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Front row from left to right: Ray Ward, Chamber Ambassador; club members Elise Speiss and Kathleen Crane, CHWC President Jean Marie Willbee; Forrest Johnson rep for Sacramento County Supervisors Sue Frost; Kosim Latipov for Senator Roger Niello; Susan Powers, Chamber Ambassador. Middle row: Members Claudia Ferguson and Gisele Holman, Meghan Huber, Economic Development and Community Engagement Director. Members Lynne Pryde and Heidi Leonard; Courtney Riddle, Economic Development and Community Engagement staff; member Lisa Marie Taylor. Photo by Dianne Ebbitt-Riehle

By Elise Speiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On October 4, Representatives Kosim Latipov from the office of Senator Roger Niello, and Natalya Sachuk from the Office of Assemblyman Josh Hoover, together with Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost joined Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce in re-welcoming the GFWC Women's Club into membership.

The Citrus Heights Women's Club has been active in the community for 48 years. They have supported the Citrus Heights Police Department, Metro Fire, multiple women and children's programs, conservation, participated in the Citrus Heights, Red, White and Blue Parade, and worked on projects with fourth generation resident of Citrus Heights, Jim Van Maren.

The official proclamation from the office of Sacramento County

Supervisor Sue Frost recognizes the Citrus Heights Women's Club "as a beacon of community service, leadership, and personal growth, united in its mission to effect positive change in the Citrus Heights community."

Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Sylvan Community Center at 7521 Community Drive, (916) 712-3256, across from the Veteran's Community Center. All are welcome. ★

Campfire Haunt Brings Trick-or-Treating Back from the Dead

By Tamara Warta

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On Halloween decades ago, streets of most neighborhoods would be filled with children going door-to-door seeking out their candy reward. But in recent years, trick-or-treating has become more concentrated to certain neighborhoods, and whether or not you get little ghouls and goblins knocking on your door tends to be luck of the draw. Credit it to the onslaught of harvest festivals and trunk or treats that happen all over town, or blame it on ever-rising California cost of living that drives out young families – whatever the reason, trick-or-treating is not what it was 20 years ago.

Brian and Stephanie Pentacost have reversed that downward trend with what is known as Campfire Haunt – a haunted yard located on Campfire Way in Citrus Heights. The décor is extensive, starting in the front yard and wrapping down a path, through the backyard, and out again onto the other



Campfire Haunt owners Brian and Stephanie Pentacost pose with one of their skeleton friends. Photo by Tamara Warta

side. It's a family operation – Brian installs everything himself – starting with the

backyard scenes as early as June – and all of the Halloween decorations are

stored in their garage, attic, or even residing in the

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Secured Property Tax Bills Mailed

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County will mail about 481,774 secured property tax bills which are payable beginning November 1, 2023. These tax bills are mailed only once a year; however, property owners may pay their bills in two installment payments:

The first installment payment is due on November 1, 2023. Payments will be accepted without penalty until 5 p.m. on December 11, 2023; The second installment payment is due on February 1, 2024. Payments will be accepted without penalty until 5 p.m. on April 10, 2024; Both installments may be paid when the first installment is due. A reminder notice will not be mailed for the second installment.

Taxpayers may sign up for online e-mail notifications for annual secured property tax bills and reminders before delinquent dates. Choose "e-Subscribe for property tax payment notifications" to receive these notifications.

Payments can be made online via credit card or electronic check. Taxpayers may print tax bill installment payment stubs to mail in with their payments. Taxpayers may also pay by credit card or electronic check over the telephone at (844) 430-2823. There is a convenience fee for credit and debit cards. Electronic checks are free.

Payment can be made in person at the Sacramento County Tax Collector's Office at 700 H Street, Room 1710, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In-person payments can be paid via cash, check, credit card, debit card or money order. A convenience fee will apply for credit card and debit card transactions.

Payments can be sent via mail to P.O. Box 508, Sacramento, CA 95812-0508. The Tax Collector accepts and processes payments based on the postmark date. Payments may not be credited to the tax bill for several business days depending upon the volume of payments received, whether payments were submitted with the correct payment stubs, and/or whether envelopes were postmarked by the delinquent date.

Property tax law (Prop 8) requires that parcels be assessed at their factored Prop 13 value, or their fair market value (as of January 1, 2023, property tax lien date), whichever is less.

A rising real estate market can cause higher-than-expected increases in a parcel's annual tax bill if that parcel was in Prop 8 status last year.

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New Purpose-Built Clothing Opens in Citrus Heights

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Purpose-Built Trade Co., a family-owned, East Bay Area industrial clothing outfitter, has opened its first retail store location in Citrus Heights at 6425 Sunrise Boulevard in Citrus Heights.

New general manager Chris Delso said he's excited to welcome the public to a grand opening celebration on Saturday, October 21 from 9 am to 1 pm which features live music, food, drinks, raffle prizes and a car and truck show in the store parking lot.

The public is invited to bring their vehicles to participate in a special "Fast & Furious for Curing Cancer Car & Truck Show," Delso said.

The new 7,665-square-foot Purpose-Built store is located off Sunrise Boulevard between Buffalo Wild Wings and Red Lobster restaurants. Shoppers can't miss a colorful work-themed, hand-painted mural which runs the length of the building at its entrance from Sunrise Boulevard, he said. The building fronts Sunrise Boulevard and is just north of Greenback Lane in what was once the former location of Pier 1 Imports.

Customers who purchase merchandise on October 21 during the opening day celebration will have an opportunity to donate to Alex's Lemonade Station Foundation to help fight childhood cancer, Delso said. Purpose-Built is partnering with Alex's Lemonade on this year's Death to Cancer Campaign.

The special opening day event will help collect much-needed funds but also "celebrate the unwavering strength of young cancer survivors and the fantastic support systems that stand by them," Delso said.

Purpose-Built, as a company, according to its founder, prides



General manager Chris Delso oversees daily operations for Purpose-Built Trade Co., which has opened a Citrus Heights location supporting the trades with work clothing and gear. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

itself in "outfitting the people who keep the economy running." The new Citrus Heights store has a staff of 10, he said.

Delso pursued a different "trade" of his own, attending Sacramento State University where he majored in accounting. He worked as a senior analyst for Nike and Starbucks in the greater Seattle area before returning to the Sacramento area with his fiancé and their four-year-old daughter.

"I grew up in West Sacramento and spent a lot of time in Citrus Heights growing up," Delso said. "Many members of my family have worked in the trades. The tradition runs deep in my family."

Working from home remotely in the accounting field didn't particularly stimulate him when he returned home, Delso said. He missed the daily public interaction with people. He learned about an upcoming opening as a general manager at the new Citrus Heights Purpose-built store and applied.

"I joined the team and have become part of the Purpose-Built



Members of the new Citrus Heights Purpose-Built retail clothing store sales team are left to right: Khylei, team member, Romelo, red shirt, team lead, Taylor, team member and general manager Chris Delso. Photo courtesy of Purpose-Built Citrus Heights

brand," he said. "It's a great company to work for," he said. Several of his daughter's drawings were proudly on display in his office space with room for many more.

In a reflection of its "fun, family, and friends" business

culture, Purpose-Built's marketing department offers local customers a special selection of community-themed, custom embroidered caps they won't want to miss.

There's a Citrus Heights cap with a turkey embroidered on

the brim, a Fair Oaks cap with a chicken and an Orangeville cap with a colorful citrus theme, just to name a few. "We're expecting them to be very popular," Delso said.

Purpose-Built specializes in work and construction boots, men's apparel, women's apparel and footwear, and accessories such as belts, insoles, suspenders, socks, hats, high visibility clothing and gloves for the trades. Its retail stores also offer a large selection of specialty apparel such as flame-resistant (FR) gear, tactical, rain gear, moisture-wicking, and high visibility (hi-vis) apparel and work footwear.

Opening day specials include a "buy three and get one free" on all Purpose-Built brand merchandise including men's, women's and youth t-shirts, hoodies, tank tops, vests, stickers and jackets.

The company began as East Bay Work Wear with retail locations including Pleasant Hill/Concord, Livermore, Oakley and Modesto. Other available merchandise will include a range of men's, women's, kids, footwear and other accessories including brands such as Carhartt, Wrangler, Ben Davis and Pendleton. Timberland Pro, Danner, Carhartt and Wolverine boots. Purpose-Built also offers 10 percent union, military, senior or first responder discount on in-store and online purchases.

Delso said Purpose-Built is planning to open four additional new stores in the immediate Sacramento area in 2024. "It's a rapidly growing company," he said.

Purpose-Built - Home of the Trades at 6245 Sunrise Boulevard in Citrus Heights is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 8 pm; Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Visit: [purpose-built.com](https://purpose-built.com/pages/citrus-heights) on the web at: <https://purpose-built.com/pages/citrus-heights> or call (209) 799-3393 for more information. ★



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SAFE CU Appoints New SVP of Information Technology



SAFE Credit Union SVP, IT Michelle Bradshaw. Courtesy photo

SAFE Credit Union

FOLSOM, CA (MPG)

- Experienced IT professional Michelle Bradshaw joins SAFE CU as Senior Vice President, Information Technology.

With over 27 years of technology leadership experience, Bradshaw most recently served as SVP, Enterprise Product Management for Global Credit Union, one of the nation's largest credit unions with over 750,000 members.

"This position plays a vital role in executing our business strategy," says SAFE EVP and Chief Technology Officer, Michael McCarthy. "After an extensive search, I am pleased we have found a true leader in the field who can drive our increasingly complex IT needs as SAFE grows and expands our digital capabilities."

As part of a corporate reorganization effort announced in January, Bradshaw will lead several key teams including Core Applications, IT Operations, and Business Transformation.

"I'm incredibly passionate about aligning technology with business objectives and culture. I am so impressed with SAFE's commitment to their members and to engaging within the communities they serve," says Bradshaw. "That strong moral compass and deeply rooted values are the foundation I look forward to

building upon as SAFE aligns its IT strategy and expands into the future."

Bradshaw shares SAFE's commitment to giving back to the community through volunteer service. She is the current chair of the board of directors of Live & Learn, a Maricopa County based non-profit committed to empowering women experiencing poverty, violence, and homelessness to break the cycle through education, training, and support. Bradshaw brings her leadership and empathy to the organization with programs including bridging the digital divide and implementing neighborhood grants.

For more information about SAFE Credit Union SVP, IT Michelle Bradshaw, or to schedule an interview, contact SAFE Credit Union Vice President of Corporate Communications Micah Grant at micah.grant@safecu.org or (323) 868-9067. ★

Campfire Haunt Brings Trick-or-Treating Back from the Dead



Campfire Haunt spooks Citrus Heights residents every Saturday in October. Photo by Stephanie Pentacost

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backyard in the off season.

"We're spooky anyway, year-round," says Stephanie. "Our tombstones will stay in our garden."

As the years have gone on Campfire Haunt has grown, and the event only continues to get more popular.

When asked how many trick-or-treaters they welcome on Halloween, Brian said it's around 2,000, with Stephanie noting that is a conservative estimate.

"We started over in another neighborhood, and started accumulating more and more as we went along," says Stephanie. "Every single year when we are done, we wonder how we are going to top this. But he [Bryan] comes up with ways to make it bigger and better."

The Pentacosts are also very community minded. Last year, Campfire Haunt participated in Skeletons for St. Jude, and this year they hope to connect with Citrus Heights PAL to support the efforts of the Citrus Heights Police Department in connecting with young people.

There is a different theme every year, with this year being Skeleton Pirates. The haunt will play Pirates of the Caribbean music, synchronized to flame throwers installed out front.

"The community loves it," says Stephanie, "We've never had anything

stolen. They can tell our passion for what we do."

Even though the property is definitely scary with skeletons, spiders, witches, and gory ghouls, they do their best to keep it relatively tame.

"It's family friendly," said Stephanie. "Of course, there's been time we want to push the limits of the scare, but I never want to take it so far that everybody couldn't enjoy it."

Campfire Haunt is open every Saturday evening from 6:30pm-10pm, starting October 7. They will also be open for Friday the 13th this year.

For this special Friday opening, the Pentacosts hope to partner with local businesses to have a community prize giveaway. Any Citrus Heights business that wishes to help the community while also receiving some publicity can reach out to Campfire Haunt through their Facebook page and submit a donation.

"What we really do it for is the community," Stephanie noted. "Bringing it all back to having a good time in a safe way."

Fans of Halloween should clear a Saturday evening this month to come check out Campfire Haunt. It's located at 6592 Campfire Way in Citrus Heights. Just look for the 12-foot skeletons and crowd of excited children ready to have their wits scared out of them. ★

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Little White Houses

To sweep homeless camps, California cities must offer shelter

By Jeanne Kuang,
Calmatters.org

Cities in the West can't legally clear encampments unless they can provide adequate alternative shelter to the camp residents. But what, precisely, constitutes "adequate shelter?"

Is it one cot among dozens in a congregate shelter? A top bunk for an elderly person? An individual tiny home? A strip of asphalt, without electricity or water, where rows of people can set up their tents?

The definition is at the heart of debates raging across California in the five years since a federal appeals court ruled that it's cruel and unusual punishment to evict homeless people from public spaces when they have no other options. The 2018 decision on that Boise, Idaho case by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, binding on states in the West, did not require cities to set up enough shelter beds for their entire homeless population, but said it would be unconstitutional to criminally penalize people camping in public when they lack "access to adequate temporary shelter."

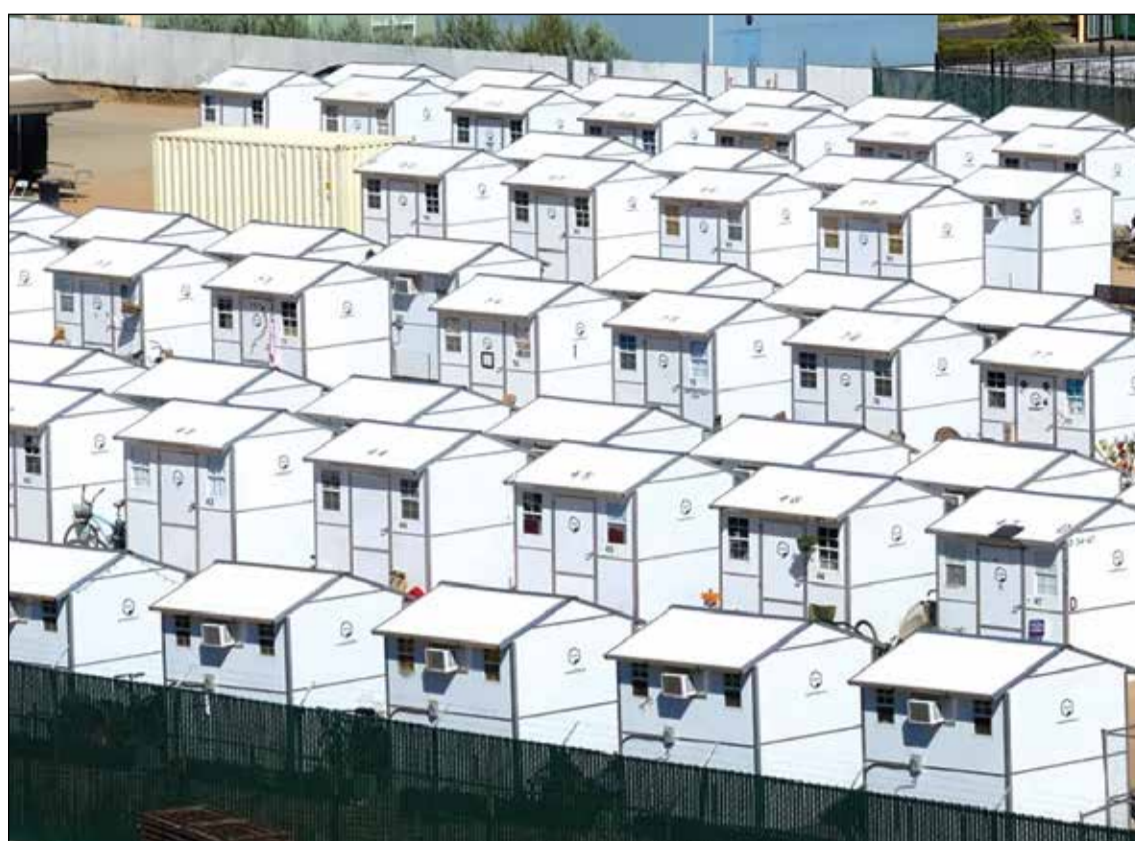
Last week a three-judge panel of that same court took another crack at the issue — this time declining to lift a temporary order that has, for nine months, halted San Francisco officials from sweeping the city's homeless camps.

The most recent order gave San Francisco officials confirmation that the city can sweep sites and cite residents who are "voluntarily" homeless: those refusing legitimate, adequate shelter offers. Officials said they haven't yet decided whether to do that.

California cities have been itching to get around the technical bounds of the Idaho ruling as constituents with homes complain about encampments in public spaces, citing public health and other concerns. Many local governments say they can ban encampments and that they have the alternative shelter options to enforce it.

Calling it a necessary form of tough love, they're cracking down on public camps, pairing an offer of shelter — or a stern prodding toward it — with the threat of arrest or fine. San Diego in late July began enforcing a ban on camps in most public places during the day; other cities that have recently passed camping restrictions include Sacramento, San Rafael and Culver City.

Some say the carrot-and-stick



An emergency non-congregate housing site in Chico on Sept. 6, 2023. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

approach is too weak a response to flagrant public health and safety concerns on the streets. Others say it's an infringement on the rights of unhoused people who, if they refuse shelter because of personal circumstances, will get shuffled around town, lose belongings and contact with social workers, or be pushed to more remote or dangerous places to sleep.

Now Gov. Gavin Newsom says the state will intervene, arguing the courts had adopted a "perverse interpretation" of the Idaho case. Newsom, like other Democratic leaders, has blasted the judge's decision for tying officials' hands in street cleanups. He said in a Politico forum Tuesday evening that the state will file a brief supporting the city's attempt to overturn the injunction.

"I've had it. We're going to intervene," he said. "I hope this goes to the Supreme Court. And that's a hell of a statement for a progressive Democrat. But it's just gone too far. People's lives are at risk."

Even if shelter spaces are open, unhoused people sometimes opt out.

Under the din of the Highway 99 overpass along the edge of Sacramento's urban core, a man emerged from his tent on a recent weekend morning and sat at a makeshift breakfast table, shaking a box of cereal.

The man, who would only identify himself as 53-year-old Eric D., said he'd lived at this encampment of about five tents

for about a month. His last campsite was a few blocks away near a freeway exit, and highway patrol officers told him he had to leave. The officers had given him a pamphlet with information about social services and shelter; he said "most of the information, a lot of the homeless people already know."

Before the freeway exit site, Eric said he'd stayed at a shelter near downtown Sacramento for about two months, but said he got kicked out after missing the curfew three times. The third time, he said he had been staying with relatives while attending a family funeral. Now, he walks or takes the bus two miles from the tent to the community college where he takes classes twice a week, and a social worker visits him occasionally, helping him search for an apartment.

Eric said not all shelter experiences are comfortable and some people chafe at the rules. If he tries one again, he would want it to be near the community college.

"A lot of people are living harder than they need to," he said of life on the streets. "Me, I can't stand it."

His neighbor, Joel Martinez, bagged up trash on the sidewalk before sitting down to light a cigarette.

Martinez, 63, considers himself a caretaker for a friend he's met on the streets. She lives around the corner in a van, and that morning she was leaning on its hood partially clothed, chattering to herself. Martinez worries about

leaving her alone.

"She talks to people we don't see or hear," he said. "People were taking advantage of her. I don't know if she'd fit in at a shelter."

Still, Martinez said, he's trying to talk her into moving indoors or to a sanctioned campground with him.

He said he understands why cities are moving to ban encampments, and said not all residents keep their camps clean, though some, he said, "police ourselves."

"I know people don't like to be reminded of the homelessness," he said. "But it's here, and it seems like the COVID thing really brought it all out."

Federal courts have rarely defined the adequacy of specific types of shelter — though in one extreme case a judge said some things simply don't count.

In Chico, a group of homeless residents sued the city in 2021 over its enforcement of a ban on camping on any public property. At the time, the city had 120 congregate shelter beds (capacity was diminished during the pandemic) and more than 570 unsheltered residents.

In response to the suit, officials opened a temporary sanctioned campground that summer where residents were allowed to park trailers or pitch tents. The city said it could accommodate its entire homeless population.

Federal District Court Judge Morrison C. England — upon finding that the campground was a strip of asphalt alongside the

local airport on the outskirts of town, with one awning erected for shade — was unconvinced.

"This raises the question, 'What is shelter?'" he wrote, before quickly dismissing Chico's "asphalt tarmac with no roof and no walls, no water and no electricity."

Chico officials closed the airport site after less than three months, and last year settled the suit by agreeing to build a "pallet shelter" — 177 tiny homes — where those who are camping in a prohibited spot can be directed by outreach workers or police.

Under the settlement, when the city plans to sweep a camp, it must count the number of people living there and confirm there's enough open shelter beds for them, then notify the plaintiffs' attorneys and conduct outreach to offer the residents shelter in a process that could take 17 days.

More than 300 people have stayed at the new site since April, either because the city was about to sweep their campsites or because they called the city shelter intake line themselves, said Amber Abney-Bass, executive director of the nonprofit Jesus Center which is contracted by the city to run the site. More than 140 of them left either for violating program rules or not returning to their bed for 72 hours, prompting the shelter to give the slot to somebody else, she said. Fourteen have moved on to more stable housing.

Abney-Bass said she's glad the case caused the city to create more beds, but she's wary that as congregate shelters fall out of favor, some will remain on the streets believing "nothing else is good enough" compared to a tiny home placement.

Her nonprofit has assessed more than 100 other people living on the streets since the settlement who have refused a shelter placement if they couldn't get into the tiny homes site.

In another case, in Sacramento, a federal judge has temporarily halted encampment sweeps during heat waves twice since last year, after advocates pointed out in court that the city had been directing unhoused people to a sanctioned campground on unshaded asphalt. The site, city attorney Susana Alcala Wood said, does have meals, showers, restrooms and social services.

The city has asked the 9th Circuit to weigh in.

"In order to advise my client as to what constitutes sufficient shelter, I need the court to tell me," Alcala Wood said. ★

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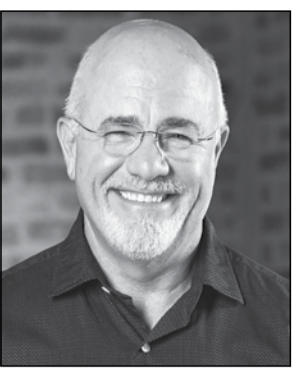
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Now, if you want to gift him the house, that's your decision. If you want to approach him with a rental agreement or sale proposal to which all parties are

amicable, that's okay, too. If neither of these ideas are in the cards, I'd make sure to sit down with this young man and have a gentle—but firm—talk. I'd let him know I had been happy to help him over the last several months, but that he needs to start moving forward with his life. I'd set a very reasonable and patient timeline for a move-out date, and let him know once that time is up, I'll be selling the house.

That's fair to everyone concerned.

— Dave

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

What's Fair to Everyone Concerned?

Dear Dave,

About a year ago, my husband and I offered an empty house we own to a young man at our church, who had lost his home and everything he owned in a fire. He has taken good care of the place, but has made no effort to pay rent. We don't need the money, because we're in good shape financially, and we were thinking about selling the other house, anyway. I'd like to simply write it off, and gift the home and title to this young man, but my husband feels he owes us something for putting a roof over his head all this time. What are your thoughts?

— Penny

Dear Penny,

I think you and your husband have good hearts. I

October 16 Tax Filing Extension Deadline Nears for Millions of Taxpayers

IRS Special Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Internal Revenue Service today reminded taxpayers about the upcoming tax filing extension deadline. To avoid a possible late filing penalty, those who requested an extension to file their 2022 tax return should file their Form 1040 on or before Monday, Oct. 16.

Disaster-area taxpayers in most of California and in parts of Alabama and Georgia also have until Oct. 16, 2023, to file various federal individual and business tax returns and make tax payments.

Those with an IRS address of record in other areas covered by Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster declarations and those returning from a combat zone may have additional time to file. They include: Taxpayers affected by flooding in Illinois and Alaska. They have until Oct. 31, 2023, to file: Those affected by flooding in Vermont. They have until Nov. 15, 2023, to file: Taxpayers affected by recent natural disasters including those impacted by the recent Maui fires and hurricane Idalia in parts of Florida, South Carolina and Georgia. Those in the counties of Maui, Hawaii, and many counties in Florida, South Carolina and Georgia have until Feb. 24, 2024, to file various individual and business tax returns. This list continues to be updated regularly. Taxpayers potentially affected by recent storms should visit the disaster relief page on IRS.gov for the latest information.: Members of the military and others serving in a combat zone. They typically have 180 days after they leave the combat zone to file returns and pay any taxes due.

IRS Free File and other Online Resources

IRS Free File is available through Oct. 16 and lets qualified taxpayers prepare and file federal income tax returns online using guided tax preparation software. It's available to any person or family with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$73,000 or less in 2022. Taxpayers can use IRS Free File to claim the Child Tax Credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit, and other important credits. IRS Free

File Fillable Forms is available for taxpayers whose 2022 AGI was greater than \$73,000 and are comfortable preparing their own tax return.

Taxpayers can get answers to many tax law questions by using the IRS's Interactive Tax Assistant tool. Additionally, taxpayers can view tax information in several languages by clicking on the "English" tab located on the IRS.gov home page.

The IRS Online Account feature provides information to help taxpayers file an accurate return including AGI amounts from last year's return, estimated tax payment amounts and refunds applied as a credit.

Schedule and Pay Electronically

Taxpayers can file anytime and schedule their federal tax payments up to the Oct. 16 due date. They can pay online, by phone or with their mobile device and the IRS2Go app. Some other key points to keep in mind when filing and paying federal taxes electronically include:

Convenience. Electronic payment options are easy and flexible. Taxpayers can pay when they file electronically using online tax software. Those who use a tax preparer should ask the preparer to make the tax payment through an electronic funds withdrawal from a bank account.

IRS Direct Pay. This feature allows taxpayers to pay online directly from a checking or savings account for free and schedule payments up to 365 days in advance. An IRS Online Account is needed, however, to use IRS Direct Pay.

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Social Security Matters

How Do Disability Programs Affect Social Security's Budget?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them?

Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind: No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay SSI (Supplemental Security Income). SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security Trust Funds. SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social

Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) benefits are for employed Americans who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker, and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security "DI" (Disability Insurance) Trust Fund. The DI fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund. Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement, and after which their benefits are paid from the regular "OASI" Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal

benefits, dependent benefits, and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund, which receives most (5.3%) of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing government bonds. Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI Trust Fund (As an aside, Social Security reform is needed to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being fully depleted in 2033).

To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI benefit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" (SSI) assistance was codified into law in 1974. And, as you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940. The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us. Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

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California Has A New Plan For The Delta But Faces The Same Conflicts Over Water



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's water warriors have a new arena for their perpetual conflict over the allocation of the state's ever-evolving supply - a nearly 6,000-page proposal from the state Water Resources Control Board.

The draft essentially calls for sharp reductions in diversions from the Sacramento River and its tributaries to allow more water to flow through the environmentally troubled Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

"It is a consequential effort," Eric Oppenheimer, chief deputy director of the board, said during a media briefing on what is technically an update of the agency's management plan for the Delta and San Francisco Bay. "It reflects years of scientific analysis that we've undertaken and years of public input."

The board had previously issued a similar policy paper for the San Joaquin River and its tributaries. The two rivers merge to form the Delta, a vast maze of islands and channels that is the West Coast's largest estuary.

In addition to upstream diversions to irrigate fields and orchards and serve municipal users, federal and state projects pump water from the Delta's southern edge into aqueducts for transfer to San Joaquin Valley

farms and homes as far south as San Diego.

The reduction of natural flows through the Delta have, scientists say, increased its salinity and otherwise made it unable to adequately support salmon and other wildlife.

The battle over the Delta has raged for decades with environmental groups, lately joined by American Indian tribes, pressing the water board impose reductions on diversions, and water users seeking to protect their supplies.

There are, in the macro sense, two conflicts: how much additional flows are needed to restore the Delta and how any reduction in diversions would be framed and enforced.

The water board's new draft provides some additional focus on both, but doesn't provide any solid direction.

For the better part of a decade, two governors, Jerry Brown and Gavin Newsom, have promoted the concept of "voluntary agreements" to reduce diversions, hoping to avoid a head-on political and legal collision.

"We want to thank Gov. Newsom for his continued leadership and commitment to using collaborative voluntary agreements between water users and public agencies to support water quality and fish populations throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta," Farm Bureau president Jamie Johansson said in response to the new plan.

However, the water agencies have offered, in the main, much smaller reductions than the water board says are necessary to improve habitat.

The environmental

coalitions demanding larger reductions see the voluntary agreements as subterfuges to maintain the status quo and have pressed the board to simply set reduction numbers and enforce them by decree.

"Voluntary agreements serve as backroom deals that continue to leave tribes, environmental justice communities, conservation groups, fishing communities, and other vital stakeholders out of the government-led planning process," the Restore the Delta coalition responded.

Imposing reductions would touch off a legal battle that Brown and Newsom have wanted to avoid because it would hinge on water rights, some of which date back to the late 19th century.

Environmentalists contend that those rights are anachronisms in the 21st century and should be set aside to give authorities the ability to allocate water rationally, particularly since climate change is affecting precipitation and thus the overall water supply.

However, when the water board tested its authority vis-à-vis ordering diversion reductions from senior water rights holders, it lost in court. Moreover, legislation that would have provided such authority didn't make it through the Legislature this year, thanks to stiff opposition from farmers and other rights holders.

The water board's new draft may provide more grist for debate, but it does not resolve the fundamental conflicts.

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

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME**

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Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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RAMIREZ 10-29-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV009146

Tiki Lisa Harlow has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tiki Jo Harlow aka Tiki Lisa Baron Harlow to Tiki Lisa Harlow.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 7, 2023, 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 27, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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HARLOW 10-29-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV009033

Ahmad Jamshid Jamshid and Wazhma Jamshid has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mehran Jamshid to Mehran Amini and Mehria Jamshid to Mehria Amini and Abdul Waris Jamshid to Waris Amini and Nehan Jamshid to Nehan Amini and Ahmad Jamshid Jamshid to Ahmad Jamshid Amini and Wazhma Jamshid.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 6, 2023, 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 26, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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JAMSHID 10-29-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV009337

Amjad Khan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Armaan Wafa to Armaan Wafa Khan.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 13, 2023, 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: October 3, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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KHAN 11-3-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV009004

No Given Name Kulwinder Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of No Given Name Kulwinder Singh to Kulwinder Singh Beesla.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: September 26, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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SINGH 11-3-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV009201

Jawid Ali Ahmadi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jawid Ali Ahmadi to Jawid Ahmadi and Faria Ali Ahmadi to Faria Ahmadi and Mohammad Elham Ali Ahmadi to Mohammad Elham Ahmadi and Aysha Ali Ahmadi to Aysha Ahmadi and Asonat Ali Ahmadi to Asonat Ahmadi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: September 28, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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AHMADI 11-3-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV009350

Rakshya Shrestha and Bhaskar Ale has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bivan Ale to Bivan Shrestha Ale.

IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 11, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: October 3, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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ALE 11-3-23

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL D. CARSEY
CASE NO. 23PR000786

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Michael D. Carsey.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Daina Adams, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Daina Adams 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 December 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the 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: Brian DeAmicis, 2377 Gold Meadow Way #100, Gold River, CA 95670 916-440-8833
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CARSEY 10-13-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HARUKO MARIA GILLIAM
CASE NO. 23PR001350

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Haruko Maria Gilliam.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mamoru Gilliam, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Mamoru Gilliam 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 October 18, 2023, 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

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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: Mamoru Gilliam, 5584 Dalhart Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 916-730-1444
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GILLIAM 10-13-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PAULA RUTH SIEBERT
AKA PAULA R. SIEBERT
CASE NO. 23PR001374

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Paula Ruth Siebert, aka Paula R. Siebert.

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the 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 October 31, 2023, 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: Michael Yee, 4010 S Land Park Drive Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822 916-927-9001
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SIEBERT 10-13-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARNETTE ANN DIAZ
CASE NO. 23PR000390

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Gina Frisby, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Gina Frisby 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 October 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the 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: Gina Frisby, 5708 Alloway Street, Sacramento, CA 95835; 916-671-9359
Publish October 6, 13, 20, 2023.
FRISBY 10-20-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONNA ENOMOTO
CASE NO. 23PR001183

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Sherwin Chin, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Sherwin Chin 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 Personal Representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the Personal Representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows November 15, 2023, 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.

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ENOMOTO 10-27-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT STAFFARONI AKA ROBERT L. STAFFARONI
CASE NO. 23PR000769

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 Staffaroni aka Robert L. Staffaroni.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tracy Hill, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Tracy

Hill 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 Personal Representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the Personal Representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows December 6, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the 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: Kelley A. Way, 150 N. Wiget Lane #210, Walnut Creek, CA 94598; 925-357-8845
Publish: October 13, 20 and 27, 2023
STAFFARONI 10-27-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHRINE E. BUTTERS
CASE NO. 23PR001154

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Kathrin E. Butters.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kathryn A. Smith, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Kathryn A. Smith 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 Personal Representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the Personal Representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows October 31, 2023, 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.

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Esq., 470 S. Auburn Suite B, Grass Valley, CA 95945; 530-272-7207

Publish: October 13, 20 and 27, 2023
BUTTERS 10-27-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TEENA MANN
CASE NO. 23PR001478

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Aminderjit Singh Mann, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Aminderjit Singh Mann 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 Personal Representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the Personal Representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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**STATEMENT OF
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. FBNF2023-03711
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: American Gas & Liquor, 5682 Main Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662.

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The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 5/17/2023 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 5/17/2023.
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FILE NO. FBNF2022-00626
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Los Angeles Plumbing & Sewer, 168 Private Road 3814, Springtown, TX 76082.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 1/27/2022 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 1/27/2022.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO. FBNF2022-00626
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: LA Sewer Repair, 168 Private Road 3814, Springtown, TX 76082.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 1/27/2022 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 1/27/2022.
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Find assessed values on the Assessor's website under "Assessed Value Lookup," including this year's value and the factored Prop 13 value for comparison. If a taxpayer has evidence that their assessed value as of January 1, 2023, was less than that shown on this year's (2023-2024) tax bill, they should:

Visit the Assessor's Website; Call the Assessor's Office at (916) 875-0700; or Email the Assessor's Office at Assessor@SacCounty.gov

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Sacramento County also has a 24-hour/7-day-a-week Automated Property Tax Information Line that provides information

on tax subjects and access to detailed billing and payment information. Tax specialists are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reach the system and tax specialists by calling (916) 874-6622.

If you own property and do not receive a tax bill by October 15, 2023, you may obtain tax bill copies, property tax information and payment stubs (coupons) on the Tax Collector's website.

Revenue & Tax Code 2610.5 "Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the property owner of the liability to pay taxes in a timely manner or give the Tax Collector reason to cancel penalties imposed for late payment."

Even if your tax bill is being paid by a lending institution (mortgage company), state law requires that a copy of the tax bill be sent to the property owner; all property owners should receive either the original tax bill or an "Owner's Information Copy." It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep their mailing address current with the Assessor's Office. To update your mailing address, please contact the Assessor's Office in writing at 3636 American River Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95864 or via email at Assessor@sacounty.gov. Please make sure you include a parcel number and phone number with all correspondence. ★

**By Katie Gonzalez,
University of San Diego
School of Law**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Late last night, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 1394 (Wicks and Flora), making California the first state in the nation to enact a law that expressly both (i) permits survivors of child sex trafficking and abuse to sue platforms for millions of dollars for knowingly contributing to child sex trafficking and (ii) requires platforms to establish a mandated process by which survivors of child sex abuse can demand that platforms remove videos and images of their abuse.

That social media platforms facilitate blatant child sex trafficking and abuse has been repeatedly documented, including by The Wall Street Journal*. That the platforms routinely ignore the pleas of survivors to remove re-traumatizing images and videos showing their child sex abuse has likewise been documented.

"Everybody who cares about elevating the needs of sexually abused children above Big Tech profits should thank Governor Newsom and Assemblymember Wicks for their leadership," said Ed Howard, Senior Counsel at the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law, which co-sponsored the bill with

Common Sense Media and the American Association of University Women. The bill was opposed by TechNet and NetChoice, and several other business groups.

Jessica Heldman, Child Rights Professor at the Law School, added, "We have more to do to ensure these platforms do not knowingly cause other preventable harms to our kids, but today, California set an example for other states and Congress to follow in acting boldly to protect children."

Ashliee Bryant, CoFounder and CEO of 3Strands Global Foundation, which works with survivors of child sex abuse and whose group was a prominent supporter of the bill, likewise expressed gratitude to Governor Newsom and Assemblymember Wicks and stated that "AB 1394 will permanently block reported child abuse material from being viewable on any social media platform and hold these platforms liable for playing a part in trafficking children."

The text of the law, which goes into effect January 1, 2025, can be found here: leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

Information about the bill can be found at www.sandiego.edu/cai/documents/

*On June 7, 2023, The Wall Street Journal published an investigative report titled "Instagram Connects Vast Pedophile Network." ★



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SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Amelia reaches to gently pet the fluffing feathers of her baby parrot Sunshine. Her brilliant orange, yellow and green feathers puff up in happiness as she moves her head around, signaling her content.

Amelia maneuvers around her one-bedroom cottage in a push wheelchair. Her bedroom has enough room for a twin bed, Sunshine's cage and perch and a vanity that is strewn with makeup and lotions. The living room has a couch, a kitchen table and a corner shelf filled with paints, brushes, and a few painted canvases. Every canvas has a flower scape – beautiful colors and symmetry. The bathroom is also covered in painted canvases – except for the shower, which is filled with a shower chair to accommodate Amelia's needs.

Quinn Cottages is tucked away on a forgotten street just north of downtown Sacramento, between Women's Empowerment and the North A Street shelter. It is fully fenced and secure, but when you walk into the unassuming community, the colorful bungalows are beautiful and eye-catching. Flowerpots and windchimes cover tiny porches and patches of grass. Residents lounge around in the communal spaces – one person totes a laundry basket to the machines near the front of the compound. Another puts a dollar into a soda machine. A small black dog barks protectively at each person who walks by while perched on his owner's lap.

The cottages are clustered in a series of small neighborhoods, each oriented around a shared common space. The perimeter is fenced, monitored with a security system, and has controlled front gate access. A central community building houses a computer room, a library/small conference room, a multipurpose room, and a community kitchen. Residents participate in a rigorous and comprehensive



Amelia and her brightly colored, feathered friend, Sunshine, make the best of their lives thanks to the support they get at Quinn Cottages. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County.

two-year program from which they graduate. The campus is funded through Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), which is partially funded by Sacramento County, and operated by Mercy Housing.

To qualify for a referral to Quinn Cottages, residents must have a disability – either physically or mentally. In Amelia's case, she is mostly wheelchair-bound – from a car accident that nearly took her life, but instead, drastically changed everything about her and her future.

Amelia came to Sacramento when she was 15 – placed out of San Francisco into a group home for foster children. Amelia is a self-described jack of all trades. She was a singer, a bartender – she loved to goldmine. “I gave those boys a run for their money! I always find gold.” Her favorite spot is up near Bear River.

She had a dream to be on American Idol – a beautiful singing voice, only heard now in saved files on her phone. Amelia was going to school to be a nurse – until her

life was turned upside down. Nearly three years ago, Amelia was driving in a convertible BMW when she was hit by a tow truck. The accident was horrific – part of the windshield frame went into her forehead; her windpipe was crushed and her spine fractured. First responders performed a tracheotomy just to help her breathe. She lay in the hospital, in a coma for days. While in a coma, Amelia suffered two strokes, leaving the left side of her body weak. Doctors planned to take her off life-support, but a friend insisted she would get better and wake up. And she did wake up – but she was severely injured, permanently.

The singing voice she once had was forever damaged, the left side of her body was weak and useless, and her legs were unable to hold up her body. She needed full-time care. She lived with her father, whom she had been caretaking for before the accident. They hired an in-home caretaker for Amelia, but after they started abusing her, Amelia fired the caretaker. Amelia, without a job, insurance money to fall back on,

and no trust in other people, became homeless.

Amelia was able to get into a shelter quickly – her various disabilities made her highly vulnerable outside. But an empty promise from a boyfriend to move into a hotel, causing her to self-exit the shelter, again left her on the streets with few resources and nowhere to go.

Amelia's situation represents the greatest fear – many people are just one major life curveball away from homelessness. Disabled, homeless and desperate, Amelia used drugs to numb the pain of her accident – physically, emotionally, and mentally. Drugs were her escape from the nightmare her life had become, but also the deep scars of her upbringing. A mother who never loved her, children who had been put into the system and dream after dream shattered through bad decisions and bad relationships.

Six months ago, Amelia went into the Salvation Army shelter – again, a chance to shelter safely while pursuing recovery and stability. But Amelia knew she blew it again when

they found drugs on her person. She was exited from the shelter for violating the rules. She moved out onto the American River Parkway. It was there she met Jenny, an outreach worker with Community HealthWorks, formerly Sacramento Covered. Jenny and her colleagues do outreach and engagement to unhoused people, specifically on the Parkway – a priority funded by the Board of Supervisors to help alleviate the burden on both the campers and the environment.

Considering Amelia's history and disabilities, Jenny worked with Amelia on an application for Quinn Cottages. It took nearly six months of consistent work with Amelia, following up on her application, making sure she had all her documents in place and getting adequate health care for treatment of her injuries before a bungalow opened up at Quinn Cottages.

Before Amelia could move in, she suffered another injury – a broken foot. The day that Community HealthWorks workers came to move her out of her tent and into her own apartment – they had to lift her out of her tent because she couldn't move. It truly does take a village of compassionate, dedicated people to help the most vulnerable.

Amelia sits, grateful and peaceful as she looks around her cottage. “It is safe and secure here. There are rules and structure. People can't just come in here without permission.” She puts around the compound in a power wheelchair. Her friend Larry, also in a power wheelchair, challenges her to a friendly race. They zip ahead, laughing.

She is clean and sober – knowing that she cannot succeed here if she uses. She wants to go to art school and maybe teach others how to paint. Maybe it will bring them the same peace it brings her. She enjoys cooking for herself and getting together with the other residents of Quinn Cottages. “We're a community.” Her sister comes and visits her every week. Amelia is only 49 years old – despite her disabilities, she has so much life ahead of her. She is ready to make the most of it. ★

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 Cajun Rice 300 gr \$2.99/ea	 Cajun Pork 1 lb \$2.49/ea	 Beef Ancho 60 x 50ml \$5.99/ea	 Snack Pop 3 kinds 50 gr 99¢/ea	 Scrapie Mayonnaise 1764 oz \$5.99/ea	 Scha & Seven Sauce 32.17 oz \$2.99/ea

HOUSEWARES

 ELECTRIC BBQ GRILL \$39.99/ea	 Bigen Speedy Hair Color (REFILL ONLY) 4.99/ea	 KAJUN PORK PAN 30 CM \$3.99/ea	 WATERMELON SLICER \$3.99/ea
 ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (2 CUPS) \$4.99/ea	 ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (4 CUPS) \$5.49/ea	 ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (6 CUPS) \$5.99/ea	 ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (8 CUPS) \$5.99/ea

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

 Raw White Shrimp 30/40 4 lbs REG. \$24.99/ea \$14.99/ea	 Frozen Sardines REG. \$3.99/lb \$1.99/lb
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WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS

 Chuck Roast - Brnds \$4.99/lb	 Beef T-Bone Steak \$4.99/lb	 Beef Porterhouse Steak \$5.49/lb
 Ground Beef Lean \$4.99/lb	 Pork Baby Back Ribs \$3.99/lb	 Chicken Leg Quarters 79¢/lb
 Pork Loin Chops Bone In \$2.49/lb	 Pork Neck Bones \$1.79/lb	

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

 Frozen Snow Crab Legs lb REG. \$21.99/lb \$14.99/lb
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EUROPEAN DELI

 Pan Basted Turkey Breast \$11.99/lb	 French Medley \$4.49/lb
 Pepper Turkey Breast \$12.49/lb	 Green Olives Stuffed with Almonds \$5.99/lb

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