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A Salute to Local Heroes



Veterans and supporters gathered at the Koobs Nature Area to recall Carmichael heroes of the Vietnam War.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Carmichael's Vietnam Memorial was last weekend central to community Veterans Day commemorations. In the first open service since the pandemic began, flags, music and memories were shared by almost 100 masked visitors. The ceremony was also livestreamed.

The first-known California monument to the Vietnam War, the memorial is in the Koobs Nature Area on Engle Road. First dedicated in 1973, its steel edifice honors La Sierra High School graduates who died in the Vietnam War. While the school was shuttered in 1983, its auditorium is now a community center; classrooms are rented to the California Montessori Project. The five-acre preserve serves for nature education and

is named for the late Earl Koobs, a La Sierra science teacher who fostered its establishment.

Speakers this year included veteran Dave Mahoney (72), who recalled Vietnam years as a Navy cook. "If a vet wants to talk about his experiences," he suggested, "Listen to him. It was a rough time back then. What he has to say might not be pretty, but things could be eating him up inside. He deserves to be heard."

In a departure from annual procedure, a La Sierra High graduate – and later school administrator – Tony Asaro read the names of deceased La Sierra teachers and alumni who served the US in WW2, Korea, and Vietnam Wars. "Our Principal, Robert Johnson, served on a ship in WW II," said Asaro. "He ran his school like a ship. He and other staff members put their lives on the line and came back to serve our community. Saying their

names aloud is just one more way to make sure they're not forgotten."

Ceremony attendees were invited to make dedications to veterans who died in the past year. Rock singer Todd Morgan performed "You're a Grand Old Flag" and Eagle Scout Edward Stach (Troop 386) offered a solo trumpet rendition of Taps.

The heroes on the Vietnam Monument were named: Robert D. Anderson, Mark W. Burchard, Robert S. Bynes, Jerry Cowsett, Kenneth R. Escott, Gary R. Field, Herbert Frenzell, Frank Thornburg, Ralph Guarienti, Larry H. Morford, Thomas C. Pigg, Randall B. Rainville, Kim Richins, Jeffrey Tharaldson, Robert A. Willis.

Earl J. Koobs Nature Area is open to visitors. For information, go to www.carmichaelkiwanis.org or visit the Koobs Nature Area site on Facebook. ★

Distracted Driving: Is It Worth It?

CHP Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Every year, thousands of people are seriously injured or killed statewide in vehicle crashes caused by distracted drivers. To combat this issue, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) received the Adult Distracted Drivers (ADD) XII grant to keep California roads safe through education and enforcement.

"Distracted driving is a serious issue that is 100 percent preventable," said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. "We are encouraging drivers to make a conscious choice to not drive distracted. This simple decision can have a tremendous positive impact on the safety of California's roadways."

Drivers who choose to drive distracted exponentially increase the odds of being involved in a vehicle crash. According to data from the CHP's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, in 2019 there were nearly 19,000 crashes where driver inattention played a role. Of the 9,371 drivers involved in a fatal or injury distracted driving crash that year, nearly 10 percent cited cell phone use as the source of inattention.

Though there are numerous distractions for a driver, cell phones are the most prevalent. Handheld cell phone use while driving is not only illegal in California, it is an unsafe activity behind the wheel. In California, drivers under the age of 18 are prohibited from using a cell phone while driving for any reason, including hands-free devices.

"Driving safely requires complete attention, so it is best to stay focused on the road. Distraction behind the wheel jeopardizes your safety, your passengers' safety, and the well-being of those around you," Commissioner Ray added.

Funds from the ADD grant will help support the CHP's completion of at least 400 traffic safety presentations statewide and a minimum of 80 distracted driving enforcement operations between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2022.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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

Local Author Releases Book "101 Pat-Downs"

WordSmith Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- Sacramentan and CSU Sacramento faculty member Shawna Malvini Redden has released *101 Pat-Downs: An Undercover Look at Airport Security and the TSA*, just ahead of the agency's 20-year anniversary. Part confessional, part investigative research and part light-hearted social commentary, *101 Pat-Downs* takes readers behind the scenes as Malvini Redden explores airport security interactions and offers solutions to what has become the most stressful part of modern-day travel.

Shawna Malvini Redden, an award-winning author and professor who specializes in organizational communication research, teaching and consulting, interviewed more than 200 passengers, Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) and airline crew. She spent years observing security



Author Malvini Redden with Book. Photo courtesy of WordSmith Communications

lines as a passenger, watching everything from TSOs cracking jokes to passengers fuming over carry-on confiscations, to the occasional security shutdown and everything in between.

Seasoned and amateur travelers alike will recognize familiar characters (and possibly themselves) in *101 Pat-Downs*, including

the stereotypically gruff TSO, the entitled business traveler and the nervous first-time flier. Malvini Redden examines airport security interactions in a social-science framework, explaining how people navigate complex interpersonal situations – like TSA checkpoints. "As a road warrior

myself, I appreciated 101 Pat-Downs and its keen observations about our current form of security theatre and how people on either side of that power dynamic react to and evolve because of it," said Elisa Camahort Page, co-author of *Road Map for Revolutionaries: Resistance, Activism and* *Continued on page 5*

WE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY

Robinson Wins MiLB's Best Feel-Good Moment “Housewarming for the Unhoused” Donation Drive



River Cats outfielder Drew Robinson at his last professional baseball game on July 20, where he received a standing ovation from fans and attendants. Photo provided by Sacramento River Cats

By Maverick Pallack, Sacramento River Cats

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento River Cats outfielder Drew Robinson's final professional baseball game, and the moving standing ovation from fans, teammates, and opponents at Sutter Health Park, was a moment much larger than baseball, and won the MiLB Award for Best Feel-Good Moment of 2021.

With his family watching from the stands, players from both dugouts stepped out to applaud an emotional Robinson before his first at bat against the Round Rock Express on July 20.

The standing ovation celebrated an incredible comeback to the diamond that reached thousands on social media. Less than a year after losing his eye in an attempt to take his own life,

Robinson returned to baseball, making the River Cats' roster out of Spring Training.

He started for Sacramento on Opening Day against his hometown Las Vegas Aviators. In his fourth game of the season, Robinson launched a towering home run and pointed to his family in the crowd as he touched home plate on May 11.

Robinson also earned the No. 1 spot on SportsCenter's Top-10 Plays with a diving double-catch against Round Rock on July 19.

The inspirational Robinson has since transitioned into a role as a mental-health advocate with the San Francisco Giants.

The MiLB Awards highlight the best players, moments, and teams in Minor League Baseball each season, and are decided through voting on MiLB.com.

The Sacramento River Cats, Triple-A affiliate of the 2021 National League West champion San Francisco Giants, kick off their 2022 schedule against the Sugar Land Skeeters (Houston Astros) on April 5 at Sutter Health Park, with a 6:35 p.m. (PT) Opening Night first pitch.

Sutter Health Park is the West Sacramento home of the 2019 Triple-A Champion Sacramento River Cats, and a proud affiliate of the three-time World Champion San Francisco Giants. Sutter Health Park is consistently voted one of the top ballparks in America. Memberships and Mini-Plans may be purchased now for the 2022 season by calling the River Cats Ticket Hotline at (916) 371-HITS (4487) or visiting www.rivercats.com. For information on other events at Sutter Health Park, visit www.sutterhealthpark.com. ★

By Traci Rockefeller Cusack, T-Rock Communications

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Self-Help Housing (SSHH) is proud to announce the 4th Annual winter donation drive that is now titled “Housewarming for the Unhoused” presented by Molina Healthcare. The drive-through donation event will take place on Saturday, December 11 at the Cal Expo main gate loop from 8 a.m. to noon. In 2022, Sacramento Self-Help Housing is set to open 30 program houses, a record number for the organization in one year, that will house approximately 125 individuals.

The theme this year is “Warm it Up, Mix it Up” to encourage specific items for donation to help keep the served population both warm and well stocked as they transition to stable living environments. New or gently used items requested for “Housewarming for the Unhoused” include the following: blankets, bed sheets (single & twin preferred), wash cloths, towels (bath and kitchen), bed pillows, and kitchen appliances such as microwaves, toasters, coffee makers, mixers, and blenders.

It is important to note that Sacramento Self-Help Housing has opted to remove the word “homeless” from the

previous name of the donation drive in lieu of “unhoused.”

Especially these days, the word ‘homeless’ is often associated with negative connotations,” explained John Foley, Executive Director of Sacramento Self-Help Housing. “The term can be demoralizing, affecting self-esteem, and undermining progressive change. Instead, the word ‘unhoused’ conveys an insecure housing situation that is (hopefully) only temporary.”

To make it as safe and easy as possible for the community to participate, SSHH staff and dedicated volunteers will be on-hand to collect new and/or gently used items that will be distributed to hundreds of recently homeless individuals in Sacramento County.

In addition to Molina Healthcare, the donation drive is also supported by Supervisor Rich Desmond, District 3, Lighthouse Public Affairs, LLC, Sunrise Marketplace, South Sacramento HART, Carmichael HART, Citrus Heights HART, and iHeart Media.

Each donation, big or small, will go directly to furnishing a home for a recently unhoused individual or family in our community. For more information about Sacramento Self-Help Housing, please call 916-341-0593 or visit www.sacselfhelp.org. ★

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SCDA Lauds House Passage of Infrastructure Bill

By Scott Johnston, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The US House of Representatives passed the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act bill package. Very preliminary estimates show that the formulaic components of the bill could provide the Sacramento County Department of Airports (SCDA) as much as \$14 million per year for five years.

Additionally, there is anticipated to be \$5 billion for airport terminal programs that will be awarded on a discretionary basis over five years. SCDA staff is working to identify eligible projects that would meet the timeframe for infrastructure funds being made available.

Once signed into law by President Biden, this once-in-a-generation investment will help to create quality jobs for Californians, support the modernization of key state infrastructure, improve our transportation systems and help fund the expansion of zero-emission vehicle infrastructure.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide \$20 billion in crucial funding that airports can use to upgrade aging infrastructure and build needed capacity to serve recovering passenger levels. The bill also enhances low-interest financing options for airports through the Transportation and Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA).

TIFIA provides credit assistance for qualified projects of regional and

national significance. Many large-scale, surface transportation projects - highway, transit, railroad, intermodal freight, and port access - are eligible for assistance. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, transit agencies, railroad companies, special authorities, special districts, and private entities. The bill also provides \$5 billion to FAA for modification of existing air traffic control tower and towers.

“SCDA is thrilled with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,” said Cindy Nichol, Director of Airports for Sacramento County. “As SCDA looks to adapt to the future of air travel, the financial tools provided by the infrastructure bill will be important components of our efforts to put the people at the center of every trip, every experience, every day.”

“SCDA would like to thank Congressman John Garamendi for his support of TIFIA for airports, as well as the members of the greater Sacramento delegation who supported this legislation,” said Nichol.

To learn more about SCDA’s construction activities, visit their webpage at sacramento.aero/scas/about/planning_design

The Sacramento County Department of Airports is responsible for planning, developing, operating and maintaining the county’s four airports: Sacramento International Airport, Executive Airport, Mather Airport and Franklin Field. For more information, visit sacramento.aero.

The Teacher Shortage

The decline in substitute teachers challenges school districts



Substitute teachers play a vital role in the success of students and teachers. Students spend, on average, approximately more than 10 days with substitute teachers during a given school year. Photo Pixabay

By Donna Glassman-Sommer and Marvin Lopez, CALMatters

California’s teacher shortage means most quality substitute teachers are being hired on full-time. At the same time, there has been a steep decline in applications for substitute teaching credentials since last January.

In short, we’re creating a substitute teacher shortage as we try to ensure great teachers are leading our classrooms.

Substitute teachers play a vital role in the success of students and teachers. Students spend, on average, approximately more than 10 days with substitute teachers during a given school year. Not having adequate support during these days has shown a negative impact on students’ achievement. Substitute teachers maintain healthy and successful learning environments for students and provide teachers the time and energy they need to build their professional skills to best support students.

Full-time teachers could take advantage of professional learning, networking and collaboration opportunities. Most importantly, teachers felt secure and confident knowing students

continued receiving a high-quality education without skipping a beat.

California is investing in teachers this year but there needs to be more focus on substitutes as part of the solution.

To expand the pool of potential substitute teachers, state policymakers need to collaborate and reexamine CalSTRS existing policies that prevent retired teachers, under state and federal law, from doing substitute teaching within their first six months of retirement. Retired teachers have experience leading students through their educational journeys and are familiar with the communities they served.

Having opportunities for retired teachers to temporarily work to continue helping local schools while solving a statewide shortage of teachers is a short-term solution, but one that is needed this school year.

Having the support of policymakers is only part of the solution. The support and involvement of all our communities is also important to make a difference; this is how you can help; Research requirements to be a substitute teacher and see if this is a good fit for you or

someone you might know. This can be your way of giving back to your community and helping our next generation of young scholars; Call your local district and neighborhood schools and find out how you can provide additional support on campuses. If not as a substitute, it’s likely volunteers are needed; Attend career job fairs to learn more about what it takes to be an educator in today’s world and how you can support districts who might need higher levels of support.

Recruiting and retaining enough substitute teachers to help solve the shortage won’t be an easy task. This is a statewide problem that will be solved locally with the help of many people, people like you. Even if you’ve never worked in education, take a moment to learn more. What could be an occasional day of work for you could be what provides the consistency students in your town need to learn, grow and succeed.

Donna Glassman-Sommer is the executive director of the California Center on Teaching Careers, based out of the Tulare County Office of Education. Marvin Lopez is the program coordinator of the California Center on Teaching Careers.

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Legislation Honors SMUD as National Climate Leader

By Senator Richard Pan and Assemblyman Ken Cooley

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California is the capital of innovation and a global leader in the fight against the climate crisis. Over the past five years, Californians have witnessed two of the hottest years on record and experienced devastating wildfires that affect the health, economy, and overall well-being of our communities. As state legislators, we set policy aimed to protect our great state, and it is imperative that we collaborate with and recognize community partners that take action to move the needle toward real, identifiable, and positive change. For these reasons, we proudly authored Senate Concurrent Resolution 51 – which passed with bipartisan support – recognizing SMUD for being the first large utility in the country to adopt a Zero Carbon Plan that will completely eliminate carbon from its electricity generation by 2030.

The Sacramento area is consistently ranked as one of the dirtiest air basins in the country, as shown by the recently released American Lung Association State of the Air Report. Our children are 22 percent more likely to develop asthma than those in the rest of the country. Consequently, these challenges impact our most vulnerable populations disproportionately. Our current reality is unacceptable, and the only way to safeguard our future for generations to come is to create carbon free solutions that foster healthy outcomes and create green jobs for the benefit of us all.

Right here in our own backyard, our community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility, SMUD, recently adopted a Zero Carbon Plan to eliminate all carbon emissions from electricity generation in our region by 2030. While that timeline sounds ambitious, SMUD's track record of delivering on sustainable solutions and championing innovative action plans is exactly what is needed to create clean powered communities.

The SMUD Board of Directors has consistently championed green initiatives that support innovative solutions to renewable energy. Their leadership has achieved tangible results. For example, SMUD was the first utility to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 50 percent from 1990 levels – the equivalent of removing 377,000 vehicles from the road. They've championed

clean cars and partnered to plant more than 600,000 shade trees. They helped usher in the solar industry and now with their Zero Carbon Plan, they are ushering a new era of innovation. Today, SMUD already delivers power that is 50 percent carbon free. With its Greenergy and SolarShares programs, SMUD provides many state owned and privately owned buildings with 100% clean, carbon-free electricity. In keeping with this tradition, their new Zero Carbon plan doubles down on these efforts and would power the Sacramento region with 100% renewable sources.

SMUD's Zero Carbon Plan includes retiring carbon emitting natural gas plants and relies heavily on the electrification of the building and transportation sectors since these are two of the largest carbon emitting sectors in the State. For example, efforts include providing support for all-electric homes through customer incentives for rooftop solar and battery storage, electric vehicles, and by providing rebates to builders and homeowners for the installation of clean water heaters, HVAC systems, and cooktops.

In addition, SMUD has spearheaded and funded the California Mobility Center to bring emerging clean transportation options to the market. This innovation hub has brought federal funding to the Sacramento area and has successfully attracted startup companies in the field of clean mobility. The Center is providing the guidance, education and partnerships needed to bring these ideas to fruition, while simultaneously providing 8,500 new clean technology jobs.

SMUD's comprehensive plan to reach zero carbon emissions by 2030 is one that relies on all the tools in our toolkit. It's the most ambitious of any large utility in the nation and their commitment to our community and equity for all is one to be commended and recognized.

For these reasons, it was an honor and pleasure to come together in a bi-partisan and bi-cameral effort to recognize SMUD for leading the nation by example as it takes tangible steps to reduce the devastating effects of climate change and trailblazing the path forward for a more prosperous future.

Assemblyman Ken Cooley represents the 8th Assembly District. For more information, please visit <http://asmdc.org/members/a08/> ★

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California's Messier, but Fairer, Redistricting Process



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

For many decades, the decennial chore of redrawing California's congressional and legislative districts was relatively simple.

Every 10 years, following the census, legislative and congressional leaders would hire some knowledgeable number-crunchers and privately divvy up the districts for purely political purposes.

If one party controlled both the Legislature and the governorship, it would maximize its ability to remain in power. The maps that the dominant Democrats drew up after the 1980 census was the last time California saw a blatantly partisan gerrymander.

Republicans howled and persuaded voters to overturn the plan via a referendum, but the state Supreme Court ordered that the rejected maps be used anyway for the 1982 elections, in which Democrats retained their control of the Legislature and the congressional delegation.

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown publicly thanked "Sister Rose and the Supremes" for helping his party overcome the referendum, referring to Chief Justice Rose Bird. It fueled a successful drive to oust Bird and two other justices when they stood for re-election four years later.

Get a veteran journalist's take on what's going on in

California with a weekly round-up of Dan's column every Friday.

After the 1982 election, Democrats enacted a slightly altered version of the gerrymander and then-Gov. Jerry Brown signed it just before leaving office. The congressional map was particularly slanted toward Democrats and its primary creator, San Francisco Congressman Phil Burton, laconically called it "my contribution to modern art."

Control of redistricting was the primary, if unspoken, issue of the 1990 campaign for governor and after Republican Pete Wilson won he vetoed a new set of maps drawn by Democrats, throwing the issue into the state Supreme Court. The court generated maps of its own that allowed the Republicans to make some gains in the 1992 and 1994 elections.

Democrats once again controlled the Legislature and the governorship after the 2000 census, but a partisan gerrymander was blunted by other factors, including an implicit threat of intervention by the U.S. Department of Justice under President George W. Bush.

The upshot was a bipartisan gerrymander aimed at protecting all incumbents and preserving the partisan status quo in both the Legislature and Congress, while ignoring dramatic demographic shifts, including a big surge in Latino population.

Overt gerrymandering ended a decade later, after voters approved two initiatives – hated by leaders of both parties – to shift the decennial mapmaking to an independent commission that would ignore partisan considerations,

draw districts to follow, where possible, city and county boundaries and preserve "communities of interest."

On the whole, the commission was faithful to its mission, but nevertheless, Democrats made big gains in congressional and legislative seats – eventually winning three-fourths of both as GOP voter strength plummeted.

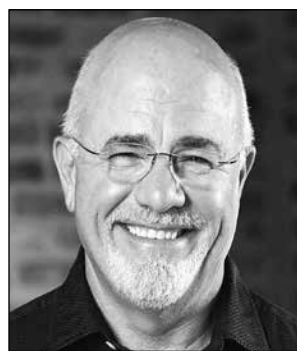
With data from a new census – much delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic – a new commission is working on new maps under a very tight deadline and it's been a rather messy process – a "hot mess" in the recent words of one commission member. Drafts of the new maps were released last week and it's apparent that they are likely to change quite a bit before the Dec. 27 deadline.

That said, it's obvious that Democrats will retain their overwhelming legislative and congressional supermajorities and could gain a few more seats simply because demographic trends continue to run their way.

Most of the uncertainty is in the 52 congressional districts – one fewer than before due to California's slow population growth. Democrats are struggling to retain their paper-thin control of Congress and a handful of toss-up seats in California could be the difference.

However, until the final maps are filed, no one can truly predict who will survive and whose careers will end. The process is messier than before, but also fairer.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



Friend Want to be a Tenant

Dear Dave,

I own a duplex that has an opening for a tenant, and an old college buddy wants to rent the apartment. He has always been a good friend, but I'm a little worried about the possible effects on our friendship if business is brought into the picture. Do you have any advice?

– Justin

Dear Justin,

You can make this work, but you'll both need to be careful. It's going to take a lot of honesty and maturity from you both.

Doing business with friends always comes with the risk of running into a situation that can damage the relationship. Am I saying never do business with

Dave Ramsey Says

friends? Of course, not. I do a lot of business with friends. I just make sure all the specific requirements and expectations of the business relationship are laid out in clear detail, in writing, and fully understood by both parties before a deal is struck.

Sometimes friends have unrealistic expectations when it comes to doing business together. The friend who's renting may think the friend who is the landlord will give him a pass if the rent is late, and on a dozen other things. The friend who is the landlord may think the renter will be a perfect tenant, because they're friends, and find out the hard way his buddy's a slob who doesn't respect and take care of the property. All these things should be ironed out ahead of time and before the agreement is signed.

You might want to make sure, too, he understands the need to come talk to you if a situation arises where he may be late with a payment, or not be able to pay the rent one month. Most issues like

this can be worked out, but he needs to understand – and it's your job to tell him ahead of time, in a kind-but-firm manner – you're not running a charity.

Just be friendly, straightforward and businesslike. If you have to enforce the rules, do it consistently and with fairness. Likewise, if a situation pops up where a little grace and understanding are appropriate, provide those as well.

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Local Author Releases Book "101 Pat-Downs"

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Advocacy for All.

Now available at online bookstores, *101 Pat-downs* is a perfect traveler's companion for navigating what one TSO described as the nation's "second most hated government agency." The book also offers research-driven suggestions for improving the airport security experience

for passengers and TSOs alike.

Shawna Malvini Redden is an associate professor in the Communication Studies department at California State University, Sacramento. She holds a doctorate in organizational and interpersonal communication from Arizona State University. Her academic research

has been widely published and she has received Top Paper awards from the National and International Communication Associations. In addition to academic and professional writing about communication, she maintains a personal blog called The Bluest Muse.

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Fatal Hit-And-Run Collision on Marconi Avenue

By A.J. McTaggart, CHP News Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - On November 9, 2021, at approximately 9:54 PM, North Sacramento CHP Area units were dispatched to a call of a traffic collision that occurred on Marconi Avenue at Becerra Way. Upon arrival, units discovered a pedestrian had been struck by an unknown vehicle which had been traveling in the #2 eastbound lane of Marconi Avenue at a high rate of speed. Upon further investigation, officers discovered painted vehicle parts left at the scene. The 59-year-old male pedestrian from Sacramento was immediately pronounced deceased at the scene of the collision.

Shortly after officers arrived, Alcier Francis Albert, a 27-year-old male from Carmichael, called the CHP Sacramento Communications Center to report his vehicle stolen. After a cursory search of the area for the vehicle, officers were able to locate it near the area of El Camino Avenue at Bridle Path Lane (approximately 1.4 miles from the scene of the collision). Officers then responded to Albert's

residence in order to inquire about the stolen vehicle report and investigate the hit-and-run crash. Upon arrival at the residence, officers located evidence indicating Albert was the driver at the time of the collision and subsequently placed him under arrest. Alcier Francis Albert was booked at the Sacramento County Main Jail for the following charges:

20001(b)(2) VC – Hit-and-run causing bodily injury or death to a person other than himself or herself; **191.5(C)(1) PC** – Gross vehicular manslaughter; **148A PC** – Delaying or obstructing any peace officer in the commission of their duties; **148.5B PC** – Submitting a false report to any peace officer; **31 VC** – Knowingly giving false information (verbally or written) to any peace officer

Any persons who may have witnessed this event or who can provide any additional information should call Officer A.J. McTaggart at the North Sacramento Area CHP office at 916-348-2300 or by cell phone at 916-798-0975. Follow us on Twitter @CHPNSac, Facebook.com/chpnorthsac, Instagram @chpnorthsac, or Nextdoor. ★



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Home and Community-based Care Supports Us All

Commentary
by Angela F. Williams

Every day, millions of workers enter people's homes to provide care to those with disabilities and the elderly. These "direct-care" workers assist individuals with bathing and dressing, cooking and eating, taking medication, and getting exercise. For the people they help, they are lifelines to health, independent living, and economic stability.

Yet our system for providing this care is in desperate need of repair. Medicaid serves approximately 4.8 million Americans with home- and community-based services, but there are still nearly 850,000 people on waiting lists. They often wait years for crucial support.

At the same time, direct-care workers have been underpaid for decades, causing instability in their own lives. This situation was untenable even before pandemic-induced social distancing kept these workers from fulfilling their jobs.

President Biden proposed a fix for the industry in his infrastructure plan, which would have added \$400 billion in federal spending for Medicaid's home and community-based services program. This would have provided a sorely needed boost to the caregiving economy.

Yet the president and a group of bipartisan senators dropped this aid from the "compromise" they reached and passed on infrastructure. That's deeply disappointing. Lawmakers must do everything they can to work this aid back in as a separate bill. Funding home- and community-based care for the most vulnerable Americans



The demand for home- and community-based care will only grow in the years ahead, given that one in four Americans today are living with a disability, and the average age of the U.S. population continues to rise. MPG file photo

shouldn't be a partisan issue.

The demand for home- and community-based care will only grow in the years ahead, given that one in four Americans today are living with a disability, and the average age of the U.S. population continues to rise. According to Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies, the U.S. population aged 74 and over is expected to increase by 48% in the next decade. And older Americans are increasingly cost-burdened. Among homeowners over age 79,

just 3% owed mortgage debt in 1989, compared to 27% by 2019.

It all adds up to a situation where more people need services but have fewer options.

The voting public recognizes this. An April poll from Morning Consult and Politico found that 76 percent of Americans support new funding to improve caregiving for people with disabilities and the elderly. And yet, some of our political leaders don't seem to see the need.

Perhaps they don't understand that care workers enable people to continue living in their own homes – or how important this is. Aid recipients prefer to be cared for in their own homes and communities, and the law obliges public agencies to do so whenever possible.

Care workers themselves also need help. Though entrusted with their clients' wellbeing, direct-care workers make \$11 an hour on average. Approximately 15% live in poverty. It's no wonder that there is 50%

turnover every year among direct-care workers.

The low wages also exacerbate gender and racial inequality, as women of color dominate the ranks of direct-care workers. And when we fail to support direct care, the burden of looking after family members typically falls to women, taking them out of the workforce.

Home- and community-based care makes it possible for millions of families to thrive. But without new expenditures, both

the workers who provide these services, and the individuals and families who rely on them, will not. Our lawmakers need to make this investment now, assuring a sustainable system of services and support for our most vulnerable citizens, their families, and the professionals who care for them.

Angela F. Williams is the president and CEO of Easterseals. This piece originally ran in the International Business Times. ★

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Appeals court reaffirms stay on Biden workplace vaccine mandate, cites 'severe' risks - The Fifth Circuit granted a temporary stay on enforcement of the federal mandate on Nov. 6, one day after the rule was announced | 12 Nov 2021 | A federal appeals court reaffirmed its decision Friday to enact a stay on Joe Biden's workplace vaccination mandate following a legal challenge from Texas and several other states. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration to "take no steps to implement or enforce the Mandate until further court order." The decision was the latest development in what is expected to be a lengthy legal battle over the mandate's legality. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, a vocal critic of the workplace vaccine mandate, lauded the court's decision on Twitter. "Citing Texas's 'compelling argument[s],' 5th Circuit has stayed OSHA's unconstitutional & illegal private-business vaccine mandate. WE WON! Litigation will continue, but this is a massive victory for Texas & FREEDOM from Biden's tyranny & lawlessness," Paxton wrote.

Ten States Sue Biden Over COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate for Health Care Workers | 11 Nov 2021 | A coalition of ten states led by Missouri's attorney general on Nov. 10 sued Joe Biden over his administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care workers. A federal court has blocked, for now, the regime's private employer vaccine mandate, although a stricter one focused on health care workers remains in place. The health care worker mandate, which covers more than 17 million nurses and others, doesn't include a testing opt-out. The coalition says the mandate is unlawful under federal law in part because the federal government is trying to wrest away compulsory vaccination power that has "always been the province of--and still properly belongs to--the states."

Calaveras Unified School District board votes to not 'support, enforce or comply' with vaccine mandate The vote was 5-0. | 12 Nov 2021 | (Sacramento, CA) The Calaveras Unified School District announced Wednesday it will not be adhering to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. In a 5-0 vote, the CUSD Board of Trustees decided to "not 'support, enforce or comply with'" the mandate. The decision came during a Tuesday meeting and applies to both students and staff. According to CUSD, they will discuss and possibly make a decision on mask mandates and testing protocols at a later meeting on Nov. 23.

Two million COVID-19 at-home test kits recalled over false positive results | 11 Nov 2021 | A recall of at-home COVID-19 test kits that have the potential to produce false-positive results has been expanded to include 2 million kits. The Ellume brand of test kits were manufactured between Feb. 24 and Aug. 11 and distributed from April 13 to Aug. 26. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said 2,212,335 kits were distributed in the United States. Ellume initiated the original recall in early October saying the problem was tied to a manufacturing issue.

'I will send them to Delaware' on buses: DeSantis hits back over Biden secretly flying migrants into Florida | 11 Nov 2021 | Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis threatened this week to bus illegal immigrants to President Joe Biden's home state of Delaware should the administration continue to pay for "clandestine" flights carrying migrants into the Sunshine State. "If they're going to come here, you know, we'll provide buses and...I will send them to Delaware," DeSantis warned during a press conference on Wednesday. The governor's tough remarks came amid a lengthy polemic against the president over his handling of the ongoing immigration crisis at the U.S southern border, during which he described the secretive process that the Biden administration has reportedly used to send some 70 flights carrying illegal aliens into his state and elsewhere around the country. ★



Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Tear off the Rearview Mirror



When driving in your car, the rearview mirror lets you see what is coming up behind you. On the road, vehicles in back of you can follow too closely, hit you, or pass you. But if you try driving by looking only in the mirror you won't get very far before you crash.

The highway of life is different. On this road, the events behind you stay behind you and move farther away with each passing day. Yet there are people who are obsessed with looking backward rather than forward. Although they would never try this stunt while driving, they habitually refuse to look through the front windshield of life.

There are only 24 hours in each day. Therefore, any time spent looking behind you, into the past, robs you of time to look forward into the future. The fascination with the past stems from the desire to change history. As intriguing as this concept might be, the chances of accomplishing this are zero.

Yet, people get caught in a quagmire of what could have been if only they had done this or that. Thoughts of could have, should have, or would have seize hold of the mind and clog it with useless and pointless activity.

The value of the past is that it can teach you what to change, refine, and improve when moving forward. But when you dwell in the past, forward movement stops. Although

most people would make at least subtle changes, if they could do things over, there are no do overs.

As you age, the speed at which you move down life's highway seems to increase yearly. As this perceived velocity grows, obsessing with the past can be very disconcerting. You don't know where the time has gone and the reality of mortality becomes clearer.

This phenomenon of the accelerated passage of time is another reason why all of your attention, energy, and effort should be focused forward. Only with this directional orientation can you fully realize the potential of each day.

Imagine how boring life would be if each day was spent watching a video of what you did yesterday. You wouldn't have time to do anything new. This is exactly how people spend their time when they get trapped in the past by looking only in their rearview mirror.

Being consumed with what has already transpired causes a great deal of stress, anxiety, and even depression. You feel powerless to change what has already happened, because you are. The only control you have is what direction to go while moving forward. You can't go backward, but you can stagnate.

An acceptance of the past is the first step to being at peace with yourself. You may not like what has transpired, but you can't change it. Learn

from the past. Repeat those things that produced desirable results and avoid behavior that didn't.

It's easy and tempting to second-guess yourself. Others will also throw in their opinion of what you should or shouldn't have done. This combined with your own tendency to analyze, over assess, and redo the past makes it difficult to stay focused on moving forward.

But move forward you must. For to live in or dwell in the past ensures that you will squander the present and short change your future. Whenever you find yourself drawn to the past, remind yourself that you are wasting time and immediately try to refocus on the present. You will realize that more time than you had thought is spent looking in life's rearview mirror.

With consistent practice you will be able to reverse your orientation so that a minimum amount of time is spent looking backwards. Tear off the rearview mirror and devote yourself to looking forward. The results will be a happier and more rewarding life.

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FBNF2021-09449 Tung Thanh Huynh, 3575 Sue Pam Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Homewell Construction, Homewell" 10017 Prairie Dunes Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 22, 2021
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HOME 180201 12-3-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09117 Aria Salehpour, 9658 Haller Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aria Real Estate Group" 9658 Haller Court, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 13, 2021
Publish: November 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2021

ARIA 180201 12-3-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09614 Uncle Johnny's Inc, 8900 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Uncle Johnny's Wood Fired Pizza" 8900 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 1, 2021
Publish: November 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2021

UNCLE 180201 12-3-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09571 Tiffany Gadison, 3005 Glee Lane, Fairfield, CA 94533 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Management Consultant Services" 3005 Glee Lane, Fairfield, CA 94533. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 29, 2021
Publish: November 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2021

MANAGE 180201 12-3-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-08945 Michael W. Greer, Jr., 10259 Ellenwood Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Allnicussive Studios, Fly Series" 180 Promenade Circle, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 6, 2021
Publish: November 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2021

ALL 180201 12-3-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-08272 Pavel Borisov, 4405 Layburn Court, Antelope, CA 95843 and Denis Pishtoy, 5450 Bryecwood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pillar Construction" 4405 Layburn Court, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2021
Publish: November 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2021

PILLAR 180201 12-3-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-08990 StephensonExpertMedical Consulting Inc., 875 University Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rincon Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Tophor Stephenson, M.D." 875 University Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 7, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

RINCON 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09641 Rachel Thompson, 6134 Hilltree Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Women's Mindful Wellness" 6134 Hilltree Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 2, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

WOMEN 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09869 Oksana Yarosh, 8279 Hazelhurst Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Honey and Fig Grazing" 8279 Hazelhurst Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

HONEY 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09800 Sumner E Kuk, 4253 Lusk Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dosiak" 11375 Douglas Road, Mather, CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 5, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

DOSI 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09900 KV Lash LLC, 7748 Finnhorse Way, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K&V Lash Studio" 2020 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

K&V 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09584 TOFF, Inc., 1460 Koll Circle, Suite B, San Jose, CA 95112 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Anago of Northern California" 1460 Koll Circle, Suite B, San Jose, CA 95112. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 29, 2021
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ANAGO 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09958 Nancy T S LLC, 9240 Crowell Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kona Ice of Davis" 9240 Crowell Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 12, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

KONA 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09730 Ocean's Tide Realty Incorporated, 2740 Fulton Avenue, #101-40, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Preferred Time Share Resales" 2740 Fulton Avenue, #101-40, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

PREF 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09904 Dora M. Olivas Martinez & Miguel Angel Figueroa Montejano, 4050 Cuny Avenue, #228, Sacramento, CA 95823 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "M & D Landscaping Services" 4050 Cuny Avenue, #228, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 9, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

M&D 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09724 Coloma Gardens Apts LLC, 710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180, Sunnyvale, CA 94085 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coloma Gardens Apartments, Coloma Gardens" 10446 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

COLOMA 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09721 Coloma Gardens Apts LLC, 710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180, Sunnyvale, CA 94085 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coloma Gardens Apartments, Coloma Gardens" 10444 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2021
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

COLOMA 180201 12-10-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-09723 Coloma Gardens Apts LLC, 710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180, Sunnyvale, CA 94085 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coloma Gardens Apartments, Coloma Gardens" 10442 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2021
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COLOMA 180201 12-10-21

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FBNF2020-09230 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Relentlesslee Independent" located at 5878 Eureka Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842. Georgette Mayberry, 5878 Eureka Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on December 23, 2020 in the County of Sacramento.
Publish: November 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2021

RELENT 180201 11-26-21

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FBNF2020-05574 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Evolves Sites" located at 631 Wilhaggin Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. Dina Paulos, 631 Wilhaggin Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on August 19, 2020 in the County of Sacramento.
Publish: November 19, 26 & December 3, 10, 2021

EVOLVE 180201 12-10-21

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FBNF2016-10083 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Forensics Lab Supply" located at 8524 Einbrook Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Alan J Pedersen, 8524 Einbrook Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on December 30, 2016 in the County of Sacramento.
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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2021-00309547

NancyLynn Truss-Akmal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of NancyLynn Truss-Akmal to Nancy L. Truss.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on December 8, 2021, 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: October 12, 2021
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: October 29 & November 5, 12, 19, 2021

TRUSS 180201 11-19-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2021-00309809

Don't Neglect Long-Haul Covid in the Panic Over Delta

Commentary
by Dr. Jeffrey Gold

Long Covid" is one of many scary phrases that have barged into our vocabulary since the pandemic upended global life.

Those who have it are afflicted with a Covid that seems never to go away. With the present panic over the Delta variant, there's a danger that we will not accord this slow-burn condition the attention it deserves.

With symptoms ranging from severe fatigue and lightheadedness to anxiety and, in some extreme cases, psychosis, these long-haul patients are begging for help. Studies indicate that as many as three out of 10 people infected with Covid-19 may experience long Covid. Yet, doctors struggle to find an explanation.

Another problem is that almost all studies of long Covid focus on the unvaccinated. Little research has been done on "breakthrough infections" -- the contracting of Covid-19 after vaccination. Preliminary research suggests that symptoms can endure for up to six weeks in breakthrough cases.

What makes long Covid so puzzling is the variety of possible symptoms, of which there are potentially hundreds. Patients report shortness of breath, fever, difficulty concentrating, and skin conditions. Some patients experience hearing loss. Still others report fatigue so severe that they struggle to get out of bed. There's no diagnostic test for long Covid, and brain MRI scans and other tests fail to yield results.

But this list of symptoms also gives researchers multiple vantage points from which to study the condition.

Some scientists theorize that fighting Covid-19 leaves behind viral particles that trigger a generalized cycle of inflammation long after the body has defeated the pathogen itself. Others think the virus may burrow in human tissues, allowing it to surface sometime later when immunity weakens.

In select cases, doctors have diagnosed patients complaining of long Covid

symptoms with a rare condition known as postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS). The condition often appears suddenly following a viral infection.

Any theory or link to a known condition offers hope for patients. In guidelines released mid-June, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended doctors focus their approach on patients' specific symptoms.

Thus, in the fight against long Covid, doctors should target the symptoms patients are experiencing with treatments already proven to address those indications.

For patients experiencing high blood pressure, for instance, doctors can prescribe beta-blockers to slow their heart rate. Those patients who feel extreme fatigue can benefit from medicines used to treat chronic fatigue syndrome. Some patients with a POTS diagnosis see positive results from a drug called ivabradine.

A number of drugs, FDA-approved for other ailments, are finding welcome additional use in the treatment of Covid. Empagliflozin, commonly used for Type-2 diabetes, promises to protect against Covid-related organ failure. Baricitinib, an anti-inflammatory drug developed for rheumatoid arthritis, has shown notable effectiveness in reducing Covid-related mortality.

Patients experiencing respiratory problems may benefit from a new drug known as Tavalisse, which has FDA approval for use in patients suffering from a rare condition known as thrombocytopenia. Meanwhile, a recent study found that low-dose naltrexone -- a therapy for chronic fatigue or chronic pain -- shows potential to safely and effectively disrupt Covid-19's ability to attack the body.

Curing long Covid requires dedicated research and investment. Even repurposing existing drugs requires expensive clinical trials. With tens of thousands of Americans getting infected with Covid-19 every day, the scientific community must double down on finding cures for this condition.

Dr. Jeffrey Gold, MD, is a family physician. This piece originally ran in the Boston Herald. ★

California Comment on Today's Small Business Economic Trends



John Kabateck

NFIB Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - From John Kabateck, California state director for the National Federation of Independent Business on today's release of NFIB's monthly Small Business Economic Trends (SBET) report, America's bellwether measurement of the Main Street economy.

I am glad the U.S. Labor Department is finding workers returning to the job, Main Street is still waiting. What stood out for me in this month's SBET is that small business owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months fell four points to a net negative 37%. This indicator has declined 17 points over the past three months to its lowest level since November 2012. Unfilled job openings, supply chain disruptions, inflation, a Congress threatening more taxes add up to a bleak outlook for the nation's and California's leading job-creators.

From NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg

Small business owners are attempting to take advantage of current economic growth but remain pessimistic about business conditions in the near future. One of the biggest problems for small businesses is the lack of workers for unfilled positions and inventory shortages, which will continue to be a problem during the holiday season.

Adding to the muddle, Washington is having trouble putting its economic policies into place. Spending and tax policies are still up in the air, while debt ceiling problems loom larger each day. The Federal Reserve is also scrambling to reset policies to deal with growth and inflation numbers it had not expected.

More comment is available on Page 3 of the NFIB Small Business Economic Trends report.

About the Small Business Economic Trends (SBET) Report

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the 4th quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are drawn from a random sample of NFIB's membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. Today's survey was conducted in October 2021. NFIB's SBET and Jobs Report

are national snapshots not broken down by state.

The SBET's primary value is anticipating short-run fluctuations in economic activity. An additional value of the SBET is its measurement of small business activities and concerns over time. The benefit of a longitudinal data set offers an invaluable perspective on how policies and business cycles impact small businesses over time. The SBET is one of the few archival data sets on small business, particularly when research questions address business operations rather than opinions. Today, it's the largest, longest-running data set on small business economic conditions available.

Keep up with the latest on California small-business news at www.nfib.com/california, where this release can also be read, or by following NFIB on Twitter @NFIB_CA or on Facebook @NFIB.CA. For 78 years, NFIB has been advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. NFIB is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, and member-driven association. Since its founding in 1943, NFIB has been exclusively dedicated to small and independent businesses and remains so today. For more information, please visit nfib.com. ★

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2021-00310478

Beatrice O. Okokpujie have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Beatrice O. Okokpujie to Beatrice Ehi Saint-Joseph.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on December 29, 2021, 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 2, 2021

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIA C. KELLEY
CASE No. 34-2021-00308855

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Maria C. Kelley deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Maria T. Bokovitz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Maria T. Bokovitz be appointed as personal representatives 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 March 9, 2022 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. 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 Petitioner is: Maria T. Bokovitz 520 Harding Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95833 707-569-6288 Publish: November 12, 19 & 26, 2021 KELLEY 17062 11-26-21

NOTICE OF FILING AN AMENDED PETITION FOR HEARING - PROBATE OF WILL
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CAROL GUGLIELMINA
CASE No. 34-2019-00265727
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Carol Guglielmina, deceased

A Petition for Probate has been filed by John Guglielmina, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting John Guglielmina be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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 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 was held in this court as follows on May 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. Continued court date: February 17, 2022, Petition for Hearing Probate, Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE SELF STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to the California Storage Act (Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code.)
ARMORMINISTORAGE. Property is located at 5714 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95841. The auction will be conducted entirely online at: <https://bid13.com/>
Auctioneer: Bid13.com 1-844-348-2776; agent for Owner. Contents for the following lien units will be sold:
Unit # B068 KEISHA FORDFLEMING, Unit # B151 AMANDA MCNAMARA, Unit# E005 SHANEIL TUCKER, Unit # E142 DESTINY M. CARPENTER, Unit # F002 AURIELLE LEWIS, Unit # H012 JOSEPH OBRIEN, Unit # H036 BARBARA WISE, Unit # H037 BARBARA WISE, Unit # I047 TIFFINY FALCONE, Unit # I052 TIFFINY FALCONE.
Pictures of the contents of the storage space can be seen online. Bids must be entered online beginning MONDAY 11/29/21 at 10am PST and ending MONDAY 12/6/21 at 10am PST. Payment must be made at time of purchase. All items in the unit are sold as is and must be removed within three days of the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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 Petitioner is: John Guglielmina, 3361 Nike Court, Sacramento, CA 95827 916-912-6800 Publish: November 5, 12, & 19, 2021 GUGLI 170622 11-19-21

Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2130134406
SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF CLARK
IN Re: Petitioner/s: Katie Johnson
And Respondent/s: Odie Williams
To the Court Clerk and all parties: A court hearing has been scheduled for: 12/10/21 at 1:30 p.m. at 1200 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660 in Family Law Annex, Judge Schienberg. The purpose of this hearing is (specify): Parenting Plan. Warning! If you do not go to the hearing,

the court may sign orders without hearing your side. This hearing was requested by: Petitioner: Katie Johnson. Dated: 11/4/21. I agree to accept legal papers for this case at: P.O. Box 820234, Vancouver, WA 98682. Publish: November 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2021 JOHNSON 180201 12-3-21

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on sold property pursuant, to sections 21700-21716 of the business and professions code, section 2328 of the UCC, section 535 of the penal code and provisions of the civil code. The undersigned will sell at a public sale, by competitive bidding on or after Wednesday, December 8nd, 2021, at 9.15am on the Premises where the said property has been stored, and which are located at **Store & Go LLC, 21 Massie Court, Sacramento, 95823**. The following delinquent tenants' items described as appearing to be and/or possible: Misc. Furniture, household items, boxes, clothing, tools, art, (contents unknown) {Howard, Katrice Lache } {Egberuare , Emmanuel } {Bryant, Andrew } {Bonfiglio, Donna} {Reed, Ronnie}
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November , 19th, 26nd day of publication,2021

California Farm Bureau Hails Investments in Infrastructure

California Farm Bureau News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Farm Bureau President Jamie Johansson today applauded members of Congress for passing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, hailing its crucial benefits for California's agricultural communities.

"We applaud Congress for passing this critical bill," Johansson said. "This represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make the kind of investment we need to bring our rural infrastructure into the 21st century."

The legislation - H.R. 3684 - provides \$550 billion in new spending on physical infrastructure over the next five years. That includes investing \$110 billion in U.S. roads and bridges, \$65 billion for broadband, \$17.3 billion for ports and inland waterways and more than \$8 billion to repair and invest in water storage and conveyance projects for the drought-impacted West.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimates that California would receive more than \$45 billion in long-term funding.

"This will benefit California's farmers and ranchers, who are counting on improvements to millions of miles of roadways and waterways to get food to America's dinner tables and upgraded ports to ship products to international markets," Johansson said. "Our rural communities can thrive with expanded broadband and feel protected due to investments in forests that reduce wildfire dangers."

"And amid our searing drought, farmers can now look forward to long-needed improvements in water storage and conveyance systems. But we need to make sure those investments result in real infrastructure and are not bogged down in regulatory processes."

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of nearly 32,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of nearly 5.6 million Farm Bureau members. ★

Sustainability Manager to Lead Green Initiatives

By Ken Casparis, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County has added a Sustainability Manager position to develop and oversee a wide variety of climate and sustainability programs and initiatives.

One of the Sustainability Manager's primary responsibilities will be implementing many of the County's Climate Action Plan policies once it is approved by the Board of Supervisors. Other responsibilities include:

Developing and coordinating sustainability-related programs; Overseeing projects and

programs to reduce county and community-generated greenhouse gasses with the objective of improving the Sacramento County environment; Forming a Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force to oversee the development and implementation of a climate emergency response plan; Fostering community engagement and collaboration with industry experts to achieve program objectives; Providing highly complex staff assistance to the County Executive

"I am thrilled to have been selected for this role and look forward to leading our climate and sustainability efforts," said John

Lundgren, Sacramento County Sustainability Manager. "Given my past experience developing the Climate Action Plan drafts for the Office of Planning and Environmental Review, I am confident in my ability to hit the ground running."

Lundgren began work as the Sustainability Manager on Oct. 24, 2021. Prior to this appointment, he was a Senior Planner with the County's Office of Planning and Environmental Review and has also worked in Code Enforcement and Animal Care and Regulation as part of his 26 years of Sacramento County service. ★

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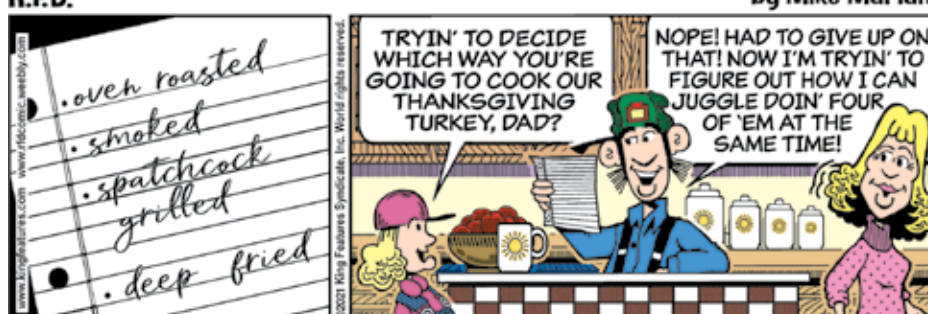
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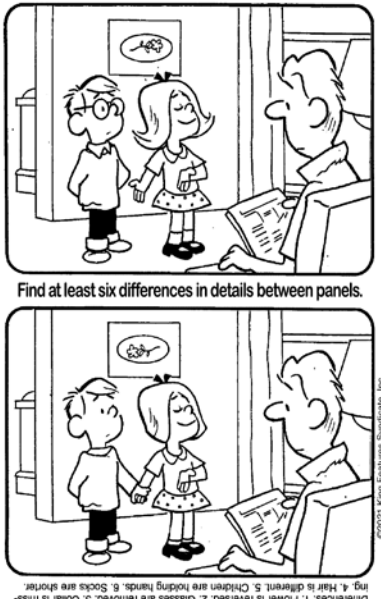
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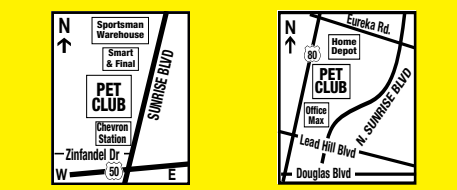
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**Commentary
by Bruce Lee**

This column's primary mission deals with citizen ownership and responsibility for our governments. However, at times I am asked if that just sounds good? Or, is it really possible? Are we "tilting at windmills?" Can you fight City Hall?

Today, I want to assure everyone that citizen ownership is absolutely possible, and I have real-world results to prove it. It takes effort and organization, but it is possible. Let me share a few illustrations to encourage us all!

2020 was a busy year for the Sacramento Taxpayers Association. SacTax was involved in a multitude of state and local issues, including Split Roll Property Tax and several local policy and tax matters (COVID fines on businesses, changing the election cycle of the county sheriff, and the Sacramento strong mayor initiative, etc.). The result was that billions of unnecessary tax dollars were saved!

Of particular significance, in the spring of 2020, we met head-on the Sacramento Transportation Authority's proposal to increase the county-wide sales tax by a half percent for forty years. On July 15, 2020, after months of working on this tax increase in the middle of a pandemic, the Authority

reluctantly withdrew its November 2020 ballot measure. Most notable to me was literally the very last comment in the report:

"(S)hould any organized opposition materialize, the measure will not be viable (on the November ballot)."

Dear co-owners of our government, we were the "organized opposition!" And, we had a resounding success.

Then in August 2020 (after pleading with the Citrus Heights City Council to reconsider placing Measure M on the November ballot to raise their sales tax by one percent with no sunset date) we faced another new battle. The Council was intransigent – arrogantly confident that voters would easily approve their tax increase as the Council's consultants assured them that polling showed the measure being adopted by well over 70 percent.

The City Council scoffed at us – confident in their ability to call in over \$50,000 of "pay-to-play" vendor money to push Measure M across the winning line, as well as spend thousands of public city dollars in multiple citywide mailings to every household – all proclaiming the merits of Measure M in so called "educational mailings."

It was all very daunting ... but SacTax rolled up its collective sleeves and organized a "No on M" task group. With a total of about \$7,000 (from small donors) plus hundreds of coordinated hours of volunteer time and help from community leaders, in two months the citizens sent this "ugly pig" of a tax measure to its rightful grave by approximately 2,000 votes (or 52.45%).

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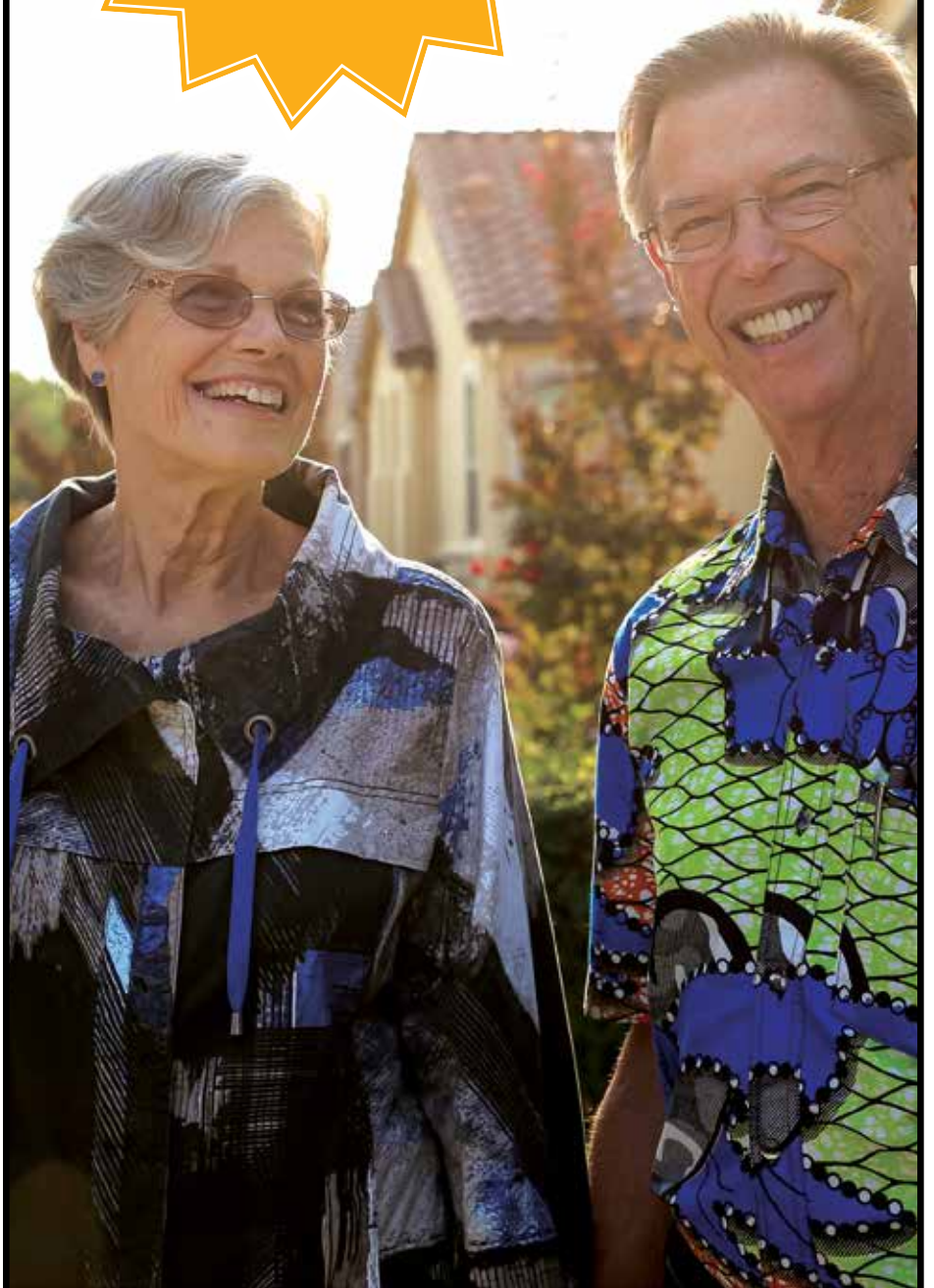
In fact, if you look at all of the local tax increase and bond measures placed before Sacramento region voters in November 2020, they all passed – except for the ones SacTax actively opposed.

There is an important lesson here, we did not have to burn down buildings or destroy businesses. We did not have to deface or tear down any monuments. All we had to do was be well organized; upfront; use sound logical arguments; make our concerns known; and educate citizens. All we had to do was put leadership into practice and encourage our citizens in exercising ownership over their governments.

We had to shed light on important topics; allow government officials to realize that we must all be good stewards of public dollars; and realize that "business as usual" was not acceptable.

Lesson learned – our democratic, republican form of government works when we collectively take responsibility for it! Together, we make a difference!

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