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## SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY BRIEFS

### Health Plan of San Joaquin hires customer service director

FRENCH CAMP — Mike McCarns has been appointed director of customer service for Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ), the organization announced Wednesday.

McCarns' appointment follows a nationwide search. He comes to the Central Valley from Nashville where he was executive director at health care technology company, Cognosante.

At Cognosante, McCarns managed the overall performance of a large scale, multi-channel, contact center. He also worked for more than five years program director of customer service at ICF International in Virginia, where he managed both inbound and outbound call centers with more than 900 agents.

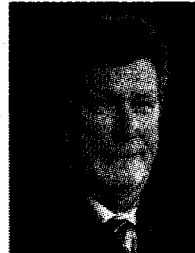
"Mike has had an extensive customer focused career having managed several large customer contact centers," said HPSJ CEO Amy Y. Shin. "Even more, we are impressed with his focus on providing premier customer service through our premier customer service representatives. He's not only experienced and accomplished, but also he is genuinely enthusiastic about the mission we share - providing our members with a fantastic customer experience."

McCarns' appointment became effective March 2.

### Stockton Honda receives Award

STOCKTON — Stockton Honda was among just 125 American Honda dealerships to receive the Honda President's Award for 2014, the company announced.

The award is presented yearly to Honda dealerships for exceptional performance in all facets of their business. Stockton Honda received the award for



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and gender equity, or who demonstrate outstanding professional or public leadership.

Six awards are given each year that honor staff, faculty, Greek organization woman, graduate student, undergraduate and Stockton community member.

Moffitt graduated from the Eberhardt School of Business at University of the Pacific and is an active philanthropist devoted to serving the community. Moffitt founded Tuleburg, a national marketing firm, alongside CEO Jason Roth.

### Moscone papers to be housed at University of the Pacific

STOCKTON — Former San Francisco Mayor George R. Moscone's long lost papers have finally found a home with his alma mater, the University of the Pacific.

The papers span his years in the California state Senate and his time as mayor of San Francisco. A selection of the documents were displayed in the lobby of the University of Pacific's San Francisco campus, at 155 Fifth St., during a tribute to Moscone, March 26. The tribute featured Willie L. Brown Jr., John Burton, Belva Davis and Jon Moscone.

For more than 30 years, the papers were believed to be lost. Approximately 18 months ago, the papers turned up in a storage facility rented by a family member decades earlier. The documents fill more than 90 boxes and were trucked to Pacific's Holt-Atherton Special Collections archive in February.

It will be at least a year before the papers are processed and available for scholars to study and interpret.

The school also announced the George R. Moscone scholarship. Pacific alumni and friends established the scholarship with more than \$50,000 in endowment money. Those gifts will be matched by the university's Powell Fund, bringing the total endowment to more than \$100,000.

Distributions from the endowment will fund scholarships for future students.

### Manteca chamber offers new program to new business owners

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## STANISLAUS COUNTY BRIEFS

### CSU Stanislaus Nursing Program ranks high

TURLOCK — CSU Stanislaus' School of Nursing is one of the top nursing programs in the western region according to a list published by NurseJournal.org. The school was ranked 26th out of 442 nursing schools in the region.

The rankings were based on 20 metrics that examined quality, affordability, convenience, satisfaction and value. CSU Stanislaus' program benefits from a high-tech simulation lab that boosts the University's ability to educate future nurses. Nearly all graduates in the program stay in the area, finding jobs within the six-county region served by the university. Ninety-four percent of program graduates pass the state nursing test on the first try.

"I was thrilled to learn that we were ranked in the top five percent of nursing schools in the western states. We strive for excellence and we are proud of our high retention and completion rates," said Debra Tavernier, director of the School of Nursing.

### Gallo Winery to purchase J Vineyards & Winery

MODESTO — E. & J. Gallo Winery will purchase J Vineyards & Winery. Gallo announced the purchase Tuesday and will take over the winery which produces sparkling wine from vineyards in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley. The deal is expected to close March 27. Terms were not disclosed.

The purchase includes the

