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## Raley's Announces New Food for Families Grant Program



Raley's Food for Families converts customer and team members donations into food for more than 2.2 million people each month through 12 partner food banks in the communities where Raley's serves. Photo courtesy of Raley's Food for Families

### Raley's Food for Families News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - To assist with the ongoing challenge of safely storing, transporting and distributing food, Raley's is introducing a new Food for Families grant program for its partner food banks and supporting networks.

Starting at a minimum of \$5,000 each, the grants will reflect a wide range of funding depending on the demonstrated need of the requesting food bank. The new Food for Families Grant program is made possible by Raley's and donations from throughout the community. Donations are being gratefully accepted now at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation site to support this

important initiative that represents an expansion of the long-time Food for Families effort.

Raley's Food for Families converts customer and team members donations into food for more than 2.2 million people each month through 12 partner food banks in the communities where Raley's serves.

"For years, Raley's customers have provided unwavering support with their generous donations to our Food for Families program. Through experience with our ongoing programs, we recognized the need to further support the crucial food distribution needs within our existing food bank family," said Chelsea Carbahal, executive director, Raley's Food for Families. "This new Food for Families grant program will enable

our current partners to more effectively and efficiently serve their communities by equipping them with resources that otherwise may have been out of reach financially."

Grant funds will help support food bank necessities, such as refrigerators, freezers, warehouse racking, transportation crates, shipping vehicles, and other infrastructure items required to safely provide food to communities. Grant applications are accepted now through Feb. 7, with application forms provided directly to and through Raley's Food for Families food bank partners to their partner agencies.

"Our goal at Raley's is to help get food in the hands of as many people in need as possible," said Carbahal.

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## SacRT Launches Shared-Use Mobility Service

### Sacramento Regional Transit District News Release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Local Water Boards Approve Resolutions to Apply for Combination

### Sacramento Suburban Water District News Release

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

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

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

partnership with SSWD."

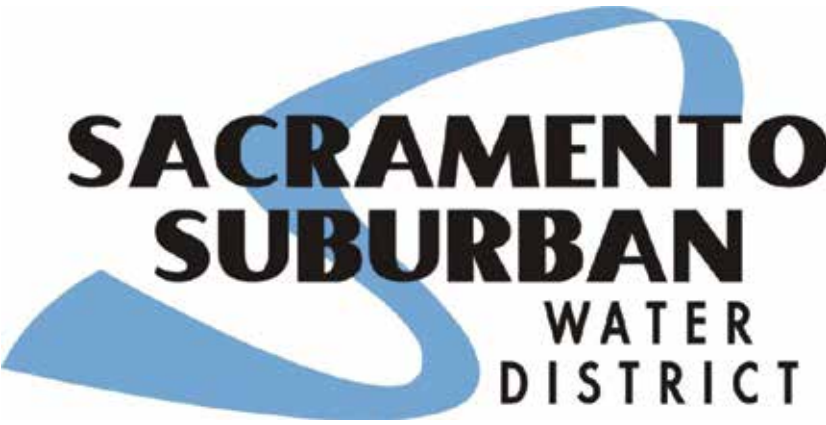
"Approval of this resolution reflects SSWD's commitment to the broader community and our dedication to helping a neighboring district overcome long-standing challenges," said SSWD Board President Kevin Thomas. "We're ready to welcome DPMWD customers into our District and ensure a smooth transition with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

Highlights in the resolutions include. The reorganized district will retain the name Sacramento Suburban

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

The Del Paso Manor service area will operate separately with its own rates, fees, and charges until sufficient rehabilitation and replacement of its water system have been completed.

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# 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: Organized 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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# Raley’s Announces New Food for Families Grant Program

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“We know the food that we and our food bank partners provide is only helpful if there is a means to safely store and distribute it. This new Food for Families grant funding effort is all about growing the positive impact in our communities and helping provide the physical means to do so.”

Raley’s anticipates awarding up to \$500,000 in grant funding in the first year of the new program. Grant funding will be made available in two waves, including this current grant application phase and another scheduled for later

in the year. The Food for Families grant program is available to Raley’s Food for Families food bank partners and their expansive network of more than 2,400 partner agencies, such as smaller food banks, food closets, and church distribution sites.

Growing from a single store opening in 1935, The Raley’s Companies now includes brick and mortar locations under Raley’s and Bashas’ family of brands, including: Raley’s, Bel Air, Nob Hill, Raley’s ONE Market, Bashas,’ Food City, AJ’s Fine Foods and Bashas’ Diné Markets. In addition to the special

hurricane relief efforts, The Raley’s Companies are deeply committed to giving back by addressing local hunger needs, advocating for good, and focusing on child welfare, the environment and sustainability, food access, food system education, and total wellness. Between 2022 and 2023, the organization donated more than \$3 million to local and regional nonprofit organizations. For more information about Raley’s commitment to give back and their nonprofit, visit Raley’s Food for Families website at [raleys.com/giving/food-for-families](http://raleys.com/giving/food-for-families). ★

# 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](http://smud.org). ★

# Local Water Boards Approve Resolutions to Apply for Combination

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A Del Paso Manor Advisory Committee will be established to review proposals and make recommendations to the Sacramento Suburban Water District Board. This committee will be comprised of Del Paso Manor Water District Directors.

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

Background About Combination Discussions: Since 2019, the two water

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

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

pipelines, relocation of backyard water mains, and installation of additional fire hydrants.

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

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

For more information, visit [sswd.org](http://sswd.org) and [delpasomanorwd.org](http://delpasomanorwd.org). ★

# SacRT Launches Shared-Use Mobility Service

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To ride Via’s SacRT Flex service, individuals must first complete an eligibility process. Applications can be submitted online at [sacrt.com/applyflex](http://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](http://sacrt.com/flex), email [CustomerAdvocacy@sacrt.com](mailto:CustomerAdvocacy@sacrt.com) or call 916-321-BUSS (2877). ★

# 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 cyber-crime 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](http://www.saccourt.ca.gov).

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

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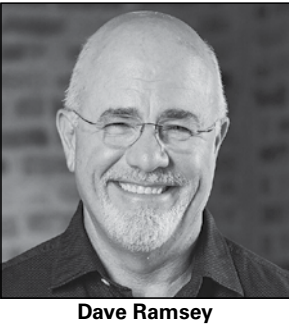
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Dear Dave,

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– 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

# Dave Ramsey Says

## The Game's Not for Everyone and The Safest Place?

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.* ★

# Kings Korner

## 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!  
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New Law Inspired by Ex-Lawmaker's DUI Adds

to Alcohol Education in California Schools

By Ryan Sabalow,  
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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.* ★

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GEOTECH 1-10-25

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09062  
Alvarez Legacy Ventures Inc., 10736 Gemsbuck Lodge, San Antonio, TX 78245 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Crazy Blaze" 10360 Rockingham Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
BLAZE 1-10-25

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

Sacramento County December 9, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
UPPAL 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08426  
Holli Morris, 2715 D Street, #4, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Midnight Sun Lashes" 3010 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
MIDNIGHT 1-10-25

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09070  
Felicia Williamsoneyes, 9905 Diamonte Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Culinary101Supplies.com" 9905 Diamonte Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
CULINARY 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08956  
Karen Brown, 5420 Kohler Road, #41055, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Because Soaps/Because Bath and Body" 4771 Clothier Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
BECAUSE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09129  
Golden Republic Inc, 1007 Taber Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Republic Realty" 3810 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
GOLDEN 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08690  
Kepha Health Care, 1401 21<sup>st</sup> Street, #10142, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Unique Virtual Care" 1401 21<sup>st</sup> Street, #10142, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
UNIQUE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08867  
King's Casino Management Corp., 7727 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stones Gambling Hall/The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall/The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall/ Sammy's Restaurant + Bar/ Sammy's Restaurant + Bar/ Pin High" 6510 Antelope Road, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
STONES 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08833  
Mehta & Mehta Medical Consultants Inc, 1320 Cornerstone Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA 96762 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PrimeLyfeMD/Prime Lyfe MD" 5170 Golden Foothill Parkway, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
PRIMELYFE 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08967  
HRBVR Inc., 2532 Landwood Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cap City Pools" 2532 Landwood Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
CAP 1-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09242  
Heinbo Three Corporation, 7016 Canevalley Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "H3 Landscaping" 7016 Canevalley Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2024  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
H3 1-10-25

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

5045 College Oak Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capitol Driving School" 5045 College Oak Drive, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 17, 2024  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025  
CAPITOL 1-17-25

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09245  
Prisca A. Mutayabarwa, 6437 Brando Loop, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Neema Bright Star" 6437 Brando Loop, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2024  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025  
NEEMA 1-17-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08431  
Tia J King, 9140 Blue Point Lane, #3, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elite 82 Hair Studios" 1440 Ethan Way, Suite 14, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2024  
Publish: Dec 27, Jan 3, 10, 17, 2025  
ELITE 1-17-25

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09363  
Yuliya Dereviaga, 6516 Mauana Way, Citrus Heights, 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Quantum Aesthetics/Quant Aesthetics" 7840 Madison Avenue, Suite 130, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2024  
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QUANTUM 1-17-25

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

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

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

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08471  
Sarah R Blackledge, 50 Iron Point Circle, Suite 140, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious

Business Name(s) "Josephine Estelle Jewelry" 50 Iron Point Circle, Suite 140, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2024  
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JOSEPHINE 1-17-25

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09482  
High Roads Pavement Services, 10308 Placer Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A-1 Advantage Asphalt & Concrete" 10308 Placer Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 19, 2024  
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A-1 1-17-25

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

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  
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NATIONAL 1-24-25

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09513  
DPSK Inc, 6431 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elk Grove Shell/ Greenhaven Shell/Campus Shell" 6431 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 20, 2024  
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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/Qeeromance 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  
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MONGOOSE 1-24-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-08836  
E Lending LLC 1136-31 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue Suite 8B, Flushing, NY 11355 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Everest Capitals" 1136-31 41<sup>st</sup> 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  
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SCHOFIELD 1-24-25

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

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09561  
Dustin Waite LLC, 3032 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Without Limits Publishing Company" 3032 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2024  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09323  
Hadin Inc, 12801 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 428, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hadin Engineering" 12801 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Apt 428, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2024  
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HADIN 1-31-25

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-09630  
Nicomex 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 66<sup>th</sup> 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, Viktoriia 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
HASHIMI 1-10-25

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

Carina Anne Torres has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carina Anne Torres to Carina De Alba Lopez.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 6, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
CARINA 1-10-25

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

Albert Allen Lockard and Jennifer Michelle Welch aka Roberta Louise Welch has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Albert Allen Lockard to Albert Allen Branson and Jennifer Michelle Welch aka Roberta Louise Welch to Jennifer Michelle Branson.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 27, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 20, 27, Jan 3, 10, 2025  
BRANSON 1-10-25

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**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- Larger-than-life
- 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.
- Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
- Olufsen's partner
- Sound of a bell
- Not him
- Surfer's stop

**DOWN**

- 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
- Irregular
- Type of conifer
- Musketeers' swords
- High-strung
- Cerebellum location
- Unit of life
- Students' dwellings
- \*Snow Day reading choice
- Helping theorem
- \*Like soft p's
- Intelligence org.
- \*Slope fun
- Shorter than California
- Number of years

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**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- Larger-than-life
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- "You're not allowed," to a baby
- Deal with it
- Cunningly
- Shower with affection
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- City in Belgium
- "Snow Day exercise"
- Poet Pound
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- 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.
- Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
- Olufsen's partner
- Sound of a bell
- Not him
- Surfer's stop

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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
- Irregular
- Type of conifer
- Musketeers' swords
- High-strung
- Cerebellum location
- Unit of life
- Students' dwellings
- \*Snow Day reading choice
- Helping theorem
- \*Like soft p's
- Intelligence org.
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# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.abc10.com) or [www.youtube.com/ABC10](http://www.youtube.com/ABC10). ★

## 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](http://dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS). ★

## Expanding Two Behavioral Health Service Programs



# 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. ★

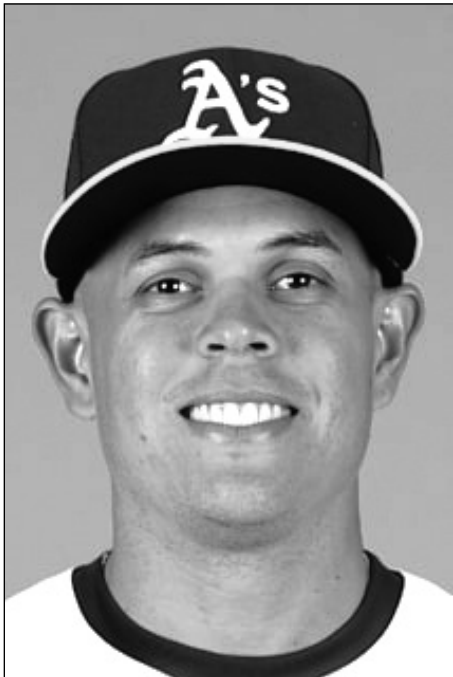
## Athletics Add Infielder Gio Urshela

### 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). ★

