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FINAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS RELEASED BY SACRAMENTO COUNTY GRAND JURY

The 2024-2025 Sacramento County Grand Jury released its final report today, a collection of this year's four (4) investigative reports:

 ADDING INSULT TO INJURY: THE SYSTEMATIC FAILURE OF THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S BATTERER'S TREATMENT PROGRAM

The original concept of the Batterer's Treatment Program was that domestic violence incidents would be reduced by having offenders attend classes and group counseling. After 30 years of programming, there is no evidence that the original concept reduces repeat domestic violence incidents.

 ARE SACRAMENTO COUNTY SCHOOLS LEAVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR ARTS EDUCATION ON THE TABLE?

Proposition 28 was passed by voters in 2022 and provides public schools in Sacramento County nearly \$40 million each year to increase visual and performing arts instruction. However, schools can improve their efforts to deliver arts instruction; specifically, in areas of program planning and hiring, transparency in reporting, and parental involvement.

NO EQUAL JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF ELDER FINANCIAL ABUSE

Elder financial abuse of individuals 65 years of age and older can result in monetary losses as well as significant emotional and physical harm to victims. However, Sacramento County does not have a robust strategic approach to combat this serious, growing problem.

ON THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY: ISLETON'S FAILURE TO GOVERN

Multiple complaints about the City of Isleton governance alleges issues including: Financial mismanagement; a lack of oversight of city operations; failure to follow state law and the City's Municipal Code; and misconduct by an elected official.

The Grand Jury is comprised of 19 citizens and 11 alternates and is appointed to provide oversight of county, city, school and special district agencies and operations within Sacramento County. The Grand Jury is also authorized to hear criminal indictments and is tasked with visiting detention facilities throughout the region. A new Grand Jury begins its one-year term on July 1, 2025.

The full investigation is available for public review on the Grand Jury website: www.saccourt.ca.gov.

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