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Sacramento County Public School Students Eligible for \$1,500 Scholarships



ScholarShare Investment Board staff speak to students in Sacramento about CalKIDS. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - College acceptance and financial aid letters are arriving soon, and high school seniors have a major opportunity to ease their higher education costs through the CalKIDS program.

CalKIDS is the nation's largest child development account program, providing scholarships for higher education. This statewide initiative, administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, provides eligible California public school students with

CalKIDS Scholarships worth up to \$1,500, helping them take the next step toward college or career training by easing financial barriers to higher education.

In Sacramento County, more than \$81 million in CalKIDS Scholarships has been made available to public school students over the last three years, providing critical financial support for their higher education. A CalKIDS Scholarship does not require students to submit essays, meet a minimum grade point average (GPA), or provide recommendation letters.

"CalKIDS is an incredible

resource for families," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, chair of the ScholarShare Investment Board. "Claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship is the easiest step students can take on their path to higher education, and we want every eligible student to claim their scholarship account and take full advantage of this opportunity."

Eligible students can use their CalKIDS Scholarship accounts for tuition and fees, books and supplies, and computer equipment. Since 2022, approximately \$1 billion in CalKIDS Scholarships have been made available to more than 2 million of California's public high school students.

For students like Estuardo from San Francisco State University, the CalKIDS Scholarship was a game-changer.

"I was absolutely surprised...I didn't know I could have money for school just like that. I used my funds for tuition...it took a big load off my back. Now I can finally focus on my education," said Estuardo.

Sacramento County has made efforts to ensure students and families are aware of and claim their CalKIDS accounts. The ScholarShare Investment Board has worked diligently to establish strong partnerships with

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Temporarily Out of Town? Your Vote Stays Home

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Did you know that while all voters must be registered where they live, some voters might also have out-of-state mailing addresses?

We know this might sound a little confusing but it's actually quite simple, so let's break it down.

What this means is that a voter who permanently resides in Sacramento County might choose to receive their election ballot, voter information guide and other materials at an address that is not their registered residence.

There are many reasons that a voter might need to use an out-of-state mailing address to receive their election material. This includes students attending college, workers on an extended work assignment, retirees enjoying a seasonal trip and/or voters temporarily caring for an out-of-county family member.

Voters who find themselves out of state unexpectedly or on short notice during an election could also request a one-time mailing address to receive their ballot at their temporary location.

To maintain an accurate voter file, Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) reviews the voter file for out-of-state mailing addresses after each general election. This month, Voter Registration and Elections will send a letter to every voter with an out-of-state mailing address. This letter gives them the opportunity to let us know whether their out-of-state mailing address is correct, and they would like to maintain their Sacramento County voter registration; if they would like to update their voter registration (residential) address; or if they have registered or plan to register to vote in a different state and wish to cancel their Sacramento County voter registration.

We use the information from the responses to these letters to ensure that our voter file is as accurate and up to date as possible.

For more information on Voter File Maintenance, visit elections.saccounty.gov/ElectionInformation/Pages/Voter-File-Maintenance.aspx

A voter can add or remove a mailing address by calling Voter Registration and Elections at any time at 800-762-8019; re-registration is not necessary.

If you have moved and need to update your voter registration, visit registerto-vote.ca.gov, call our office to request a registration form or visit any Post Office or library. ★

Gateway Project to Improve Old Auburn Road and Wachtel Way

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Planned improvements to roads and pathways along Old Auburn Road and Wachtel Way are expected to start in 2028, as part of the city of Citrus Height's Gateway Activation Project (GAP).

The improvements could help daily commuters who use the historic heavily-traveled route which cuts diagonally east to west across the city.

Residents had an opportunity to view and comment on some of the multiple design proposals under consideration and a timeline for the Gateway Activation Project's completion in an April 29 public workshop at the Big Oak Mobile Home Park at 8300 Old Auburn Road.

Citrus Heights Community Development Director Casey Kempenaar



Here is a view of Old Auburn Road. Photo courtesy of City of Citrus Heights

said that project approval and environmental review is expected to be completed in spring 2026. Construction is tentatively set for spring 2028, according to Kempenaar.

Overall traffic on Old

Auburn Road is averaged to be more than 14,000 vehicles per day in each commute direction, workshop participants were told. A computer simulation study during the workshop illustrated areas

where traffic often bottles up.

The Gateway Activation Project has two general objectives, local and regional trail connectivity and local roadway

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local high schools, school districts, community-based organizations and financial aid directors at community colleges and universities. Partners like Sacramento California Student Opportunity and Access Program Consortium (Cal-SOAP) play a vital role in spreading awareness and helping students access the funds available to them.

Claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship is quick and easy. Families simply need the student’s Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a ten-digit number which can be obtained by contacting their school directly. Once they have the Statewide Student Identifier, parents or students can visit CalKIDS.org to check eligibility and claim a scholarship account in just minutes.

The funds can be used at accredited colleges, universities, trade schools and career programs across the country. Once enrolled in a higher education program, students can log into their CalKIDS account to request a distribution directly to their school to cover qualifying educational expenses.

“Studies show that students with just \$500 or less set aside for college are three times more likely to attend college and four times more likely to graduate,” said Executive Director Cassandra DiBenedetto. “CalKIDS Accounts are more than financial assistance, they’re an investment in students’ futures, and we want to give every one of these students a reason to believe in their path to higher education.”

With roughly one in two Sacramento County public school students eligible for a CalKIDS Scholarship and key college decisions and financial aid deadlines approaching, now is the time for students and families to check their eligibility and claim their scholarship account.

For more information on eligibility, scholarship amounts and how to claim a CalKIDS Scholarship account, visit CalKIDS.org.

The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) is the nation’s largest child development account program, providing scholarships for higher education. To learn more, visit CalKIDS.org. ★

By Sheila LaPolla, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 383

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - For the American Legion Auxiliary May is known as Veterans Poppy month, with this year’s National Poppy Day falling on May 23.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

During World War I, the poppy flourished on the battlefields of Flander’s Field among the shelled buildings and bomb-scarred landscape. Like the blood that was shed there, its brilliant red bloom became a sign of hope and renewal. For those who would never leave, those who had given their lives, it is a perpetual memorial to their bravery.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Unit 383, in Fair Oaks thanks veterans for their valor and sacrifices by distributing red poppies to wear as a symbol to honor the fallen and to support our nation’s men and women in uniform who protect us.

Our veterans shed blood and tears protecting our democracy. They suffer wounds visible and invisible, and their families suffer along with them.

We thank our veterans for their sacrifices, patriotism and love of country.



The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. Photo courtesy Pixabay

To this day, the red poppy is a perpetual memorial to the sacrifices made by our fallen veterans for our freedom. We must never forget those who have given their all.

For more information, call Poppy Chairperson Janet Payne at 916-532-2736.

The blood and tears shed by our fallen heroes is symbolized in the red poppies immortalized in the wartime poem, “In Flanders Fields” by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, Canadian Army World War I, while serving on the frontlines:

“In Flanders Fields the poppies blow/ Between the crosses row on row/ That mark our place: and in the sky/ The larks, still bravely singing, fly/ Scarce heard amid the guns below/ We are the Dead. Short days ago/ We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, / Loved and were loved, and now we lie/ In Flanders fields. / Take up our quarrel with the foe: / To you from failing hands we throw/ The torch; be yours to hold it high/ If ye break faith with us who die/ We shall not sleep, though/ Poppies grow/ In Flanders Fields,” (In Flanders Fields, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, M.D.). ★




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enhancement,” Kempenaar said.

When completed, the project will connect the Old Auburn Multi-Use Trail and newly-completed Arcade Cripple Creek Trail in Citrus Heights with the Dry Creek Greenway in Roseville. The project would also connect to future pedestrian pathways in the northeast corner of the city of Citrus Heights, improving access to neighborhoods, parks, and trails, according to the city.

The upcoming project closes the gap between the three multi-use trails in Citrus Heights, Roseville and Sacramento County.

The current timeline described at the workshop includes completion of traffic studies, environmental clearances, public utility coordination and necessary right-of-way acquisition.

Workshop attendees previewed sketches of roundabout designs that could be placed at the intersections of Old Auburn Way and Wachtel Road; Old Auburn Road and Oakwood Hills Circle; Argo and Old Auburn Road.

Last September, the Citrus Heights City Council voted unanimously to award a contract to move forward with preliminary work on a “Gateway Activation Project,” seeking to bring improvements to the area of Old Auburn Road and Wachtel Way and plans to connect various regional and local multi-use trails.

A contract that was awarded to Dokken Engineering for the Gateway Activation Project received unanimous support from council members. Dokken Engineering representatives were present at the workshop to answer questions about the project.

The project’s general objective involves extending multi-model forms of transportation from the terminus of the Arcade-Cripple Creek trail to the intersection of Old Auburn Road, and from the Old Auburn Road multi-use trail to the city’s northern border with the City of Roseville.

Connecting the Arcade-Cripple Creek and Old Auburn Road trails to the Dry Creek Greenway in Roseville is a “great first step,” Kempenaar said. Roseville has already begun construction on portions of the Dry Creek Greenway trail.

Other planned improvements will include adoption of the city’s “Complete Street” roadway design for Old Auburn Road and Wachtel Way and intersection modifications at Old Auburn Road,

according to Kempenaar. Both streets have inconsistent sidewalks and bike lanes, he added.

Old Auburn Road has a rich history. After gold was discovered in 1848, a road was established from Sacramento to Auburn and beyond to carry supplies to the miners, according to the Citrus Heights Historical Society.

The original wagon road followed today’s Auburn Boulevard and Old Auburn Road. It took horse-drawn wagons two days to make the 36-mile trip from Sacramento to Auburn. Way stations, or Mile Houses, were established in Citrus Heights for teamsters to get food and spend the night.

Intersection improvements are under consideration in three locations (Oakwood Hills Circle, Wachtel Way and Oakwood Hills Circle/Linda Creek Court).

Improvements that facilitate traffic safety through these three closely-spaced intersections by addressing issues such as the interaction between the three intersections and the difficulty in making the left turn from Oakwood Hills Circle to Old Auburn Road are being considered, according to the city.

When completed, the Gateway Activation Project is anticipated to address residents’ needs for safe, convenient and comfortable access to key destinations, including neighborhoods, parks, open spaces, residences and trail networks within and outside of city limits.

Kempenaar said that pedestrian crossing and safety improvements at Old Auburn Road and Argo Drive are also under consideration.

According to the project description, the bicycle/pedestrian improvements along Wachtel Way will extend from just south of Pitalo Way at Arcade-Cripple Creek Trail to Old Auburn Road. Bicycle/pedestrian improvements along Old Auburn Road will extend from Auburn Oaks Village Lane on the west to the Placer County line on the east.

In addition, intersection improvements at Argo Drive/Old Auburn Road will evaluate adding a pedestrian crossing and enhanced safety features, Kempenaar said.

For more information about the Gateway Activation Project, visit [online citrusheights.net/1343/Gateway-Activation-Project-GAP](https://online.citrusheights.net/1343/Gateway-Activation-Project-GAP). ★

Building Bonds: Citrus Heights Launches ‘PAL in the Park’



The Citrus Heights Police Activities League had the first PAL in the Park event at Van Maren Park on April 18. Photo courtesy of Citrus Heights Police Department

By MPG Staff

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

-The Citrus Heights Police Activities League is hosting a new spring and summer series, PAL in the Park, that kicked off on April 18. The first PAL in the Park event was at Van Maren Park and complimentary pizza and games for the youth and their families was provided.

Police officers and staff joined the Citrus Heights Police Activities League at the park, where they also enjoyed playing with the basketballs and footballs that the league brought out to share. About 15 youth showed up to participate and interact with officers.

“The weather was absolutely perfect and the park was enjoyed by all,” said Citrus Heights Police Activities League coordinator Rachel Turcott. “The goal for the Police Department with this new park series is to highlight some of the parks in Citrus Heights and continue to bring youth and officers



Officers and staff joined the Citrus Heights Police Activities League at the Van Maren Park on April 18, where they also enjoyed playing with the basketballs and footballs that the league brought out to share. Photo courtesy of Citrus Heights Police Department

together through fun and laughter.”

Keep an eye on social media @chpoliceactivitiesleague on Instagram and @citrusheightspoliceactivitiesleague on Facebook for the next PAL in the Park event.

The Citrus Heights Police Activities League is a nonprofit organization focused on creating positive relationships between

the community’s youth and the Police Department officers. The Citrus Heights Police Activities League has several after-school programs, including the Explorer Program for girls and boys between the ages of 14 and 17 years old who are interested in law enforcement and the criminal justice field.

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Outstanding Citizen Awards Ceremony Honors 13 Citizens

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho presented the Outstanding Citizen Award to 13 victims and witnesses who have shown uncommon courage by participating in the criminal justice process under extraordinarily challenging circumstances.

The awards were given out April 25 at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers on H Street in Sacramento.

A Beacon of Hope Award was also presented to an individual or organization showing compassion and dedication, thus enhancing victim advocacy and public safety.

Citizens Harrell Fischer, John Stubbe and Damaria were recognized and awarded for their assistance in the People versus Mandiko Kwadzo case (case number 20FE011791).

On July 27, 2020, West Sacramento Police officers responded to a report of shots fired inside a residence. Moments later, a witness reported seeing the victim, Carliena Clayton, and the defendant having an argument on the driveway of that residence. The victim was then seen getting into a car with her four small children and the defendant getting into the passenger seat as she pulled out of the driveway. When officers arrived on scene, they found evidence of a shooting inside the residence.

That night, Harrell Fischer was at Cliff's Marina in Sacramento County when he heard a gunshot followed by a car crashing into the Sacramento River. He called a friend, John Stubbe, and the two went to the crash scene to help. They found the victim's car partially submerged in the river, with the defendant standing nearby, not doing anything to help. When they looked into the car, they found the victim unresponsive in the driver's seat and her four children in the backseat. The oldest child, Damaria, 6, had already unbuckled all their seatbelts but the youngest child, 2, was still in her car seat. Fischer and Stubbe got the children out of the car to safety. Responding California Highway Patrol officers found the victim did not have a pulse, with severe bleeding from her head. At that time, officers believed it was a car accident until Damaria told officers that the defendant shot his mother. It was later determined that the victim suffered two gunshot wounds to her head. Damaria, Harrell Fischer and John Stubbe all testified at trial and were instrumental in obtaining guilty verdicts in this case.

The defendant was convicted of first-degree murder with a firearm allegation and felon in possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to 53 years to life in prison.

Citizen Gigi Barrios was recognized for her help in the People versus Dominick Roberson case (case number 22FE019182). On Nov. 18, 2022, Gigi Barrios was working at the Medical Safe Haven. A pregnant patient named Precious came into the clinic for an appointment. Gigi knew Precious well and immediately recognized something was wrong.

Precious avoided eye contact; she was vague and hesitant when Barrios asked her questions and seemed distressed when she received text messages. Precious said that her baby's father was the cause for her agitation. Barrios finally got Precious to reveal that her unborn child's father was in the clinic parking lot and was threatening to kill her. He had a gun and he had been trafficking Precious since she met him months earlier.

Barrios jumped into action, making sure that clinic staff called 911 and personally reached out to Sacramento Police Department human trafficking detectives that Barrios knew from her collaborative work throughout the county. Sacramento officers and detectives quickly arrived to the clinic, detained the defendant and found a gun in his car. Precious was terrified of her trafficker, but with



From left, Harrell Fischer, Damaria (middle) and John Stubbe received Outstanding Citizen Awards by Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho for their courage demonstrated in the People versus Mandiko Kwadzo case from 2020. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County District Attorney's Office



Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho presented to the River City Waterway Alliance a Beacon of Hope Award for their continuous efforts keeping the river waterways clean. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County District Attorney's Office



Joseph Bayless, Brandon Gross, Devonte Rainey, Michael Armendariz, Brian Saldivar and Jose Garcia all received Outstanding Citizen Awards for their help in the People versus Kryn Spear case from 2022. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Barrios by her side, was able to explain that the defendant groomed her, portraying himself as a boyfriend before taking her to the "blade" to engage in prostitution. He made Precious give him all the money she made.

He regularly beat and threatened Precious, he threatened her family and controlled her life. Precious gave detectives access to her phone, where they found messages that corroborated what Precious told them. The defendant was arrested that day and Sacramento police detectives ensured that Precious got to a safe house, where she stayed through the birth of her child and through the trial.

The defendant was convicted of a variety of human trafficking charges and sentenced to 71 years to life in prison.

Residents North Peredina and Scott Kingston were recognized for their support in the People versus Tycho Roney case (case number 24FE003928). North Peredina is the general manager of Paco's Bike Shop in Midtown Sacramento. The bike shop was burglarized with a loss of more than \$28,000 in high-end bikes and \$13,000 in property damage. Peredina reviewed their interior surveillance cameras and saw the defendant drop into the business from a breached roof skylight. The profile of the defendant's face was momentarily caught on the surveillance video.

After reporting the crime, Peredina set out to find the stolen bikes. When he saw a man with one of the bikes, Peredina immediately reported it to the Sacramento Police Department. Detectives responded to the area and spotted a similar-looking bike outside a tent. After confirming it was one of the stolen bikes, they found the defendant inside the tent along with the clothes from the burglary, a loaded 9-millimeter semi-automatic handgun and methamphetamine. Peredina positively identified the defendant as the person in the surveillance video and with the stolen bike.

Scott Kingston is in commercial real estate. Kingston rallied attention to this case, including writing passionate pleas to city leadership for the need to



Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho presented Gigi Barrios with an Outstanding Citizen Award on April 15 for her assistance in the People versus Dominick Roberson case from 2022. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County District Attorney's Office



North Peredina and Scott Kingston were both recognized with an Outstanding Citizen Award for their help in the People versus Tycho Roney case. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County District Attorney's Office



From left, victim advocates Lisa Corral and Colette Brown are with Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho who recognized them both with a Beacon of Hope Award for their contributions in the Domestic Violence Unit. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

address retail crime and public safety in the city. As a business leader, Kingston encouraged city leaders to address these issues or businesses would leave. Peredina's proactive response to the burglary and Kingston's challenging of the conditions that were leading to

rampant crime helped lead to the arrest and conviction of the defendant. In a broader sense, their actions helped restore faith in public safety and the criminal justice system for a business community plagued with repeat thefts.

The defendant was convicted

and sentenced to six years in prison.

Citizens Joseph Bayless, Brandon Gross, Devonte Rainey, Michael Armendariz, Brian Saldivar and Jose Garcia were awarded for their help in the People versus Kryn Spear case (case number 22FE008691).

On May 26, 2022, Veronica Vargas was driving through the intersection of Power Inn Road and Elsie Avenue with her 4-year-old daughter, Samantha, in the back seat. At that same time and intersection, the defendant ran a red light at 89 miles per hour and broadsided them with his dually truck. The collision's force flipped the victim's car onto its roof.

Brian Casado was the first person who stopped at the scene after the crash occurred. He rushed over to the victim's vehicle and saw and heard the little girl in the back seat. He tried to help other bystanders get the victims out of their car. Joseph Bayless and Brandon Gross also stopped at the scene and tried to help Veronica and Samantha. The three men stayed with Samantha, reassuring her she would be OK until the first responders arrived.

After the crash, the defendant got out of his truck and began walking away from the crash scene. Devonte Rainey stopped at the scene to help the victims and followed the defendant as he recorded and took pictures of him. Michael Armendariz saw the crash scene and came across Rainey, who told him that the driver who caused the crash was trying to get away. Armendariz stopped his car and went hands-on with the defendant to detain him.

Brian Saldivar and Jose Garcia also saw the crash scene and helped Armendariz detain the defendant until California Highway Patrol arrived. The defendant had a blood alcohol content of 0.251% and was on probation for a prior Driving Under the Influence conviction at the time of this crash.

The defendant was convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and a number of additional felonies driving under the influence-related charges, hit-and-run causing death and or permanent injury and a great bodily injury allegation. He was sentenced to 13 years and eight months in prison.

Beacon of Hope Award Recipients

Victim advocate Lisa Corral works tirelessly in the Domestic Violence Unit, where she has helped thousands of domestic violence victims and supports the unit attorneys. The Domestic Violence Unit is unlike any other unit in that the victim advocate is involved immediately at the beginning of the case, at filing and sometimes when a case is not filed. The Domestic Violence Unit is also a unique assignment because not all victims want our help and can be resistant to us. Corral is patient and works through these challenges, with the mission to keep the victims of domestic violence safe.

The River City Waterway Alliance is made up of a volunteer team of 30 to 40 experienced waterway stewards who work tirelessly to keep the river waterways clean and safe for people and endangered salmon species. The alliance reported volunteers pulled 2.8 million pounds of trash or 1,400 tons of trash, to date.

It's not just litter and trash. They recover large hazardous waste items, including propane tanks, household appliances, electronics, clothes and other personal items. Unhoused encampments all along the river levees are the primary source of the items found in the waterways. The amount and type of waste being tossed into our waters are a significant environmental and wildlife hazard. Alliance volunteers are continually cleaning these waters even as more garbage, junk and hazardous items are thrown right back into those same waters. It is a never-ending struggle for them; however, they remain devoted to keeping the waters and the environment clean and safe for people and wildlife. ★

Ask

DR. UNIVERSE

Why Do Bees Make Honey?

– Gabby, 9, Kansas

Dear Gabby,

As a science cat, I don't stir honey into my tea or drizzle it on my biscuits. I don't have taste receptors for sweet things. Honey doesn't have a taste to me. But my human friends gobble up the honey made by the Washington State University bees. I asked my friend Rae Olsson why bees make that sticky stuff in the first place. Olsson is an insect scientist.

It turns out honey is the way honey bees store food for the winter. "Just like we store food in our refrigerators and pantries, bees turn nectar from flowers into honey, so it doesn't spoil," Olsson said.

Worker bees collect all that nectar from flowers in the spring and summer. It's a sugary liquid flowers make to entice bees and other pollinators to visit the flowers. While they slurp up the nectar from different flowers, they also pick up some of the flower pollen and spread it to other flowers. That's how flowering plants make seeds.

Bees take some of the pollen home to make a protein-rich food called bee bread. But it's the nectar that's super important for grown up bees. "It's the main source of food for adult bees," Olsson said. "However, nectar can spoil if it isn't preserved correctly. It's sort of like how fruit juice might get moldy if you leave it out too long."

So, honey bees use a tongue-like organ called a proboscis to suck up nectar like a straw. They swallow it, but only a little bit goes to their actual stomach. Most of it goes to a special pouch called a honey stomach.

Inside the honey stomach, the nectar mixes with bee saliva. Proteins in the saliva start changing the nectar into honey. While that's happening, the bee flies back to the colony. Then it barfs the partially-processed nectar from its honey stomach into another bee's mouth. Moving nectar or other food from one bee's mouth to another bee's mouth is called trophallaxis.

The nectar passes from bee to bee in the colony, mixing with more and more bee saliva. Eventually, when it's almost honey, a bee spits the thick liquid into a beeswax cell. Then the bees turn around and flap their wings super-fast. That evaporates all the extra water from the honey. Once it's perfect, the bees seal the cell with a little cap of wax. When it gets cold, and there aren't flowers around to make nectar, bees can pop open a beeswax cell and slurp up the honey.

Bees make way more honey than they need. That's why people can keep bees and harvest their extra honey. Because of how it's made, honey is one of the only foods that pretty much never spoils. Scientists have even found honey that's thousands of years old and still yummy.

Even I can tell that's a sweet find.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



You can see this bee's proboscis. It's actually covered in tiny hairs. The hairs help trap the nectar while the bee sucks it out of the flower. Courtesy photo

Social Security Matters

Applying for Social Security at 62: When should I enroll in Medicare?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am writing to ask for your advice on when I should sign up or enroll in a Medicare Plan. I have submitted an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday, in April 2025. I am a single lady with no dependents and currently rent my residence. Please advise. **Signed: Approaching Senior Citizenship**

Dear Approaching: I assume that when you say you have submitted "an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday" you mean you have applied for your Social Security retirement benefits to start in April 2025, and that you will be 62 in March. To be sure you are clear, you must be 62 for an entire month to start your Social Security retirement benefits.

Even though you are starting your Social Security retirement benefits

at age 62, you will not be eligible to enroll in Medicare until you are 65 years old. Since you will be already receiving Social Security when you turn 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), effective with the month you turn 65, and you will get a "Welcome to Medicare" packet about 3 months before your 65th birthday. Your Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) will be free, but there will be a monthly premium (\$185 for 2025) associated with your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), which will be deducted from your Social Security payment.

Note that Medicare does not cover all healthcare expenses so, when the time comes, you may wish to explore other private healthcare coverage (either a Medicare Supplement plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan). Also, Medicare Part A or Part B do not include coverage for prescription drugs, so you may wish to obtain such coverage separately. One way to explore all of this is by, shortly before you are 65, contacting AMAC's Medicare department at

1.800.334.9330 or www.amac.us/medicare. And until you are eligible to enroll in Medicare at 65, you may wish to seek regular healthcare insurance for those under 65 years of age.

Please understand that we are here to answer all your questions about Social Security and Medicare enrollment. However, at the AMAC Foundation, we are not insurance specialists, which is why I suggest contacting an insurance specialist as described above.

I hope this is helpful, but please don't hesitate to contact us again at any time.

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Trump Shifts His Own Vibe

The vibe around President Trump's second term has shifted, and it's all his doing.

The president entered office with a bit of a wind at his back. His polling was better than the first time around, protestors weren't in the streets, and federal investigators weren't after him. The GOP was more united than in 2016, and business leaders wanted to work with him, while the culture was generally heading in an anti-woke direction.

Now, though, his polling is in a marked decline. His job approval rating is sliding. Depending on what poll you believe, it's down to 44% (Fox News), 40% (Pew Research) or 42% (Reuters). According to RealClearPolitics, his average approval rating was about 50% when he took office and is 46% now.

It's not hard to discern the root of the discontent. In the Fox News poll, just 38% approve of Trump on the economy. On tariffs and inflation, the numbers are almost 2-1 against him; 33 approve and 59% disapprove on inflation, while it's 33-58 on tariffs.

Pew Research found that 45% were confident in his ability to handle the economy, down from 59% after his election, and lower than in his first term in

2019 and 2020.

Via his snap imposition of sweeping tariffs, Trump in short order took a traditional strength that could see him through any controversy, or counterbalance any vulnerability, and at least vitiated it and perhaps made it a weakness.

It's hard to think of another example of a president changing the momentum of his administration from positive to negative so quickly and decisively. Trump did it literally in a matter of days.

Usually, presidencies are rocked by events -- a hostage crisis, a war gone wrong, uncontrolled inflation. Here, nothing was done to Trump; he did it to himself. He was the event.

This wasn't him getting denied, either by more cautious advisers or a recalcitrant Congress. He hasn't been sabotaged by the Deep State. No, he got exactly what he wanted, with a couple of strokes of his pen.

The problem is that Trump didn't run in 2024 on economic dislocation, business uncertainty, higher prices or pain for manufacturers. People didn't want any of these things and, understandably, don't like them.

It's true that he promised tariffs, although all the potential downsides were ignored or minimized. No one could be certain whether he was truly talking of tariffs on the scale of those he imposed on Liberation Day -- shocking and unsustainable -- or those of his first term, which were much smaller and less disruptive.

Listening to him during

the campaign and his Inaugural Address, you'd have thought he promised a Golden Age starting on Day One. Instead, his message has shifted to the notion that the sunny uplands are off somewhere in the future, after we work through all the gut-wrenching turmoil. In other words, the Golden Age is coming, but, in the meantime, stock up on toilet paper.

Trump's other numbers aren't looking so great, either. The Fox News poll has him at 40% approve and 54% disapprove on foreign policy. Here, too, he's been the master of his own fate. Canada, Mexico and Denmark didn't pick fights with him; he created them out of nothing. The overpromising on a Ukraine peace deal -- and retaking the Panama Canal -- can't be helping, either.

Defenders of Trump's unorthodox way of doing business will often say that he's a "disrupter," meaning it as a compliment. But what he's been disrupting lately is his own presidency. His splashy tariff announcements, rapid reversals and sense of mystery where he's headed next all have real-world consequences on businesses, consumers and allied nations, and none of it is redounding to his political benefit.

The good news is that having created this situation of his own volition, he can undo most of it if he reverses field on the tariffs. In the meantime, the vibe has definitely changed.

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Lawmakers Might Undermine California's Landmark Public Pension Reform



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Thirteen years ago, a minor political miracle occurred in California's Capitol.

A Democrat-dominated Legislature passed and a Democratic governor, Jerry Brown, signed a significant overhaul of state and local public employee pension systems.

It was a miracle because the reform was universally opposed by public employee unions, which were and still are the Capitol's most potent political interests with long-standing ties to Democrats.

The overhaul, championed by Brown, made it into law because the state was then recovering from a very severe recession that had devastated government finances, and pension obligations, which had expanded sharply during the prior Gray Davis governorship, had become unsustainable burdens.

Mandatory pension payments into the California Public Employee Retirement System had been factors in the bankruptcies of two cities, and unfunded obligations for future benefits totaled many tens of billions of dollars.

The legislation capped benefits, increased retirement ages, blocked maneuvers that artificially increased some pensions, created a two-tier system that maintained benefits for current workers

but limited them for future hires, and required workers to pay for at least half of pension costs.

"This is the biggest rollback to public pension benefits in the history of California pensions," Brown said as he signed the bill. "We're lowering benefits to what they were before I was governor the first time and reducing costs by up to \$55 billion in Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and billions more in other local pension systems. Under the new rules, employers and employees alike are going to contribute their fair share of the costs, resulting in a more sustainable system."

Not surprisingly, some unions challenged aspects of the reform, particularly those outlawing pension-spiking maneuvers, but Brown fought back and won in the state Supreme Court. However the court refused to take a further step Brown sought, eliminating the "California rule" that prohibits reducing benefits for workers once they are enrolled in the system.

This bit of political history forms the background of new legislation that would, if passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Gavin Newsom, begin to undo what the 2012 reform wrought.

Assemblymember Catherine Stefani, a San Francisco Democrat, is carrying the legislation, Assembly Bill 569 (AB 569), which would repeal one of the major provisions of the reform banning local governments from enacting "supplemental retirement benefits" for their workers.

Stefani and the Teamsters Union, the measure's sponsor, contend that Brown's reform leaves workers

without sufficient pension benefits to offset California's notoriously high costs of living and makes it difficult for local governments to fill vacancies.

"It simply gives local governments and their employees another option at the bargaining table, one that might make the difference between losing or keeping a talented worker," Stefani told the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee last week.

The bill whipped through the committee on a seven to zero vote, including the committee's two Republicans, Tom Lackey and Juan Alanis, both of whom are former police officers.

While the bill's advocates say that it would merely be permissive, giving local governments the option to increase benefits, its practical effect would be to gut one of the reform's most important safeguards. It would restore the ability of local government unions to put political pressure on city councils, county boards of supervisors and other local officials to expand benefits for the workers who have been hired since the reform was enacted, long a sore point for unions.

It's amazing that such a major change in pension law would begin moving through the process without, so far, any opposition or even comment from the local governments that it would affect.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02912 DVBE Media & Strategy, Inc., 1750 Prairie City Road, Suite 130, PMB 240, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Liftpoint Media" 400 Plaza Drive, Suite 102, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
LIFT 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02971 Ronald Cabading, 9119 Cobblefield Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RC Systems/RC Systems Consulting" 9119 Cobblefield Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 18, 2025
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RC 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02383 Milestone Mortgage Solutions, LLC, 128 Union Street, Suite 101, New Bedford, MA 02740 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Peak Mortgage/Adrian Webb Mortgage Advisors" 128 Union Street, Suite 101, New Bedford, MA 02740. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 27, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
PEAK 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02204 A2B Storage and Moving Inc, 101 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A2B Moving and Storage" 101 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
A2B 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02740 Kabita Grewal, 2828 Q Street, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sactown Burgers" 2828 Q Street, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk

of Sacramento County April 9, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
SAC 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02980 Steve Grialou, 4511 Valmonte Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dragon Hoops" 4511 Valmonte Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 18, 2025
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DRAGON 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02568 Iurii Khivrych, 5900 Sperry Drive, Apt 67, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Euro Painting" 5900 Sperry Drive, Apt 67, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 3, 2025
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EURO 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03074 HKH Co, LLC, 5406 Crossings Drive, Suite 102, Box 376, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lindora, Folsom" 404 Blue Ravine Drive, Suite D-100, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2025
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LINDORA 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03111 MSK Garage LLC, 8500 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MSK Garage" 8500 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2025
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MSK 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03099 Galina Furdul, 2961 Weston Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Haircut and Massage by Galina" 4800 Manzanita Avenue, B7, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
GALINA 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02751 Niet Inc., 4849 N Kilbourn Avenue, Apt 2, Chicago, IL 60630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Chokberry" 5930 Sunrise Vista Drive, Apt 169, Citrus Heights, CA 95610-7094. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
CHOK 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03095 Street Philly Truck LLC, 5281 Balhan Court, Apt #3, Concord, CA 94521 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Street Philly Truck" 1100 Richards Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2025
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STREET 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02884 Behnaz-Halimi-Pollack 3620 Winding Creek Road, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bebe Travel" 3620 Winding Creek Road, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2025
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BEBE 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-

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LEGAL ADVERTISING

Carmichael Times Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Adjudication No. 317294 – February 7, 1984

Rancho Cordova Independent Adjudicated For and By the County of Sacramento, Adjudication No. 195380 – September 18, 1969

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

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RYZE 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03108
MaryEllen Stroh-Wahab, 6547 Hazel Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Dancing Fork" 6547 Hazel Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
FORK 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03129
Day2Day Autoparts LLC, 7248 30th Street, Unit G, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Day2Day AutoBody Shop and Parts Sale" 7248 30th Street, Unit G, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
DAY 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02803
Esthetics by Dolly LLC, 1446 Ethan Way, Suite 101, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Esthetics by Dolly" 1446 Ethan Way, Suite 101, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 11, 2025
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
ESTHETICS 5-23-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03286
Deborah L Munger, 3411 Pope Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SoulSeare Art/SoulSeare" 3411 Pope Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
SOUL 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02771
Kerell Stowes and Tameica Stowes, 3511 Duet Court, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Before You Let Go" 3511 Duet Court, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 10, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
BEFORE 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02837
Anfal Abu-Jarad, 2868 Westwood Lane, #3, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Foodtastic by Anfal" 2868 Westwood Lane, #3, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 14, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
FOOD 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02937
Heritage Inn of Rancho Cordova, LLC (NV), 4520 36th Avenue S, Fargo, ND 58104 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Homewood Suites Rancho Cordova Sacramento" 10700 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
HOME 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03004
Little Whale Land Park, 4010 Las Pasas Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Little Whale Swim Schools Inc." 1331 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 21, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
LITTLE 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03003
Little Whale LLC, 4010 Las Pasas Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Little Whale Swim School" 4106 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 21, 2025
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WHALE 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02638
Erin Katherine O'Leary-Gore, 8479 Noel Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Daisy Grace Storybooks" 8479 Noel Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 4, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
DAISY 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03131
Lovely Love Enterprise LLC, 5808 Shadow Creek Drive, #4, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Down Home Cooking" 5808 Shadow Creek Drive, #4, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
DOWN 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03086
Sara Fletcher, 7968 Cavalli Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Loan Signings By Sara" 7968 Cavalli

Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
LOAN 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03184
Active Life Wound Center A Professional Medical Corporation, PO Box 661587, Sacramento, CA 95866 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Active Life Wound Clinic" 2 Scripps Drive, Suite 202, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2025
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ACTIVE 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03186
Liddawi Enterprises Inc, 2118 Big Sky Drive, Rocklin, CA 95765 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yalla Yalla Steak House" 7800 Sunrise Boulevard, #11, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
YALLA 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02907
Potter's Pallet LLC, P.O. Box 13, Fontana, CA 92334 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Potter's Pallet" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
POTTER 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02739
DaggerPoint Capital 2108 N Street, #8288, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DaggerPoint Capital" 2108 N Street, #8288, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2025
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DAGGER 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02817
Isabel C Trujillo Ramirez, 555 Fox Hunt Way, Rio Linda, CA 95673 and Cecilia Michao Trujillo, 7832 Bellingrath Drive, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yoli's Cafe" 555 Fox Hunt Way, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 11, 2025
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YOLI 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02827
Gabrielle Stevens, 2417 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Care Team for Seniors" 2417 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 11, 2025
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CARE 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03197
Philip Mathew Bernas, 5056 North Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Thunderlipsmarket" 5056 North Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 25, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
THUNDER 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02968
Adonai Estates, 3501 Bradshaw Road, Space 50, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Adonai Estates" 3501 Bradshaw Road, Space 50, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 18, 2025
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ADONAI 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03298
Sandra L. Mizer, 6855 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite 700, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mizer and Associates" 6855 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite 700, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 1, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
MIZER 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02811
Prestige Home Construction Inc., 5130 Papaya Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Prestige Windows" 5130 Papaya Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 11, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
PRESTIGE 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-03213
Radical and Tender Care Companion LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tending Becomings" 2108 N Street, #6399, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
TENDING 5-30-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02113
Purple Mango LLC, 783 Turnstone Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Motors"

2548 Albatross Way, Unit #C, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2025
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
GOLDEN 5-30-25

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2023-03070
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Mod Pizza, 10909 Olson Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.
SFP Development Company, LLC, 804 Reading Street, Suite B, Folsom, CA 95630.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 4/20/2023 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 4/16/2025.
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
MOD 5-30-25

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV008311
Zia Jan Sahar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Zia Jan Sahar to Sahar Eiman.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 24th, 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: April 8, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2025
SAHAR 5-9-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV008428
Nayeli Cristal Alfaro has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nayeli Cristal Alfaro to Cristal Nallely Plascencia.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 29th, 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: April 9, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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CRISTAL 5-9-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV008868
Albina Aleksandrovna Dubinetskiy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Albina Aleksandrovna Dubinetskiy to Albina Chistyakov.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 30, 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: April 14, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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ALBINA 5-16-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV001726
Charles William Schick has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Charles William Schick to Charles William DeMartin.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 27, 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: January 23, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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CHARLES 5-16-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV008781
Mention Lorenzo Conely has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mention Lorenzo Conely to Conely Lorenzo Mention.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 30, 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: April 11, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2025
MENTION 5-16-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #25CV009993
Justin Lee Clausen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Justin Lee Clausen to Justin Lee Tucker.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 20, 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: April 25, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025
TUCKER 5-23-25

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

#25CV002851
Wendle Roy White has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Wendle Roy White to Wendal Ray White.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 5, 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: February 5, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
WHITE 5-30-25

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

#25CV010030
John Curtis Dontae has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of John Curtis Donate to John Curtis Thomas.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 25, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
THOMAS 5-30-25

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

#25CV002695
Jamal Rason Hill, Jamie Ann Safran have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jamal Rason Hill to Jamal Rason Albini and Jamie Ann Safran to Jamie Safran Albini.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 4, 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: February 3, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
ALBINI 5-30-25

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

#25CV010501
Jara Brooke Lindgren has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jara Brooke Lindgren to Jae Brooke Lindgren.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 25, 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: April 30, 2025
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025
LINDGREN 5-30-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BETTY NADENE GONZALEZ CASE NO. 25PR001210

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Betty Nadene Gonzalez.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Diane Marie Adamic, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Diane Marie Adamic 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 May 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Sasha D. Collins, 2043 Anderson Road, Suite C, Davis, CA 95616, 530-601-3311
Publish: April 25, May 2, 9, 2025
GONZALEZ 5-9-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOROTHY ANNE HEPBURN CASE NO. 25PR001405

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dorothy Ann Hepburn.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mariann Harris and Chris Andrews, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Mariann Harris 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 May 28, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Ismat A. Dajani, 2043 Anderson Road, Suite C, Davis, CA 95616; (530) 601-3311
Publish: May 9, 16, 23, 2025
HEPBURN 5-23-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MATHER THOMAS KEARNEY

CASE NO. 25PR001320
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mather Thomas Kearney.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jason DiLullo, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Jason DiLullo 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 May 27, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Ian D. Woo, 2366 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 200, Gold River, CA 95670; (916) 851-1900
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JACKIE DEAN COX CASE NO. 25PR001395

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Jackie Dean Cox.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tammy Ann Rodriguez Raya, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Tammy Ann Rodriguez Raya 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 May 28, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section



PoppTalk

With Mary Jane Popp

Dreams Can Come True

Have you ever had hopes of being a writer or an illustrator? Would you believe there is a way to take that journey? I recently attended an incredible gala in Hollywood called The Writers and Illustrators of the Future, honoring the winners of a contest conducted by Galaxy Press that has been held for forty-one years featuring science fiction and fantasy. It helps promote new, never published before authors and illustrators to begin their journey to professional recognition. Judged by some of the best professional writers they choose three writers and illustrators each quarter. Then, at the end of the year, the best of the best top twelve are chosen. For the week before the gala, some of the judges advise them and teach them skills and business acumen for their future.

The entries come all over the world. I met entry winners from Hungary, Australia, China, the U.K. and of course the U.S. The top 12 writers and illustrators are chosen and included in a volume that comes out each year featuring their stories and illustrations. This year L.Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future



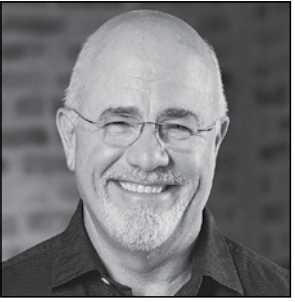
I went for the whole look online...medieval gothic gown and all that went with the period from wig to red slippers. Courtesy photo

Volume 41 was launched at the gala by President of Galaxy Press, John Goodwin, who has been on POPPTALK Radio Show many times.

I would be remiss if I didn't tell you about the gala. It was held at the Taglyan Center (It's rumored Oscar events have been held there) so you can imagine...WOW! It was a red carpet, black-tie affair by invitation, and they came dressed to the nines. The show was incredible featuring comedian/magician Naahan Phan who kept the show fun, and you can imagine what the dinner was like. So, I had to choose how Mary Jane Popp from Sacramento would show up to this sophisticated

affair. Since the theme was science fiction/ fantasy, I decided against a regular ball gown, and decided to go fantasy. I went for the whole look online...medieval gothic gown and all that went with the period from wig to red slippers. No, I didn't have to click my heels to make the evening come true. It was a blast! Had to include a pic of my look. You can imagine how I had to maneuver the tables at the dinner. I can tell you with those hoops, I got to go first every time. Met so many wonderful people from all over the world which validated that we are all alike in so many ways...just hoping to fulfill our dreams.

Now, how about you? Want to give your dream a chance? You can enter the contest as many times as you like, and who knows, you might be on that stage receiving the accolades that so many have, and gone on to become famous writers and illustrators. You can check it all out...the event as well as how to enter the contest and perhaps, make your dreams come true. Just go to www.writer-softhefuture.com for all the information. Oh, and **GOOD LUCK!** ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I recently experienced a medical emergency and unexpected hospital stay. I'm about halfway through Baby Step 2, and I'm paying off my debts using the debt snowball system. I have good insurance, but should I put Baby Step 2 on hold for now due to all the hospital bills?

– Gerard

Dear Gerard,

That's *exactly* what you should do. I'm sorry to hear about your health issues, but at the same time, I hope you'll make sure you're only pressing the pause button on Baby Step 2. I'm talking about temporarily stopping the debt snowball and making only minimum payments on all non-mortgage debt for now. Can you manage that?

Things like this can be expensive, but they're part of life. At the same time, taking care of these kinds of issues doesn't have to mean giving up on gaining control of your finances. Emergency issues, especially medical emergencies, come first. Then, go back and

Dave Ramsey Says Medical Emergencies Come First

pick up where you left off when things are better, and finish knocking out your other debt by re-starting your debt snowball. After that, I've got a feeling you'll have the motivation to fully fund your emergency fund in Baby Step 3 all the way up to three to six months of expenses.

God bless you, friend. Keep your head up, and take good care of yourself while you're recovering. You can do this!

– Dave

Pay it Off, Young Lady

Dear Dave,

I'm 28, and I make around \$75,000 a year. My only debt right now is a car payment. I still owe \$15,000 on the vehicle, and currently I have \$30,000 in savings and a 401(k) through my employer. I love my job, but my income can fluctuate from month to month. Do you think I should pay off the car, or hang on to all my savings?

– Erin

Dear Erin,

Debt is a bad thing to


have in your life, even with a good income. It's an especially bad thing when your income can vary from paycheck to paycheck. It's sounds like you're in pretty good shape financially, except for that car note. It's like an anchor weighing your finances down.

If you paid off the car, you'd still have \$15,000 sitting in your savings account. And with your income, plus the money you'd free up by no longer having a car payment, you could rebuild your savings in a flash.

You know where I'm going with this, don't you? Pay off that car, young lady!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★




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“The State within a State” Lost the Vietnam War 50 Years Ago



Harold Pease Ph. D.
*By Harold Pease Ph. D.,
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Saigon fell 50 years ago this week on April 30, 1975, when U.S. Army Huey helicopters lifted off the roof of the American embassy the last remnants of our presence in South Vietnam ending a 14-year humiliating defeat. North Vietnam, a 3rd world nation, had defeated the greatest power on earth and rubbed this humiliation in America’s face by renaming Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City after the brutal communist victor. This, in a war that respected Senator Strom Thurmond, Armed Services Committee member, insisted, “We could have been in and out of Vietnam in 4-6 months” (Cong. Record, June 6, 1975, p. S 9905). Thirty million people were lost to communism. Why?

Millions of Vietnamese and 58,281 Americans had died in the futile war to save them from the communist invasion and captivity. More millions died after

we left. Subsequent investigations document our having left behind up to 1,205 prisoners of war. We soothed our conscience with movies like Rambo depicting what we should have done but did not.

Those who could not flee the following retribution were sent to reeducations camps for indoctrination. “As many as two million people fled Vietnam on boats. Anywhere from 200,000 to 400,000 died” as they set sail on leaky boats for any country that would pluck them out of the water (“Vietnam 50 Years Later, Americans Are Still Paying for Vietnam War,” New American, April 28, 2025, pp. 6-11). They were called the boat people.

It was not our soldier’s fault. The JFK files, recently released, revealed the CIA as a ‘State within a state’ and most responsible for the Kennedy assassination (John F. Kennedy, Assassination Files Reveals ‘A State Within a State’ (LibertyUnderFire.org March 26, 2025). President Kennedy learned quickly that there existed another force to reconcile with besides just the legislative and judicial branches—a real shadow government known today as the Deep State, but then as the CIA and/or the Eastern Establishment.

Kennedy opposed the CIA’s Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba and wanted America’s withdrawal from the Vietnam War. He had argued “If the American people do not want to use American troops to remove a Communist regime 90 miles away from our coast, how can

I ask them to use troops to remove a Communist regime 9,000 miles away?” In 1963 Kennedy signed the National Security Action Memorandum 263 to begin the phaseout in Vietnam which implemented plans to withdraw 1,000 US military personnel by the end of 1963. Other withdrawals would come after the 1964 election and follow. Forty-two days after Kennedy signed this document initiating a withdrawal, he was assassinated” (“Why the Deep State Assassination of John F. Kennedy?” Dec. 6, 2023, LibertyUnderFire.org . He had also promised, “I will splinter the CIA into a thousand pieces and scatter it into the wind,” but they got to him before he got to them.

If the CIA controlled foreign policy before the assassination, they controlled it after as well under Lyndon Baines Johnson and throughout the Vietnam War. A lot of money and power is gained during war, the longer the more—especially by the military industrial complex—as President Eisenhower forewarned. Instead of withdrawal, recruitment was amplified from Kennedy’s 16,000 to Johnson’s 184,000 troops.

It is ludicrous that a government would create restrictions on its military that would virtually leave them fighting with one hand tied behind their back. And yet that is exactly what our CIA shadow government did. According to U.S. News and World Report, June 30, 1975, citing the then just

released formally top secret, “Rules of Engagement for the Vietnam War” our men had to fight under horrendous conditions not imposed from the enemy but from our own State Department (Cong. Record June 6, 1975, pp. S9897-S9904. View in full “Vietnam’s Rules of Engagement,” Freeman Report, Sept. 15, 1975).

What follows are some of those rules. On-ground assaults in urban areas “known to shelter enemy forces generally had to be preceded by loud-speaker warnings and leaflet drops.” Our troops could return fire “only when the enemy was positively identified and in close contact. Sniper and mortar fire were not counted as ‘contact’ unless ‘such fire interferes with the scheme of maneuver or is inflicting casualties or damage to equipment.’” Only flat-trajectory weapons (rifles, machine guns, grenades and recoilless rifles) could be used in civilian-populated areas, which largely exposed our men, and “then only if there was a specific, identifiable target.” Obviously on the ground, U. S superiority in firepower was deliberately not exploited.

Nor was it in the air. Pilots were not allowed to fire where they thought the enemy was hidden—even when fired upon—until they were “sure the strike would be positively oriented against the source.” And in many areas there was the nightmare of getting approval at higher levels even if you spotted the enemy or you were taking ground fire. The chain of command often went through the

“province chief, district chief, sector commander and a battalion or higher command” which by the time this was completed, the enemy had disappeared. Enemy airfields were off limits if a “plane with a third nation’s markings was present.” Dams, locks, dikes and targets within 11 1/2 miles of the enemy’s major cities were “banned without prior approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff” (Ibid.). Good luck on that one.

Perhaps the most detrimental rule imposed on our men dealt with where the blame would lie for mistakes. “The final decision on engagement will be at the discretion of the senior tactical commander present.” Present meant in the field and made commanders there very cautious because it “removed responsibility from the top leadership if anything went wrong...” These rules actually aided the enemy, and it is because of them that this 14-year-long-war lasted so long—from our first sending ‘advisors’ under President John F. Kennedy to the evacuation of Saigon ending the war under President Gerald Ford.

Dr. Harold Pease is an expert on the United States Constitution and a syndicated columnist. He has dedicated his career to studying the writings of the Founding Fathers and applying that knowledge to current events. He taught history and political science from this perspective for over 30 years. Newspapers have permission to publish this column. Read his weekly columns, at www.LibertyUnderFire.org. Column #818 ★

California Has the 3rd Worst Roads in the U.S.

A new study on behalf of Construction Coverage has identified the U.S. states with the best and worst roads

Construction Coverage News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Roadways are a vital component of infrastructure in the United States. The vast majority of goods are transported by truck, highlighting the economy’s need for reliable roadways to connect supply chains and move goods and services efficiently across borders. Most commuters use roads daily to get to work, and individuals also rely on roadways for crucial access to resources including employment, social, health, and education services.

However, many highways, major roads, and bridges need repair. Hazardous road conditions can negatively impact the economy, contribute to traffic congestion, and impact the safety of Americans. The passing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package) highlights the importance of reliable roads in the U.S., and the commitment to improving America’s infrastructure. The 2021 bill signed by President Joe Biden dedicated \$110 billion in funding to repair and update roads and bridges, in addition to supporting major transformational roadway projects across the U.S.

Highway and Street Construction Spending Over Time

Investment in America's roadways skyrocketed in recent years.

The passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act came at a critical time. After adjusting for inflation, highway and street construction spending had largely

stagnated for much of the previous decade. From 2010 to 2020, real spending hovered around \$120 billion annually with little sustained growth, despite persistent infrastructure needs across the country.

The new federal investment helped reverse that trend. In constant 2025 dollars, monthly spending surged from about \$120 billion in mid-2022 to nearly \$150 billion in early 2025, providing renewed capacity to address long-standing maintenance backlogs and advance long-term transportation projects.

Trends in America's Road Conditions

The share of roads in good condition has increased steadily.

Despite increased investment, many U.S. roads remain in poor shape. From 2000 to 2023, the share of major roadways in poor condition rose slightly—from 11.8% to 13.0%. At the same time, there has been clear progress: the share of roads in good condition increased by nearly 10 percentage points, reaching 55.2% in 2023, with noticeable improvements in the years following the 2021 infrastructure law.

The most significant shift occurred in the middle category. Roads classified as being in fair condition declined from 42.6% in 2000 to 31.8% in 2023. This suggests that many roads have either improved or worsened enough to move into a different category—reflecting a gradual but measurable change in overall road quality.

Percentage of Roads in Poor Condition by State

The Northeast and California have the

most roads in poor condition.

While public investment in roads is growing, many states continue to face significant maintenance challenges—particularly in the Northeast and along the West Coast. Rhode Island leads the nation, with 37.2% of its major roadways rated in poor condition—a slight improvement from years past. Other Northeastern states, including Massachusetts (27.0%), New York (23.7%), Maryland (21.2%) and Connecticut (20.4%) also rank among the worst. These states feature dense urban centers and high public transit use, yet still rely heavily on aging and heavily trafficked roadways.

Outside the Northeast, California reports 26.6% of its roads are in poor condition, reflecting wear from its large, car-dependent population. Hawaii follows closely at 26.5%, despite its small population and geographic footprint.

In contrast, many Midwestern and Southern states report far lower shares of deteriorating roads. Kansas (2.9%), Wyoming (2.9%), and Indiana (2.7%) are among the best-performing states, highlighting a stark regional divide in infrastructure quality. Lower traffic volumes and a higher share of rural roads make maintaining highway infrastructure easier in many of these states.

For California, the share of major roadways in poor condition is 26.6%, share of major roadways in fair condition is 35.5%, share of major roadways in good condition is 37.9% and daily vehicle-miles traveled

per capita is 22.3%.

For the entire United States, the share of major roadways in poor condition is 13%; share of major roadways in fair condition is 31.8%, share of major roadways in good condition is 55.2% and daily vehicle-miles traveled per capita is 26.6%.

Methodology

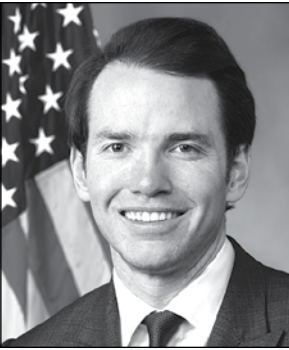
The data used in this analysis is from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration’s 2023 Highway Statistics Series. To determine the states with the worst roads, researchers at Construction Coverage calculated the percentage of major roadways in poor condition using the latest data available.

In the event of a tie, the state with the lower share of major roadways in good condition was ranked higher. Major roadways are defined to include interstates, other freeways and expressways, other principal arterials and minor arterials.

The International Roughness Index (IRI) was used to classify poor, fair and good conditions of roadways by the following criteria. Poor conditions have an International Roughness Index greater than 170 inches/mile. Fair conditions have an International Roughness Index between 95 and 170 inches/mile. Good conditions have an International Roughness Index less than 95 inches/mile.

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Kiley Asks RFK Jr. to Investigate California Privacy Violations



Kevin Kiley
*U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley
News Release*

WASHINGTON (MPG) - Rep. Kevin Kiley (CA-3) has

called on Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to investigate reports that the personal information of tens of thousands of Californians was compromised.

A forensic investigation into Covered California, a California state government entity that operates the state’s Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchange, was found to have tracked users’ personal health information

and transmitted it to LinkedIn as part of a “marketing campaign.”

The tracked information included pregnancy, prescription drug use, gender identity and being a victim of domestic violence.

“This is incredibly disturbing,” Rep. Kiley said. “It appears that the privacy rights of the Californians were recklessly violated.”

Rep. Kiley is asking the Department of Health and Human Services

to investigate the matter to find out several questions.

Those questions include whether Covered California violated HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) or any other laws, who authorized the use of these trackers, and what controls exist to protect data privacy in California’s ACA (Affordable Care Act) exchange.

Rep. Kiley is also

asking how Covered California evaded these controls, how many people have been impacted and whether they all were notified, and how much/what type if any restitution has been offered.

The other questions Kiley is asking the Department of Health and Human Services are why Covered California used the trackers contrary to LinkedIn’s explicit guidance and how something like this can be prevented in the future.

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Students Practice Real-World Budgeting Skills



For the third year, Mesa Verde High School has partnered with SAFE Credit Union to bring the Budget Cents program to their campus. Photo courtesy of San Juan Unified School District

San Juan Unified School District News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Twelfth-grade students at Mesa Verde High School got a taste of real-world financial decision-making during the Budget Cents program on April 23, a hands-on simulation aimed at building budgeting and money management skills before graduation.

For the third year, Mesa Verde partnered with SAFE Credit Union to bring the Budget Cents program to their campus, which challenges students to manage a monthly budget based on a randomly-assigned occupation, marital status and number of children.

Using real-world costs for essentials such as housing, transportation and food in the greater Sacramento area, students had to make their own financial choices.

“In the real world, you

can choose what you do but it does open their eyes to new careers. How can you budget with what you have when your career path isn’t always what you planned?” said teacher Spencer Murrish, who helps put on the annual Mesa Verde event.

Twelfth-grader Gauri was assigned the occupation of an Uber driver and quickly realized how difficult it is to stretch a paycheck.

“Today made me realize how essential it is to manage your money. If you don’t, you can really go into debt for ages and it’s really hard to recover from that,” Gauri said.

Kozy and Azzy, also 12th-graders, were both given careers as photographers but with different life circumstances that shaped the way they chose to budget.

“It was hard for me to not get those low-maintenance items because I have a family, I have a husband, so I need to

make sure I prepare for myself and for them all at the same time,” Kozy said.

What stood out most to Kozy was the price of housing in the region.

“The housing makes me think differently about money. It does cost a lot and depending on what you do get, it’ll mess you up a little bit,” Kozy said.

Azzy said that the event helped him shift his mindset about spending.

“I know in real life, this is definitely going to be hard and (the Budget Cents program) helped me to balance what I need and what I actually don’t need but I can still get the stuff I want in the future,” Azzy said.

Murrish said that programs such as Budget Cents are vital for helping students build a foundation in financial literacy as they prepare for life after high school.

“The biggest thing I want the students to walk away with is knowing where to go for more answers and at least have it in the back of their mind, that gut instinct when they know something is wrong financially, especially when being approached by people with loans and sales pitches,” Murrish said.

By the end of the experience, students walked away with both a deeper understanding of how far a paycheck can go and a better sense of how to plan for their financial future. ★

Mathnasium Opens in Citrus Heights



Mathnasium, a new after-school mathematics tutoring center serving Citrus Heights and nearby Fair Oaks, celebrated its grand opening with a public ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, April 14.

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Mathnasium, a new after-school mathematics tutoring center serving Citrus Heights and nearby Fair Oaks, celebrated its grand opening recently with a public ribbon cutting ceremony.

“The center provides an opportunity for students who may need a little extra support to achieve “math mastery” with a comfortable setting where they can truly give themselves a workout,” said center owner Prashanth Murthyala.

Murthyala and Jonathan Trott, center manager, welcomed Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce representatives and state, county and federal elected officials April 14 to tour the center at the Alta Sunrise Retail Center in Sunrise MarketPlace, 5450 Sunrise Blvd., Suite D.

“Mathnasium was open in Fair Oaks from 2002 to 2023 before its owner then decided to retire,” Murthyala said. “I saw an opportunity to reopen the franchise and found that this location would serve the students in Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks well.”

Despite opening to the public well into the school year, the center’s current enrollment is off to a good start, Murthyala said, with a mix of 22 public and private school students. A summer tutoring program is planned.

Murthyala said he looks forward to bringing the Mathnasium method of instruction to the local community.

Its programs are generally designed to help kindergarten to 12th-graders of all skill levels build solid foundations for math mastery, while transforming how they think and feel about math. ★

“That’s a critical concern,” Murthyala said.

Center instructors are a mix of high school graduating seniors and area college students, all of whom must successfully pass a math proficiency examination and demonstrate scholarship in math before completing an extensive instructor training program, according to Murthyala.

The student-to-teacher ratio is typically one-to-one, he said. Time is set aside during sessions specifically for homework help.

“Most students have the potential to be good at math. Some just don’t know it yet,” Murthyala said.

A verbal and written assessment is conducted at the center to identify strengths and areas for improvement as well as to gain a true understanding of how each student approaches and thinks about math, according to a company representative.

Each student typically pays a flat enrollment fee to participate in its program and students attend regularly, much like a gym membership.

Personal instruction is then customized following the initial assessment to the student’s own specific learning style.

Transforming students’ attitudes toward math and the way they understand it is the most critical step to build their confidence, Murthyala said.

Mathnasium of Fair Oaks at 5450 Sunrise Blvd., Suite D, Citrus Heights is open for instruction from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Call 916-500-0443 for more information or to schedule a free student assessment. Visit online mathnasium.com/math-centers/citrusheights for more information. ★

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