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Chamber Honorees Announced



Susan Pallotta Davis (center) will be honored as Carmichael "Person of the Year" on Feb. 6. She is flanked by Businesswoman of the Year Christina DecCelle (left), and Scott Mandeville and fellow Businessman of the Year Skip Wahl. Katie Pexa (right) takes a 'Trailblazer in Business' tribute.

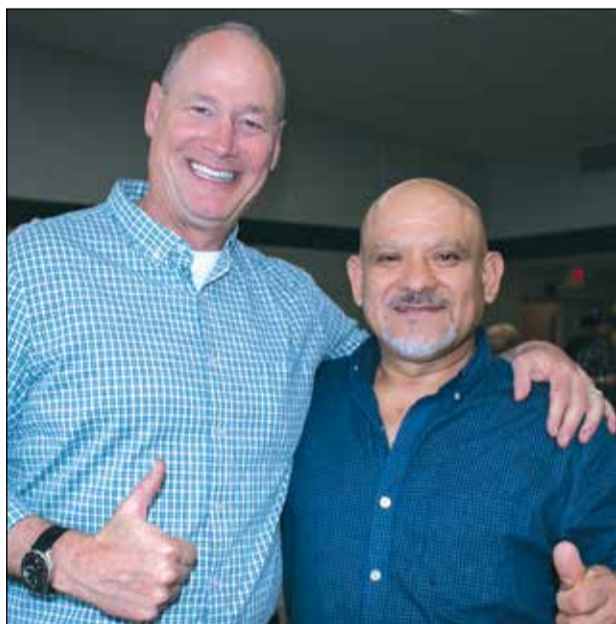
Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Businesswoman Susan Pallotta Davis has been named Carmichael's 2025 Person of the Year.

Pallotta Davis is prominent in the success of the Milagro Centre, a re-purposed mall that has become a culinary destination for all Sacramento residents.

She and her husband, Milagro owner Allan Davis, are also pillars in local volunteerism and philanthropy.

Pallotta Davis will join other VIPs during the annual Community Awards Dinner on Feb. 6. The gala is presented by the Carmichael Chamber of



Supervisor Rich Desmond (left) will receive an award for Public Service. Restaurateur Ismael Pantoja will be lauded for "Community Legacy" in establishing his Rey Azteca and Cantina Azteca restaurants.

Commerce at the Milagro Centre ballroom. Tributes will flow thick and fast. Bar/

restaurant owner Christina DeCelle will receive Businesswoman of the Year kudos. Two Carmichael pillars will jointly accept Businessman of the Year awards: they are Scott Mandeville of Tim's Music Plaza and Skip's Kitchen owner Skip Wahl.

Recipients are selected by Chamber of Commerce members with input from other local leaders. A non-profit organization is annually picked to share event proceeds.

A new honor was specially designed for insurance broker and volunteer Katie Pexa.

"While considering nominations for 2025, we found Katie's name in almost

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SacRT Launches Shared-Use Mobility Service

Sacramento Regional Transit District News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) has launched a shared-use mobility program. SacRT Flex is a limited subsidized neighborhood shuttle service for a limited group of qualified riders, including seniors (age 62 and older), low-income individuals and individuals with disabilities.

SacRT Flex, a new program operated by Via, officially started service on Jan. 2. SacRT Flex is a limited shared-use service designed to provide greater accessibility and mobility for riders with the greatest transportation needs. During the soft launch phase, eligible riders are invited to test the new service and familiarize themselves with its features.

"This new program, although not a replacement for SmarT Ride, ensures that we continue to meet the mobility needs of our community while maintaining fiscal responsibility and optimizing resources," said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. "We are excited to introduce a program that prioritizes accessibility and convenience for those who need it most."

SacRT Flex is operated by Via, the same vendor responsible for scheduling the SmarT Ride service. For the SacRT Flex program, Via manages the app, schedules the trips, maintains the vehicles, provides the drivers and collects the fare revenue, ensuring a seamless experience for riders. SacRT Flex is being funded by Measure A as a pilot for the next 18 months. Measure A is a Sacramento County program that funds transportation projects and services through a half-cent sales tax.

SacRT Flex operating hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays (excluding most holidays). SacRT Flex will operate in the same nine zones as SmarT Ride: Citrus Heights-Antelope-Orangevale, Arden-Carmichael, Downtown-Midtown, Elk Grove, Florin-Gerber, Folsom, Franklin-South Sacramento, Natomas-North Sacramento and Rancho Cordova.

Ride requests must be booked at least 24 hours in advance (up to two days in advance) using Via's SacRT Flex app or by phone. Same-day requests are currently not available. Cost is \$2.50 per trip for eligible riders and adult companions, and free for children riding

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Organ Music Alive and Well

By Pattie McDaniel

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Much like the ancient organs from third-century Greeks that were powered by displacing water into airtight containers to push wind needed to play notes, today's church organs are quickly becoming obsolete. Still, two Elks Lodges in the seven lodge Central District of California have the honor and rare privilege of enjoying organ music at their meetings and ritual ceremonies.

Chuck Shumate of Carmichael Elks Lodge Number 2103 and Dan Baldassari of Sacramento Elks Lodge Number 6 are unique among musicians who have mastered the complex art of playing the organ.

Shumate is 101 years old. He has been an Elk for 39 years and is an Army veteran.

Baldassari is half Shumate's age at 50 years old. He has been an Elk for two years. Baldassari



From left, organists Chuck Shumate of Carmichael Elks Lodge Number 2103 and Dan Baldassari of Sacramento Elks Lodge Number 6 continue the tradition of organ accompaniment for Elks Lodge meetings and ritual ceremonies. Courtesy photo

started his musical training playing the trumpet in high school. Baldassari's music teacher, a fellow trumpet player, Tom Thompson was a former

International Concert Artist for the Hammond Organ Company.

Among Thompson's many students is Stu Boyer, the retired organist

of Pizza and Pies that was located on Arden Way in Sacramento.

Shumate and Baldassari met recently after

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First Snow Survey Shows Snowpack Near Average

After a Warm, Dry Fall, Recent Storms Provide Boost to Snowpack but Return of Dry Conditions Looms

Department of Water Resources News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Jan 2 conducted the first snow survey of the season at Phillips Station. The manual survey recorded 24 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent of 9 inches, which is 91 percent of average for this location. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of the Department of Water Resources' water supply forecast. Statewide, the snowpack is 108 percent of average for this date.

Recent years in California have been marked by extremely hot and dry conditions broken up by periods of intense rain and snow. So far, this water year has been no different. A record-breaking hot and dry summer continued well into the fall, but a powerful atmospheric river in November broke several rainfall records in Northern California. A series of storms in late December provided another boost.

"While our snowpack looks good now, we have a long way until April when our water supply picture will be more complete," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. "Extreme shifts between dry and wet conditions are continuing this winter and if the past several years are any indication, anything could happen between now and April and we need to be prepared."

The Department of Water Resources' electronic readings from 130 stations placed throughout the Sierra Nevada indicate that the statewide snowpack's snow water equivalent is 10.7 inches, or 108 percent of average for this date, compared



California Department of Water Resources staff members (from right) Andy Reising, Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager, Manon von Kaenel, Water Resources Engineer, Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, and Jordan Thoennes, Water Resources Engineer, conduct the first media snow survey of the 2025 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada. The survey is held approximately 90 miles east of Sacramento off Highway 50 in El Dorado County. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources



California Department of Water Resources staff Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, conduct the first media snow survey of the 2025 season at Phillips Station in the Sierra Nevada. Photo courtesy of California Department of Water Resources



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to 28 percent on this date last year.

California has seen this pattern

before. In both 2013 and 2022, the January snowpack was well above average thanks to December storm activity, only for dry conditions to take over the rest of the winter, quickly

erasing early season snow totals and continuing existing drought conditions across the state.

"We are fortunate to have had several solid snow-producing atmospheric river systems so far

this season," said Department of Water Resources Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager Andy Reising. "The fall was extremely dry, so our healthy snow totals are thanks to a handful of big storm systems in November and late December. But to finish the year where we need to be, we will still need additional snow building at a regular pace throughout the winter."

Major reservoirs statewide are currently 121 percent of average thanks to two consecutive years of above average snowpack conditions, which occurred after the driest three-year period on record in California. DWR is preparing for these swings between extreme conditions by investing in climate resilience, including the use of Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations, floodplain and flood infrastructure improvements and groundwater recharge efforts that will ensure California is able to capture and use as much water during flood conditions as possible.

On average, the Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water needs. Its natural ability to store water is why the Sierra snowpack is often referred to as California's "frozen reservoir." Data from these snow surveys and forecasts produced by the Department of Water Resources Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit are important factors in determining how Department of Water Resources manages the state's water resources.

Department of Water Resources conducts four media-oriented snow surveys at Phillips Station each winter near the first of each month, January through April and, if necessary, May. The next survey is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3. ★

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Salmon Success in River

Gregg Fishman Elected SMUD Board President



Biologists Maeghen Wedgeworth (left) and Matt Ziemer join Water Forum Manager Erica Bishop and biologist Jamie Sweeney during surveys of fish-nesting habitats on the Lower American River. The survey follows recent gravel bed restoration by the Sacramento Water Forum.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Within weeks following completion of a \$1.7-million Water Forum project in October, giant Chinook were spawning in new gravel beds. The 2024 effort to aid the endangered species centered on River Bend Park (Rancho Cordova) and William B. Pond Park (Carmichael).



Male and female Chinook spawn in restored nesting areas near Ancil Hoffman Park. Their redd (nest) is defined by a hollow scooped in riverbed gravel.

The work augmented salmon breeding habitat with thousands of tons of clean gravel. A deepened and reconnected side channel also created rearing havens for baby salmonids.

Following similar projects over 16 years, the latest restoration impacted eight American River acres.

At the peak of the recent salmon run, biologists counted almost 40 new redds (nests) in previously inhospitable areas. Female salmon were using muscular tails to dig cradles when this reporter joined survey biologists. Following the Chinook migration, steelhead and Pacific lamprey will reproduce in the same spots.

“Monitoring is important,” explained Kirsten Sellheim, senior scientist for Cramer Fish Sciences. “We bring what we learn into future projects. In spring, we’ll learn how juvenile fish are using new side channels.”

River Bend and William B. Pond Park are further downstream from previous Water Forum projects.

Spawning areas get crowded closer to Nimbus Dam; congestion reduces embryo survival. By continuous restoration, the Water Forum has spread

opportunities over many miles. Greater reproduction success seems to have resulted.

For millions of years, salmonids maintained their species unaided. The American River and its tributaries once offered 200 miles of spawning sites. Gold Rush excavation greatly altered the riverbeds. Later, dams blocked migrations and barred natural gravel movement.

“The lower part of the American River has become gravel-starved,” said Water Forum habitat manager Erica Bishop. “Some fish reach home waters and can’t find a place with the right conditions for spawning.”

Though the Nimbus Hatchery has a role in fish reproduction, the Water Forum focus is to help fish complete life cycles naturally. Habitat restoration continues federal and state-funded efforts to aid salmonids. At the end of their lifecycles, adults must have movable stones and oxygenated water for nesting.

Last summer, 6,800 cubic yards of pre-sized gravel were trucked from mine tailings at Mississippi Bar (Orangevale). The loads were bulldozed into

riffles and shallows. The 2024 project also reconnected a side channel where hatchlings will feed and grow in spring.

Bulldozing wrapped just as the first Chinook reached Arden and Carmichael waters in October. Results appeared immediately. As early runners got down to business, more than 1,800 newly-planted willows and sedge plants took root. This vegetation will shelter baby fish from storms and predators. By spring, thousands of native wildflower and grass seeds will have germinated and bloomed. Small fry will feed on insects attracted by this vegetation.

A Water Forum project supported a third of in-river steelhead reproduction for the 2021 season.

“Fish begin to spawn as soon as heavy machinery leaves the water,” said Water Forum manager Erica Bishop. “We know the habitats we create meet their needs.”

Water Forum projects are supported by the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento city and county and signatory water agencies. Learn about the Water Forum at www.waterforum.org. ★



SMUD’s Board of Directors elected Director Gregg Fishman as board president. Photo courtesy of SMUD

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - SMUD’s Board of Directors elected Director Gregg Fishman as president of the board. His term as president runs from January through December.

Fishman first began serving the SMUD Board of Directors in January 2015 and represents Ward 3, which includes East Sacramento, much of the Arden-Arcade area, and the Campus Commons, College Glen, and Rosemont neighborhoods, as well as parts of Carmichael, Florin, Fruitridge and Vintage Park.

Fishman has been a clean-energy advocate for much of his career. As a former SMUD employee, Fishman promoted wind and solar energy when they

were in their infancy. At the California Independent System Operator, he led public engagement efforts supporting new wind energy farms in California. As president of the SMUD Board in 2018, Fishman led the utility in passing its Integrated Resource Plan, hailed by the California Energy Commission as “... an ambitious road map for lowering greenhouse gas emissions in the Sacramento region.”

In his varied career, Fishman was a news reporter and anchor at KFBK and KGO Radio, a public information officer at SMUD and the California Independent System Operator (California ISO), and communications coordinator for the California State Association of Counties. He currently works at Sacramento Regional Transit as the senior community relations officer.

Fishman is an active volunteer with the Sacramento Tree Foundation and has led a neighborhood effort that has planted more than 2,000 new trees since 2001. He received an award from the MLK 365 organization for helping to make it easier to remove racially-restrictive clauses from local property records. Fishman is a 25-gallon blood donor

and a frequent volunteer master-of-ceremonies for Project Ride in Elk Grove.

Fishman is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He and his wife live in Arden Park and are the parents of two daughters.

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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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Organ Music Alive and Well

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every category,” explained Chamber of Commerce President Rosie Buck. “She’s made a huge impact in many areas, so we created a new award. Katie is our first ‘Trailblazer in Business.’”

A public service award goes to Rich Desmond, now beginning his second term as a county supervisor.

A Carmichael Legacy award will crown Rey Azteca restaurant founder Ismael Pantoja.

The Carmichael Spirit award honors two perennial organizations: 55-year-old Carmichael Seniors Club and 60-year-old Carmichael Beavers Swim Team.

Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) will be honored as Chamber Champion for its support for the Chamber of Commerce and other local causes.

San Juan Education Foundation benefits as Non-Profit of the Year.

Principal honoree Pallotta Davis is a glamorous mom who shares 12 grandchildren with her husband. She retired

from a 30-year telecommunications career six years ago and now gives her energy to the day-to-day running of the Milagro Centre. The volunteer has also found time to boost many nonprofit organizations.

The honor puts Pallotta Davis with exulted company. Since 2010, high-profile sports celebrities, media figures, elected leaders and activists have received the title.

“I’m surprised and thrilled,” Pallotta Davis said. “I’ve always done my best to promote community improvement and business. I feel this award recognizes both my husband and me. Allan and I would do anything for our community.”

The Feb. 6 gala includes a meal by Bella Bru Catering. Among raffles and silent auctions, guests will bid on bespoke bakery desserts. Dress is business or cocktail attire. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$120 per person.

Table and event sponsorships are available. For information or reservations, visit www.carmichaelchamber.com. ★



Here is a Hammond Concord organ circa late 1970s. Photo courtesy of Dan Baldassari

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Shumate’s Elks Lodge is probably the oldest organist in Northern California. Baldassari is an anomaly among young artists. Mastering the complex skills required to play an organ takes years to accomplish. It requires concentration and coordination of both hands, feet, eyes and ears.

The decline of organists can be attributed to many factors. There is a lack of interest due to the incredible patience required to play proficiently. There are less costly options such as keyboards and small home organs.

In addition, music teachers with the expertise to teach organs are rare.

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people is even rarer.

Additionally, there are very limited career or financial opportunities for professional organists.

As a result, churches and fraternal organizations struggle to keep the traditions of organ accompaniment for their choirs and ritual ceremonies. Sadly, the king of instruments might be nearing the end of its reign. ★

SacRT Launches Shared-Use Mobility Service

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with parents. To ride Via’s SacRT Flex service, individuals must first complete an eligibility process. Applications can be submitted online at sacrt.com/apply-flex. Via’s SacRT Flex app is also

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11243 Crocker Grove Ln, Gold River | \$819,000



Located in the gated Crocker Grove Village, this 3-bed, 2-bath home offers style and convenience. Enjoy the inviting gated courtyard and bright interiors with travertine flooring, dual-pane windows, and plantation shutters. The chef's kitchen boasts a central island, bar seating, stainless steel appliances, and a double oven. Relax in the spacious master suite with a soaking tub, shower, dual sinks, and his-and-her closets. Outside, the private backyard features a covered patio and low-maintenance landscaping. Minutes from top schools, Gold River Town Centre, and the American River, this home offers tranquility and a prime location!

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3604 Hollister Ave, Carmichael | \$945,000



Set on 1.8 acres in a sought-after Carmichael neighborhood, this rare RD-2 zoned property offers endless potential! Whether you envision a subdivision or crafting your dream estate, this 3-bed, 2-bath home provides the perfect starting point. Featuring striking stone architecture, picture windows, and a spacious layout, the home exudes charm. Outside, enjoy a private lot with a pool, spa, detached garage, and partial basement. Located near top schools, the American River, Milagro Center, and premier shopping and dining, this is a unique opportunity to own a piece of Carmichael's history!



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When Losing is Still Winning

By Daniel Canfield

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Rio Linda High School alumnus and former Sacramento State Hornet Cam Skattebo gave 110% in the Sun Devils' 39-31 College Football Playoff loss to the Texas Longhorns in the Peach Bowl on New Year's Eve. Skattebo transferred from Sacramento State University to Arizona State University following the 2022 season and just completed his senior year, culminating with the thrilling overtime loss to the Longhorns.

Skattebo's frenetic "never say quit" playing style, he was famous for from his time as a Hornet, carried over to his time as an Arizona State Wildcat and was exemplified by his Peach Bowl performance.

Over four quarters and overtime of the 2024-25 Peach Bowl, the 22-year-old racked up 284 total yards, 143 rushing, 99 receiving, and 42 passing. Skattebo's Peach Bowl

performance included two rushing touchdowns, a passing touchdown, and a two-point conversion. A herculean effort from the 5-foot, 11-inch, 215-pound senior running back.

Skattebo's performance was so great that despite being on the losing end of the game, he was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player of the Peach Bowl. It's the first time in 26 years that a member of the losing team has won the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player award.

Prior to the Peach Bowl, Skattebo had foreshadowed his game performance in his media day comments on Dec. 30.

"There's nobody out there that can stop me," Skattebo said. "If they're studying hard, there's a reason. I have full respect for them, because they understand what they're playing against, and that's why I love playing in games like this, because they constantly look at me as a



Rio Linda High School alumnus Cam Skattebo won Offensive Most Valuable Player Award for the 2024-25 Peach Bowl played in Atlanta on Jan. 1. Photo by Arizona State University Athletics

threat, and that's something I've always wanted to be. And if I'm a threat on the football field against an SEC team that was the runner-up to win their conference, then I think I'm in a pretty good position." In 2024, Skattebo had a

breakthrough senior season, rushing for 1,568 yards and 19 touchdowns while catching 37 passes for 506 yards and three touchdowns. Making him the first Big 12 player ever to have at least 1500 rushing yards and 500 receiving

yards in the same season and the first FBS player to do it since Christian McCaffrey in 2015. The star running back finished fifth in Heisman Trophy voting.

While Skattebo and the Arizona State University Wildcats would have

preferred to beat the Longhorns in the Peach Bowl and advance in the College Football Playoff, the Offensive MVP award is an admirable accomplishment for one of the nation's top running backs. ★

Hornet Sophomore Picked in MLS Draft



Sacramento State Hornet sophomore Donovan Sessoms (No. 21) was selected by San Diego FC in the 2025 Major League Soccer SuperDraft on Dec. 20. Courtesy photo

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A spectacular sophomore season has translated into a ticket to the next level for Sacramento State sophomore forward Donovan Sessoms, who was selected with the first pick of the third round (No. 61 overall) by expansion side San Diego FC in the 2025 Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft on Dec. 20.

Sessoms is the first Hornet to be taken in the MLS SuperDraft since Chimdum Mez was taken in the fourth round (66th overall) by the San Jose Earthquakes, and the fifth Sacramento State student-athlete to be drafted by an MLS club in school history along with Brandon Cavitt (1996 College Draft, Dallas Burn), Ernesto Carranza (2011 Supplemental Draft, Chivas USA), and Fernando Cabadas (2011 Supplemental Draft, New England Revolution).

San Diego FC had five selections in the draft, building a roster as the newest of Major League Soccer's 30 clubs that will compete in 2025. The city was awarded a franchise in May of 2023 and will play its first match on Feb. 23 against defending MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy.

An All-Big West first-team selection in 2024, Sessoms put together one of the finest offensive seasons in school history, finishing with a team-high 10 goals and 20 points for the year, both ranking among the top 10 in single-season history. Half of those 10 scored went for game-winning goals, ranking tied for fifth in the nation.

Among his Big West Conference brethren, Sessoms ranked third in the Big West in shot attempts (48) and led the league with 2.67 shots per match. He also finished fifth in the league in points, fourth in points per match (1.11), fourth in goals, and third in goals per match (0.56). ★

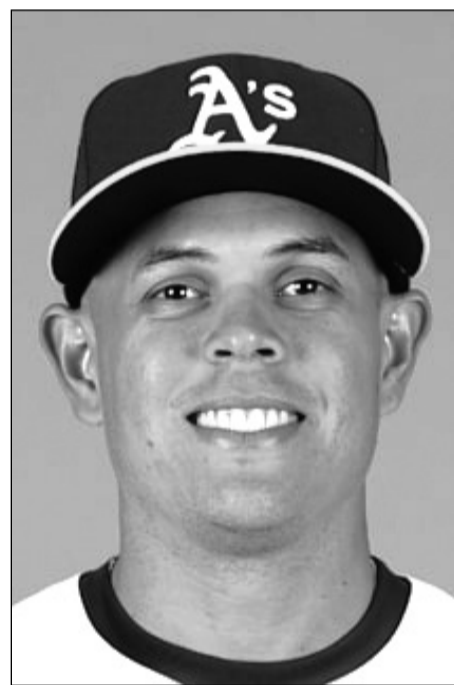
Athletics Add Infielder Gio Urshela

Major League Baseball News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics agreed to terms with infielder Gio Urshela on a one-year contract for the 2025 season, the club announced on Dec. 22.

Urshela began the 2024 season at Detroit and was hitting .243 with five home runs and 37 RBI in 92 games when he was released in mid-August. He signed with Atlanta and batted .265 with four home runs and 15 RBI in 36 games with the Braves. The 33-year-old right-handed hitter combined for a .250 batting average in 128 games overall, making 102 starts at third base and 15 at first base. Urshela also went 0-for-6 in two postseason games for Atlanta, his fifth season with postseason experience.

Urshela is a .273 career hitter with 73 home runs, 332 RBI and a .729 OPS in 792 games over nine seasons in the majors with Cleveland (2015, 17), Toronto (2018), New York-AL (2019-21), Minnesota (2022), Los Angeles-AL (2023), Detroit (2024) and Atlanta (2024). He batted .299 in 62 games with the Angels in 2023 before a fractured pelvis ended his season in mid-June. The native of Colombia had



On Dec. 22, the Athletics announced infielder Gio Urshela will join the team for the 2025 campaign. Courtesy photo

his best season with the Yankees in 2019 when he hit .314 with 21 home runs and 74 RBI in 132 games. Urshela led Major League third basemen with a .992 fielding percentage in 2020 and has made 614 of his 700 career starts at third base. ★

River Cats Announce 2025 Promotions

River Cats News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fans will be sure to find plenty of fun and new surprises at Sutter Health Park next season as the Sacramento River Cats, proud affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, are excited to share the first half of their 2025 promotions schedule while also announcing single game tickets on sale for games through July 3.

Highlighting the beginning of the 2025 baseball season is the return of 2024 MLB All-Star Heliot Ramos-, in miniature form that is, as Opening Night on Friday, March 28 will see the first 2,500 fans receive their own Heliot Ramos bobblehead presented by Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort.

The first half of the season includes three additional giveaway games on Saturday, May 3, Friday, May 30, and Friday, June 27. Fans can stay tuned to River Cats social media for the future reveal of these items or sign up for the River Cats email list by visiting rivercats.com/newsletter for first access to this information and other release.

Theme nights will be aplenty as Sacramento hosts nine during the first half of the season including returning favorites Green Awareness Night presented by SMUD (April 17), First Responder's Night (April 18), Dinger's

Birthday/Take Meow't to the Ballgame (May 4), Salute to Armed Forces Night (May 17), and Dino Night (May 31). Joining those for the first time in 2025 are AAPI Night (May 3), Bark in the Park (May 18), and Videogame Night (June 28).

SMUD Orange Fridays and Sutter Health Fireworks Saturdays return for the entirety of the 2025 season. Fans can watch the River Cats light up the sky with their bats and fireworks shows a total of 15 nights during the first half of the season concluding with a special Independence Eve Fireworks Spectacular following the game against the Reno Aces on July 3.

The River Cats will play four games as the Dorados de Sacramento this season as part of Minor league Baseball's 2025 Copa de la Diversión, celebrating baseball's Hispanic/Latino fan base. During the first half of the year, Sacramento will take the field as the Dorados on Thursday, May 1 and Thursday, May 29.

The Sacramento River Cats kick off their season at home with Opening Night on Friday, March 28 against the Albuquerque Isotopes at 6:45 p.m. (PT). The full schedule is currently available online at rivercats.com. Game dates, times, and promotional dates may be subject to change. Memberships, select ticket packs, hospitality rentals, and now single-game tickets are currently available by visiting rivercats.com or by calling the River Cats ticket hotline at (916) 371-HITS (4487). ★



Athletics' President Resigns

Major League Baseball News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Dave Kaval, President of the Athletics for the past eight years, announced today that he is resigning to pursue new business opportunities in California. His last day with the team, which is in the process of building a new ballpark in Las Vegas, was Dec. 31, 2024.

"We are grateful for Dave's contributions and leadership over the past eight years. He guided our organization through a period of significant transition, and we sincerely thank him for his unwavering commitment to the team," said A's Owner John Fisher. "As we look ahead to the next chapter of our franchise, the team will continue to grow under new leadership, driving the organization toward success during our interim years in West Sacramento and at our new home in Las Vegas."

Sandy Dean, a longtime business partner with the Fisher family, will serve as Interim President. Dean has worked with the A's since John and his family became

owners in 2005. The club will begin a search for a new leader in the new year.

Kaval said that, given the substantial progress toward the team's move to a new, state-of-the-art ballpark in Las Vegas, "I will be staying in California to explore new opportunities at the crossroads of business and government. I am grateful to A's ownership for the opportunities they have given me."

Kaval, 49, served as the seventh president of the Athletics in the franchise's 123-year history. The franchise was founded in Philadelphia in 1901.

Prior to his role with the A's, Kaval served as president of the San Jose Earthquakes, where he played a pivotal role in the development of PayPal Park, home of the Earthquakes and Bay FC.

Kaval has also served as vice chairman of the San Jose Sports Commission, board member of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, member of the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board, and Executive Committee member of the Bay Area Council. He has also taught Sports Management at the Stanford Graduate School of Business for the past decade. ★

What Happened To My Little Piggy Bank

Dr. James L. Snyder

This week, I had to do something I hadn't done before: go to the bank and deal with fraud in my checking account. Someone tried to write a check for \$1800 from my account. Fortunately, I didn't have that much money in my account, and I was a little provoked by this incident. How dare they!

When I was young, I didn't have an official bank account. I actually did not need a bank account at that time. My grandmother gave me a little blue piggy bank. When she gave it to me, she said, "Now, make sure you put money into this piggy bank every week." Then she handed me my first two quarters for my piggy bank.

I hid my little piggy bank in my bedroom so nobody could find it. Every time I got some money, I made sure I put some of it in the piggy bank.

Next door to where we lived was a little country store. It sold mostly food, like soda, ice cream, cookies and the like. Whenever my little piggy bank had enough money in it, I would take some out and

go to the little country store and get myself a well-deserved treat.

For many years, that little piggy bank served me quite well. It was always there when I needed it, and as far as I knew, nobody else knew it was there. Unfortunately, nobody contributed to my piggy bank.

Now, sitting in the bank trying to get my account back in order, I happen to think of my little piggy bank. I have no idea what happened to it. I would love to see it again and there might be a few coins in that little bank.

Whenever I got any money, I put some of it in the piggy bank, and I can never remember counting it. I just knew it was there. I thought about all of the presents I bought my parents and siblings with the money in my little piggy bank.

The bank finally fixed my account, and I was ready to leave.

Driving home, I could not help but think of how much that little piggy bank was a blessing. If I had not had that piggy bank that my grandmother gave me, I never would have saved any money. I would have spent it as soon as I got it.

Every time I got alone

with my grandmother, which wasn't often, she would whisper, "How's your little piggy bank doing?" and then she would hand me two quarters to put into my piggy bank.

Would it be appropriate for me to buy all of my grandchildren little piggy banks? Would they use them the way I used mine?

I thought of a Bible verse that is usually misquoted. "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:10).

Money isn't our problem, but the "love of money." Money is important to my daily life. If I allow money to become an obsession, it takes my mind off what is important. I need to use what little money I have to live a life pleasing unto the Lord.

Money can be a blessing or a curse.

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New Law Inspired by Ex-Lawmaker's DUI Adds to Alcohol Education in California Schools

By Ryan Sabalow, CALMatters.org

California public school students will get additional coursework on the harms of alcohol in 2025, thanks to a new law from a former lawmaker whose drunken driving arrest inspired her legislation.

In September, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2865 by former Los Angeles Democratic Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, whose DUI last year helped derail her political career.

California schools are already required to provide instruction about alcohol, narcotics and other dangerous drugs. This bill would require that schools also provide instruction about the short- and long-term harms of excessive drinking — including alcohol's link to chronic diseases, mental health problems and deaths.

As she pitched her bill to her colleagues in 2024, Carrillo told them that it was important for students to learn about alcohol's consequences in the hopes they don't go down the path she did.

"I wish I would have known in high school what I know now," she said at one hearing. "I would have made different choices."

On Nov. 3, 2023, Carrillo crashed into parked cars in Northeast Los Angeles. Police said her blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit, according to the Los Angeles Times. She ended up pleading no contest to the DUI in the middle of her race for Los Angeles City Council, which she lost. Because

she ran for city council, Carrillo left her Assembly seat this year.

Carrillo said her DUI was a wake up call for her. She said she started going to therapy and became sober. As she reflected on her life, she said her own struggles with booze began at an early age. And she was troubled by how prevalent alcohol is in society, despite its documented dangers.

Alcohol is a National and Global Health Issue

According to federal health officials, alcohol-related diseases kill 178,000 people in the U.S. each year, and death rates are increasing. Noting that alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer, including bowel and breast cancers, the World Health Organization last year declared that "when it comes to alcohol consumption, there is no safe amount."

Carrillo testified that 54 Californians die each day from alcohol.

"I want young people to learn early how something that is so legally and easily accessible can do so much harm if not consumed with more knowledge and more responsibility," she told her colleagues.

Her bill passed without any lawmakers voting against it.

What Law Will Do

Under the new law, school boards can decide which grades receive the new instruction. They can ask the state for reimbursements for the costs of instruction, training and updates to instructional materials, said Nicholas Filipas, a spokesperson for

the California Department of Education.

At the San Juan Unified School District in the Sacramento region, educators shouldn't have trouble rolling the bill's requirements into their schools' curriculum, said Raj Rai, a spokesperson for the district, which educates about 39,000 students.

"Alcohol education has been embedded into our high school health class curriculum for quite some time," Rai said in an email. "Our curriculum team will review the currently adopted health materials to see if anything additional is needed to meet the new requirements."

The district already has several programs that teach students grades six through 12 about the harms of alcohol and drugs with the goal of reducing or eliminating teen substance abuse.

The district's high schools also regularly participate in California's Highway Patrol's "Every 15 Minutes," Rai said.

The CHP describes the program as challenging teens to "think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, their community, and many others."

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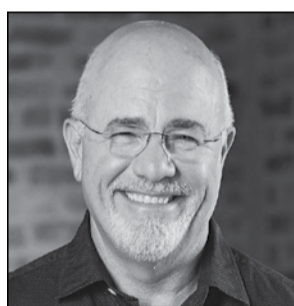
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Dave Ramsey

Dave Ramsey Says The Game's Not for Everyone and The Safest Place?

Dear Dave,

I'm 38, and after looking and waiting for years, I think I've found a rental property scenario I like. My plan is to take \$30,000 out of my retirement account, and use it as a down payment on a property. My loan payment would be \$1,400 a month, but I could easily rent the place for \$1,800 a month. What are your thoughts?

– Colin

Dear Colin,

No offense, but I can tell you've never been a landlord before. Bringing in nearly \$1,800 a month, while paying out \$1,400 may seem like a nice place to be. But you've left one very important factor out of your equation—risk. Rental properties just sit there empty sometimes. And this happens to all rental properties. You'll also have repairs to contend with, renters who don't pay and other expenses. See what I'm saying? You won't be able to count

on an easy \$400 in your pocket every month.

Now, I love real estate. I understand the excitement and allure. But what you're really saying is you want to cash out part of your retirement, get hit with a penalty and take on debt, all to buy an investment property. This is not a good plan.

My advice is to save up, and pay cash for one small, decent rental property to see if the landlord game is really for you.

– Dave

The Safest Place?

Dear Dave,

Where is the best place to keep my savings?

– Angie

Dear Angie,

In my mind, when it comes to savings, the idea is to park the money in a safe place—like a money market account or basic savings account—and keep it separate from the rest of your cash, so you don't accidentally spend it on the wrong thing. I'm not really concerned

with making money in a savings scenario, so things like setting money aside for an emergency fund or vacations fall into this category.

Investing, on the other hand, is when you're going to leave the money alone for a bare minimum of five to 10 years in order to grow it. Things like college planning and retirement fall into this category. In these instances, I recommend good, growth-stock mutual funds that have stable track records of at least 10 years.

I hope this helps, Angie!

– 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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
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 BOTANICALS 1-10-25

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09303
 Sean Shokouh, 6858 Mariposa Avenue, Citrus heights, CA 95610 is doing business 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
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 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
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 GRACIOUS 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09169
 Cesar Julian Montoya Segura, 2114 Pinetree Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phoenix Films And Photos" 2114 Pinetree Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2024
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 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
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 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
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 CAREPOINT 1-10-25

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09203
 Resham Singh Uppal, 3700 Catalan Sea Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RS Uppal Trucking," 3700 Catalan Sea Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of

Sacramento County December 9, 2024
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 UPPAL 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08426
 Holli 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
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 POKE 1-10-25

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

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

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08833
 Mehta & Mehta Medical Consultants Inc, 1320 Cornerstone Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 95676 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PrimeLyteMD/Prime Lyfe MD" 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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 PRIMELYFE 1-10-25

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

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

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
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 APEX 1-17-25

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
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 ELITE 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) "Alfonz Cellars" 9351 Rogers Road, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024
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 ALFONZ 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09363
 Abdul Wahid, 1961 Howe Avenue, #5, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "National Union Security Services" 1961 Howe Avenue, #5, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2024
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 NATIONAL 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09334
 Jim P Armenta, 1949 Kilchoan Way, San Jose, CA 95122 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elegant Home Realty" 6137 Watt Avenue, #1, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024
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 ELEGANT 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09417
 KC Bio Investments Inc, 64 Pineacre Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Niles Biological" 9296 Elder Creek Road, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2024
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 NILES 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09513
 DPSK Inc, 6431 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elk Grove Shell/ Greenhaven Shell/Campus Shell" 6431 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2024
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 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
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 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
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 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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 A-1 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09351
 Wolfe Heights Estates, LLC, 8801 Folsom Boulevard, #260, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Alfonz Cellars" 9351 Rogers Road, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024
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 ALFONZ 1-17-25

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 LAUNDROMAT 1-17-25

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 Sarah R Blackledge, 50 Iron Point Circle, Suite 140, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09491
 Maryam Shams Rafiee, 100 Hessler Court, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LanguageLoom" 100 Hessler Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2024
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 LANGUAGE 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09354
 Charlene Harell, 10520 Chardonay Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fraghead Scents" 10520 Chardonay Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024
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 FRAGHEAD 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09339
 Connected Care Living Systems LLC, 5720 Morningside Court, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Schofield House" 4125 Schofield Way, 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
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 CLEANING 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09589
 James Grimaud and Hannah Fleck, 807 Reading Street, Suite J, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Logo Visions/LogoVisions" 807 Reading Street, Suite J, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024
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 LOGO 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09399
 Her & I Ventures LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Minifig Outpost" 7901 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Unit B, Carmichael, Ca 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2024
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 MINIFIG 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09601
 KS Management & Consulting Services LLC, 2404 Del Paso Road, Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Innovative Helpline" 2404 Del Paso Road, Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024
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 INNOVATIVE 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09561
 Dustin Waite LLC, 3032 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Without Limits Publishing Company" 3032 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2024
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 WITHOUT 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09323
 Hadin Inc, 12801 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 428, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hadin Engineering" 12801 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 428, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024
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 HADIN 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09649
 Jorge Maldonado-Morales, 10624 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 35, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Maldonado Pro Wash" 10624 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 35, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024
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 MALDONADO 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09630
 Nicamex LLC, 7683 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Panchito Mexican Restaurant" 7683 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 30, 2024
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 PANCHITO 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09623
 A Plus Tires, LLC, 5702 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A Plus Tires and Wheels" 5702 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 27, 2024

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 TIRES 1-31-25
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08844
 Carl Battiste, 637 Kirkstone Court, San Ramon, CA 95482 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Epic Properties Group" 1610 R Street, Suite 280. Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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 EPIC 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09318
 Heravi's LLC, 5522 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cariz Auto Parts/Cariz Auto" 5522 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024
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 CARIZ 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09132
 Trestles, LLC, 599 Menlo Drive Suite 200, Rocklin, CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "City Creek Post Acute" 6248 66th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024
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 CITY 1-31-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00037

CHP Highlights New Laws for 2025

California Highway Patrol News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- As we head into the new year, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) is highlighting the new public safety laws that were passed during this year's legislative session and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom. Unless otherwise noted, the laws referenced below took effect on Jan. 1.

Combating Retail Theft

Crimes: Theft (SB 982, Wahab)

Senate Bill 982 makes the crime of organized retail theft permanent and strengthens measures to address retail crime. The bill eliminates the expiration date for specific provisions targeting organized retail theft, ensuring long-term tools for law enforcement to combat this issue.

Crimes: Fires (SB 1242, Min)

Senate Bill 1242 amends Penal Code Section 452 regarding the unlawful setting of fires. It updates penalties and legal language to clarify offenses, including circumstances involving organized retail theft.

Sentencing Enhancements: Sale, Exchange, Or Return of Stolen Property (SB 1416 Newman)

Senate Bill 1416 focuses on combating organized retail theft by increasing penalties for those involved in the resale of stolen goods, often referred to as "fencing." The bill, until January 1, 2030, creates sentencing enhancements for individuals who sell, exchange, or return stolen property for value, particularly when the property exceeds specific thresholds. Punishment increases from one year to four years based on a property value scale ranging from \$50,000 to over \$3 million.

Theft: Jurisdiction (AB 1779, Irwin)

Assembly Bill 1779 addresses

the issue of organized retail theft by streamlining the prosecution process. Specifically, it allows district attorneys to consolidate charges for theft offenses committed across multiple counties into a single trial, provided all affected county district attorneys agree.

Crimes: Organized Theft (AB 1802, Jones-Sawyer)

Assembly Bill 1802 ensures that the crime of organized retail theft remains permanently defined in state law and extends the CHP's Property Crimes Task Force indefinitely. This bill eliminates the "sunset" clause that would have allowed the statute and the task force to expire.

Regional Property Crimes Task Force (AB 1972, Alanis)

Assembly Bill 1972 expands the scope of the CHP's Regional Property Crimes Task Force to include cargo theft as a property crime for consideration and requires the task force to provide logistical and law enforcement support for railroad police.

This bill emphasizes cargo theft as a specific priority and aims to strengthen resources for law enforcement agencies to combat these issues. As an urgency statute, AB 1972 went into effect immediately upon its passage last August.

Crimes: Shoplifting (AB 2943, Zbur)

Assembly Bill 2943, also called the "California Retail Theft Reduction Act," strengthens measures to combat organized retail theft by creating a specific crime for serial retail theft, allowing the aggregation of property value for thefts committed within 90 days to qualify as grand theft. It empowers law enforcement to make arrests using video evidence or sworn statements, shields businesses from lawsuits for reporting crimes and promotes rehabilitation through diversion programs

for minor offenders. The bill aims to dismantle theft rings while balancing public safety and criminal justice reforms.

Crimes: Theft: Retail Theft Restraining Orders (AB 3209, Berman)

Assembly Bill 3209 creates a retail crime restraining order. A court can issue a restraining order when sentencing an individual for specific retail theft-related crimes, including vandalism of a retail store and assaulting a retail store employee.

Emergency Alert Information Sharing

Electronic Toll Collection Systems: Information Sharing: Law Enforcement (AB 2645, Lackey)

Assembly Bill 2645 allows transportation agencies operating electronic toll collection systems to share real-time license plate data with law enforcement during active emergency alerts, such as AMBER, Ebony or Feather Alerts. This legislation eliminates the need for a search warrant in such situations, enabling quicker responses to locate suspect vehicles linked to emergencies, such as child abductions.

Tools to Address Reckless Driving and Sideshows

Vehicles: Speed Contests (AB 1978, Sanchez)

Assembly Bill 1978 permits storing a vehicle when an individual is arrested but not taken into custody for obstructing or placing a barricade on a highway or off-street parking facility for purposes of aiding a speed contest or exhibition of speed.

Vehicles: Impoundment (AB 2186, Wallis)

Assembly Bill 2186 permits the arrest and custody of individuals engaged in an exhibition of speed in an off-street parking facility. It permits the impounding of the individual's vehicle for not more than 30 days.

Vehicles: Sideshows and

Street Takeovers (AB 2807, Villapudua)

Assembly Bill 2807 defines a "sideshow" and a "street takeover" as the same type of event.

Vehicles: Removal and Impoundment (AB 3085, Gipson)

Assembly Bill 3085 provides authority to seize and impound a vehicle with a warrant when the vehicle was used in violation of a speed contest or exhibition of speed (including aiding or abetting). This bill also permits electronic service of the notices of impoundment and storage hearings.

Electric Bicycle Safety

Electric Bicycles, Powered Mobility Devices and Storage (SB 1271, Min)

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, SB 1271 focuses on improving the safety standards for electric bicycles (e-bikes), powered mobility devices and related lithium-ion batteries. It requires these devices and their components, such as batteries and charging systems, to be tested by accredited laboratories to meet specific safety standards. The bill also mandates labeling these products to show compliance with safety regulations, ensuring consumers are informed. Furthermore, it prohibits distributing, selling or leasing e-bikes and related equipment unless they meet these standards, aiming to reduce risks such as fire hazards and electrical malfunctions. Beginning Jan. 1, 2028, the bill would prohibit a person from renting or offering for rental an electric bicycle, powered mobility device, charging system or storage battery unless it has been tested to the specified safety standard.

Vehicles: Electric Bicycles (AB 1774, Gipson)

Assembly Bill 1774 prohibits modifying an electric bicycle's

speed capability to an extent it no longer meets the definition of an electric bicycle.

Clean Air Vehicle Sticker Extension:

Vehicles: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (AB 2678, Wallis)

Assembly Bill 2678 permits vehicles with a Clean Air Vehicle decal to drive in High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes until Jan. 1, 2027, if federal law permits.

Autonomous Vehicles

Vehicle Equipment: Driver Monitoring Defeat Devices (SB 1313, Ashby)

Senate Bill 1313 prohibits using, possessing or selling devices designed to interfere with driver monitoring systems in vehicles equipped with advanced driver assistance systems or autonomous technology. These systems monitor driver alertness and help ensure safety when automated features are used. Violating this law is classified as an infraction. Exceptions are provided for manufacturers testing new technology, vehicle repairs and updates compliant with safety standards or modifications for disability accommodations.

Autonomous Vehicles Interactions with First Responders and Traffic Violation Notices – AB 1777 (Ting)

Upon the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) adoption of necessary regulations, AB 1777 creates new authority for a law enforcement officer to issue a "notice of autonomous vehicle (AV) noncompliance" to an AV manufacturer for an alleged traffic violation committed by one of their vehicles. Beginning July 1, 2026, AB 1777 establishes additional requirements for how AVs that operate without a human operator in the vehicle interact with first responders, including a requirement for manufacturers to provide a two-way device in the vehicles to communicate with first responders. ★

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV024506

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

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

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 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
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BATES 1-24-25

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

Leilani Bailey and Parambir 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
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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 Ortegarey 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
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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
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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
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MOHAMMADI 1-24-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV026708

Karina M Herrera has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of

Armani Jordan Pablo Espinoza to Armani Jordan Pablo Herrera.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 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: December 30, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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HERRERA 1-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV025998

Stepan Gorodnyy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Stepan Gorodnyy to Stepan Kovalchuk.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 6, 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 20, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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STEPAN 1-31-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV000170

Deyanira Nava Nixon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Deyanira Nava Nixon to Deyanira Nava.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 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: January 3, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
NIXON 1-31-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN MICHAEL HAGY
CASE NO. 24-PRO-03584

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Steven Michael Hagy.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tatiana N. Shvetsova, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Tatiana N. Shvetsova be appointed as personal represen-

tative(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
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HAGY 1-10-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. FBNF2023-01186
The following person(s) has/

have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Costpro Lending, 2135 Butano Drive, Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95825. Summit Funding, Inc., 2135 Butano Drive, Suite 150, 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

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: Citrus Heights Car Wash, 7742 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

Berg Properties Inc., 6504 Aspen Gardens Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 5/25/2023 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 12/10/2024.
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CITRUS 1-17-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHY JEANNE ROGERS
CASE NO. 24PR003733

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Kathy Jeanne Rogers.

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 2, 2025, 9:00 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations

Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Douglas Broomell, Esq., 108 Main Street, Roseville, CA 95678; 916-899-1716
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ROGERS 1-17-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. FBNF2020-06725

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Fenton Consulting, 2641 Riverpine Court, Carmichael, CA 95608.

Fenton Baker Inc, 2641 Riverpine Court, Carmichael, CA 95608

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 9/23/2020 in the County of Sacramento.

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By V.G. Harris



What a difference a week makes! Yes, a lot can happen in a week, and the Sacramento Kings are living proof.

Gone is former coach of the year, Mike Brown, and interim head coach Doug Christie not only is riding a season high 4-game winning streak, he's riding a basketball juggernaut as well.

Wins over injury depleted Dallas Mavericks and Philadelphia 76ers were welcome wins, but to handily defeat the Memphis Grizzlies and archrival Golden State Warriors back-to-back was a sign that the Kings were truly on the road to recovery.

A horrid 6-game losing streak was the undoing of Mike Brown, and every pundit, newscaster and fan had a different opinion. The general consensus was that coach Brown had lost the locker room, and after a meltdown loss to the Detroit Pistons in which collectively the Kings and in particular DeAaron Fox guarded no one, the Pistons came away with an improbable 1-point win. 4-point plays to win a game are a rarity, and it's no fun to be on the losing end, but that's precisely where the Kings found themselves.

Whether coach Brown had truly lost his voice with the team is still open to conjecture, but from this writer's perspective, his lack of any consistency as it relates to playing time for players off the bench, led to overall sub-par productivity. Players from Keon Ellis, Alex Len, to Trey Lyles never knew from one game to the next if they would see significant minutes or no minutes at all.

Doug Christie was tapped on the shoulder and asked to take over the head coaching reigns, and so far, he's been a welcome addition to the head seat.

Some players have commented that Christie brings the mindset of a former player to the table, and thus far his voice is being heard. In particular the defensive end of the court has seen significant improvement, and the past four games have featured some of the best defensive basketball that fans have seen in memory.

A wire-to-wire victory over the Golden State Warriors in which Sacramento never allowed the Warriors any breathing room, was a glimpse of what the

Sactown boys are capable of, and Malik Monk had perhaps his finest game of the season. Malik matched Steph Curry with 26 points and added a season high 12 assists, but his defense was equally impressive. Domantas Sabonis had his usual stellar performance, adding 22 points and 13 rebounds while playing only three quarters.

Does coaching make a difference? You bet it does. Does that mean that winning four of five games since Mike Brown's departure, the Kings are headed to the playoffs.

Too early to tell Kings fans but take solace in seeing what your hometown boys are capable of doing. Not just playing tough teams and winning, but actually accomplishing blow-out wins.

Keon Ellis has returned to form and did a yeoman's job in filling in for an injured DeAaron Fox in the win over the Warriors. Keon has a big upside, as does Trey Lyles who is also showing signs of looking like his former self, playing solid basketball on both ends of the court.

Say hello to Devin Carter Kings fans, and this young rookie has game! Playing in just his 2nd NBA game, Devin broke into the scoring column with 13 points while adding an impressive seven rebounds. This youngster has been on the sidelines all season recovering from off-season shoulder surgery, and he looks eager to impress his fans and teammates alike. I like what I see in Devin, and his defense in particular on Stephon Curry was impressive to see. His debut has been a long time coming, and it could not have come at a more auspicious time. I look for coach Christie to give him all the playing time he can handle, and with the unfortunate departure of Davion Mitchell, another guard that can play ferocious defense is a welcome sight.

Stay tuned Kings fans and stay away from ugly trade rumors. Trades will invariably come, but let's just hope it doesn't involve the core members we've come to love!

All be best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Social Security Matters

I Use only VA Healthcare; Can I get back Medicare Taxes Paid?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm 72 years old with 20 years of military service. I am retired collecting Social Security, my military pension, and State retirement benefits. According to my SSA statement, over my working lifetime I paid \$14,302 into Medicare, but I never used that medical plan. I only bring in \$33,000 in annual income. Can I get those Medicare taxes back somehow? I've run into dead ends at SSA, Medicare and IRS websites. **Signed: Veteran Seeking Answers**

Dear Veteran Seeking Answers: First, I want to thank you for your military service to our country. You may find the "For Veterans" section of our www.amacfoundation.org website of interest.

Regarding the contributions you have made over the years to federal Medicare, I'm afraid you cannot get any of those taxes back even though you have never used Medicare healthcare

services. That's because Medicare, like Social Security, is a "pay as you go" program where all contributions received from workers are used to pay for benefits for current beneficiaries (contributions aren't put into a separate account to pay for your coverage). It's also important to know that your Medicare taxes were used only to fund Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization services. Those contributions (via payroll taxes) did not entitle you to outpatient healthcare services, as provided by Medicare Part B (for which there is a monthly premium).

FYI, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A to collect Social Security benefits after age 65. Medicare Part B isn't mandatory to collect Social Security, but assuming that, as a retired military veteran, you now receive healthcare benefits under the military's TriCare-for-Life program for retired veterans, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B to maintain your TriCare-for-Life coverage. Your military TriCare coverage coordinates with Medicare to pay for your healthcare costs. Thus, even though it may not be transparent to you, you may be benefiting from your current

enrollment in Medicare.

Note that some non-career veterans can use VA healthcare services based on their service years, instead of TriCare-for-Life for retired military veterans. Non-career recipients of standard VA healthcare services are not required to be enrolled in Medicare but, in any case, cannot receive their past Medicare Part A contributions back if they choose to decline Medicare. You may have interest in this article I previously published on the topic of VA benefits versus Medicare: www.socialsecurityreport.org/ask-rusty-i-have-va-coverage-should-i-get-medicare-part-b/

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January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Human Trafficking is more prevalent than you think. Every two minutes, a child is trafficked or sexually exploited in the United States. The average age of exploitation is 12 to 15 years old.

For every 10 trafficking victims identified globally, five are adult women and two are girls, meaning 70% are female.

The total number of trafficked individuals is unknown but estimates range from 28 million to 50 million globally.

This crime is often underreported and hard to track as it is the second largest worldwide criminal enterprise.

Sacramento is within the top 10 U.S. cities that are a trafficking hub, primarily due to I-5 that runs between Canada and Mexico, and I-80 which runs from the West Coast to the East Coast and California is a

coastal state.

The Impact of Trafficking

Human trafficking can happen to anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation or social class but some people are more vulnerable than others. Vulnerable groups include recent migrants, those with substance use/mental health illnesses, people with limited education and individuals experiencing poverty or homelessness (especially youth).

Another vulnerability is lack of companionship, loneliness or boredom, and youth at home alone. Unsupervised or under-supervised youth because both parents/guardians must work, tend to retreat into social media or online video gaming where traffickers also hunt. Traffickers also prey on these vulnerabilities to create a dependent relationship and make it more difficult for victims to leave. Most frequently, people are trafficked by someone they know and taken by

manipulation rather than force. This manipulation and coercion often escalate to physical, emotional and financial abuse. (Source: <https://prevention.org/human-trafficking-101>.)

Once immediate safety is established, the United Nations states that “acquiring skills and competencies for sustainable livelihoods” is an intermediate need and crucial part of a successful recovery for trafficked individuals. Soroptimists have decades of experience with providing this intervention through our education awards and other financial support. (Source: <https://www.un.org/en/chronicle/article/prevention-prosecution-and-protection-human-trafficking>.)

Women and girls who have been trafficked often suffer financially, being forced to rely on their trafficker or forced to turn over their earnings to their trafficker. Even after they escape and are safe, they often face unfair societal stigma that can make finding meaningful

employment difficult.

How Soroptimist Can Help

Reducing poverty is a powerful way to lower the risk of trafficking and education is a key pathway to doing just that. Access to formal education can provide women with the tools to prevent trafficking and to command better wages after surviving trafficking. Leading organizations addressing trafficking agree that holistic methods are the best prevention. One of the most impactful preventative methods is to invest in building the agency of women and girls through access to education. Ensuring that women and girls have the opportunity and ability to complete school and earn a livelihood plays a significant role in reducing vulnerability.

Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova and Gold River will host a “Human Trafficking & Massage Therapy Industry” awareness workshop on May 31 to learn how to tell the difference between

legitimate and illicit massage businesses, what goes on in illicit massage businesses, what you can do and the impact that illicit massage businesses are having on legitimate ones. Visit <http://www.soroptimistranchocordova.org> for more information and registration announcement.

Soroptimist is an international nonprofit organization that improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. The name, Soroptimist, means “best for women” and that’s what the organization strives to achieve. Soroptimists are people at their best, working to help other women be their best. Email sirgr2009@gmail.com to receive more information about Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova and Gold River, how to become a member or how to volunteer with club members. Or visit [soroptimistranchocordova.org](http://www.soroptimistranchocordova.org). ★

Soroptimists Give Holiday Joy to Veterans

Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova and Gold River recently completed its annual “mission” to fill and deliver holiday stockings to 120 female veterans receiving treatment at the VA Northern California Healthcare System (NCHCS).

Private businesses MednRx (in the new SF Market), Tara Dietel’s State Farm office, Crumbl Cookie, and Drink Eezy, as well as organizations including the City of Rancho Cordova, Visit Rancho Cordova, California American Water, Explore Rancho Cordova and our Soroptimist club contributed

items for the stockings.

The stockings included ChapStick, a mini squeeze ball, a granola bar, a pair of comfy socks, a mini bottle of hand sanitizer, a combination sunscreen and lip balm, an eyeglass cleaning cloth, a coaster, a pen, a mini tote bag, a voucher for a free cookie, a voucher for an adult beverage, a phone sanitizer/screen cleaner, a hot cocoa packet, a positive affirmation bookmark, stickers, a mini notebook, and a beautiful holiday card wishing happy holidays and a thank you for their service.

A former member also crocheted more than 20 one-of-a-kind beanies to be offered on a first come, first served basis to any female veteran who would like one. The stockings were

stuffed on Nov. 21 and delivered the next day for distribution, starting in December at the VA Northern California Healthcare System.

“Our Soroptimist club cares deeply for our brave veterans and the staff who serve them. We donated cases of snacks and vitamin water to the VA NCHCS during the pandemic, donated baby shower items to pregnant veterans receiving care there, donated warm socks numerous times to the VA NCHCS for veterans receiving chemotherapy and dialysis treatments, and now holiday stockings to bring veterans some cheer during the holidays. We love our veterans and those who provide care to them,” said club Vice-President Sheryl Longworth.

Both last year and this year’s

veteran stocking “missions” were led by club secretary and veteran, Stacy Delaney.

“Stacy did an amazing job coordinating all the donations and leading this committee. Committee members Ingrid Rosten, Christina Ma (club president), and Pamela Reed also worked very hard to ensure that our veterans receive nothing but the best.”

“Normally, our club members don’t have direct contact with those that we help. We generally drop off donations, materials, etc. to an intermediary who distributes what we contribute to the actual beneficiaries,” Longworth said.

After the 2023 holiday stocking mission, a woman stopped by to drop off some e-waste for the club’s e-waste recycling

fundraiser. The woman realized that the organization that provided her with a holiday stocking at the VA Northern California Healthcare System earlier that day was the same organization that she was giving her e-waste to now. The veteran was so grateful to receive her holiday stocking. She was having some health challenges that affected her employment and she was feeling down.

“The stocking she received brightened her day and outlook a lot,” Longworth said. “Knowing that a holiday gift from our hearts made a difference in the life of a veteran, was the best feeling in the world and that’s what the holidays are all about...spreading love to everyone. Our club now commits to a holiday stocking ‘mission’ every year.” ★

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High "5" In '25

Can you believe it's 2025? It seems like time is spinning so fast. So what's in store for this New Year? I thought it might be fun to check in with an Astrologer to give us some guidance or, at least, warning of what to expect. Astrologer **Mercury** is a regular on my POPPTALK Radio Show every Saturday 5-7 AM and Sunday 9-11 PM on FM-104.5 & AM-950 KAH1 or you can listen to my show 24/7 at www.kahi.com. Just click on Listen, then audio on demand and there's POPPTALK Hour one and POPPTALK Hour two. That's my shameless plug for the day. Mercury has spent his life studying the ways of astrology and metaphysics and focuses on the "to be" and "not to be" in the present moment. He has authored "Astrological Predictions for the Age of Light." So let's get some insight into that age of light for 2025, and I have to admit, I am a little worried that we may be on the dark side. Hold on to your hats!

PLUTO RETURNS (2025-2043) TRANSFORMATION AND REGENERATION. The U.S. is undergoing its Pluto return, a major astrological event that occurs roughly every 248 years. This period suggests a profound transformation, potentially involving themes of power, governance, and the nation's fundamental structures. It will bring challenges that necessitate profound change, such as political, economic, or social system reforms. **NEPTUNE TRANSITS. IDEALISM AND ILLUSIONS.** Neptune's position and aspects can highlight the themes of idealism, spirituality, and collective consciousness over these years. There will be a heightened focus on healthcare, medical, and environmental issues, with potential deception and misinformation in the public arena. Meditation is an ex-

cellent way to listen to your inner voice to speak to you. **URANUS IN TAURUS. INNOVATION AND DISRUPTION.** Uranus in Taurus signals shifts in economic systems, agriculture, and environmental policies. It can bring sudden changes and break throughs in technology or resource management, urging a move towards sustainability and innovation. Personal drone aircraft will be the future. **SATURN TRANSITS. STRUCTURAL RE-EVALUATION.** Saturn's ongoing transits emphasize the need for responsibility, discipline, and reassessment of existing systems, particularly in justice, infrastructure, and international diplomacy. Saturn's movement will challenge all governments. **JUPITER TRANSITS. EXPANSION AND OPPORTUNITY.** Jupiter's movement in Gemini often aligns with periods of growth, optimism, and opportunity, impacting economic conditions and foreign relations. Stay grounded in practical reality. This may also exaggerate existing issues.

The U.S. will face significant challenges and transformations during these transits, particularly with Pluto's return. This period offers an opportunity to realign with core values of democracy, justice, and innovation while addressing deep-rooted issues like racism, equal rights for women, and financial inequality.

So that's what **Mercury** had to share. I guess it's all in the stars or planets, as the case may be, and how they all align. Check out **Mercury** at his website for all he does from predictions to readings, a podcast and more for life. Check out www.Mercury-Minute.com. My wish for you is heavenly white light and a **HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!** ★

Local Water Boards Approve Resolutions to Apply for Combination

Sacramento Suburban Water District News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) and Del Paso Manor Water District (DPMWD) Boards of Directors on Dec. 11 took a significant step toward combination by unanimously approving similar resolutions of application to the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

The resolutions mark the districts' formal request for reorganization, including the annexation of Del Paso Manor's Water District service area to Sacramento Suburban's Water District. The approval sets the stage for a joint application to LAFCo, which will review the proposal, establish conditions, and make the final decision.

"Combining with SSWD represents a positive path forward for DPMWD," said DPMWD President Carl Dolk. "It means delivering clean, safe water, addressing critical infrastructure needs, and keeping rates more affordable for customers. We look forward to continuing our partnership with SSWD."

"Approval of this resolution reflects SSWD's commitment to the broader community and our dedication to helping a neighboring district overcome long-standing challenges," said SSWD Board President Kevin Thomas. "We're ready to welcome DPMWD customers into our District and ensure a smooth transition with strong financial protections in place for SSWD customers."

Highlights in the resolutions include. The reorganized district will retain the name Sacramento Suburban Water District with a five-member Board of Directors that includes incumbent Sacramento Suburban Water District Directors. Ratepayers within their respective service areas will continue to be responsible for any debts and liabilities. Certain assets will be used exclusively for the benefit of ratepayers within their respective service areas.

The Del Paso Manor service area will operate separately with its own rates, fees, and charges until sufficient rehabilitation and replacement of its water system have been completed. A Del Paso Manor Advisory Committee will be established to review proposals and make recommendations to the Sacramento Suburban Water District Board. This committee will be

comprised of Del Paso Manor Water District Directors.

Next step in the process: Planwest Partners is under contract and working on a Plan for Services and additional materials required to support an application to LAFCo. A Plan for Services outlines how Sacramento Suburban Water district will operate the DPMWD Service Area so that existing service levels are maintained without requiring subsidies from Sacramento Suburban ratepayers. The current LAFCo Application Timeline identifies March 5, 2025, for a LAFCo Hearing.

Background About Combination Discussions: Since 2019, the two water districts have engaged in various discussions about potentially combining the two districts. Both are neighboring water providers with the majority of the Del Paso Manor service area surrounded by Sacramento Suburban's service area. They also have previous experience collaborating through a Mutual Aid Agreement and an Operational Services Agreement.

Combination discussions were reinitiated in the spring of 2024 with renewed focus after the LAFCo adopted a Resolution of Intent to Dissolve Del Paso Manor Water District. LAFCo has identified that Del Paso Manor's aging infrastructure requires extensive investment, estimated at over \$50 million. System needs include repairs and upgrades at five district wells, replacement of undersized water mains (less than 4 inches), replacement of aging steel pipelines, relocation of backyard water mains, and installation of additional fire hydrants.

This would necessitate significant rate increases for Del Paso Manor's customers, potentially up to four times the rates of neighboring districts. LAFCo's focus is to ensure that Del Paso Manor's customers are provided a long-term safe and reliable water supply, at a reasonable rate.

By merging, Del Paso Manor Water District has the potential to achieve greater financial stability and access to grant funding for upgrading infrastructure that would not be available without a combination. At the same time, Sacramento Suburban Water District is well-positioned to integrate Del Paso Manor's customers and staff without exposing existing Sacramento Suburban customers to financial risk.

For more information, visit sswd.org and delpasomanorwd.org. ★



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