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Keeping the Kids Busy



Julie Habeeb provides a tour of the Sayonara Center.

*Story and photos
by Thomas J. Sullivan*

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Sayonara Center, home to a popular after-school program for youth in first to 12th grades in Citrus Heights, has welcomed youth from a very challenged community to spend their afternoons in a safe, drug-free, violence-free place since opening in 2004.

Located at 7836 Sayonara Drive, the center is a special place for children to focus on homework, eat a healthy snack and most of all, be cared for and have fun, according to center director Julie Habeeb.



Julie Habeeb, director of the Sayonara Center, and staff member Sophia McCarty, left, prepare Christmas gift bags for their students and families.

“Our students attend our after-school programs Monday through Friday for about three hours,” she said. “Most of the center’s participating students live in the Sayonara Drive neighborhood and are within walking distance.”

She and staff member Sophia McCarty were busy getting ready to host a Christmas party where they would distribute presents to all students and their families.

The center’s fall activities included a family pumpkin carving event in October, the distribution of Thanksgiving meal baskets and hosting a “Friendsgiving” dinner.

“I started volunteering at the Sayonara Center in 2008 during my senior year of high school,” Habeeb said. “I then moved to Los Angeles but would visit the center when I returned to town. I started in August 2012 and have been here ever since.”

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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

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Chamber Moves to New Office

*Story and photos
by Thomas J. Sullivan*

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce ended 2024 with a move to a new office in the Greenfair Plaza at 8091 Greenback Lane, Suite F, near the corner of Fair Oaks and Sunrise Boulevard, where the Chamber has signed a three-year lease.

“We’re thrilled to share that the chamber has moved to better serve our amazing community,” said Sheri Merrick, its executive director.

Merrick provided a brief tour of the new space, where unpacking continued and the scent of fresh bright orange paint still filled the air.

A grand opening ceremony is tentatively scheduled for later this month, according to Renee Larscheid, the chamber’s



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membership services and office administrator.

The new chamber office is situated between the Adventure Oak Learning Center and Tague Band Instrument Services. The nearby offices of Sunrise

MarketPlace (SMP) at 8095 Greenback Lane, Suite D are just around the corner within Greenfair Plaza, which is also home to Sacramento Black Rifle and the Citrus Heights Pet Hospital.

“I especially want to thank Kathlynn Carpenter, executive director of Sunrise MarketPlace (SMP) for her assistance in helping the chamber find this space,” Larscheid said.

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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 (from left) Angelique Fabbiani-Leon, State Hydrometeorologist, Manon von Kaenel, Water Resources Engineer, Andy Reising, Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager, and Jordan Thoennes, Water Resources Engineer, 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



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. ★

Gregg Fishman Elected SMUD Board President



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.

About SMUD

As the nation's sixth-largest, community-owned, not-for-profit electric service provider, SMUD has been providing low-cost, reliable electricity to Sacramento County for more than 75 years. SMUD is a recognized industry leader and award winner for its innovative energy-efficiency programs, renewable power technologies and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment.

In 2023, SMUD's power supply was, on average, 78-percent carbon free and SMUD has a goal to reach zero carbon in its electricity production by 2030. SMUD's rates and customer bills are consistently among the lowest in California and are today, on average, more than 50 percent lower than its neighboring investor-owned utility. For more information on SMUD's Zero Carbon Plan and its customer programs, visit smud.org. ★

Chamber Moves to New Office

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"It's great to be next door neighbors, and I look forward to collaborating with SMP as we move forward."

The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce was previously located at 7625 Sunrise Blvd. The move to its new location in Greenfair Plaza, near the busy corner of Greenback Lane and Fair Oaks Boulevard, within the Sunrise MarketPlace is a decidedly strategic move, Merrick said.

"We were set back off the road in our former location, behind another building, on the second floor, with no elevator where no one could find us," Merrick said.

The recent relocation will better help the chamber be able to promote the city as more "business-friendly" and make it easier to engage with the chamber, according to the chamber officials.

The chamber will make use of Sunrise MarketPlace's larger conference space to host special events, Merrick said. She looks forward to a successful 2025 and outlines some of the steps that the chamber is actively taking to provide value for its current members while attracting other businesses to join.

"We closed the year with 84 new chamber members and have a goal of 125 in 2025," Merrick said. "At the end of August 2024, a total of 57 new businesses had joined the Chamber of Commerce, as compared to



From left, Sheri Merrick, the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce executive director, and Renee Larscheid, chamber membership services and office administrator, welcome members to their new office.

17 new members joining in 2023."

The chamber also completely revamped its website for the first time, adding multiple new features that describe upcoming special events, community partners and available business resources, she said.

On Sept. 11, the Citrus Heights City Council unanimously approved a \$25,000 grant to be awarded to the Chamber of Commerce, \$8,000 of which was used for the recent office relocation.

A new series of special chamber events also opens in January, Merrick said. Information about the Access Citrus Heights Luncheon, an exclusive event designed for business professionals who want to connect with the key

leaders and decision-makers in the community, is posted on the chamber website. The event will allow business leaders to engage directly with those who influence the policies and decisions that could impact their business.

Merrick also wished to personally thank all those who assisted the chamber in its recent location, including Dylan Dudley, All American Haulin' Demos, Dumps and Junk Removal, McElroy's Repair, All State Canine Development, Amanda Camacho and Veldtech.

For information about the Access Citrus Heights Luncheon and other upcoming Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce events call 916-722-4545, visit CHChamber.com or email Chamber@chchamber.com. ★

Keeping the Kids Busy

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In late fall, the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce presented a \$2,000 donation to the Sayonara Center to support its ongoing programs.

"The chamber donation was a real blessing and will be spent toward program supplies," Habeeb said.

"In general, our center is loud most of the time," she said while offering a tour of the center. "It's clean before the students arrive but that doesn't seem to last very long," Habeeb added. "The perimeter of the rooms is lined with backpacks, sweaters, skateboards, with students getting started in a variety of crafts and different activities but we love it."

"I'm extremely grateful for the City of Citrus Heights and all the partnerships which we have in our community," Habeeb said.

Families with children enrolled in the San Juan Unified School District can register to participate in the center's programs. While new enrollment forms are required at the start of each school year, students can enroll anytime.

"Each fall, the Sayonara Center's Back to School registration period is a time for parents to come by and visit the center and enroll their children," Habeeb said.

During the center's fall "Back to School" registration event, students can also pick out a new backpack and receive school supplies.

"We do not charge for our after-school program. There is a small cost for away summer camp and to participate in sport leagues

that we partner with," Habeeb said.

Daily attendance isn't a requirement for participating students.

"We typically end the year with a large enrollment but every student doesn't attend daily, due to a variety of reasons," Habeeb said. "We want students and their families to know that we are here to be a resource and not have to feel pressure to attend or they lose their spot."

"Each new year, our goal is to find more resources for our students and their families," she added. "We like to keep our students busy and let them get creative, and we especially love to do arts and crafts activities, so any donation of art supplies is always welcome."

Donations of "kid-friendly" games and outside play equipment in good condition is welcome," Habeeb said.

"Our students have enough stress at home so their time with us is precious," she said. "We want them to be able to get out their extra energy, laugh with their friends, eat our daily meal that is served until they are full, complete their homework or school project, and work on reading or math flashcards with a volunteer."

"Having students of all ages participate in our program is one of the best parts of what I do," Habeeb said.

The Sayonara Center is located at 7836 Sayonara Drive in Citrus Heights. For information about registration or volunteer opportunities, email julie@sayonaracenter.org. ★

SacRT Launches Shared-Use Mobility Service

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available. Cost is \$2.50 per trip for eligible riders and adult companions, and free for children riding with parents.

To ride Via's SacRT Flex service, individuals must first complete an eligibility process. Applications can be submitted online at sacrt.com/

applyflex. Via's SacRT Flex app is also available to download on Google Play and the App Store.

For more information about SacRT Flex, including application details, service zones, and a full list of features, visit sacrt.com/flex, email CustomerAdvocacy@sacrt.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877). ★

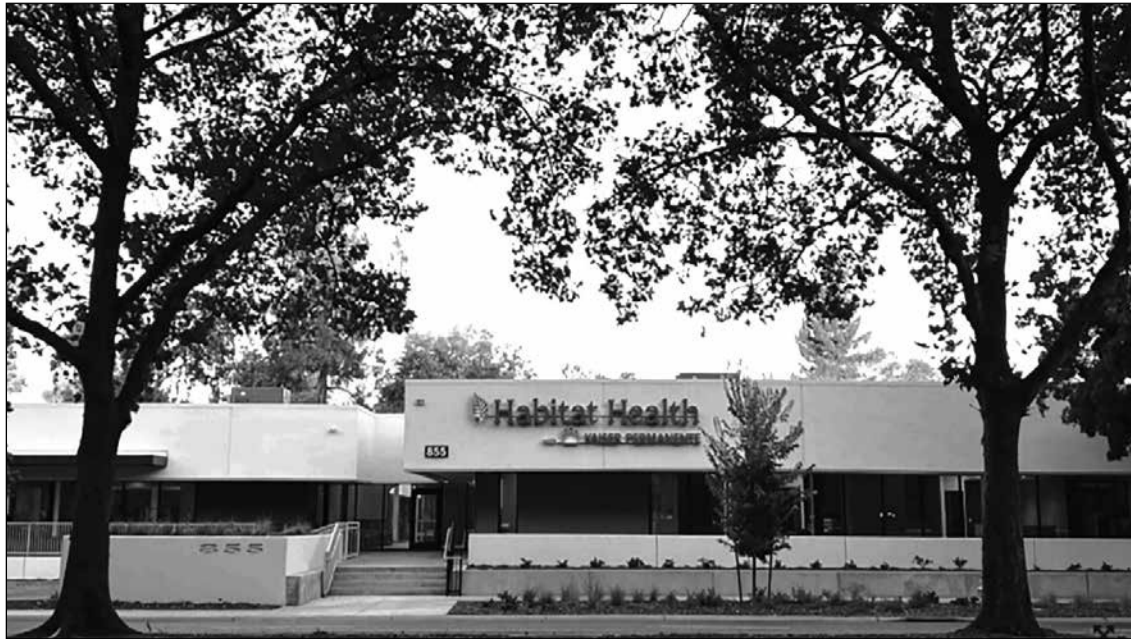
Habitat Health Opens PACE Center

Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Habitat Health has opened its first Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) center in partnership with Kaiser Permanente, expanding access to vital health care services for older adults. At the new center located at 855 Howe Ave. in Sacramento, Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente offers participants a fully integrated health care model that includes primary and specialty care, prescriptions, social activities, transportation, home care and more, all coordinated under one roof.

Habitat Health provides comprehensive medical and social care to eligible older adults to help them maintain their independence and stay in their homes and communities. Through the partnership, Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente PACE participants have access to Kaiser Permanente's industry-leading clinical expertise and sophisticated network of health care services. These services are typically provided at no cost to program participants who are eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal coverage.

"We are excited to offer a



Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente Sacramento PACE Center is located at 855 Howe Ave. Photo courtesy of Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente

truly differentiated care experience to support the diverse needs of older adults who live here in Sacramento," said Brad Oglevee, vice president and general manager of Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente Sacramento. "We know that bringing together Kaiser Permanente's demonstrated expertise delivering complex care with Habitat Health's dedicated interdisciplinary teams and joyful activities here in our center will provide

older adults and their caregivers peace of mind and a sense of community."

With roots in California since the 1970s, PACE is a community- and home-based care model that has been shown to reduce hospital admissions, improve symptoms of depression, enhance overall well-being for older adults and their caregivers, and reduce health disparities. Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente Sacramento's PACE center is eager to enroll

participants and support them through a differentiated and effective model.

"Our partnership with Habitat Health aligns seamlessly with Kaiser Permanente's commitment to improving the health and well-being of our members and communities by providing access to high-quality, affordable care," said Dr. Jason Gritti, Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente Sacramento's medical director and Kaiser Permanente primary care

physician leader. "The beauty of the PACE model of care is that it allows us to expand our scope of care to address older adults' medical, emotional, and social needs as a team."

The PACE center in Sacramento is the first of several centers that Habitat Health and Kaiser Permanente plan to open together in California, subject to applicable regulatory approvals.

For those interested in enrolling yourself or your loved one into Habitat Health with Kaiser Permanente, call 1-844-664-2248 (TTY: 711) or visit online www.habitathealth.com/refer.

About Habitat Health

Habitat Health empowers older adults to manage their health and maintain their independence in their homes and communities. Health insurance coverage, and medical and social care, is provided at the centers and in participants' homes. Through partnerships with health leaders such as Kaiser Permanente, scalable, affordable solutions are offered to meet the care needs of aging populations. Habitat Health redefines aging in place to bring more good days and a sense of belonging to participants and their caregivers. To learn more, visit www.habitathealth.com. ★

Beyond the Call: Supporting Foster Care Services



Quality Management worker Rose Vu has dedicated her career to making a difference in the lives of children and families served by the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

Sacramento County's Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS)

is celebrating its dedicated staff members. Quality Management worker Rose Vu has dedicated her career to making a difference in the lives of children and families served by the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services. Vu's career is a great example of hard work, innovation and a passion for improving lives.

"I started as a temporary employee and then I became a permanent employee as an assistant," Vu said. "I worked my way

up to getting promoted to a clerical supervisor level one and then level two. I was recently promoted to my current position as Human Services Program Specialist."

In her role, Vu acts as a data entry liaison, ensuring critical data is collected and analyzed. This data reflects the care foster children receive and identifies patterns and trends that can drive improvements in outcomes.

"It's important to collect this data because we want to ensure that our foster children are taken care of," Vu explained. "In addition to that, we are always striving to do better."

For Vu, improving

processes and supporting transitional-age foster youth are priorities. By overseeing data entry for programs such as supervised independent living, Vu ensures young adults in extended foster care can access the financial resources they need to thrive.

"Extended foster care is a great opportunity for foster children to be out on their own, learn skills and take them out into the real world so they can take care of themselves," Vu said.

Beyond data and processes, Vu takes pride in developing staff and training new social workers to understand the importance of placement information.

Vu is also an advocate for Sacramento County's PRIDE values: Principal, Respect, Innovation, Diversity and Inclusion, and Excellence. She appreciates how these values shape the work environment and provide opportunities for employees to recognize and celebrate each other's contributions.

"Sometimes, we are just so tunnel-visioned in the work that we do that we don't recognize the great work that we do," Vu said. "Sacramento County gives us that opportunity to recognize each other and to have great values."

Through her dedication, Vu makes a meaningful impact that helps families and children in Sacramento County. Vu is an example of one of Sacramento County's many employees who goes beyond the call. ★

Stand Against Hunger Raises Nearly \$630K for Food Banks

Annual Programs supported by generous community members along with Wells Fargo, Ashley Law, Bayside Church and Northwest Exteriors



Yolo Food Bank: Shown are from left, Darla Weaver, a community volunteer, Rebecca Elliott, Don Henry, Corey Rose, Aaron Heinrich, Mark S. Allen, Katie Kim and Gerardo Cabral. Photo courtesy of ABC10.

ABC10 News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

A signature initiative proudly led by ABC10, a Tegna-owned media station, the fifth annual Stand Against Hunger holiday fundraising campaign raised \$628,169. The impact of the annual fundraising drive is significant, especially with today's increased grocery prices. Every dollar donated to a food bank helps to address the issue of rising food insecurity taking place throughout the region. In fact, a donation of just \$5 equates to 15 meals for those in need.

Through the 2024 Stand Against Hunger initiative, donated funds from the community went to seven participating food bank partners: Emergency Food Bank of Stockton/San Joaquin; Feeding the Foothills (formally known as Placer Food Bank); Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano; Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services; Second Harvest of the Greater Valley; Yolo County Food Bank; and Yuba-Sutter Food Bank.

The 2024 Stand Against Hunger

campaign ran for six weeks from Nov. 6 through Dec. 22, and was supported by Wells Fargo, Ashley Law, Bayside Church and Northwest Exteriors. The TEGNA Foundation also donated \$25,000 to kick off the program. In addition, Telemundo 33 and KAT Country 103.3 in Stockton joined ABC10 by providing on-air support for the cause.

"Throughout the 2024 Stand Against Hunger initiative, it was heartbreaking to see the increased number of individuals and families in line at local food banks as they struggle with food insecurity," said Risa Omega, president and general manager of ABC10. "I am very pleased that ABC10 and our parent company TEGNA teamed up with nonprofits, along with other community-minded businesses and organizations, to take a Stand Against Hunger. Along with an incredible number of viewers who donated, we are proud to do our part to help put food on the table for so many community members in need."

For more information, visit www.abc10.com or www.youtube.com/ABC10. ★

Expanding Two Behavioral Health Service Programs

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

Sacramento County is kicking off the new year by expanding two Behavioral Health Service programs, combining Access and Substance Use Prevention Treatment (SUPT) services to streamline care, address critical needs and enhance the health and safety of our community.

Behavioral Health Services-Screening and Coordination (BHS-SAC) Call Center

The new Behavioral Health

Services-Screening and Coordination Call Center simplifies access to mental health and substance use treatment services by combining multiple phone numbers into one centralized line at 916-875-1055. This new service integrates the Mental Health Access Team and the Substance Use Prevention and Treatment System of Care under one number. By doing so, Sacramento County ensures that individuals in need can receive timely coordination among providers and improve health outcomes for those struggling with mental health and

substance use challenges.

"The BHS-SAC Call Center is a game-changer for our community," said Dr. Ryan Quist, the Behavioral Health director. "By centralizing these essential services, we're breaking down barriers to care and simplifying how our community can receive mental health and substance use resources."

Implementation of Senate Bill 43 (SB 43)

Sacramento County will implement the state's modernized law for involuntary psychiatric holds, which expands the definition of

"gravely disabled." This new definition includes individuals unable to care for their basic needs for health and safety due to a severe substance use disorder or a co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder.

Senate Bill 43 also broadens the definition of "basic needs" to include a person's ability to obtain necessary medical care, personal safety, food, weather-appropriate clothing and/or shelter.

The updated law will expand access to acute and long-term care for our most vulnerable community members who meet the definition

of gravely disabled and are suffering from a severe substance use disorder.

These efforts are part of a broader initiative in California to address homelessness, mental health crises and substance abuse treatment. The efforts implemented reflect the county's dedication to providing comprehensive care and fostering collaboration between health services and community partners. For more information about these programs, visit Sacramento County's Department of Health Services' Behavioral Health website at dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS. ★

Homeless Persons Memorial Day Vigil Hits Home for Many

Feed the Homeless Event Helps 100 Residents



For the sixth year, a large group of housed and unhoused residents joined event organizer Alfred Sanchez, far right, for the Sixth annual National Homeless Persons Memorial March to remember those who lost their lives while homeless during the past year. Photo by Elise Spleiss

American Legion Post 637 members, Daughters of American Revolution members and friends gather to deliver 100 meals and backpacks to homeless veterans and other veterans in Citrus Heights. Courtesy photo

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The winter solstice, Dec. 21, is the longest night of the year. In many cities, this day is set aside to remember and honor individuals who have died while experiencing homelessness.

At 7 p.m. Dec. 21 for the sixth time, a group of 25 housed and unhoused residents and friends met at Adalberto's Mexican Restaurant on Auburn Boulevard for the short march in memory of those who have died while living on the streets of Citrus Heights. The vigil serves as a tragic reminder that homelessness is a matter of life or death.

Led by Citrus Heights resident and homeless advocate Alfred Sanchez, also known as the Snack Man, the group walked the six-minute, quarter mile to Station 23 of the Sacramento Metro Fire District.

However, this year's walk and service had a more personal touch. On Nov. 12, just five weeks before the vigil, the body of Alicia (Allie) Sotelo, 38, one of the homeless women known to Sanchez and other homeless attendees, was found behind the Burlington Factory in the Kohl's shopping center. The cause of death was not known.

During the short service, half a dozen attendees shared their memories of Sotelo. It was a somber event and many held back tears.

Following the short service of remembrance, participants returned to the restaurant for burritos for all, compliments of Sanchez. Some walkers held large signs reading "Homeless Persons Memorial Day" and received honks of recognition from passers-by.

Sanchez, having been homeless in the past, shared that, "this is the one



Following the sixth Annual National Homeless Persons Memorial March, participants returned to Adalberto's for a meal. Courtesy photo

day we have to remember these people, they're still people too. Just imagine being out here all night, even in a sleeping bag, even in a tent. That's why we do this, to remember how brutal it is."

All attendees acknowledged that "we can go home, they cannot."

"I was very pleased and honored to have organized this memorable event once again," Sanchez said of the evening. "We will do this again next year to remember those who died while experiencing homelessness. They were loved by their friends and those who knew them."

The first National Homeless Persons Memorial Day was commemorated in 1990.

In 2020, Sanchez brought a proclamation to the Citrus Heights City Council, which declared Dec. 21 as National Homeless Persons' Day in Citrus Heights. Included were the words, "homelessness and hunger continue to be a serious challenge for many who have the right to adequate food, housing, clothing, safety and health care; and homelessness raises one's risk of illness, injury and death."

It goes on to encourage the residents of Citrus Heights, "in this season of generosity and sharing, to commit themselves to

promoting compassion and concern for all, especially those who are in need and homeless" (throughout the year).

Sanchez has been a familiar face to the homeless population and the businesses he works with to carry out his many projects since 2018. "Spread love, one snack at a time" is his motto. Being an amputee doesn't stop him from taking his electric scooter, the 'snackmobile' out on his Greenback Lane route to deliver hundreds of packets of snacks and other important items to his 'customers' seven days a week as weather permits. He also collects socks during his birthday month of March, and Halloween candy in October for his people.

Sanchez also advocates for those he serves, especially homeless veterans. Sanchez says there "is a lot of behind-the-scenes work" as a homeless liaison between the city and those customers. He informs them of their rights and where they may find other services such as the homeless navigator.

To learn more about this event and others that Sanchez organizes during the year, contact him at 916-517-6207. To help by donating items, contact him at bbqlstun@yahoo.com. Donations are gratefully accepted. ★

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - American Legion Post 637 members and friends recently gathered in front of the Texas Roadhouse in Citrus Heights for their sixth annual holiday Feed the Homeless event.

Originally scheduled for Dec. 14, the day was moved to Dec. 15 as a monsoon-like rain made carrying out plans for that day impossible. Not to be deterred, the group of 12 assembled as usual in front of the restaurant at 10 a.m. Dec. 15.

Texas Roadhouse Managing Partner Lauren Espinoza provided 100 full pulled pork slider meals to be delivered to 100 homeless veterans and other homeless residents in the Citrus Heights area.

Thanks to several corporate donations, small backpacks filled with purchased items were donated with the meals. The backpacks included gloves, stocking caps, socks and hygiene products.

Stops to locate recipients and distribute the gifts of food and backpacks were made at areas around Rusch Park, Citrus Heights Library, Costco and the Home Depot and Raleys on Antelope Road. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members, as well as friends who traveled up from the Bay Area, also volunteered.

Upon return from the food distribution, volunteers met at Texas Roadhouse at 3 p.m. for a final debriefing and a prayer of thanks.

"I guarantee that you will head home with a wonderful sense of accomplishment and will make you realize just how lucky you are to have a roof over your head and a warm place to sleep," Paul Reyes said of the experience.

The Feed the Homeless program began in 2019 with Reyes and four other

American Legion Post 637 members and Judy Myers. Reyes had the idea of doing something good for the local community by feeding a number of homeless individuals here in Citrus Heights. Fifty meals were provided by Texas Roadhouse that year, along with the backpacks.

Reyes attributes the success of the event to his long-time group of helpers who have been with him since the start.

"They have gone above and beyond in making certain that items needed get purchased and the back packs given are filled with the personal items," Reyes said.

"On our first year (Christmas Eve) when my wife, Judy Myers, was asked what she thought of the day, she answered, 'I have never had this much fun on a Christmas Eve as I have had today!'"

Reyes knew then this could not be a one-time event.

"We now look forward to 2025, planning on doing it once again," Reyes said.

Texas Roadhouse is known for working with many community partners throughout the year, not only providing meals and funds but wherever there is a need. Its motto is, "Your community is our community."

Fundraising and other annual events include a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness, free meals for all veterans on Veterans Day, the donation of meals to many local schools during Teacher Appreciation Week, and an annual Donation Night with all proceeds for the night going to the American Tinnitus Association in honor of the Texas Roadhouse founder, Kent Taylor.

For information on fundraising events at Texas Roadhouse, contact Sandra at 916-801-2752.

For information on the all the community projects Texas Roadhouse is involved in, visit <https://www.texasroadhouse.com>. ★

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.

For more Sacramento Superior Court news and notices, visit its website at www.saccourt.ca.gov.

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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
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025
WIND 1-17-25

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09508
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
Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
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 20, 2024
Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
SHELL 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09366
Randy Hilton, 7710 Southcliff Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nobility Painting Company" 7710 Southcliff Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024
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NOBILITY 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09493
Jonathan Scott Coatsworth, 5344 Sandburg Drive, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mongoose on the Loose/Other Worlds Ink/Queerance Ink/Queer Sci Fi/Liminal Fiction/ Queer Sacramento Authors Collective/ Gay Realty Network/Purple Roofs" 5344 Sandburg Drive, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2024
Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
MONGOOSE 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08836
E Lending LLC 1136-31 41st Avenue Suite 8B, Flushing, NY 11355 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Everest Capitals" 1136-31 41st Avenue Suite 8B, Flushing, NY 11355. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024
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EVEREST 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09491
Maryam Shams Rafiee, 100 Hesler Court, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LanguageLoom" 100 Hesler 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 Harrell, 10520 Chardonay Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 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
Publish: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025
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
Publish: January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025
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
Veniamin-Oleksii Halperin, Victoria Davydenko, Daniil Halperin and Oleksandra Devydenko, 7853 Paseo De Aiston, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pan Baran" 7853 Paseo De Aiston, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 3, 2025
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PAN 1-31-25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

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

Ahmadjaved Hashimi & Asma Hashimi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Said Mohammad Shah Hashimi to Mohammad Jan Hashimi.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 20, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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HASHIMI 1-10-25

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

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

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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ZHOGICHEV 1-10-25

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

Ahmad Mustafa Abdul Roufi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ahmad Mustafa 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

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 Ortega 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
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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 Haggy.

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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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

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The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 2/17/2023 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 11/20/2024.

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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.

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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.

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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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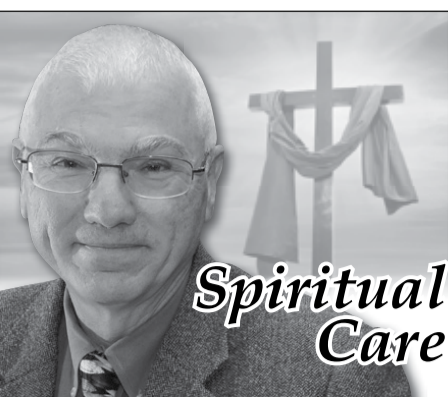
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Come Fly With Me or Buy With Me



BY NORRIS BURKES

Not long ago, I spoke to a Spanish club, a group of women hoping to hone their Spanish skills and asked the attendees to “Come fly with me.”

Not wanting my invite to be misinterpreted, my wife Becky, chimed in, “And me too.”

A few older women heard a reference to United Airline’s 1968 campaign, “Come Fly with me.” But the younger ones began humming the Jonas Brothers 2009 hit “Fly with Me.”

“To clarify,” I said, “I’d like you join us on one of the two volunteer trips to Honduras to help Chispa Project.”

Of course, I was pushing the Spanish immersion trip on April 6-13. “But no worries, you needn’t speak Spanish or have any particular skill; you just need to be willing to help out as needed!”

One woman seemed interested, but questioned the sparse accommodations, hoping to book her own hotel.

Well, you know me. I had an answer for her.

“Both trips have nice accommodations, but if you want the 5-star trip, then join us in March 5-16. It’ll be an “immersive experience of volun-tourism that will allow you to explore one of the hidden gems of Honduras.

“Arguably the most beautiful colonial town in the country, Copan boasts traditional Mayan chocolate, the best Honduran coffee, and some of the most incredible and well-preserved Mayan Ruins.”

Yup, I was reading from the travel brochure.

If you’ve only recently joined my readership, you’ll need to know that my daughter, Sara, started Chispa Project, pronounced cheez-pah, meaning

“spark” in Spanish. Hondurans use the word to describe people with spark or drive.

Chispa has a simple mission: Sponsor children’s libraries and equip them with quality books in Spanish by working side by side with Honduran community leaders and educators.

In the 80 schools where Chispa works, they build alliances with communities to design, fund and manage their own libraries. Community members also volunteer in the library project and raise a symbolic portion of the funding that ensures sustainability and ownership.

“What will we do during the volunteer week?” asked another.

“We begin the day after arrival by decorating library spaces that will make children proud of their school. We paint the walls with colorful murals, assemble bookshelves, and stock and catalog an entire library.

“Imagine us working together, rolling two coats of white paint on crumbling walls. The paint provides a bright pallet for those murals intended to inspire future readers.

The children will surround us, chattering the few English words they know. Their smiles go for miles as they read the picture books we bring.”

Some in my group gave an empathetic sigh.

Finally, one woman asked the most common question about our trips “Is it dangerous?”

“That’s a risk you will have to assess on your own. We safely welcomed volunteers from ages 3 to 83. I can also tell you that that my daughter, Sara, her husband and her two children spent several years in Honduras.

Unsure how many takers I’d persuaded, I added, “While the days are sometimes hot and long, I reward my volunteers with ice-cream cones.”

I suggested additional questions might be answered on our website at ChispaProject.org/volunteertrip. “Read the details and fill out the forms,” I said. “Watch the five-minute video and e-mail Sara or me with your questions.”

And, finally, you know I made one more pitch –

“If you can’t fly with me, then “Buy with Me!” ★

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.”

Ryan Sabalow is a Digital Democracy reporter for CalMatters. A graduate of Chico State University, he began his career covering local news for the Auburn Journal in Placer County and The Record Searchlight in Redding. ★



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

Dave Ramsey

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. ★

Fatal Traffic Collision

Citrus Heights Police Department News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On Dec. 23, at approximately 9:46 p.m., the Citrus Heights Police Department received several 911 calls regarding a collision between a motor vehicle and a bicyclist on Van Maren Road near Mercedes Avenue.

Officers arrived on the scene and located an injured bicyclist lying on the ground in the roadway. The bicyclist was transported to Mercy San Juan Hospital. Life-saving measures were attempted. However, the bicyclist was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The vehicle’s driver remained on the scene and cooperated with the investigation.

The cause of the collision is still being investigated. It appears drugs and or alcohol may have played a role in the collision.

The Citrus Heights Police Department’s Traffic Unit and Crime Scene Investigators responded to the scene to investigate the collision. Both northbound and southbound lanes of Van Maren Road between Donegal Drive and Bremen Drive were closed for a few hours while the collision was investigated.

The identity of the deceased bicyclist is being withheld pending notification of the next of kin by the Sacramento County Coroner’s Office.

Any witnesses to the collision are encouraged to contact the Citrus Heights Police Department at (916) 727-5500. ★



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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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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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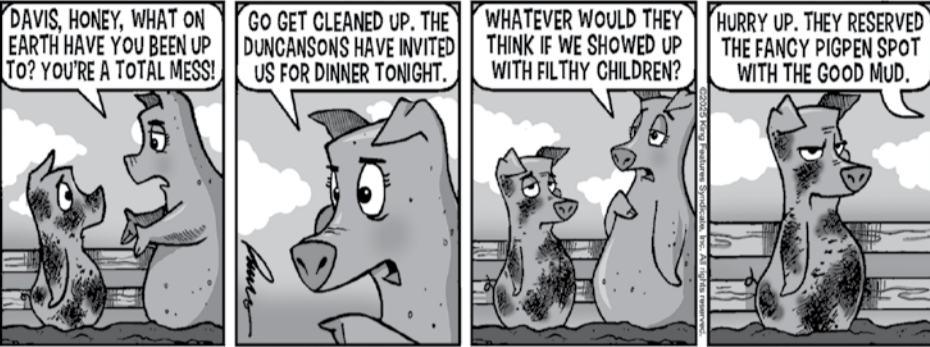
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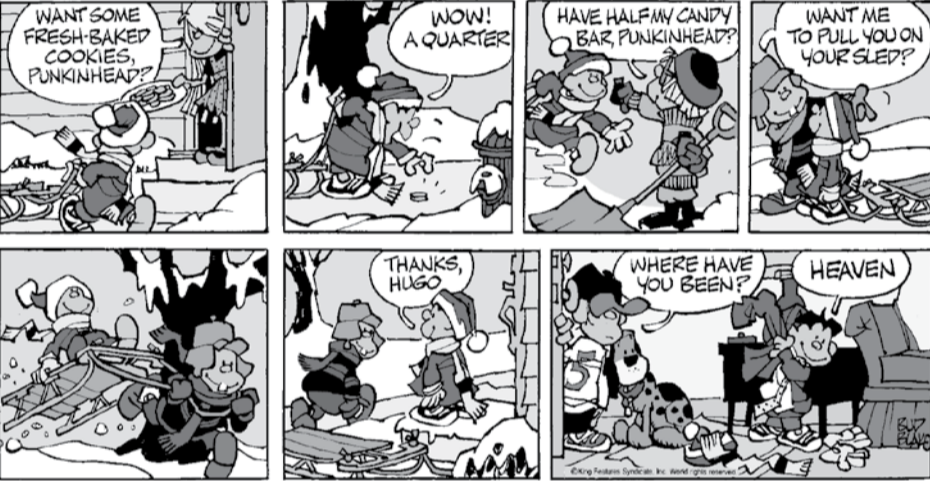
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 - Capone's family
 - Wild swine
 - "You're not allowed," to a baby
 - Deal with it
 - Cunningly
 - Shower with affection
 - Allege
 - City in Belgium
 - "Snow Day exercise?"
 - Poet Pound
 - Ovine sign of the zodiac
 - Tasseled hat
 - All together (2 words)
 - Military College of South Carolina, with The
 - For every
 - a.k.a. association football
 - "All-day Snow Day garb?"
 - Delete
 - Crude fuel
 - Read-only disc
 - Good's counterpart
 - Popular flowering shrub
 - Female ancestor
 - Two heads are better than one, e.g.
 - Bering Strait state
 - Rudolph's Clarice, e.g.
 - Like thick smoke
 - Fountain option
 - "No two are alike, sing.
 - Surround (2 words)
 - Tangerine plus grapefruit
 - "Like a river, with over
 - #1 Down, pl.
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 - Not him
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- Odds' partners
 - Tubby little cubby
 - "He's Just Not That You"
 - Of the same period
 - *Popular Snow Day pastime
 - Some tournaments
 - Zugspitze, e.g.
 - *Severe weather
 - Deed hearing
 - Algae, sing.
 - Marble bread
 - ____ Jack, English pirate
 - *As opposed to rain
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 - Type of conifer
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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' 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. ★

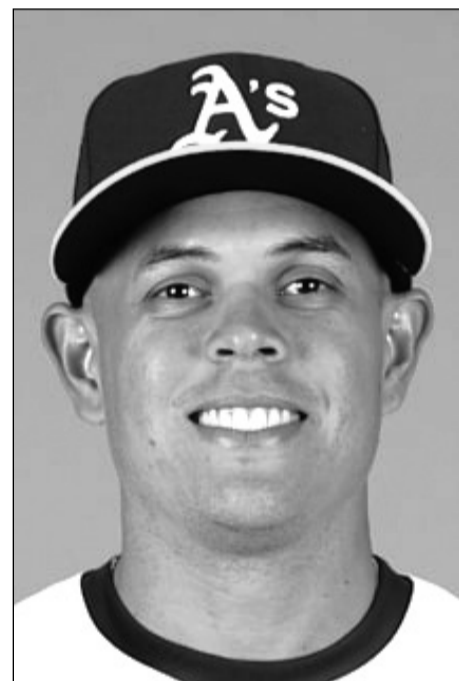
Athletics Add Infielder Gio Urshela

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). ★

