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Rio Pub Owners to Open New Airport Restaurant



Rio Pub owners Edwin Balli and Andrea Ayala, and their Local Flights LLC partner Dneva Waggoner have a special treat for area residents. They are opening a new restaurant, Local Flights Brews and Bites, next spring at the Sacramento International Airport's Terminal B pre-security area. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A new restaurant and cafe will open next spring in the pre-security area of Terminal B at Sacramento International Airport (SMF), according to the Sacramento County Department of Airports.

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors officially approved a 10-year Food & Beverage Concession Agreement with Local Flights LLC, allowing the remodel and full design process to begin.

This pre-security location, which

previously operated as Camden and Gateway Bar, closed in March 2020 and has remained vacant for nearly six years. Reopening this space became a key priority after completing a complete overhaul of the airport's post-security concessions program, which will see 18 new dining options open between now and the middle of next year.

With construction of those new concepts now underway, Sacramento International Airport can turn its attention to revitalizing this important pre-security venue.

"Reopening this space aligns perfectly with our commitment to

supporting Sacramento businesses and enhancing the passenger experience," said Director of Airports Cindy Nichol. "Travelers have asked for more pre-security options and bringing this location back with local owners at the helm will create a warm and welcoming experience for everyone who passes through SMF. Additionally, these small business owners bring our revamped concessions program to 47% small businesses, surpassing even our goals."

"The new restaurant and cafe will offer a full bar, sit-down dining,

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SAFE Credit Union to Combine with BECU

**SAFE Credit Union
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Boeing Employees' Credit Union (BECU) and SAFE Credit Union announced they have signed a definitive agreement to combine, uniting two purpose-driven credit unions with a shared commitment to the financial well-being of their members and the communities they serve.

Upon completion, the combined credit union will serve 1.8 million members and operate more than 80 locations under BECU's charter, with more than \$33 billion in assets, making it the fourth largest credit union by asset size in the U.S.

Together, the combined organization will further the cooperative principle of "people helping people" by continuing to strengthen its investments to deliver enhanced products, services and experiences for all members and communities.

"This is an exciting opportunity for both credit unions, made possible by our shared values of putting our members first and making deep connections with our communities, as well as a strong commitment to sound operations and financial management, which are the hallmarks of BECU and SAFE," said Beverly Anderson, BECU's president and chief executive officer.

"This partnership is a powerful alignment of purpose and potential that leverages our strengths and recognizes our shared values," said Faye Nabhani, president and chief executive officer of SAFE Credit Union. "As the needs of our members and communities continue to evolve, combining credit unions builds on our strong foundation, ensures we deliver additional value and maintains the best of what has made SAFE a successful and trusted financial partner for over 80 years."

The proposed combination, which has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both BECU and SAFE, is subject to regulatory approvals and a vote by SAFE's membership. The combination is expected to close by early 2027.

Until the combination is completed, both credit unions will continue to operate as independent, standalone entities and there will not be any impact to services for members. Upon closing, Beverly Anderson will lead the combined credit union and Faye Nabhani will serve as market president for the Greater Sacramento region, reporting to Ms. Anderson.

More information about the proposed merger can be found at www.becuanand-safe.org. ★

Final Cadet Class of the Year Graduates

*Graduation Caps Year of Record Hiring and Rising
Interest in Law Enforcement Careers*



The 137 new officers who were sworn in during a Dec. 5 ceremony at the California Highway Patrol Academy will be placed throughout the state to protect and serve communities. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

**California Highway
Patrol News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As the end of 2025 nears, Governor Gavin Newsom joins the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in celebrating the department's final graduating class of the year.

The 137 new officers who were sworn in during a Dec. 5 ceremony at the California Highway Patrol Academy will be placed throughout the state to protect and serve communities.

This marks a significant achievement for the California Highway Patrol, which graduated 780 cadets

in 2025 alone. California Highway Patrol continues its efforts to recruit highly qualified individuals to protect the state's community safety.

"I'm proud to see the young women and men stepping up to keep our communities safe," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "As we close out

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Final Cadet Class of the Year Graduates

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the year, California continues to make real progress, strengthening protections across the state while staying focused on the needs of the people we serve.”

California Highway Patrol Commissioner Sean Duryee said, "These cadets have been pushed to their limits and faced significant pressure but despite all the hardships, they never gave up."

“Their determination to keep going, even when facing challenges, demonstrates their dedication to helping others and serving the people of California,” Duryee said. “The California Highway Patrol (CHP) proudly welcomes these new officers and looks forward to the remarkable achievements they will make throughout their decades of service.”

During their 26 weeks in the California Highway Patrol Academy, cadets trained in vehicle code enforcement, crash and criminal investigations,



The new officers begin reporting to one of the California Highway Patrol's 102 Area offices throughout the state on Dec. 15. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

emergency vehicle operations and officer safety. The academy's curriculum also focuses on legal responsibilities, communication, ethics and cultural awareness in order to prepare

cadets to serve California's diverse population.

Earlier last week, the cadets took part in a five-mile run as one of their training's last parts. The new officers

begin reporting to one of the California Highway Patrol's 102 Area offices throughout the state on Dec. 15.

A Growing Force Protecting Californians

California Highway Patrol's recruitment initiatives over the past few years, including the launch of the 2022 statewide "Join the CHP 1000" campaign and the "Cadets"

web series, which can be watched on the California Highway Patrol YouTube page (www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiGuz08MkSM) continue to drive strong interest in law enforcement careers.

Including the Dec. 5 newly-sworn members, the California Highway Patrol has brought on more than 2,300 officers from January 2022 through this December.

From 2022 to 2024, applications increased by more than 52 percent.

California Highway Patrol is on track to receive more than 33,000 applications by the end of the year, continuing the upward trend.

Enhancing public safety remains a top priority for Gov. Gavin Newsom, and in November 2024, California successfully achieved its multi-year California Highway Patrol recruitment goal of 1,000 new officers.

California Highway Patrol continues to actively recruit dedicated individuals who are ready to make a difference in communities throughout California. A career with the California Highway Patrol offers comprehensive training, competitive benefits and opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

To learn more about joining the California Highway Patrol, visit CHPMadeForMore.com to take the first step toward a rewarding career in law enforcement.

The California Highway Patrol mission is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service and Security. ★



Before family and loved ones, the cadets took their oath and received their badges, officially joining one of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies. Photo courtesy of California Highway Patrol

Data Shows 90.2% of California Farms are Family-Owned

Farm Flavor News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- A new study on behalf of Farm Flavor has identified the states with the most family-owned farms. Data shows that 90.2 percent of California farms are family-owned.

Now more than ever, people want to know where their food comes from. National conversations often center on "Big Ag" and corporate takeover of the food sector but the latest United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Census of Agriculture shows a more nuanced reality on the ground: most American farms are still run by families.

Nearly 95 percent of U.S. farms are family-owned and a large majority are small operations with modest annual revenue. Throughout the U.S., family farms anchor local economies, preserve working lands and sustain community food systems, and in many states, capture the biggest share of sales.

With this in mind, Farm Flavor researchers analyzed the latest USDA data to understand how many U.S. farms are family-owned, how much they produce and which states rely most on family-run farms.

U.S. Family Farms and Sales by Type

Family farms are the foundation of American agriculture. According to the USDA, a family farm is one in which the majority of the business is owned by the principal operator and individuals related to them. Encompassing everything from small, sole proprietorships to large corporate-structured operations driving industry consolidation, family operations make up 94.7 percent of all U.S. farms and are responsible for 80.7 percent of total agricultural output – a striking reminder that America's food



Nearly 95 percent of U.S. farms are family-owned and a large majority are small operations with modest annual revenue. Photo courtesy Freepik

system remains overwhelmingly family-run.

Together, small and mid-size family farms (those with less than \$1 million in annual gross income) account for 90.8 percent of farms and nearly one-third (30.2 percent) of total agricultural output. These farms are vital to rural economies, providing local employment and sustaining communities across every region of the country.

At the same time, large family farms (those earning \$1 million or more annually) represent a much smaller share of total farms but contribute more than half (50.6 percent) of the nation's agricultural output. These larger family operations reflect the increasing efficiency and scale of modern production agriculture,

especially in commodity crop and livestock sectors.

Farms not owned by the principal operator and his or her family make up only about 5 percent of all farms and contribute 19.1 percent of agricultural output. Altogether, these figures underscore that American agriculture remains overwhelmingly a family-run enterprise, from small diversified farms to large multi-generational operations.

California's agricultural landscape is dominated by family-owned operations, although slightly less so than the national average. In California, 90.2% of all farms are family-owned, compared to 94.7% nationwide. These farms generate 73.6% of the state's farm sales, somewhat lower than the 80.7% share

nationally.

California has 56,976 family-owned farms out of 63,134 total farms, producing \$48.0 billion in sales. Nationally, 1.8 million family-owned farms account for \$484.4 billion in sales out of nearly \$600 billion total.

One notable difference is scale: the average family-owned farm in California generates \$842,650 in sales, more than three times the U.S. average of \$269,079, reflecting the state's larger operations and high-value commodities.

Methodology
The data in this analysis comes from the USDA 2022 Census of Agriculture (the most recent release). To identify the states with the most family-owned farms,

researchers calculated the share of farms in each state that meet the USDA's definition of a family farm, meaning the majority of the business is owned by the principal operator and individuals related to them by blood, marriage or adoption. The analysis also compared agricultural output, measured as the market value of products sold, across different farm types, including small, midsize and large family operations as well as non-family farms. All dollar figures were inflation-adjusted to 2025 values, using data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index.

The full Farm Flavor report can be found at farmflavor.com/farm/states-with-most-family-owned-farms. ★

SacRT to Expand Low-Emission Bus Fleet

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is proud to announce the award of a \$39.67 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Low or No Emission (Low-No) Grant Program. This critical funding will support the replacement of 49 aging compressed natural gas (CNG) buses with modern, low-emission vehicles and fund infrastructure upgrades that will improve service reliability, reduce emissions and enhance transit access in underserved communities.

This project builds on SacRT’s momentum from the nearly \$77 million Low-No grant awarded in 2024, which is supporting the transformation of SacRT’s McClellan facility into a state-of-the-art bus maintenance hub. Located at the former McClellan Air Force Base, SacRT’s McClellan facility was originally acquired in 2005 to relieve overcrowding at the Downtown Bus Maintenance Facility. However, SacRT’s McClellan facility has faced years of deferred maintenance.

A 2021 redesign enables the facility to house and maintain up to 270 buses, including the 49 new compressed natural gas buses funded through this grant and future clean-fuel vehicles. Together, these investments in



Federal Transit Administration funding will support replacing 49 Sacramento Regional Transit aging buses with modern, low-emission vehicles and fund infrastructure upgrades that will improve service reliability, reduce emissions and enhance transit access in underserved communities. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit

fleet and facility will relieve pressure at the Downtown Bus Maintenance Facility and improve service reliability.

SacRT is facing an urgent need to modernize its bus fleet. By the end of Fiscal Year 2025, 78 buses will be due for retirement, with 129 reaching the end of their useful life by 2028. The 49 buses being replaced through this project, some dating back to 2008, average 510,000 miles and 16 years in service and operate at just 56 percent availability, due to frequent mechanical issues.

“This funding is another major step forward in our ongoing efforts to deliver cleaner, more efficient and more reliable transit for the Sacramento region,” said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. “These new buses will improve the rider experience and help SacRT continue to operate frequent bus service through the region.”

Said Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06), “Clean and reliable public transportation is essential to the health and economic vitality of our region. I’m pleased to see SacRT receive this critical

funding to replace aging buses and invest in infrastructure that supports underserved communities. These improvements will help reduce pollution, create good-paying jobs, and ensure that more residents have access to safe and efficient transit.”

Said Congressman Kevin Kiley, “This federal investment in SacRT’s bus fleet and maintenance infrastructure is a win for the Sacramento region. This project demonstrates that good things can happen when we work across party and geographic lines to get

things done for local communities and residents.”

The new 2027 compressed natural gas buses will replace outdated models and are expected to significantly improve service reliability, reduce breakdowns and ensure compliance with the Federal Transit Administration’s spare ratio guidelines.

The project will modernize 69 percent of SacRT’s all-day bus routes, serving 26 percent of total riders, and is projected to cut lifetime emissions by more than 6 million kilograms of carbon dioxide (CO₂), which is equivalent to taking 1,300 passenger vehicles off the road for a year.

In addition to environmental and service improvements, the project will generate substantial operational savings. During the first two years of the manufacturer warranty, SacRT anticipates saving approximately \$1.19 million annually on spare parts, \$827,800 on non-preventive maintenance labor and \$463,097 per year in fuel costs due to reduced consumption of 154,882 gasoline gallon equivalents.

This funding is part of the Federal Transit Administration’s broader effort to modernize transit systems nationwide. In 2025, the Federal Transit Administration awarded approximately \$2.1 billion to 167 projects across 47 states and territories through the Low-No and Buses and Bus Facilities programs. ★

Dr. Abdalla Recognized for Leadership in Opioid Treatment



Dr. Jacqueline Abdalla recently received an honor from the Western Association of Correctional Healthcare Services for her leadership in improving medical care within Sacramento County’s correctional facilities. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County recognizes Dr. Jacqueline Abdalla for receiving a major honor from the Western Association of Correctional Healthcare Services (WACHSA) for her leadership in improving medical care within the county’s correctional facilities, especially through the expansion of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). “This award really represents the collective effort of our entire team. I

can get so focused on the next challenge, so this has been a nice opportunity to pause and reflect on progress we’ve made together in advancing patient care,” Abdalla said.

A cornerstone of that progress is Sacramento County’s robust Medication-Assisted Treatment program, which Abdalla describes as a “humane and outcomes-oriented” approach to opioid withdrawal and addiction.

Medication-Assisted Treatment medications not only treat the extremely uncomfortable symptoms of withdrawal but also stabilize cravings in the long term, allowing patients to feel “normal” again so they can begin the difficult work of recovery. Since the program rolled out, the jail has seen a significant decrease in overdoses and overdose deaths.

Abdalla’s leadership has extended beyond addiction treatment. Less than two years ago, the jail faced a backlog that left patients waiting months for specialty care and off-site appointments. Today, thanks to major process improvements, urgent referrals are now scheduled within two weeks and routine referrals within three months.

Additionally, high-risk patients, including those needing cancer care, are closely tracked to ensure their care is coordinated quickly.

Abdalla said this work is especially important because incarcerated individuals are among the country’s most medically vulnerable. Many enter custody with chronic medical or mental health conditions and face barriers such as unstable housing.

“Their time in jail can be a big opportunity for us to provide health care services that they may otherwise not have access to. I feel grateful to be a part of that. My hope is that they leave in a better place than they came in,” Abdalla said.

Abdalla credits Sacramento County’s strong on-the-ground collaboration between custody and medical leadership for creating the environment that allows these improvements to take shape and the county credits her leadership for guiding the team forward.

To learn more about adult/juvenile health, visit Sacramento County’s Primary Health Services’ online page at dhs.sac-county.gov/PRI/Pages/PRI-Home.aspx. ★

Sacramento County Maintains Class 2 FEMA Rating

Class 2 Rating Provides 40% Discount on Flood Insurance

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has renewed Sacramento County as a Class 2 in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

The rating allows residents and businesses within Special Flood Hazard Areas of unincorporated Sacramento County to receive a 40-percent discount on flood insurance for most National Flood Insurance Program policies issued or renewed on or after Oct. 1, 2026.

Through the Community Rating System program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency ranks communities based on a point system for activities implemented to reduce flood risk. This includes promoting mitigation measures to the public, implementing flood warning systems and promoting the purchase of flood insurance.

The ranking ranges from 10 (lowest) to 1 (highest). According to Federal Emergency Management Agency, there are 22,600 participating National Flood Insurance Program communities. Nationwide, there are 1,504 communities taking part in the Community Rating System program.

Nationwide, there are two Class 1 Community Rating System communities and 10 Community Rating System Class 2 communities. California has 97 Community Rating System Communities with only one Class 1 community and one Class 2 community, which is Sacramento County.

“In the unincorporated parts of Sacramento County, we have 4,539 properties that purchase their flood insurance coverage through the National Flood

Insurance Program,” said Department of Water Resources Director Matt Satow.

“The Class 2 rating we have achieved and corresponding 40% discount will save our residents over \$500,000 in 2026 on their flood insurance policies and on average, \$121 per policy,” Satow said.

When Sacramento County joined the program in 1992, Federal Emergency Management Agency initially gave the County a Class 9 rating. Over the years, Sacramento County’s Department of Water Resources has steadily worked to improve its rating by meeting the criteria set by Federal Emergency Management Agency to protect Special Flood Hazard Areas of unincorporated Sacramento County.

The first Class 2 was awarded in 2017. The renewal of the Class 2 rating comes as the county embarks on its update of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is updated every five years to address the list of hazards and assessed risks that make the area vulnerable.

The updated plan will help improve the resilience of Sacramento County to weather future disasters. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan allows agencies to apply for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding and lessen the cost of flood insurance to the residents of Sacramento County, and the surrounding cities through Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program.

You can learn more about the Sacramento County’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan online at stormready.org and the county’s Class 2 status at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System visualization website at crsviz.com. ★

‘The Ripple Effect’ Project Wins Award

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County Department of Health Services’ Behavioral Health Division is celebrating a major national win after its Safer Sacramento Team earned a 2025 Shorty Impact Award for “The Ripple Effect” documentary blog series.

The Shorty Awards honor the most influential and purpose-driven digital campaigns in the world, recognizing work that creates real social impact through storytelling, creativity and community engagement. Receiving

this award places Sacramento County’s project among the top public-health campaigns nationwide.

“The Ripple Effect,” a nine-part documentary blog series, was created in response to the alarming rise in fentanyl overdoses and poisonings. Safer Sacramento wanted to cut through the noise using short-form video format to shed light on the fentanyl crisis, the heartbreak of loss and the strength of community.

The county’s research shows that the raw, honest storytelling and deep connection in “The Ripple Effect” helped reduce fentanyl-related deaths in Sacramento County by 27 percent. That number isn’t just a statistic; it

represents lives saved, families kept intact and futures realized.

Every installment carried a call to action: links to resources for treatment and recovery and people responded. “The Ripple Effect” has more than 19,000 clicks to the county’s support services page and more than 41,000 visits to educational content.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. More than 101,000 people engaged, not just with likes and shares, but with their hearts. They shared personal stories in the comments: those of grief, survival and hope. Some were heartbreaking. Some were healing. And through

it all, Safer Sacramento connected them with services: bereavement support, trauma care or someone to say, “I understand and want to help.”

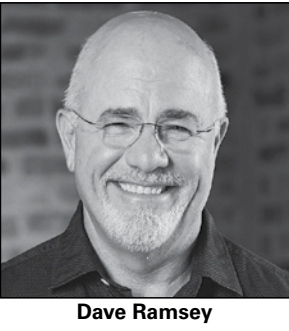
“This has been an exciting, passionate and heartfelt project,” said Lori Miller, the Behavioral Health Services’ Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Division division manager.

“It was an honor to be part of this meaningful and impactful work and the success of this documentary. A huge thank you to all the community partners and the family members who have lost loved ones and bravely shared their stories in hopes of saving lives. Congratulations to

Sacramento County,” Miller said.

This is just one of the many efforts Sacramento County is working on to combat the fentanyl crisis. To watch “The Ripple Effect” series or to learn more, visit the Safer Sacramento page online at safer.sacramento.com/the-ripple-effect. To get involved in the Safer Sacramento Project or share your story, email Miller at Millerlori@sacounty.gov.

One call connects you to mental health and substance use treatment support. Sacramento County’s Behavior Health Services-SAC Call Center is available to connect you with the services you need at 916-875-1055. ★



Dave Ramsey Says The Importance of Employee Buy-In

Dear Dave,

How do I get my employees to buy-in to the company mission, and really get onboard with what I want to accomplish and the steps toward making it happen? I feel like I have a lot of good people working for me, but I'm not sure I'm getting the message across in terms what I expect and what it will take for them and the business to succeed.

– Franklin

Dear Franklin,

It's a no-brainer that employee buy-in is great, even essential, for your business. But actually getting buy-in? That can be tough. Here are four steps I believe are essential to setting the stage for winning employees over and gaining their trust, their loyalty and their respect.

First, evaluate your leadership. Ask yourself, Would I follow the leader I am today? Great leaders

are open to feedback, humble and willing to grow. They lead by serving. And most teams will follow a good example, so lead with confidence, focus and transparency.

Next, define your mission, vision and values. Your mission describes what you do and why it matters. Your vision paints a picture of what the future will look like when your mission is lived out, and your values declare what your company stands for and guide how you make decisions. Share these often, and be very clear when you do. If these principles aren't firmly in place and understood, you're asking your team to navigate without a map.

Also, communicate consistently and clearly. Your team members aren't a bunch of mind readers. Share all your expectations and goals frequently, along with the why behind your plans. Make time for questions and mentoring, too. Your ability to communicate well goes a long way

toward determining team satisfaction and retention, along with the quality of your relationships and the level of trust you earn.

Finally, have a solid strategic plan. Don't just relay a vague outline your company's destination, map out a clear path of how to get there with all your leaders. A strategic plan with actionable steps shows your team what winning looks like and what it'll take to succeed.

And when the plan is specific and achievable, your team will rally around it.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling 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. ★

Congress Must Act Now

Rural Seniors Face Healthcare Crisis

Commentary by Ronnie Janson

As a professional advisor with more than a decade of experience specializing in the financial security of California's elderly, especially in rural communities, I feel compelled to sound the alarm on an imminent crisis that threatens the very foundation of long-term care in our state. Unless Congress acts swiftly, thousands of Californians could lose access to vital pharmaceutical services and long-term care.

This crisis stems from impending changes to Medicare Part D drug pricing, set to take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. While I support the worthy intentions of reforms to reduce prescription drug costs, these same reforms unintentionally put long-term care (LTC) pharmacies at risk. As many as 60% of LTC pharmacies could be forced to close at least one of their locations due to the new pricing model.

This could have catastrophic consequences, especially for rural seniors living in Butte, Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, Yuba and Colusa counties.

Long-term care pharmacies do far more than fill prescriptions. They provide a full suite of services that no retail pharmacy can match: 24/7/365 medication management, patient-specific packaging and medication delivery. Nursing homes and assisted living facilities depend on these pharmacies to comply with federal requirements for safe, timely pharmaceutical care.

Nowhere is this interdependence more critical than in California's rural regions. One long-term care pharmacy might serve dozens of facilities spread across vast areas. If that pharmacy were to shut its doors, the ripple effects would be devastating. Nursing homes might be forced to close because they can no longer meet their legal obligations to residents. The result? In California, this means that the nearly 10,000 seniors in rural areas with long-term care needs are unable to access the services they currently depend on.

More than five-million Medicare beneficiaries rely on long-term care and one in four reside in a facility that utilizes long-term care pharmacies. These patients are among the most medically vulnerable:



Ronnie Janson is a board member of the nonprofit Golden Years Policy Council. Courtesy photo

individuals living with multiple chronic conditions, cognitive impairments or mobility limitations. They cannot simply switch to a local retail pharmacy. In many cases, there isn't one within driving distance and even if there were, retail pharmacies aren't equipped to provide the high-level services these patients require and only long-term care pharmacies can fulfill.

Fortunately, there is a solution and time is of the essence.

H.R. 5031 (Preserving Patient Access to Long-Term Care Pharmacies Act), a bipartisan bill currently before Congress, would create a modest \$30 flat fee for each Medicare Part D drug dispensed by a long-term care pharmacy. This fee would offset the revenue shortfalls created by the new drug pricing system, ensuring that long-term care pharmacies can continue providing essential services. Importantly, this solution preserves drug cost savings for seniors while stabilizing the infrastructure required to deliver them.

Without action, we risk triggering a healthcare collapse in California's rural communities. We risk leaving our most vulnerable neighbors without access to medications, care or the dignity they deserve in their later years.

Pass H.R. 5031 and protect long-term care for the seniors.

Ronnie Janson is a board member of the nonprofit Golden Years Policy Council, which represents seniors and their families in Butte, Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, Yolo and Yuba counties. ★

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Jesus says...

I can't figure this out

I will direct you

I'm not enough

You are more than enough

I can't keep going

I will carry you

I'm not strong enough

I am

I'm too tired

I will give you rest

I can't forgive myself

I forgive you

I hate myself

I love you

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



What a difference a day makes. As the Sacramento Kings began another depressing losing streak, this one reaching 3 games, fans are pleasantly surprised by an upset win over the Miami Heat in Miami Florida.

Sharpshooter Zach Lavine showed up for the intrepid scorer he is, posting 42 points that was more than the Heat were able to handle.

Sacramento favorite Davion Mitchell, now running the point for Miami, will have to wait to show off his defensive magic, as Davion was sidelined with a groin pull.

The 127-111 win over the Heat marked the first time this season that Sacramento has won a game by double digits, and it could not have come at a better time.

Talk shows throughout Sacramento, pundits and fans alike have been all but applauding the thought of blowing up the current team and starting from scratch.

I am a proponent of taking your medicine however difficult it is to swallow, and do not cave in to pressure.

Just one year ago, team management acted in haste and sent one of the greatest players Sacramento has ever seen packing. Now DeAaron Fox is getting standing ovations in San Antonio and will likely bring a championship to the state of Texas.

Knee jerk moves don't work. Ask Nico Harrison, formerly of the Dallas Mavericks if that's a good idea as he insanely traded superstar Luka Doncic and paid the price by losing his job.

Steady at the helm is what Sacramento needs and don't misjudge the talent currently on this team.

Davion Mitchell, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones have taken up residence elsewhere, and other NBA teams are the better for it. We cannot fail to see the attributes in the players we have, and I was heartened to see that the Kings did something positive with last year's first round draft choice Devin Carter.

Carter, a talented and highly athletic young player has been sitting on the pines getting no playing time, but he was just sent down to Stockton where he will get much needed playing time in the G-league. Playing time is precisely what Carter needs, and I hope the Kings are not shortsighted when teams come calling, hoping to add

Carter to their roster.

When you draft a player #1 it says something, and Devin Carter needs to have every opportunity to show this franchise the value he brings.

The Kings have been able to produce a win without talented big man Domantas Sabonis, and it should give every Kings fan pause.

Are the Kings as bad as their 6-17 record would indicate, or are there plausible reasons for such a tepid and unenthusiastic start?

We have pointed out the horrific free throw shooting in nearly all of Sacramento's losses, and on the flip side, the precision free throw shooting when Sacramento posts a win.

Is this coaching staff capable of getting this group of NBA ballers to sink free throws at a clip of 80% or better? If they can, wins will come.

Of course, the Kings need to improve on the defensive end, and when they hit the court with energy and a passion for getting stops, good things invariably happen.

Way too early to say I know how this season is going to go, and every fan should wonder if just one or possibly two moves could completely turn things around.

The Kings need to get bigger and longer, on that point few people will argue. But don't give away talent like Isaac Jones that already has the physical prowess this team needs.

Judge talent better, and if this staff can't do that, find people that can. Whether it's trades or in the draft, we need better judgement and we can't afford to wait much longer.

The good news is Sabonis won't be out much longer, and even one smart move could move the needle in a positive direction for the Kings.

I take my hat off to a fan base in Sacramento that I find amazing. Nearly unconditional support is hard to find and that is what this team has the privilege of playing in front of every night. Coaches coach better, and players hit the court every night and bring the best you have.

Stay tuned Kings fans, because there really is light at the end of the tunnel!

Merry Christmas!
Your thoughts are always welcome at
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California's New Labor Law could have Unintended and Unwanted Consequences



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The California Legislature has a bad habit of writing new law in the moment and paying little or no attention to its potential consequences.

While legislative history contains many examples, the most spectacular occurred three decades ago when legislators and then-Gov. Pete Wilson massively overhauled how electricity is generated, distributed and priced, telling consumers it would make power more affordable and reliable.

The real world impact was just the opposite. Power became less reliable, prices skyrocketed and the state's investor-owned utilities were pushed into insolvency.

Other examples of unintended consequences in California include launching a bullet train project without comprehensive construction or financial plans, sharply increasing public employee pensions without considering costs and doing the same with unemployment insurance benefits.

One could also add the current practice of draining emergency reserves to cover budget deficits that result from overestimating revenues and underestimating spending, leaving the state's finances vulnerable to an inevitable economic downturn.

Then there is Assembly Bill 288, one of many measures the Legislature dominated by Democrats and Gov. Gavin

Newsom have passed in recent years to thwart — or so they hope — President Donald Trump.

AB 288, sponsored by California labor unions and carried by Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, an Inglewood Democrat, expands the authority of California's Public Employment Relations Board — which oversees union-management activities in state and local governments and school districts — to include private sector employment.

The bill aims for the Public Employee Relations Board, or PERB, to step into the role performed for many decades by the National Labor Relations Board because, McKinnor and other advocates maintain, the NLRB is frozen by a dispute over its membership.

Early this year, Trump removed Dwyne Wilcox, the NLRB's chair, leaving the board without a quorum and unable to decide pending cases. Trump's action is being fought in the courts.

“Well, I'll just say that if we have no board, no quorum, no board, no justice to state workers, for state workers,” McKinnor told the state Senate Judiciary Committee just before AB 288 passed. “And so, we need to make sure that, you know, that PERB can hear these cases, because if there's no forum for workers to resolve unfair labor practices, then where do they stand?”

“What do we do for them? We can't just leave them out in the cold because the NLRB doesn't have a quorum. We also can have loss of union protections, like bargaining rights, organizing protections and reinstatement after retaliation. And so, we can't have our workers unprotected, because employers will take advantage of that.”

Private employer groups opposed the measure,

contending the existence of the NLRB, even though it's stymied, preempts a state from usurping federal authority.

Generally, states can legislate on labor relations only in economic sectors not covered by federal law. That's why, a half-century ago, California could create the public employment board and the Agricultural Labor Relations Board to oversee employment on farms and in food processing plants.

The NLRB and interests that opposed AB 288 are suing in federal court, contending that the legislation is illegal under federal law.

AB 288 represents a potentially disruptive, even dangerous, precedent. Were it to survive the legal challenge, every state would be free to create its own set of laws governing unionization of workers.

Blue states such as California could virtually mandate unionization of private sector employees, as it already has for public employees and farm workers.

Meanwhile, red states could virtually prohibit unions from organizing workers, to make the states more attractive to industry and insulated from NLRB oversight even if Democrats regain the White House.

Balkanizing labor-management relations would create chaos in the national economy. It also could potentially work to the overall disadvantage of union organizing efforts. Do California's unions and their political allies really want to take that chance?

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Social Security Matters

Tax Filing Status and Medicare



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I'm trying to figure out if I should change my IRS filing status to “Married – Filing Jointly” prior to getting reviewed for my Medicare Part B and Part D. My current IRS status is “Married – Filing Single” and I noticed this filing status is more stringent. I will be turning 62 this year (2025) and I've read that Medicare will review my income 2 years prior to turning 65. Any input would be appreciated. **Signed: Uncertain Senior**

Dear Uncertain: Your IRS tax filing status has no bearing on your eligibility for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) or Medicare Part D (insurance coverage for prescription drugs). Medicare is an individual healthcare program, so enrolling in Medicare provides coverage for you (only), not your spouse (your spouse's Medicare eligibility will be individually evaluated).

What your IRS filing status may affect is the amount of your Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. There is a Medicare provision called “IRMAA” (Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount), which sets the income thresholds on which your Medicare premiums are based, and those thresholds are different if you file your income

tax as a single, or as “married/filing jointly.” The IRMAA thresholds can change annually, and there's no way to yet determine what they will be when you are able to enroll in Medicare at age 65 (they are currently \$106,000 if you file as a single, and \$212,000 if you file your taxes as “married/jointly”). If your “provisional income” (your combined income from all sources) exceeds the threshold for your filing status, you will pay higher (than standard) Medicare Part B and Part D premiums. If your income is lower than the threshold, you will pay only whatever the standard Medicare Part B premium is for the year you start Medicare, and there will be no supplemental premium for your Part D coverage. For information, the IRMAA supplements are progressive – that is, the more you exceed the threshold by, the higher your IRMAA premium supplement will be. To see the current IRMAA thresholds and supplements (again, these will likely change when you are eligible for Medicare): www.cms.gov/newsroom/factsheets/2025-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles.

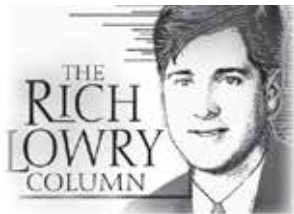
You are correct that your Medicare premium, when you enroll, will be determined by your total income from 2 years prior. So, if you plan to enroll in Medicare at age 65 (sometime in 2028), it is your 2026 income which will determine your Part B and Part D premiums, and that income will be defined by your 2026 income tax return. Note, too, that Medicare premiums are reevaluated each year, based upon your IRS income tax return from 2 years prior.

FYI, there are advantages to filing your income tax as “married/jointly” (vs. married/

filing separately), and those are best evaluated by your tax advisor (we are not tax advisors here at the AMAC Foundation). And while it's true that the IRMAA thresholds are higher when you file as “married/jointly,” it's also true that your total income as a married couple will be used when determining your IRMAA premiums for Medicare. So, once again, it is probably best to consult with a qualified income tax advisor for guidance on whether it is best, financially, for you to change how you file your income tax in 2026, considering that you will be enrolling in Medicare in 2028.

One final thing: If you are still working and have “creditable” healthcare coverage from your employer (“creditable” is a group plan with at least 20 participants), then you can delay enrolling in Medicare until your employer coverage ends (thus temporarily avoiding the Medicare premiums). In other words, if you have creditable healthcare coverage from an employer, you don't have to enroll in Medicare immediately at age 65.

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Ronald Reagan famously said that the most frightening words in the English language are: “I'm from the government, and I'm here to help.” U.S. manufacturers must know exactly what the Gipper meant.

Donald Trump is a wholeheartedly pro-manufacturing president, and he's definitely here to help -- with a dizzying array of tariffs. So far, the evidence is that, on net, his tariff agenda is not helping, and almost certainly hurting, the manufacturing sector he's out to rejuvenate. The September jobs report was pretty good overall, but manufacturing continues to be a sore point. The U.S. has shed nearly 100,000 manufacturing jobs over the last 12 months, and blue-collar jobs are declining.

The theory of the tariffs is that American manufacturing has been decimated by imports and if the imports are made more expensive by tariffs, people will buy more American-made products and companies will bring manufacturing operations back to the United States.

The problem is that this story is overly simplistic. There's been a long-term decline in the share of manufacturing employment in the U.S., from roughly 27% in the 1960s to a little above 8% now. As the researchers Gary Clyde Hufbauer and Ye Zhang point out, this is driven, to a large extent, by the fact that as people get richer, they tend to spend more of their income on services,

The Tariffs Aren't Helping

whether health or entertainment. This means that the manufacturing share of the economy inevitably shrinks. The same trend is evident in other advanced economies.

This suggests that seeking a return to a bygone era of manufacturing via tariffs is the economic equivalent of King Canute and the waves (which wouldn't recede despite his command). Worse, sweeping tariffs make imported materials that are used to manufacture goods in the U.S. -- so-called inputs -- more expensive. As a result, manufacturing becomes less cost-effective. Right now, for instance, the price of heavily tariffed steel has been on the rise. That's good for steel companies -- a small slice of the economy -- but bad for all the other firms that use the steel to make stuff.

Then, there's the downside that U.S. tariffs cause foreign retaliation, harming U.S. manufacturers that export their products. Finally, when uncertainty is layered on top of this -- about when and if tariffs will come into effect and for how long -- it's a truly toxic brew.

There's a reason that the National Association of Manufacturers -- a group that one would expect to support any policy designed to assist manufacturing -- doesn't like the tariffs. It has warned “against broad tariffs that could disrupt supply chains, increase costs and undermine the global competitiveness of our member companies.”

All signs point to its prescience. An Institute for Supply Management sur-

vey found that in October, the manufacturing sector contracted for the eighth consecutive month. The respondents to the survey, who are executives of manufacturing firms, frequently mention the tariffs as a cause of distress.

“Tariffs continue to be a large impact to our business,” one respondent in the machinery category explained. “The products we import are not readily manufactured in the U.S., so attempts to reshore have been unsuccessful. Overall, prices on all products have gone up, some significantly. We are trying to keep up with the wild fluctuations and pass along what costs we can to our customers.”

A survey of Texas businesses by the Dallas Federal Reserve found the same thing. About half of businesses reported negative effects from the tariffs, and only 2% positive. “The effect is most widespread in manufacturing,” the bank noted, “where more than 70% of firms noted negative impacts.”

The Trump administration has backed off tariffs on coffee and various food items, an implicit concession that they were a mistake and led to higher prices. It's probably too much to ask that the administration acknowledge the deleterious effect on many manufacturers.

These companies will have to endure the economic drag created by a government that wants to help.

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Nestor E. Romero, 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phenomenal Pool & Landscape/916 Pools" 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025
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POOL 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08541
Nazim Khakimov, 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Awesome CA" 2212 Gateway Oaks Drive

Apt 400, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
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AWESOME 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07890
NB Torrez Inc., 3437 E. Collier Road, Acampo, CA 95220 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Chopping Block Deli" 905 C Street, Galt, CA 95632. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
CHOPPING 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07891
NB Torrez Inc, 3437 E. Collier Road, Acampo, CA 95220 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "9 Bars Coffee" 2543 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
BARS 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07849
Joyce Abu, 8617 Shadow Crest Circle, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fachimahairbraiding & Supply/ Fachima Hair Braiding & Supply" 8617 Shadow Crest Circle, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 21, 2025
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FACHIMA 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08536
NorCal Apex Enterprises LLC, 436 Main Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NorCal Apex Enterprises LLC/NorCal Apex" 436 Main Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025
NORCAL 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08439
Luis Barillas, 2830 Bravado Drive "D", Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stringfield's Auto Repair N Electric" 2830 Bravado Drive "D", Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
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STRINGFIELDS 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08443
Adam Walid Hachme, 2237 Fulton Avenue Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Choice Auto Center" 2237 Fulton Avenue Suite C, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
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CHOICE 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08487
Gurjar Bros Transport Inc, 2665 Stone Creek Drive Apt 109, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "G Star Trucking" 2665 Stone Creek Drive Apt 109, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2025
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STAR 12-19-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08589
Anatoliy Gontar, 7948 Gander Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A+ Trading" 7948 Gander Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
TRADING 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08441
David Salomon Lopez Guiza, 3829 Altos Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DG Construction" 3829 Altos Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 14, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
DG 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08493
Alpha Golden Health Care LLC, 8043 Scythe Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Forbs Care Home" 7011 Forbs Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 18, 2025
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FORBS 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08567
7992 California LLC, PO Box 2888, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Slocum House" 7992 California Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SLOCUM 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08619
Ruslan Mubarakshin, 2980 Marysville Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sactown Locks" 2980 Marysville

Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 24, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
SACTOWN 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-07503
Joel Dickson Chiropractic Corporation, 11294 Coloma Road Unit H, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Evolved Spine Chiropractic" 11294 Coloma Road Unit H, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 8, 2025
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025
EVOLVED 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08540
AK Distributors LLC, 3005 Stone Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Zain Foods" 3005 Stone Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025
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ZAIN 12-26-25

STATEMENT OF AORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV027375
Ivan Asuncion Gutierrez Martinez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isabella Gutierrez Munoz to Isabella Gutierrez Munoz.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 13, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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MARTINEZ 12-12-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV021358
Scarlett Rose Nielsen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scarlett Rose Nielsen to Syrus Rose Nielsen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 9, 2026, 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: September 8, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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NIELSEN 12-19-25

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT BRUCE MCKENZIE CASE NO. 25PR003868

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Robert Bruce McKenzie.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 8, 2026, 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 deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in

California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Soojin Kim, Esq., 1132 Suncast Lane Suite 8, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 916-847-5440
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MCKENZIE 12-12-25

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 25CV010517
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Jacqueline L. Davis and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Bank of Stockton.
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de la California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9th Street, Room 102, Sacramento, CA 95814

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Adam Blair Corren & Spencer D. Sinclair, 3425 Brookside Road, Suite B, Stockton, CA 95219: 209-478-2621
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ACROSS

1. Slovenly ones

6. To do this is human?

9. Not flip

13. Mistress or lover, arch.

14. Precedes de Rivoli

15. Lift a hefty load

16. Sheep-like

17. Invoice qty.

18. Republic on Arabian Peninsula

19. "Aromatic additives

21. "Beer with Bloody Mary, e.g.

23. Major Uziel Gal-designed gun

24. Clarified butter

25. Although, for short

28. Distressed cry

30. Bamboozled

35. What a willow did?

37. "In B. J. King

39. Raspberry drupelets

40. Pelvic bones

41. Birch family tree

43. Banned apple spray

44. Impolite dinner sound

46. Left, Latin prefix

47. Dissenting clique

48. a.k.a. chickadee

50. Four seasons

52. Abode for #1 Down

53. Do, re or mi

55. Buddy Holly's "Peg-gy

57. "Measuring tool at a bar

60. "Not shaken

64. Dough or cabbage

65. "Gross!"

67. Lacking guile

68. "The Day the World

69. Intelligence org.

70. Ruhr's industrial center

71. Job for a body shop

72. Finish

73. Condemn

DOWN

1. #1 Across, sing.

2. Jeans maker Strauss

3. Leave out

4. Swahili and other languages

5. One of the seven dwarfs

6. Victorian one and Elizabethan one, e.g.

7. "Liquor in Hurricane and Painkiller

8. *Verb related to hangover

9. Fine print add-ons

10. Feeble

11. Above and beyond

12. Mightier than sword

15. Shenzi of "The Lion King"

20. "Spanish dry red wine

22. "For ____ a Jolly Good Fellow"

24. Seductive stare (2 words)

25. *Citrus peel

26. Greeting

27. Laudanum ingredient

29. *Same as rail at a bar

31. South American wood sorrels

32. Trickeries

33. Roleplay

34. "Like martini with olive brine

36. Queen of Hearts' pastry

38. Campbell of "Scream"

42. Cook in the oven

45. Sent a modern message

49. Ballerina's support

51. Decayed or disintegrated

54. Cease-fire

56. Use other end of pencil

57. Burlap fiber

58. Desktop picture

59. Small cave

60. Herring's cousin

61. Microprocessor design, acr.

62. "____ and anon"

63. Controvert

64. Psychedelic drug

66. *Liquor in Tom Collins and Gimlet

68. "The Day the World

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Aggies Sweep Rider of the Month Awards in Strong Season

UC Davis News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Following a standout month of November in which the University of California, Davis equestrians earned back-to-back wins over Delaware State and UT Martin, Chloe Fares, Eliza Plum, Anna Donovan and Mya Clader were each recognized with the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Riders of the Month honors.

Fares delivered a breakout month in Fences, earning points in all three meets. She opened with an 82 aboard Cici at Delaware State to secure UC Davis' first point of the event in a 4-1 Aggie victory. The sophomore then rode to an MOP-winning 86 on Salty against UT Martin, the highest score of the event; outscoring her opponent by a whopping 20 points and helping secure the event win for the Aggies. Fares closed the month with another event-high mark, an 83 on Otis against Oklahoma State, securing a crucial second point for the team.

Fares' consistency, ability to produce under pressure and Eastern College Athletic Conference Rider of the Week recognition on Nov. 11 following



Chloe Fares, Eliza Plum, Anna Donovan and Mya Clader were each recognized with the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Riders of the Month honors. Photo courtesy UC Davis

the Delaware doubleheader Aggie victories, solidified her as the conference's top Fences rider for November.

Plum continued her impressive season in Horsemanship with two strong, point-earning rides. She began the month with a 66.5 aboard Cinch at Delaware State, earning UC Davis the first point of the event in a 2-2 tie. The sophomore then posted a 75 aboard Brady against UT Martin, securing MOP honors and helping lead the Aggies to a 3-0 sweep in the event. Plum closed with a competitive 74 on Penny against Oklahoma State.

Following her Eastern College Athletic Conference Rider of the Week accolade on Nov. 11 from the Delaware doubleheader weekend, Plum's precision and competitive edge made her the conference's stand-out Horsemanship rider for November.

Donovan anchored the Aggies' Flat squad, earning points in all three meets of the month. The sophomore opened with an 80 on Dude at Delaware State, contributing to a 4-1 event win and beating her opponent by an impressive 18 points. Donovan followed with back-to-back scores of 83, first on Peter against UT Martin, then on Calvigo against Oklahoma State; where Donovan posted the event's

highest score, beating her opponent by 14 points and helping UC Davis secure two more event victories.

Donovan's polished, composed riding throughout the month and her ability to deliver high marks in key matchups distinguished her as the conference's top Flat rider for November.

Clader once again set the tone for the Aggies in Reining, contributing pivotal rides in two of three meets. She earned UC Davis' lone point against Delaware State with a 65 aboard Aspen before posting a MOP-winning 70.5 on Delta versus UT Martin to help the team tie the event. The senior added a 71 on Mr. T against Oklahoma State, tying for the event's highest score in another strong outing.

Clader's reliability, poise under pressure and Eastern College Athletic Conference Rider of the Week recognition on Nov. 11 following the Delaware road wins helped secure her place as the conference's standout Reining rider for November.

The Aggies closed out the fall season but will be back in the spring to kick off their next season, starting on Jan. 28, on the road competing against Southern Methodist University. ★

Dunivant Steps Down as Republic FC President, General Manager

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Republic FC has announced that President and General Manager Todd Dunivant will step down from his role at the end of the year to pursue a new opportunity outside the club.

Dunivant will continue to support the organization through the transition period, including ongoing recruitment efforts, completion of 2026 roster-building and continued development of key strategic initiatives.

He will join Major League Soccer's New York City FC as the club's third sporting director in January. New York City FC is part of City Football Group, the world's leading private owner and operator of football clubs with 13 football clubs across five continents within the City Football Group family.

Dunivant first joined Republic FC as general manager in 2018, originally hired to serve as the club's head of soccer operations as the club prepared for its transition to Major League Soccer. In 2021, Dunivant succeeded previous President Ben Gumpert to lead the club's business operations as well.

In eight seasons, Dunivant has overseen one of the most competitive eras in club history, including advancing to the 2022 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Final, the first appearance by a second-division club in the championship match since 2008.

His tenure also included seven postseason berths, a Western Conference Final appearance in 2023, a Jägermeister Cup Final appearance this season and the launch of club and region transformational long-term projects with the focus primarily on the club's new downtown home currently under construction.

"I'm forever grateful to Kevin Nagle, Wilton Rancheria led by Chairman Jesus Tarango and Chris Franklin, and the incredible supporters of Republic FC for their confidence and trust to help create a special club for an Indomitable city," said Dunivant.

"These eight seasons in Sacramento have been truly fulfilling, with relationships that will last a lifetime. I am so proud of what we've built together," Dunivant said. "The future of the club has never been brighter and I'm extremely confident



Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant will step down from his role at the end of the year. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

in the club's ownership, the hard-working front office staff and the talented players, coaches and technical staff who will deliver all of the rewards that this community and club deserve: a continued pursuit of silverware, an incredible stadium experience and a limitless future that will continue to be the talk of American soccer."

Transition planning is underway. Republic FC's Board of Directors has initiated a search process and is engaging with executive recruitment partners. Soccer operations, under the direction of head coach Neill Collins, will continue to build the club's roster for the 2026 season and beyond.

Training camp, including the club's annual open tryout, is set for mid-January ahead of an expected March opening night. New stadium development partners continue to be added to the team as the project nears vertical construction. Dunivant will remain with the club through the end of the year to support recruitment efforts, guide ongoing stadium development and ensure a smooth leadership transition.

Republic FC's executive leadership team remains one of the most experienced and respected senior staff groups in United Soccer League (USL). Over the past five seasons, Republic FC's executive staff has been honored annually by the United

Soccer League leadership and their colleagues across the league. The team of six executives also has decades of experience in professional sports across the National Basketball Association, National Football League and Major League Baseball, as well as with Sacramento's leading businesses.

Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango, Jr. emphasized the club's firm commitment to its long-term vision.

"Todd's passion and relentless pursuit of success for this club and community have been evident in every project he has been a part of and his efforts will long be connected to Republic FC. Our new downtown home continues to move forward because of Todd's diligent work and our future remains strong," said Tarango. "Leadership changes are a part of growth and Todd has positioned us well. We are deep into structural planning for the organization and our board, partners and executive team are aligned to keep our projects on track and our competitive goals high."

Organizational continuity will be supported by Republic FC's executive leadership team in collaboration with Wilton Rancheria Chief Operating Officer Chris Franklin and managing partner Kevin Nagle. December will include a structured handoff of priority initiatives to ensure stability and momentum heading into the new year.

"Todd has made a tremendous impact on Republic FC," said managing partner Kevin Nagle.

"I brought him to Sacramento because I knew he could help take this club to another level and he did. From building competitive teams to strengthening our organization, he's been a trusted leader. We're grateful for his work and wish him the best, while our focus stays on the future, our stadium, our vision and a strong 2026 season."

Season ticket memberships are now on sale for the 2026 season, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seats in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. As a special incentive to purchase a membership before the end of the year, anyone who signs up as a season ticket member now through Dec. 17 will receive an exclusive, limited-edition holiday sweater. For more information or to purchase a membership, visit SacRepublicFC.com/Memberships. ★

Football Signs 11 on Early Signing Period's First Day

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento State football team announced the signing of 11 high school seniors on the early signing period's first day on Dec. 3. The group is comprised of six offensive and five defensive players and features nine three-star recruits by 247Sports.

On offense, the team will bring in a pair of running backs and offensive linemen as well as a quarterback and wide receiver. Granite Bay High School senior Isaiah Ene and Marquez Wimberly are the latest additions to the talented Hornet backfield. Ene rushed for nearly 5,000 yards and 65 touchdowns during his career with the Grizzlies. Wimberly, who hails from Nazareth, Pennsylvania, amassed 1,781 yards and 27 touchdowns as a senior and has been an all-state selection.

Up front, Roger Vanderhoef and Daneil Mataele will both remain close to home. Vanderhoef (6-7, 350) recently completed his senior season at Grant High School in Sacramento where he helped the team to a



Eleven high school seniors were signed to the Sacramento State football team Dec. 3 during the early signing period's first day. Seven of the 11 players are from California. Graphic courtesy of Sacramento State

Metro League title and a berth in the Sacramento Section Div. I semifinals. Mataele (6-6, 360), prepped at Patterson High School in Manteca where he played on both sides of the ball.

Quarterback Jackson Presley guided Glacier High School to a Montana AA state title this fall. During his three varsity seasons, Presley threw for close to 8,000 yards and had 80 touchdowns. As a senior, Presley tossed 35 touchdowns with just two interceptions.

One of his new targets will be wide receiver Dezmyrn Hardy from Calabasas High School. Hardy posted 880 receiving yards with 13 touchdowns as a senior and finished the year with 1,006 all-purpose yards.

On defense, the team bolstered its front with the signing of Federico Cobarubio and Devyn Blake. Cobarubio played at Valley

Christian High School in San Jose where he was named first team all-league. Blake is from Edison High School in Huntington Beach and has been a first team all-Alpha League selection. Blake finished his varsity career with 126 total tackles.

Leki Holani and Jiah Walls are slated at linebacker for the Hornets. Holani was credited with 91 tackles as a senior at Santa Margarita High School in Rancho Cucamonga. That total included 14 tackles-for-loss and 4.5 sacks. His team won the Trinity League title in 2025 and advanced to the Southern Section Div. I championship. Walls played at Evans High School in Orlando, Florida. While there, Walls was named first team all-district after recording 139 tackles as a senior.

The secondary will be aided by the addition of Chakai Scott. The safety prepped at West Orange High School in Ocoee, Florida where he recorded 163 tackles during his career, including 75 as a senior. Scott was also incredible on special teams where he blocked 10 kicks (punt, field goals and PATS) in 2025. ★