

wait to provide an update until January, we felt it important to let our state water contractors know of the increase as soon as possible to allow them to better plan their water supply for the year ahead.”

State water managers will continue to monitor precipitation and snowpack conditions, as well as account for dry soils that might

soak up some of the spring runoff following record heat this past summer. Additionally, Southern California remains very dry and has not benefited from the atmospheric rivers experienced so far this season.

“California is still in the early months of our wet season and as recent history has shown,

conditions can change quickly,” said Dr. Michael Anderson, state climatologist. “While Northern California has benefitted from early season storms, dry conditions in the new year can leave us with below average totals when warmer weather arrives.”

Each year, the Department of Water Resources provides State Water Project allocation forecasts based on available water storage, projected water supply and water demands. Allocations are updated monthly as snowpack, rainfall and runoff information is assessed, with a final allocation typically determined in May or June. As the winter progresses, if California sees an increase in rain and snowfall, the allocation forecast might increase. The next update will likely come this month and will use information from the season’s first snow surveys.

The allocation forecast notice to state water contractors and historical data on State Water Project allocations are available online at water.ca.gov/programs/state-water-project/management/swp-water-contractors. ★

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. ★

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Stiffened Penalties for Theft

Dignity Health of Named One of the Best Hospitals for Maternity Care

Dignity Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in hospital rankings and consumer advice, has named Dignity Health Methodist Hospital of Sacramento as a 2025 High Performing hospital for Maternity Care. This is the highest award a hospital can earn as part of U.S. News' Best Hospitals for Maternity Care annual study.

U.S. News began evaluating maternity care hospitals in 2021, rating hospitals that provide labor and delivery services and submit detailed data to the publication for analysis. Best Hospitals for Maternity Care assist expectant parents, in consultation with their prenatal care team, in making informed decisions about where to receive maternity services that best meets their family's needs.

Methodist Hospital of Sacramento earned a High Performing designation in recognition of maternity care as measured by factors such as severe unexpected newborn complication rates, birthing-friendly practices and transparency on racial/ethnic disparities, among other measures.

"This award is a testament to the unwavering commitment and dedication of our OB physicians, nurses and support staff in our Family Birth Center," said Phyllis Baltz, President & CEO of Methodist Hospital of Sacramento. "Every day, our health care practitioners go above and beyond for our patients and their babies. It is a privilege to be part of these special life moments with expecting parents, and we could not be more proud to receive this recognition."

U.S. News evaluated 817 hospitals from across the United States. Only half of all hospitals evaluated for U.S. News' 2025

ratings edition have been recognized as Best Hospitals for Maternity Care.

"The hospitals recognized by U.S. News as Best Hospitals for Maternity Care showcase exceptional care for expectant parents," said Jennifer Winston, Ph.D., health data scientist at U.S. News. "These hospitals demonstrate significantly lower C-section rates and severe unexpected newborn complications compared to hospitals not recognized by U.S. News."

The U.S. News Best Hospitals for Maternity Care methodology is based entirely on objective measures of quality, such as C-section rates in lower-risk pregnancies, severe unexpected newborn complication rates, exclusive breast milk feeding rates, birthing-friendly practices and reporting on racial/ethnic disparities, among other measures.

For more information, visit Best Hospitals for Maternity Care and use #BestMaternityHospitals on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and X.

About Dignity Health

Dignity Health is a multi-state nonprofit network of 10,000 physicians, more than 60,000 employees, 41 acute care hospitals, and 400-plus care-centers, including community hospitals, urgent care, surgery and imaging centers, home health, and primary care clinics in Arizona, California, and Nevada. Dignity Health is dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality, and affordable patient-centered care with special attention to the poor and underserved. Dignity Health is a part of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit health system committed to advancing health for all people and dedicated to serving the common good. For more information, please visit our website at www.DignityHealth.org. ★

Sutter Health Announces Latest Multispecialty Care Center Expansion



The existing three-story, 70,000-square-foot office building will be transformed into a multispecialty care center. Photo courtesy of Sutter Health

Sutter Health News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Renovation is underway at the Sutter Health Arden Care Center located at 1651 Exposition Blvd. in Sacramento as part of the health system's robust, strategic plan to increase access to more care services.

The location will support greater access to services for those in Sacramento, Arden-Arcade, Del Paso and Carmichael.

The existing three-story, 70,000-square-foot office building will be transformed into a multispecialty care center. It will feature primary care and outpatient support services, including diagnostic imaging, urgent care and a clinical laboratory. The location will also feature specialty care, including dermatology, endocrinology and rheumatology. About 40 Sutter-affiliated physicians and other providers will have offices and clinics in the Sutter Health Arden Care Center.

"Patients want the convenience of having multiple services available in one location," said Dr. Karun Grossman, chief medical officer of Sutter Medical Group. "The Sutter Health Arden Care Center features a host of options and is centrally located to better serve those living and working in nearby communities."

Internal demolition is now underway. Renovation construction is scheduled to begin in January and the first patients are expected to be seen next December. The estimated cost of the project is about \$76 million.

The Sutter Health Arden Care Center is the latest example of Sutter Health's broader expansion plans in action. With new facilities and services strategically located, the aim is to increase access to primary and specialty care doctors, reduce travel times for patients, and provide timely access to essential healthcare services.

Other expansion plans in the greater

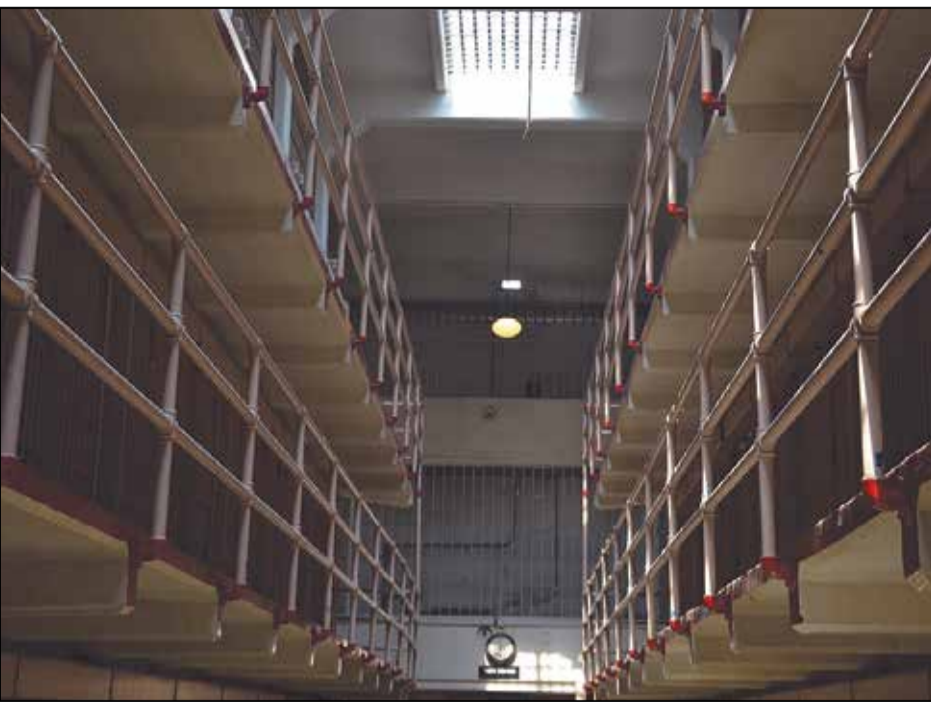
Sacramento area include the Sutter Health Folsom Care Complex, a 106,500-square-foot, \$145-million project featuring primary and specialty care, as well as an ambulatory surgery center. Sutter Health is also expanding its Elk Grove Care Complex with the planned construction of a new 56,000-square-foot, \$67.8-million specialty care center. In addition, Sutter Health acquired seven acres of land in south Placer County on Highland Pointe Drive for a proposed care center that could feature primary, urgent and specialty care.

"Adding more care locations for patients and families is just one part of how Sutter plans to expand patient access now and in the future," said Rachael McKinney, Sutter Health's Greater Sacramento president. "We have recruited more than 250 physicians to the area alone, expanded pathways for the next generation of caregivers, and added digital health support that will help meet the growing demand for our services and enhance the overall patient experience."

Sutter Health is a not-for-profit healthcare system dedicated to providing comprehensive care throughout California. Committed to health equity, community partnerships, and innovative, high-quality patient care, Sutter Health is pursuing a bold new plan to reach more residents and make excellent healthcare more connected and accessible. It currently serves nearly 3.5-million patients, thanks to a team of more than 57,000 employees and clinicians, and 12,000-plus affiliated physicians, with a unified focus on expanding care to serve more patients.

Sutter Health delivers affordable care through its hospitals, medical groups, ambulatory surgery centers, urgent care clinics, telehealth, home health and hospice services.

Learn more about how Sutter Health is transforming healthcare at sutterhealth.org and vitals.sutterhealth.org. ★



Prop 36, approved by California voters in November, includes heavier consequences for petty theft and shoplifting offenses. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

By Cayla Mihalovich, CalMatters.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Californians accused of certain drug and retail theft crimes may already be facing stiffer penalties under an initiative voters passed this year, alongside related bills Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law.

Voters this November overwhelmingly approved Proposition 36, which both modifies and adds key changes to California law.

That includes prosecutors being able to charge people convicted of various third-time drug offenses with a so-called treatment-mandated felony, which would direct them to substance use disorder or mental health treatment in lieu of up to three years in jail or prison.

Under the new law, courts are also obligated to warn people convicted of selling or providing certain drugs, such as fentanyl, that they could face murder charges for later distributing illegal drugs that kill someone.

And heavier consequences may also extend to petty theft and shoplifting offenses, including the possibility of up to three years in jail or prison if a person has already been twice convicted for certain theft offenses.

Several district attorneys and police departments announced arrests this month that they planned to charge under the new law, including in San Francisco, Solano and Shasta counties.

The measure partially reversed a different initiative voters approved a decade ago, which reduced penalties for certain lower-level drug and petty theft offenses from felonies to misdemeanors. The initiative, Proposition 47, was intended to develop new public safety strategies and reduce incarceration after the state's prison population exploded due to tough-on-crime policies dating back to the 1980s.

But prosecutors, law enforcement and large retailers who rallied in favor of Prop. 36 said those sentencing reforms went too far and created a revolving door for people to repeatedly commit crimes without being held accountable.

"It's a clear mandate from the public that we need to take a new approach on public safety issues, specifically hard

drugs, retail theft and fentanyl," said Jeff Reisig, Yolo County District Attorney.

Those who opposed the measure warned that it will worsen homelessness, drug use and crime by cutting funding for treatment programs and increasing court and prison costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Behavioral health experts across the state have voiced concern over the efficacy of a treatment-mandated felony, given that most California counties lack the resources needed to provide 'mass treatment' that has been promised by the measure's proponents.

"I believe that (proponents) have also received a mandate to embrace problem solving and supportive services for people who are struggling," said Cristine Soto DeBerry, executive director of the Prosecutors Alliance of California, a nonprofit organization that opposed Prop. 36.

"I don't believe the mandate was (to) put more people in prison. It was not what people believed they were voting for. I hope that people with the discretion to enforce this law will think very carefully about the communities they serve and what they were asking for in this moment," she said.

Gov. Gavin Newsom tried to keep Prop. 36 off of the fall ballot and for a time considered putting a competing crime measure before voters. Instead, he signed a package of 10 bills in August that will make it easier to prosecute retail and vehicle theft. Those laws go into effect on Jan. 1.

Although Gov. Newsom didn't put any money into fighting Prop. 36, he referred to the initiative as an "unfunded mandate" that will take California back to the war on drugs. Indeed, the measure included no new funding streams. But supporters like Reisig voiced optimism that funding opportunities already exist in the law, pointing to a \$6.4 billion from the mental health bond voters approved in March.

"I hope that lawmakers and the governor embrace the mandate and work collaboratively to make sure that we're successful in delivering the promise of Prop. 36," Reisig said. ★

New Rancho Cordova Eateries

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

The Rancho Cordova dining scene is heating up this winter with a variety of exciting new food spots. From hearty sandwiches to creative sushi and seasonal coffee drinks, the city's eateries offer something for every palate.

Capriotti's Sandwich Shop, now open at 4041 Sunrise Blvd., is the latest to join the local food scene. Known for its hearty subs, the sandwich shop brings a delicious array of options, from classic turkey subs to BBQ chicken cheesesteaks. They also cater to vegetarian diners and offer catering trays perfect for holiday gatherings. For more information, visit capriottis.com.

Just down the street at 4040 Sunrise Blvd., Suite 140, Wabune Sushi has brought authentic sushi with a creative twist to Rancho Cordova. The menu features everything from fresh sashimi to inventive rolls and bento boxes.



Capriotti's Sandwich Shop brings a delicious array of options. Photo courtesy of Capriotti's Sandwich Shop

Wabune is also a go-to for catering services, making it an ideal choice for those looking to impress guests at their next event. Visit wabunesushi.com for details.

Meanwhile, Chick's 500°, a local favorite food truck, has found a permanent home at 4040 Sunrise Blvd., Suite 100. Known for their flavorful, flame-cooked offerings, they promise to deliver the same mouthwatering meals in their new brick-and-mortar location. Be sure to follow them on Instagram at [@chicks500degrees](https://www.instagram.com/chicks500degrees)

for updates on their latest creations.

And for coffee lovers, Dutch Bros Coffee has opened a new shop in the Stone Creek neighborhood at 10866 Bear Hollow Drive. Treat yourself to their seasonal drinks such as the hazelnut mocha or winter shimmer blended rebel and follow them on Instagram at [@dutchbroscffee](https://www.instagram.com/dutchbroscffee) for the latest updates.

With these exciting openings, Rancho Cordova is quickly becoming a must-visit destination for food enthusiasts. ★

United Way Unveils New Brand

**Kristin Thebaud
Communications
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - United Way California Capital Region has joined United Way Worldwide in announcing a refreshed brand to reflect the organization's reach and impact in communities as one of the world's largest and oldest privately funded charities that helps more than 48 million people annually, including more than 12,000 in the greater Sacramento region. The brand refresh comes in time for year-end giving when many donors make their tax-deductible gifts for the year.

"As we embrace this new chapter with our refreshed brand, we are committed to addressing the unique challenges faced by our community," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "United Way's vision not only reflects our deep-rooted history but also our forward-thinking approach to creating lasting change. Together, we can inspire and empower every individual to thrive."

Underpinning the revitalized brand are four impact areas – youth opportunity, healthy community, financial security and community resiliency. The new brand includes the theme, United is the Way™, which activates the United Way name into a declarative statement of purpose to invite all people and communities to take action and make a bigger impact together. The brand also includes a revitalized visual identity, in which United Way's circle of hope logo has been unboxed to signify the dynamic nature of the nonprofit, which – through its deep roots in tens of thousands of communities around the world – listens and responds in real time to changing, pressing needs.

"The global brand refresh is



United Way president and CEO Dr. Dawnté Early and board chair Dr. Richard Pan make phone calls to donors under a new mural that reflects United Way's refreshed brand. Photo courtesy of Kristin Thebaud Communications

a significant milestone in our organization's 137-year history and represents our commitment to evolve and innovate in order to meet the changing needs of our communities worldwide," said Angela F. Williams, president and CEO, United Way Worldwide. "It signifies our organization's longstanding journey, while also embodying our transformative approach to remain relevant, sustainable, impactful now and in the future."

The refresh was informed by a comprehensive and robust brand

discovery process that included both qualitative and quantitative research at the local and global level reflecting the needs of communities. The effort comes at a time when a September 2024 Generosity Commission report reveals a decline in the proportion of Americans who volunteer or contribute to nonprofits. Through this renewed strategy, United Way aims to spur greater engagement and action among the public and reinforce what United Way stands for, how it is different

and why audiences should be engaged with its work.

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities and helping kids excel in school, to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full

potential and thrive.

Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, launched Sacramento's first guaranteed income program, works with foster youth across school districts and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. To make a donation, visit www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org. ★

Sac County Partners Protect Children

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deaths. Parents can learn proper car seat use, join support groups, set up play times for their children and learn self-defense skills. Trained professionals can do home instruction to teach coping skills and offer other skill training. The family resource centers, some of which have playgrounds and activity rooms, are located in communities.

One targeted campaign reduced infant deaths by addressing how to safely put infants to sleep, such as avoiding adult beds.

Birth & Beyond centers demonstrate Sacramento County's dedication and investment in prevention efforts and the effort is paying off. Working with parents for as little as eight hours can keep parents and their children out of Child Protective Services, the agency has reported.

In 2014, there were 2,073 children in foster care. By 2024, the number dropped to 1,188, a decrease of 57 percent, Eustace said.

Prevention is key, Eustace said. If her family had received help from a program such as Birth & Beyond because of the poverty that her mother faced, "things would have been different," Eustace said.

"We would have done better," Eustace said.

Eustace said that the poverty overcoming her mother was how she ended up in

foster care but her grandmother waded through a mountainous bureaucracy to make sure she was her foster parent.

"She did whatever she had to do," Eustace said.

Eustace was able to keep herself on track, volunteering as early as age 14 to help others and even partnering with Child Protective Services while in the system. Eustace grew to understand how she could help others avoid what broke up her family. She went on to college and earned a master's degree.

Eustace worked for Child Protective Services in Sacramento and then as the executive director of California Youth Connection, advocating for positive transformation to the foster care system. All of this prepared Eustace for her work at the Child Abuse Prevention Center, empowering communities to prevent families from experiencing foster care.

And on a personal note, Eustace's mother also survived her circumstances to become what Eustace calls "an amazing grandmother."

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Slater Completes Consensus All-American Campaign



Hornet senior Jackson Slater (No. 76) was named to the AFCA FCS All-America team, it was announced on Dec. 20. Photo by Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State offensive lineman Jackson Slater became the first Hornet to be a consensus first team All-American as he was named to the AFCA FCS All-America team, it was

announced on Dec. 20. The honor follows Slater being named to the first team of the Associated Press, Stats Perform and FCS Central.

A four-year starter, Slater entered the lineup in the fourth week of the 2021 season and did not leave the group for the next 44 games. During his

time with the team, Sacramento State won a pair of Big Sky Conference titles and made three NCAA FCS Playoff appearances.

The Bellevue, Wash., native became just the fifth player in school history, and the first offensive lineman, to earn three first team all-Big Sky honors.

Later this winter, he will take part in the East-West Shrine Bowl in Arlington, Texas.

Slater joins running back Charles Roberts (1998), wide receiver DeAndre Carter (2014), linebacker Darnell Sankey (2015), tight end Marshel Martin (2022), safety Marte Mapu (2022) and running

back Cameron Skattebo (2022) as the only Sacramento State players to be recognized as an All-America by the AP, Stats Perform (formerly the Sports Network) and the AFCA in the same season. However, Slater is the first to be named to the first team by each organization in the same season. ★

Brennan Marion Named Hornet Football Coach



On Dec. 20, Brennan Marion was announced as the 13th head football coach in Sacramento State history. Photo by Sacramento State Athletics

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State Director of Athletics Mark Orr announced on Dec. 20 that Brennan Marion has been appointed as the 13th head football coach in school history.

One of the top offensive coordinators in the country, Marion comes to the Hornets after spending the last two seasons at UNLV. Under his watch, the Rebels had great success, posting a 19-8 overall record and qualifying for a pair of bowl games. This season, UNLV ranked 14th in the FBS with a school-record setting average of 36.2 points per game. The team's average of 251.2 rushing yards per game would also be the most for the school in over 45 years. For his efforts, Marion was named one of five finalists for the Football Scoop Offensive Coordinator of the Year.

"I'm truly honored by the heartfelt welcome from President Luke Wood and Director of Athletics Mark Orr to be the program's next head football coach," Marion said. "Sacramento State is fully invested in becoming a nationally known football program, and I've always relished the opportunity to build and create. My family and I can't wait to serve the student-athletes of this program and the Sacramento community. As a university, we're going to write history and work tirelessly to build something that the community will be proud of for generations to come."

In Marion's "Go-Go" offense, five UNLV offensive players earned either first or second team all-Mountain West this fall. That includes wide receiver Ricky White III, who became the first player in school history to post two 1,000-yard seasons, and Hajj-Malik Williams, who became just the second Rebel quarterback since 1996 to be named either first or second team all-league.

"I'm thrilled to announce Brennan Marion as our next head football coach,"

Mark Orr said. "Coach Marion is the perfect fit for our football program, our department, our university and our community. His demonstrated success in recruiting promising student-athletes and maximizing their talents will help us return our football program to winning conference championships. I'm confident Coach Marion possesses the dynamic ability to cultivate impactful relationships with internal and external constituents surrounding Hornet football. He will lead the student-athletes in our program to reach and surpass their aspirations of achievement both on and off the field."

Following the 2023 season, Marion earned the Mountain West Wire Coordinator of the Year honor and was a nominee for the prestigious Broyles Award in just his first season at UNLV. During the season, the team scored 40+ points in a school-record six games and had 24 points in a school-record 10 straight games. The Rebels finished sixth in the FBS in third-down conversions (49.3 percent), tied for eighth in red-zone offense (93.1 percent) and 22nd in scoring (34.4 ppg).

UNLV was the Mountain West regular season co-champion and boasted a first team All-American in wide receiver Ricky White III, a Mountain West Freshman of the Year in quarterback Jayden Maiava and a rookie who led the nation among all freshmen in rushing touchdowns with 12 in Jai'Den Thomas as part of a school-record 39 overall rushing scores.

Marion came to UNLV from Texas where he served the 2022 season as the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach. The Longhorns finished with a top 25 scoring offense (34.5 PPG) while Marion tutored Big 12 Conference receiving touchdowns leader Xavier Worthy, who became the 28th overall pick in the 2024 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs.

Marion coached 2021 Biletnikoff Award winner Jordan Addison at Pittsburg. The nation's top wideout

was a consensus first team All-American after setting a school single-season record with 100 catches for 1,593 yards and an FBS-leading 17 touchdowns. He would become a first round NFL Draft pick by the Minnesota Vikings.

UNLV was Marion's second stop in the Mountain West as he served as wide receivers coach at Hawaii in 2020. On the islands, he oversaw the development of all-Mountain West receiver Calvin Turner who was named the New Mexico Bowl Most Outstanding Offensive Player after compiling 252 all-purpose yards and scoring two touchdowns in the Rainbow Warriors' 28-14 win over Houston.

In 2019, Marion was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at William & Mary, where he dramatically improved the Tribe's production in every major statistical category. William & Mary nearly doubled its scoring average while its total offensive output increased by almost 100 yards per contest.

Marion's first NCAA Div. I coaching opportunity came at Howard, where he posted two exceptional seasons (2017-18) as the Bisons' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. In 2017, quarterback Caylin Newton was named the MEAC Rookie of the Year after becoming the first freshman in conference history to surpass 3,000 yards of total offense (3,185). Marion's offense sparked Howard to a 7-4 record in 2017, including a memorable 43-40 win over UNLV — the largest upset in college football history.

Marion also coached the running backs at Oklahoma Baptist in 2016 and spent the 2015 season as an offensive quality control assistant at Arizona State.

A 2009 graduate of Tulsa, Marion was a record-setting receiver for the Golden Hurricane. In two seasons at Tulsa (2007-08), he compiled 2,356 yards on 82 receptions with 19 touchdowns. He was a two-time all-Conference-USA selection and the 2007 C-USA Newcomer of the Year. Marion set NCAA records for yards per catch in both a season (31.9 in 2007) and a career (28.7).

Prior to Tulsa, he was a standout at De Anza junior college. In 2006, he led California's junior colleges with 1,196 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns on 60 receptions. Following his collegiate playing career, Marion signed free agent contracts with the NFL's Miami Dolphins, as well as the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes.

A native of Greensburg, Pa., Marion was a four-year letterman in three different sports (football, basketball and track) at Greensburg Salem HS. Marion has three children, Mariah, Brennan and Melrose. ★

UC Davis Football Players Named All-Americans

UC Davis Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With the 2024 season in the review mirror, UC Davis football's postseason accolades continue to roll in as Walter Payton Finalist senior running back Lan Larison along with Buck Buchanan Award finalist redshirt junior David Meyer and junior Rex Connors were all named American Football Coaches Association FCS Coaches All-Americans.

The nod makes Larison a six-time All-American (named twice a first team All-American by the Associated Press) and Connors a five-time All-American this season having earned nods from Stats Perform, FCS Football Central, the Associated Press and Phil Steele. While not to be outdone, the award means Meyer is now a four-time All-American earned recognition by Stats Perform, FCS Football Central and Phil Steele.

Larison (running back) was named to the first team while Connors (defensive back) and Meyer (linebacker) earned second team nods.

The Aggie running back led the nation in all-purpose yards finishing with 2,387 all-purpose yards. His 847 receiving yards and 62 receptions led all running backs in the country and he finished third in the nation with 1,465 rushing yards. Larison also found the endzone 23 times, second-most in the country, crossing the goal line 17 times on the ground (sixth in the nation) and six times through the air (first among running backs in the nation).

During the season the preseason All-American earned multiple Big Sky and national player of the week awards, he was named first team All-Big Sky Conference and this marks the second-straight season Larison has earned post-season All-American honors.

In only 11 games played, the first team All-Big Sky conference honoree made his presence felt on each snap racking up an impressive 115 total tackles, setting a program record with 74 solo tackles in the season. Connors added six pass break ups, snagging a pair of interceptions and he had at least 11 tackles in six games and had a team-high 16 total tackles in the Aggies NCAA Division I Championship Quarterfinal game at No. 4 South Dakota.

He finished seventh in the nation in total tackles per game (10.5) and led the nation in solo tackles per game, averaging 6.7 over 11 games. And three times during the season, the Aggie defensive back and first time All-American had at least 10 solo tackles in a game, including back-to-back games of 11 solo tackles (vs. Idaho) and 10 solo tackles at Portland State.

The team leader in tackles with 122, Meyer made the trip up from Cal Poly via graduate transfer and his impact was felt immediately among the Aggie linebacking corps. His 122 total tackles ranks him second all-time in program history, and he comes only the fourth Aggie in history to reach the century mark in total tackles during a single season.

Meyer originally set the solo tackles record, setting the record and holding it for one game after getting his 64th solo tackle of the season against No. 12 Illinois State in the second round of the NCAA Division I Championships. But he was passed, by just one solo tackle, by teammate Rex Connors who wrestled the record away from his teammate in the Aggies quarterfinal match up at No. 4 South Dakota.

He finished 11th in the nation in solo tackles per game (6.7) and his 8.7 tackles per game ranked him 30th among the nation's best. The Aggie linebacker was named first team All-Big Sky Conference, earned a pair of Big Sky defensive player of the week honors and a national defensive player of the week nod following his performance against Northern Colorado. ★

MEMORIAL

S. JOEL BLAYLOCK • 12/19/1937 - 12/12/2024

Born December 19, 1937, to parents Ronald Blaylock and Ocie Rose Blaylock, Joel passed away at the age of 86 on December 12, 2024, at Mercy San Juan Hospital in Carmichael, California, while hospitalized for respiratory illness.

Joel is predeceased by his wife of nearly 60 years, Carol Dimberg Blaylock (1935-2019). He is survived by his sister, Carole Canfield, of Sacramento, CA; daughters Melinda Malaspino (Troy) of Folsom, CA, and Kathleen Curtright (David) of Stockton, CA; grandchildren Marc Malaspino (Brittany) of Folsom, Christine Reginato (Alex) of Cameron Park, CA, and Brendon and Nicholas Curtright of Stockton; and great-grandchildren Millie and Luca Malaspino and Archer Reginato.

Joel grew up surrounded by a loving extended family. When his parents divorced in the mid-1940s, he lived with his father while his sister lived with their mother. Joel spent a lot of time with their grandparents Charles and Gladys Blaylock on their farm in Chowchilla, CA. During those years, he grew close to his Aunts Louise, Justine, and Ellene.

Joel moved to Sacramento to live with his father in the mid-1950s. He graduated from Norte

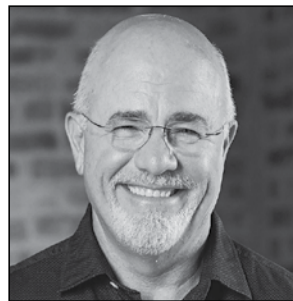
Del Rio High School in 1956, after attending East Bakersfield High School for two years and Grant High School for one year. After high school, Joel enlisted in the US Navy and sailed on an Honor Cruise around South America. He served in the Naval Reserves from 1954 to 1962. Joel's college education began at University of Utah, returning home after his father's death in 1958. He left college to work but completed his Bachelor's degree at National University in 1990.

Joel met the love of his life Carol through mutual friends in January 1959, and the two were married on August 2, 1959, at Nazareth Lutheran in Turlock, CA. Joel and Carol raised their daughters in Rancho Cordova, CA, where they moved right before Kathleen was born in 1964. At that time, Joel worked as a data analyst for Aerojet, proudly contributing to the space industry. Joel left Aerojet to enter his long-term profession of retail sales and management, primarily at McCurry's Cameras in Sacramento and Nicholson's Hallmark throughout Northern California. After completing his teaching degree, Joel pursued his passion of teaching, first through San Juan Unified School District adult education, and then at Sacramento Job Corps, where he was

known as "Mr. Joel."

In 1983, Carol and Joel moved to Sacramento, and then to Elk Grove in 1995, where they lived halfway between their daughters. They enjoyed participating in their grandchildren's music and sports activities. Joel retired from teaching in the mid-2000s as Carol required more assistance and care. In retirement, the two took frequent trips together, from Disneyland to Vancouver and Victoria, BC; and from Virginia to their beloved Carmel, CA, where they had spent their honeymoon. They attended the weddings of their two oldest grandchildren: Marc and Brittany in June 2017, and Christine and Alex in March 2019. After Carol's death in June 2019, Joel welcomed three great-grandchildren. He lived in their home in Elk Grove until moving to Summerset Senior Living in Rancho Cordova in January 2023, where he made many new friends.

A Memorial Service in celebration of Joel's life will be held at Advent Lutheran Church, 5901 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights, on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 2 p.m. with a reception following in the church Friendship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, the Alzheimer's Association, or to Advent Lutheran Church.



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

Do you have any advice for sticking with your goals and New Year's resolutions? I always have great things in mind to shoot for in December, but then they always seem to fall by the wayside before spring.

– Rae

Dear Rea,

Believe it or not, setting goals and making them happen is easier than most people think. You just need to keep a few guidelines in mind at the beginning of the process.

The first guideline is to be specific. What do you want to achieve? And be super specific when you answer that question. Things like "eat healthier" or "read more" are too vague. Instead, try something like "cut eating out to twice a week" or "read for at least 30 minutes every night before bed." Also, look out for any roadblocks that could keep you from reaching your goal, and make a plan to knock them out of the way.

Number two, make your goals measurable. A goal

Dave Ramsey Says

Your Goals Means Planning Your Goals

like "lose weight" has no target attached to it. But "lose 20 pounds" has a clear finish line. You can also break your goal setting into bite-size chunks. Give yourself daily, weekly and monthly steps to take. Focus on those, and when you accomplish one, tackle the next.

Three, set a time limit. You need a finish line, so take your goal, create a plan and break it all the way down into daily activities. Then, give yourself a deadline. You might say, "I want to lose 25 pounds by December 31, 2025." To lose those 25 pounds by your deadline, figure out things like how many times you need to work out each week and how many calories to eat in a day.

Number four, make sure the goals are yours. Trying to achieve someone else's goals for your life never works. Why? Because working hard is hard work. You won't have the drive to stick with it if it's something you aren't not passionate about.

Finally, set your goals down in writing. Something special happens when you write down specific

goals. Seeing them plainly in front of you hammers it home in a way nothing else will. There's a reason God said, "Write the vision, and make it plain," in Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV). Get those goals down on paper, along with all the steps it'll take to make them happen.

And hey, don't beat yourself up if you get a little off track, Rae. Keep your chin up and your eyes on the prize. As long as you stay focused on the end goal and keep taking steps—even small ones in the right direction—you'll eventually turn those goals into reality!

– 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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Tax Loopholes Cost California and its Cities \$107 Billion but Get Little Scrutiny



By Dan Walters,
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Among the hundreds of bills introduced in every session of the California Legislature, a few deal with what state officials term "tax expenditures," which requires some explanation.

The term refers to provisions in personal and corporate income taxes and sales taxes that exempt specific financial transactions from levies that otherwise would be applied. They have exactly the same fiscal effect as direct appropriations in the budget, which is why they are dubbed "expenditures."

While many loopholes reflect a broad public and political consensus that they serve positive purposes — such as making prescription drugs and most grocery store foods tax-free — others provide subsidies to special interests with political clout.

My personal favorite among the latter was enacted about 35 years ago at the behest of Silicon Valley interests. It exempted custom computer programs from sales taxes, generally benefiting corporations willing to pay millions of dollars for such software, while continuing to tax off-the-shelf programs such as Quicken or TurboTax purchased by ordinary consumers.

It's certainly not California's largest tax loophole, costing state and local

governments \$119 million a year in lost revenue, but it exemplifies the narrow focus of many exemptions.

The software loophole estimate comes from an annual report issued by the state Department of Finance that gets scant public, media and political attention even though, as this year's version confirms, the accumulated effect on state and local government revenues is \$107 billion, counting only exemptions of \$5 million or more.

"The result: California's \$204 billion of estimated General Fund revenues (excluding transfers) in 2024-25 would be roughly 45% greater if there were no personal income, sales and use, or corporate income tax expenditures in state law," Jason Sisney, a fiscal consultant for the Legislature, says in an analysis of the data.

Over time, the number and size of tax expenditures has tended to increase because they often enjoy political support from their beneficiaries, while there's little or no pressure on governors or legislators to reduce or eliminate those with little or no rational basis, such as the custom software exemption.

The legislation creating it was carried by a Silicon Valley legislator, now deceased, known for his lamentations about the state's parsimonious attitudes toward vital education, health and social services.

What happened a couple of decades ago in the state Board of Equalization, which was then the collector of sales taxes, is another illustration. State law taxes hot prepared foods, such as those served in restaurants, or offered by delis, but exempts cold prepared foods — for reasons

lost in antiquity.

The owner of a theater chain asked the board to exempt popcorn from the hot food tax, arguing that while it may be warm when purchased, it's cold by the time theater patrons return to their seats. The board granted the exemption.

The new report lists the income tax exemptions for employer-provided medical care and pension contributions, totaling \$29 billion in reduced revenues, as California's two largest tax expenditures. Other personal income tax biggies are exemption of some Social Security benefits (\$5.5 billion) and capital gains on inherited properties (\$5 billion).

The largest corporate income tax provision, valued at \$3.1 billion, limits taxation on the revenues of multinational corporations, an issue that has kicked around the Capitol for at least 50 years with several iterations.

Among the newer items on the list are income and sales tax credits for motion picture and video production (\$213 million) and a sales tax exemption for menstrual products (\$28 million) and children's diapers (\$81 million).

Each year, the governor and the Legislature spend months negotiating thousands of items in the state budget. With \$107 billion at stake, perhaps they should spend some of that time reviewing off-budget tax expenditures.

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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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 November 19, 2024.
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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 3, 2024.
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
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 27, 2024.
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
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 November 6, 2024.
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
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 Sacramento County November 5, 2024.
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
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.
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
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 Sacramento County November 27, 2024.
Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
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 1, 2024.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
BOTANICALS 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09230
RKP Investments CHCVW 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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
TINY 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09303
Sean Shokouh, 6858 Mariposa Avenue, Citrus heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JDMPalace/JDMP Motors/JDMP Management" 6858 Mariposa Avenue, Citrus heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2024.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
JDMP 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09306
Grace O. Jackson 6220 Sampson Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing 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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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 6, 2024.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
PHOENIX 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09172
William Bixler, 5051 Hillard Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Geotechnical Testing Services" 5051 Hillard Street, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
GEOTECH 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09141
Luis Medrano, 8724 El Verano Avenue, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Medrano's Hauling" 8724 El Verano Avenue, Elverta, CA 95626. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024.
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MEDRANOS 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09295
CarePoint Healthcare, Inc. 5006 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 101, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CarePoint Healthcare" 5006 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 101, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2024.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
CAREPOINT 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09062
Alvarez Legacy Ventures Inc., 10736 Gembuck 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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
UPPAL 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08426
Hollie 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 Diamante Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Culinary101Supplies.com" 9905 Diamante Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2024.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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) "PrimeLifeMD/Prime Lyfe MD" 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024.
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09263
Viktor Dimitrov, 2412 Cathay Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Apex Construc Co" 2412 Cathay Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2024.
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09402
Capitol Driving School LLC, 5045 College Oak Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capitol Driving School" 5045 College Oak Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2024.
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CAPITOL 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09401
Reflective Empowerment, 7317 Walnut Road, Fair Oaks, CA, 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Conduits For Change" 7317 Walnut Road, Fair Oaks, CA, 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2024.
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CONDUITS 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09245
Prisca A. Mutayabarwa, 6437 Brando Loop, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Neema Bright Star" 6437 Brando Loop, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2024.
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NEEMA 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08431
Tia J King, 9140 Blue Point Lane, #3, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elite 82 Hair Studios" 1440 Ethan Way, Suite 14, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November

6, 2024
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025
ELITE 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09318
Heravi's LLC, 5522 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Caviz Auto Parts/Cariz Auto" 5522 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024.
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CAVIZ 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08673
Michael LeVangie, 11334 Sutters Fort Way, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Antaeus Law" 2021 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 15, 2024.
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ANTAEUS 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08924
Yuliya Dereviaga, 6516 Mauana Way, Citrus Heights, 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Quantum Aesthetics/Quant Aesthetics" 7840 Madison Avenue, Suite 130, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024.
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QUANTUM 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08924
T Street, LLC, 6254 66th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "City Creek Assisted Living" 6254 66th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 25, 2024.
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CITY 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09389
Roohullah Qadiry, 2904 Marconi Avenue, Apt 04, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Thrive Protection Services" 2904 Marconi Avenue, Apt 04, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2024.
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THRIVE 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09027
Wendi Weston, 9335 Defiance Circle, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wander with Wendi" 9335 Defiance Circle, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2024.
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025
WANDER 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09094
Pavo Real Loco LLC, 4713 Good Court, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pavo Real Loco" 2223 Marie Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024.
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PAVO 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08899
Elevated Home Services LLC, 1636 I Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elevated Home Services" 1636 I Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2024.
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ELEVATED 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09433
Anthony Ibrahim, 12293 Paleo Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Laundromat Solutions" 12293 Paleo Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 18, 2024.
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LAUNDROMAT 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08471
Sarah R Blackledge, 50 Iron Point Circle, Suite 140, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Josephine Estelle Jewelry" 50 Iron Point Circle, Suite 140, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2024.
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JOSEPHINE 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09476
Jill Mason, 2529 Sierra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Slate Creatives" 2529 Sierra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 19, 2024.
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025
SLATE 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09481
Pearl Investment Co. LLC, 931 Hartz Way, #200, Danville, CA 94526 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Wind Chase Apartments" 9745 Old Placerville Road, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 19, 2024.
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025
WIND 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09482
High Roads Pavement Services, 10308 Placer Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A-1 Advantage Asphalt & Concrete" 10308 Placer Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 19, 2024.
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County Health Awarded Accreditation

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and CEO Paul Kuehnert, DNP, RN, FAAN. "People living and working in communities served by these health departments can be assured that their health department is strong and has the capacity to protect and promote their health. Going through the accreditation process itself helps health departments pinpoint the areas that are critical to improving the work they do for their communities."

The Sacramento County Public Health accreditation team developed core accreditation components to meet the Public Health Accreditation Board's requirements, including:

Community Health Assessment (CHA): Completed in October 2023, this assessment identified Sacramento County's key health priorities.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): Built on the Community Health Assessment findings, this plan addresses the pressing health issues through community collaboration.

Strategic Plan: Sacramento County Public Health updated its mission, vision, values and identified strategic priorities to guide its public health efforts.

Workforce Development Plan: This

plan ensures Sacramento County Public Health staff have the necessary skills and training to meet public health demands.

Quality Improvement Plan: Focuses on continuous improvement of Sacramento County Public Health's services to achieve better health outcomes.

Emergency Operations Plan: This plan facilitates preparedness for, response to and recovery from public health emergencies.

Health and Racial Equity Action Plan: Published in June 2024, this plan shows Sacramento County Public Health's intentional approach to address factors that contribute to specific populations' higher health risks and poorer health outcomes, or health inequities.

Accreditation strengthens Sacramento County Public Health's capacity to secure funding, improve service delivery and drive innovation. The department will maintain its accreditation for the next five years, submitting annual reports and preparing for reaccreditation throughout.

This achievement signifies an investment in public health that will bolster the department's ability to respond to evolving community needs.

About Sacramento County Public Health

Sacramento County Public Health works to promote, protect and assure conditions for optimal health and public safety for residents and communities of Sacramento County through leadership, collaboration, prevention and response. Sacramento County Public Health is committed to reducing inequities in the community and within its organization by intentionally building trusted relationships, improving communication, leaning into innovation and fostering inclusive and sustainable collaborations.

About the Public Health Accreditation Board

The Public Health Accreditation Board was created to serve as the national public health accrediting body and is jointly funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Vital Records/Health Statistics accreditation is funded, in part, by the National Center for Health Statistics. The development of national public health department accreditation has involved, and is supported by, public health leaders and practitioners from the national, state, local, Tribal and territorial levels. ★

Court Gives Text Scam Alert

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Superior Court has been notified of an active "smishing" campaign in California.

Smishing is a cybercrime in which text messages are sent pretending to be from reputable companies to convince individuals to share personal information, such as passwords or credit card numbers, and install malicious software via links attached to the text message received by the targeted individual.

The Sacramento Superior Court has become aware that text messages impersonating court staff and trusted court organizations meant to trick text message recipients have been

circulating.

The Sacramento Superior Court asks the public to be mindful of text messages received from unfamiliar numbers and scrutinize them carefully.

As a precaution, if you receive a smishing text message, do not click on any links or attachments in the text message and do not reply to the text message sender. The text message can be reported as spam and the text message sender's number can be blocked through the text message program. Finally, delete the text message completely.

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The Sacramento Superior Court is at 720 9th St. ★

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024
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SCHOFIELD 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09249
 Sabrina Garcia Perez, 3142 Occidental Drive Apt 12, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "S & J Cleaning Services" 3142 Occidental Drive Apt 12, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2024
 Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
CLEANING 1-24-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

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
 Publish: Dec 13, 20, 27, Jan 3, 2025
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

Sharlee Bates and Timothy Bates have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Myah Beatrice Bates to Aquarius Beatrice

#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

Lurii 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
 Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
RAOWFI 1-10-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV019103

Sharlee Bates and Timothy Bates have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Myah Beatrice Bates to Aquarius Beatrice

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

Sharlee Bates and Timothy Bates have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Myah Beatrice Bates to Aquarius Beatrice

Bates.

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 9, 2024
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
BATES 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV024603

Leilani Bailey and Paramir Singh have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Zara Dove Singh to Zara Dove Bailey.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 8, 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 4, 2024
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
BAILEY 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV026271

Christopher Alan Glaubig has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Christopher Alan Glaubig to Christopher Alan Gray and Arianne Michelle Orteragaray to Arianne Michelle Gray.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 29, 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 24, 2024
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
GLAUBIG 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV024685

Kayla Marie Crismon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of X Wolfgang Crismon to X Wolfgang Palagi.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 22, 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 4, 2024
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
PALAGI 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV026597

Fatemeh Mohammadi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Muhammed Ahmadi to Mahdi Ahmadi.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 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 27, 2024
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
MOHAMMADI 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #24CV026597

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 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 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 27, 2024
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
MOHAMMADI 1-24-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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 Drentlaw.

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, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, Gordon D. Schaber Sacramento County Courthouse, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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: John E. O'Grady, 3450 Sacramento Street, #428, San Francisco, CA 94118; (415) 986-8500
 Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
HAGY 1-10-25

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, Sacramento, 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.
 Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
COSTPRO 1-10-25

filed by Tatiana N. Shvetsova, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Tatiana N. Shvetsova 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.

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HAGY 1-10-25

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 Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025
COSTPRO 1-10-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 FILE NO. FBNF2023-04052

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Douglas Broomell, Esq., 108 Main Street, Roseville, CA 95678; 916-899-1716
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Home Heating Expenditures Projected to Increase by 8.7%



Home heating costs this winter will remain unaffordable for millions of lower income families. Courtesy photo

National Energy Assistance Directors Association News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Home heating costs this winter will remain unaffordable for millions of lower income families, according to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association.

The National Energy Assistance Directors Association, representing the state directors of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, released its end-of-the-year projections of home heating costs for the winter heating season. Prices for home heating this winter on average are estimated to increase by about 8.7% to \$941 from last year's winter heating season average of \$866, due to expected colder winter weather in the Northeast and Midwest states.

The largest change is for families using electricity to heat their homes increasing

by 14.2% from \$1,040 to \$1,189. Electric prices are increasing due to continued high cost of maintaining and upgrading the grid and colder weather leading to increased consumption. In fact, electricity as reported by the November 2024 Consumer Price Index is rising faster than the overall rate of inflation.

In addition, the National Energy Assistance Directors Association predicts higher prices for natural gas, one of the main fuels used in electricity production, primarily due to increased exports of liquefied natural gas with the average cost increasing from \$615 to \$634.

For those using heating oil, expenditures are estimated to decrease by 2.7% from \$1,560 to \$1,518. Households heating with propane can expect a 4.4% increase in expenditures, from \$1,179 last winter to \$1,231 this year due to colder temperatures forecasted in the Midwest and Northeast. ★



By Bob McGarvey

It is the end of 2024. As I said earlier last year, fall and winter are my favorite seasons of the year with so many holidays, including Labor Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 7 (Pearl Harbor), Christmas and then Happy New Year. We can celebrate and honor all of them. There are many others which I didn't mention but they are part of that season. Something also is remembered in 2024 and those are some records.

The summer of 2024 was the hottest summer on record globally. August set a new monthly temperature record since global records began in 1880. According to Google, NASA said that the Northern Hemisphere experienced its hottest meteorological summer ever recorded. Personally, I am hoping that we don't have a summer even hotter in 2025. We can set a time in which we can gather golden moments and embark upon a sentimental journey of time that will be safe and enjoyable.

When you are a child, all four of the seasons seem to linger on and the fall and winter seasons really take more time than the others, especially when you are waiting for Christmas to get here. There are some wonderful memories for some children who are able to be at the lighting of the city's Christmas Tree. There are new people, and music, and lights, and food, and snowflakes, and things which are remembered all your life. I hope all of us have some memories we will never forget.

And Another Thing

*The summer of 2024
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I am fortunate to be a member of the Planning Commission, and our last meeting had one item on it that I remember – contractors who will be building Phase 4 of the Mather Veterans Village. It will be helpful to provide more roofs for homeless veterans and also do the same for the veterans who need to get the medical help from the Mather VA Hospital. As was said in the past, the apartments are only about one block from the hospital.

I know that the VA Hospital has a much better record today than some said in the past. I am listening to what people say today about how much the VA Hospital gives many people help. If someone who isn't a veteran has a heart attack, the VA Hospital is helping people who have an emergency. It is getting better and expanding so it helps even more people.

A few years ago, our city manager and I went to hospitals, and we asked them about building a general hospital in the City of Rancho Cordova. We were told that our city needed to have a population of 100,000 to get the hospital built here. We are surrounded by cities who have hospitals, and two of the four cities are Citrus Heights and Folsom. They only have populations of about 85,000 people but they have hospitals. I will be asking again about a general type hospital in the City of Rancho Cordova and I'll let you know when I can find out.

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★

Social Security Matters Have I Saved Social Security Money by Claiming at 62?



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social
Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I had to start collecting Social Security at 62, and I am 75 now. I believe that in the last 13 years I have saved Social Security money, so I do not know why I cannot draw my full benefits now.

If I had started drawing at 65 at \$1,200 per month, then I would have drawn \$16,400 per year. Instead, I got \$680 per month from 62 to 75, or \$8,160 per year, or about \$106,000 over 13 years. Compare that to the age 65 amount of \$14,400 per year for 10 years, which is \$144,000. So, by claiming at 62, at age 75 I have saved the government over \$38,000. It would make seniors lives so much easier if they could draw full Social Security at 75 years old, after getting only part of their SS. **Signed: Second-guessing**

Dear Second-guessing: The difference between benefits claimed at various ages causes many to reflect, as you have done, about what might have been had you waited longer to claim. But there is an error in your calculations. If your age 62 monthly benefit is \$680, your age 65 monthly benefit would have been about \$845, not \$1,200. Thus, at 75 you would have collected about \$101,400 by claiming at 65, vs. the \$106,000 you have received

by claiming at age 62. In other words, you still would not have broken even had you claimed at age 65.

Social Security says that it doesn't matter when you claim – they say that if you claim early your payments will be less, but you'll get more of them. Where SSA's argument falls apart is when life expectancy is longer. Our experience is that if you wait until your full retirement age (FRA) to claim (which is age 66 in your case), vs. claiming at age 62, you will collect the same amount of total money at about age 78. In other words, the "breakeven age" for waiting until FRA to claim is about 78. So, you will reach your personal "breakeven age" in about 2 1/2 years (at age 78). And this is precisely why we encourage everyone to understand their life expectancy when deciding when to claim Social Security – those who expect to live longer will, indeed, get more SS money if they delay claiming.

Your benefit is determined by your age when you claim, and if you claim before your FRA your monthly amount is permanently reduced. If you claimed at age 62 and your monthly amount was \$680, then in the four years until you reached age 66 (your FRA) you would have received about \$32,640. If you had, instead, waited until your FRA to claim, your benefit at age 66 would have been about \$906/month. Collecting \$906/month (at 66) vs. \$680/month (at 62) would make your breakeven age about 78. If you claimed at age 65 instead of 62, your breakeven age would have been about a year earlier (77).

So, have you saved Social Security money? Up to this

point, you have not. Since you claimed at age 62, you have collected about \$680/month for 13 years until you were 75 (or about \$106,000). If you had waited until age 65 to claim you would have, instead, collected about \$101,400 – in other words you have received more, so far, by claiming at age 62. But that will change when you reach 77 (your breakeven age, had you claimed at 65). Starting at age 77, you will have received less in cumulative lifetime benefits because you claimed at age 62. Which, again, is why – at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service – we encourage everyone to consider life expectancy when deciding when to take Social Security. Of course there are other factors too, not the least of which is financial need, but life expectancy is key. And since the benefit you get when you claim is permanent (except for annual Cost of Living Adjustments), deciding when to claim Social Security is a decision which affects a lifetime.

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



It's raining in Sactown and it's not a welcome rain. Fans, a derivative of fanatic, are having their true fervor tested.

Seen as a team with 50 wins plus potential, the Kings entered the 2024/2025 season by losing every game in the preseason. What was even more surprising to many fans was coach Brown's seemingly inability to assess the talent on his roster.

Brown's substitution patterns reminded me of a middle school team whose coach was bent on equal playing time for every player.

The preseason had no chance of finding anything resembling a rotation that made any semblance of sense. Every game saw different bench players with significant court time, leading to inconsistency and a style of substitution that can only be described as frenetic.

The only thing consistent in the preseason was the Kings losing, and regrettably this habit carried into the regular season, as the Kings dropped the first three games of the regular season. Sadly, this team with high expectations had yet to find anything resembling a consistent rotation of players coming off the bench. As a result, bench players found themselves with no court time whatsoever, absent from the court for multiple games in succession, or suddenly, inexplicably breaking into the starting lineup.

This became Mike Brown's brand of 2024/2025 basketball known as experimental substitution. Sadly, this continued for the first third of the season, and with an abysmal record of 13-18 Monte McNair and owner Vivek Ranadive decided to give coach Mike Brown the rest of the season off. Coach Brown's tenure was punctuated by an atrocious 5-game stretch that saw the Kings lose every game, culminating in a purely give-away game against the Detroit Pistons.

Pundits and fans will likely argue the merits of replacing a coach that is just 1 1/2 years removed from leading the Kings to their first playoff appearance in 16 years, albeit claiming the title of coach of the year in the process.

The truth is that too many players no longer knew their role, and players like Alex Len didn't know if they'd see significant playing time or spend three games on the bench with no court appearance whatsoever. The problem with this style of coaching is the reflection it invariably has on a player's

confidence, and a player without confidence is doomed to failure.

From this writer's perspective, the real issue this season has been a carryover from last year, and that is the inability to accurately assess the talent on this team as it is assembled today.

Case in point is the outright blunder in trading Davion Mitchel and Sasha Vezenkov, along with a 2nd round draft pick to the Toronto Raptors for Jalen McDaniels.

Mitchell wasn't just a Sacramento fan favorite; he was highly popular in the locker room and had a reputation for playing defense like a whirling dervish. Davion had too many intangibles to note, and his absence from this lineup has been sorely missed.

Davion has started several games for the Raptors this season, averaging 9.1 points, 6.3 assists, 2.8 rebounds, and 1.1 steals, while averaging 31 minutes per game. As for the player we traded for, Jalen McDaniels never even saw the regular season, being sent unceremoniously to the San Antonio Spurs before the 2024/2025 campaign ever started.

With the departure of Mike Brown, the Kings have entrusted our Sactown ballers to assistant coach Doug Christie. Coaching from the perspective of a former player will undoubtedly be different, and I'm sure every fan is wishing Doug much success in his new role.

First and foremost, I will be looking for the basics, and that is making sure every player clearly understands his role. Consistency in who replaces Domantas Sabonis every game when he takes a break, and a tighter handle on depth of the bench. It wasn't uncommon for Brown to go as far as 12 deep, and that simply has to change. I see Kevin Huerter, Alex Len, Keon Ellis, and Trey Lyles as the go-to guys off the bench and the rotation needs to have consistency. Time for experiments to stop, and confidence building to begin.

Whatever you do, don't quit on this team Kings fans. 2025 is a new year full of new beginnings.

Happy New Year and all the best Kings fans!

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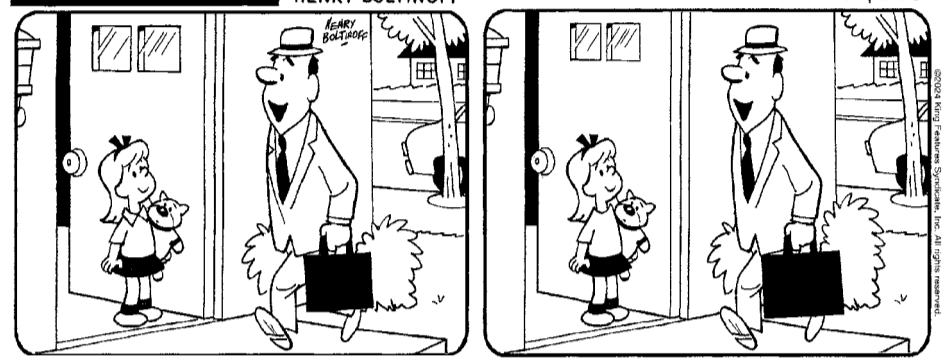
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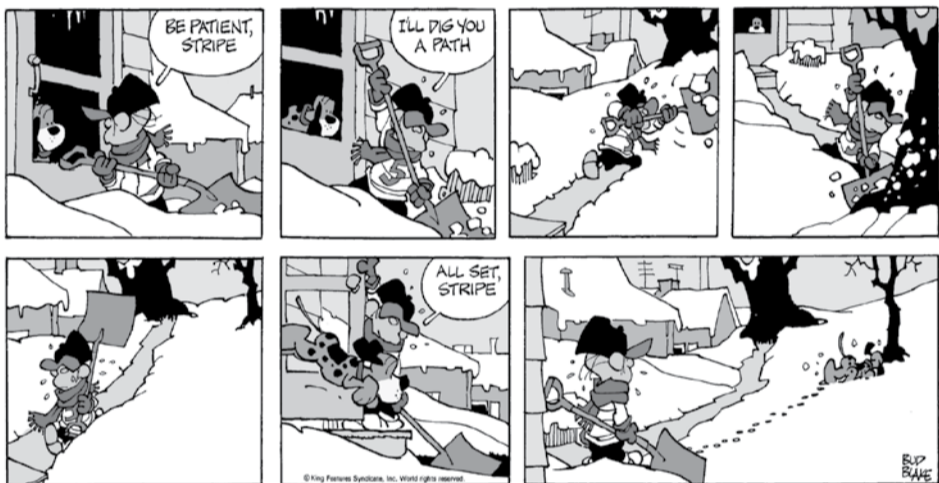
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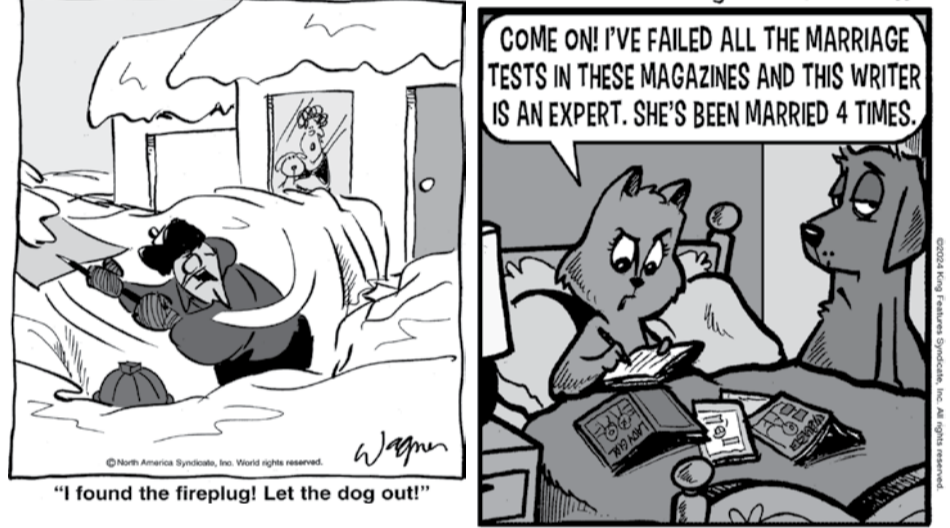
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- ACROSS**
- Half of half-and-half
 - *Gratuity
 - Remain unsettled
 - Pita, alt. sp.
 - Uncle Sam wants whom?
 - Played violin, e.g.
 - "Encore!"
 - Young canine
 - Amber warning
 - *Entice
 - *Agreement
 - "___ Te Ching"
 - Goose egg
 - Antonym of keep
 - *Affection
 - Open wine, e.g.
 - Frosts a cake
 - Leave in a bucket
 - *Parlor
 - Coating of aurum
 - Like many bathroom floors?
 - Border pass
 - Full of emotion (2 words)
 - Opposite of talker?
 - Tel ___ Israel
 - Auto ___ website
 - *Module
 - Compass point between NE and E
 - *Insane
 - Old-fashioned before
 - *Prevent
 - *Ditch
 - Peninsula of 38th parallel fame
 - Single-___ plastics
 - Donkey + horse, pl.
 - All told (2 words)
 - '80s band "___ At Work"
 - Bay window
 - Chapter 11 issue
 - Mouse turf
 - Email option
- DOWN**
- Tax pro, acr.
 - Capital of Latvia
 - Bibliographical abbr.
 - Not upright
 - Instructions handbook
 - Use an Underwood
 - Prossitory note letters
 - Cocoon dwellers
 - Horse and mallet sport
 - *Pitcher
 - One ridiculed for studiousness
 - Banned insecticide, acr.
 - Kevin ___ and Sir Francis ___
 - Resting spot for a chicken
 - French vineyard
 24. *Avid
 - *Correct
 - *Slipperier
 - 4th letter of Greek alphabet
 - *Nothingness
 - Spanish sparkling wine
 - Martini garnish
 - Violinist's pine resin
 - *Rogue
 - Wall support
 - It often precedes "eye"
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Despite the Promises, Bullet Train is Lesson in 'Sunk Costs'

Commentary by
William L. Anderson,
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Unfortunately, California officials pay no attention to sunk costs, which are reflected in the spending for the California High Speed Rail System. If there is a classic lesson regarding “sunk costs,” the ongoing project of building a bullet train from San Francisco to Los Angeles is the poster child. Yet, the spending continues unabated.

If one tries to make sense of an exercise in spending billions of dollars for a Train to Nowhere, one cannot use conventional financial logic. There is a logical process at work, but it is a logic of a different sort than what appeals to a typical reader of this page. Political logic, especially in a state like California where progressive politics dominates, veers sharply from economic and business logic.

For one thing, political logic assesses projects like a railroad differently than we would see in the business world. Compare the building of the California bullet train with the transcontinental railroad constructed by James J. Hill’s Northern Pacific Railway in the late 1800s. Hill was interested in making a profit, which meant that the revenues from hauling freight and people had to be greater than the cost of his operation.

Thus, Hill built the railroad in sections, depending on economic development along the way to ensure a market for his enterprise since he took no government subsidies. In the end, his railroad survived economic downturns while other railroads (that often took government subsidies) went bankrupt. Normal economic constraints helped determine where the lines would go and how Hill would develop his railroad.

Contrast this situation with the California bullet train, which,



Pictured here is the California bullet train. Photo courtesy of Pacific Research Institute

given its costs, could never hope to be profitable. Indeed, no private entity would take on such a project. Even given all the features the bullet train would have, no potential passenger would be willing to pay the necessary fare that would be required for the train, once completed, to turn a profit. (I add that no one, not even former Gov. Jerry Brown, who strongly supported the bullet train concept since his first terms as governor, has claimed this could be profitable. It always has been understood that the train would lose money.)

Most people accept that public transportation in the United States – and especially passenger rail – are not profitable. The only Amtrak lines that come close to breaking even are in the Northeast Corridor, serving one of the most densely populated areas in the country. The other Amtrak lines elsewhere in the country lose substantial amounts of money, including the various Amtrak routes in California.

Is the train already providing economic benefits?

While discussing the bullet train’s problems with a state employee several years ago, she exclaimed, “But we need trains!” However, most of the area serviced by current passenger rail in California already covers the area where the bullet train is scheduled to be constructed. Moreover, those trains already are in operation and it likely will be a decade before even the first leg – Bakersfield to Merced – is ready for operation.

While much press has been centered upon the fact that \$11 billion has been spent on this project and there is precious little to show for it – a concrete viaduct that is all of 0.3 miles long – the California High-Speed Rail Authority is full of self-congratulations for simply spending the money.

Brag the agency in a press release:

“New data released today by the California High-Speed Rail

Authority shows investments in this first-in-the-nation project are continuing to provide billions in economic benefit to the state. The Authority’s 2023 Economic Impact Analysis Report shows the California high-speed rail project continues to be a proven job creator that bolsters the local economy, particularly disadvantaged communities.”

In other words, the real value of this project, at least so far, is that the state has spent more than \$11 billion. While no doubt a government official would mistake this kind of spending as the creation of real wealth, it is another example of Frederic Bastiat’s Broken Window Fallacy.

Had California officials simply taken \$11 billion from the state treasury and randomly distributed it in the Central Valley and elsewhere, it would have been a less-destructive exercise than spending the money on legal fees, office work and construction. While such a statement

seems to be counterintuitive, it is nonetheless true.

Rail officials have emphasized that people in California received money as though it were manna from heaven. Instead, this is money that was borrowed and will be paid back by future taxes. This is a real cost that rail officials and their supporters fail to acknowledge, as not only do we have capital goods that clearly are uneconomic, but their very creation directs people from those investments that might be profitable.

What to do

Continuing an uneconomic project because of earlier spending is unique to politics. No California governor wants to pull the plug on this pipe dream. When his term is over, Gov. Gavin Newsom will hand off this fiasco to his Democratic successor, just as Jerry Brown handed it to him and Arnold Schwarzenegger handed it to Brown.

If it has taken 16 years from the original public approval of this project to construct three-tenths of a mile viaduct, one only can imagine how ridiculous things will be in another decade. Politicians often present gargantuan, uneconomic projects as emblematic – high-speed electric rail symbolizing the state’s “fight” against climate change – and California politicians are adept as anyone at being symbolic. But a very short “viaduct to nowhere” is even beyond anything we have seen when it comes to wasteful government.

The California bullet train was conceived with grandiose promises, but continues to fall short. At what point will California lawmakers just accept these sunk costs and move on?

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Average California Farm Loses \$19,734 per Year to Natural Hazards

Trace One News Release

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (MPG) - High grocery prices have been a defining economic story in recent years, driven by a combination of factors including pandemic-related supply chain breakdowns and labor shortages. However, an increasingly critical driver of food price inflation has been the impact of natural disasters—such as droughts, floods, and hurricanes—on the nation’s agricultural output.

In Florida, a devastating combination of hurricanes and disease has sharply reduced orange harvests over the past several years, leading to soaring costs for citrus. Prolonged droughts in critical agricultural regions like the Midwest and California have curtailed the supply of grains, contributing to higher prices. In Texas, episodes of extreme heat have stressed livestock, decreasing productivity and raising costs for dairy and meat products.

The increased frequency of natural hazards has created a challenging environment for farmers. However, the effects of climate- and weather-related disasters are not uniform, varying greatly depending on location. To pinpoint where these events are having the greatest impact on farmers and the nation’s food supply, researchers at Trace One—a company specializing in regulatory compliance for the food and beverage industry—conducted an in-depth analysis of the latest data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Here’s what they found.

Annual Agriculture Loss Due to Natural Hazards

Drought is the most common cause of economic loss in the agriculture industry.

According to estimates from FEMA, natural hazards cause an average of \$3.4 billion in agricultural losses annually, with drought being the single largest contributor. Drought alone accounts for more than half of these losses, averaging \$1.8 billion per year. The financial impact of drought underscores its threat to farmers, particularly in regions reliant on water-intensive crops.

Other significant contributors to agricultural losses include hurricanes, which cause \$471 million in annual losses, along with flooding (\$424 million) and cold waves (\$278 million). Events such as hailstorms, strong winds, and heat waves collectively add hundreds of millions in losses to the yearly toll. While less frequent,



Drought is the most common cause of economic loss in the agriculture industry. Image by Siggys Nowak from Pixabay

disasters like tornadoes, wildfires, and winter weather also contribute economic strain in certain regions.

Expected Annual Losses by Region

California farms are facing the largest losses due to natural hazards.

Natural disasters impacting agriculture vary significantly across U.S. regions due to differing climates and geographic vulnerabilities. Drought is a persistent challenge on the West Coast, particularly in California, as well as the Southwest and parts of the Southern Plains, where water scarcity hampers crop yields and livestock production. Hurricanes have the most severe impact in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, where states like Florida and North Carolina frequently experience storm surges and high winds that devastate crops and infrastructure. Riverine flooding is most problematic in the Mississippi River Basin and its extensive tributary networks, as well as in the Pacific Northwest. Cold waves are most prominent in the Midwest and Mountain West, where freezing temperatures can damage crops and livestock operations.

Taken together, California leads the nation in agricultural losses due to natural hazards, with farms in the state incurring an estimated \$1.2 billion in losses annually. This figure dwarfs losses in other states, with drought being the most significant hazard affecting California’s vast agricultural sector. On a per-farm basis, California reports an average loss of \$19,734—the highest of any

state—reflecting its reliance on high-value crops such as fruits, nuts, and vegetables, which are particularly vulnerable to water shortages.

By comparison, Texas, which ranks second, faces an expected annual loss of \$199 million, with droughts again being the primary driver. Iowa, North Carolina, and Florida round out the top five, each suffering from a combination of droughts and hurricanes, though with lower total and per-farm losses than California.

At the county level, California continues to dominate the rankings, with Santa Barbara County reporting the largest expected losses at \$238 million annually. Drought is the principal hazard here, impacting high-value crops like strawberries, vegetables, and wine grapes. Other California counties, such as Yolo, Napa, Sutter and Colusa, also rank highly, with annual losses ranging from \$68 million to \$112 million. These counties experience some of the highest loss rates per farm, with those in Santa Barbara County and Yolo County losing an estimated \$175,120 and \$140,459 each year, respectively.

Here is a summary of the data for California:

Total expected annual loss: \$1,245,887,089
Expected annual loss per farm: \$19,734
Expected annual loss rate: 2.19%
Total farms: 63,134
Total agriculture value: \$56,797,402,704
Worst natural hazard for agriculture: Drought

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

Total expected annual loss: \$3,380,082,197
Expected annual loss per farm: \$1,779
Expected annual loss rate: 0.69%
Total farms: 1,900,487
Total agriculture value: \$488,704,132,158
Worst natural hazard for agriculture: Drought

Methodology

The data used in this study is from FEMA’s National Risk Index and the USDA’s Census of Agriculture. To identify locations where natural hazards have the greatest impact on the nation’s food supply, researchers at Trace One analyzed and ranked locations based on their average annual economic loss (expected annual loss) in 2024 dollars within the agricultural sector. This metric accounts for damages caused by natural hazards such as cold waves, hail, heat waves, hurricanes, riverine flooding, strong winds, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter weather events, using data collected since 1996. In the event of a tie, locations with greater expected annual losses per farm were ranked higher. The analysis also incorporated the expected annual loss rate, calculated as the expected annual loss divided by the total annual value of the agricultural sector for each location. Additionally, researchers identified the worst natural hazard for agriculture in each location, which is the hazard contributing the largest share of the expected annual loss. ★