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Merrick Named Chamber Executive Director



Sheri Merrick has been at the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce since March 5. Photo by Paul V. Scholl

Story by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - It's a busy start to the workday for Sheri Merrick, the new Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce executive director.

In between telephone calls and opportunities to meet local business and civic leaders, Merrick, who started work on March 5, busily attended to final planning details for this Saturday's Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Dinner at North Ridge Country Club. She recently learned that she will be honored at the awards dinner as Woman of the Year in state Assembly

District 7 by state Assemblyman Josh

"I feel my best approach is to meet business owners where they are and listen to their concerns and show them how the Citrus Heights chamber can be of help and engage them," Merrick said.

Merrick recently met with Citrus Heights City Manager Ash Feeney and Citrus Heights Police Chief Alex Turcotte to discuss a variety of safety and security concerns faced daily by business owners.

"I also look forward to working closely with the city of Citrus Heights. It's important that the voice of business in our community is fully

heard and their concerns are listened to," Merrick said.

The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce was established in May 1958 as "a unifying force for business, government, education and community involvement."

Merrick replaced Diane Ebbitt-Riehle, who had her last day in January. Merrick is also the owner of AB Business Solutions in Orangevale, a community engagement and marketing company specializing in social media and web design services in the healthcare

Her personality is decidedly Continued on page 3

Sacramento County Appoints Deputy County Executive



Sylvester Fadal. Courtesy photo Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sylvester Fadal is the new Sacramento County deputy county executive for Administrative Services. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved Fadal's appointment on Feb. 27 and he started the new role on March 3.

"The county conducted a nationwide executive search for the deputy county executive for Administrative Services, and I'm pleased to say we found the best and most qualified candidate within our own ranks," said County Executive David Villanueva. "Dr. Fadal has more than 26 years of public sector human resources management and executive experience that encompasses strategic planning, budget management, process optimization and construction and capital improvements."

Fadal's extensive experience includes overseeing human resources, technology, procurement, contracts and materials management for major construction projects. His previous responsibilities include ensuring contract compliance, adherence to DBE/SBE requirements, implementing PLAs, and managing bus/rail maintenance training and warehouse facilities.

Fadal was the Personnel Services director for Sacramento County in 2021 and became the General Services interim director in October 2023.

Before joining the county, Fadal held various leadership roles at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for more than 23 years, including chief administrative officer, human resources director, procurement and contracts, Business Services deputy director, Human Resources manager, and Organizational Development and Office of Civil Rights and Labor Relations manager.

Fadal has a Doctor Continued on page 5

Council Majority Rejects Plans for Local School District

By Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) -In March 2023, the Citrus Heights City Council approved a limited-term Education Committee to examine the feasibility of splitting from the San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD) to form a local school district in Citrus Heights. The council appointed seven public members to serve on the committee and hired facilitator Cyrus Abhar to guide the committee's review. At the March 17 meeting, the committee presented their recommendations to the council.

Abhar introduced the committee members— John Kane, Jessica Fork, Karen Mix, Jeannie

Bruins, James Remick,

Robin Stout, and Laura

Wilbur—and thanked them for their efforts. Abhar said that they are "a group of incredibly dedicated individuals and community members who care deeply about the education in our community for our children."

The committee's objectives were to review and analyze data about school enrollment and attendance, test scores, and participation in extracurricular activities, as well as to research the processes required to form a new district and the city's financial capacity to do so.

The committee's review of enrollment found that there are 13,029 school-age students in kindergarten

through grade 12 in Citrus

Heights. Only 44% (5,211)

attend schools within

Citrus Heights city limits;

19% (2,475) attend other San Juan Unified School District schools and 37% (4,820) are enrolled out of the district.

When looking at test scores, the committee compared averages for Citrus Heights schools with San Juan Unified School District and California averages. They found that the percentage of students in California and San Juan Unified School District who are meeting or exceeding state standards for their grade level is between 40 to 50% in English Language Arts and 30 to 40% for math.

But for the majority of Citrus Heights elementary schools, the average

is between 30 to 40% for

English and 20 to 30% for

math. For middle schools,

Citrus Heights schools

were even lower, averaging 20 to 30% for English and some as low as 10% for math. For high schools, Mesa Verde is in line with the state average for English but around 20% in math, and San Juan is at 30% for English and around the 10% mark for math in recent years. However, some Citrus

Heights schools broke that pattern, with Skycrest Elementary testing in line with state and district scores and Cambridge Heights Elementary hitting around 70% averages. And while many of the Citrus Heights schools showed lower test scores, some did have year-over-year improvement.

The committee found that Citrus Heights schools also have a higher rate of Continued on page 4

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MathAlive! - Where Mathematics Meets Imagination

Story and photo by Elise Spleiss

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - "2THEXTREME! MathAlive!," the newest exhibit at the Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan Park, has 40 unique interactive exhibits to inspire students and their families to discover the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The exhibit runs through May 31. Museum hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays.

In a world where mathematics is often relegated to the realm of class-room tedium, the MathAlive! exhibition emerges as a vibrant testament to the beauty ever present and the sheer fun of math. This large-scale, interactive showcase is a journey through the mathematical bedrock of our everyday lives, designed to captivate families and students alike. With an emphasis on engagement and hands-on learning, MathAlive! proves that math is not just about numbers and equations—it's a key to unlocking a world of possibilities.

Math is everywhere. From the way we play to the technology we use, math serves as a foundational building block, shaping our experiences and innovations. The exhibit highlights this concept, ensuring visitors leave with a newfound appreciation for the math that surrounds us, often hidden in plain sight.

By discovering math in unexpected places, the exhibit ventures into the realms of sports, music, fashion and entertainment, revealing the surprising ways in which mathematical principles are essential to creativity and artistry. At the heart of MathAlive! are its interactive exhibits.

Extreme Sports: Visitors can design and test virtual snowboards, exploring the geometry that influences their performance, or experience the thrill of a snowboarding simulator, embodying the physics of snow sports.

Fashion and Design: Here, the fusion of geometry and creativity takes center stage. Participants can play with geometric patterns, delve into fabric design and see their ideas come to life in 3D garment models.

The Science Behind Video Games: Offering insights into the mathematical



backbone of game design, this area allows attendees to peek behind the curtain of video game programming and coding, offering the chance to create a simple video game.

simple video game.

Robotics: By programming miniature
Mars rovers, visitors engage directly with
principles of navigation and engineering,
confronting the complexities of robotic
exploration.

The Mathematics of Architecture: This exhibit sheds light on the math behind iconic skyscrapers and gives visitors the opportunity to design their architectural marvels applying mathematical principles.

MathAlive!'s overarching mission is multifaceted: spark a lifelong interest in math, build confidence in math's accessibility, promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers, and revolutionize how visitors perceive mathematics. By transforming math from a dreaded school subject into a fascinating tool for exploration and innovation, MathAlive! aims to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, and mathematicians.

MathAlive! places a spotlight on a profound truth: mathematics permeates every facet of our lives. Whether in our leisure activities or the technology that powers our world, mathematics acts as an essential cornerstone, molding our experiences and driving innovation. The exhibition adeptly showcases this concept, ensuring visitors depart with an enhanced appreciation for the mathematics that envelops us, often concealed within the mundane.

So, whether you're a devout mathematician, an inquisitive learner or someone who always kept math at arm's length, MathAlive! invites you on an adventure that promises to alter your perception of mathematics forever.

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A young angler casts his fishing line into the lake at Rancho Seco Recreational Area. Photo

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - SMUD's annual trout derby at the Rancho Seco Recreational Area on April 6 and April 7 features thousands of pounds of trout and prizes up for grabs.

The fishing event has become a tradition for many and has attracted thousands of local participants since it began in

Anglers reeling in the heaviest catches will win cash and prizes, including an adult and youth grand prize for the heaviest trout caught awarded each day. The grand prize for both age groups is a fishing kayak. The grand prizes are provided by The Fish Sniffer magazine and Angler's Press Outdoors.

Anglers can cast a line into the 160acre lake from the shoreline or from one of six fishing piers. Small boats with electric motors are also allowed (no gas motors are allowed). In addition to trout, the freshwater lake is home to bass, bluegill, redear sunfish and crappie.

In preparation for the derby, Rancho Seco Lake was recently stocked with thousands of pounds of catchable trout.

Registration takes place on both days of the derby between 6 and 10 a.m., rain or shine. Derby tickets are \$5 per person for the two-day event with a \$12 parking fee at the park gate. A valid California state

fishing license is required for anyone at least 16 years old. Anglers hoping to win a prize must weigh their fish at the official weigh station between 2 and 4 p.m. on the day of the catch. For complete rules, visit smud.org/RanchoSeco.

The 400-acre Rancho Seco Recreational Area offers more than just fishing. The full-service facility offers picnic areas, RV and tent camping sites, a beach and swimming spots. Kayaks, rowboats, paddleboards and fishing boats are available to rent.

The Rancho Seco Recreational Area is at 14960 Twin Cities Road, Herald. The recreational area is 25 miles south of Sacramento, approximately 15 minutes east of Highway 99 on Twin Cities Road. For more information about the derby, camping and safety at the park, visit smud.org/RanchoSeco or call 800-416-6992.

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Merrick Named Chamber Executive Director

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high-energy and you won't find a traditional office chair behind Merrick's office desk. She prefers a large aerobic ball instead. Merrick is a former dance teacher and loves teaching. She said this is reflected in her leadership style.

"I like to lead by example. Working together, I think we can redefine what a Chamber of Commerce could be and how to give our members better value for their membership," Merrick said.

Merrick had been a past member of the Citrus Heights Chamber earlier in her career and was a past business ambassador for some five years before moving on to Folsom.

"Sheri brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the dynamics that drive successful community engagement. With her impressive background in chamber community work and her track record of building lasting relationships, we are confident that Sheri will play a pivotal role in leading our chamber to new heights," said Gabrielle Rasi, DDS, of Almond Orchard Dental Care, Citrus Heights Chamber Board Chair in announcing Merrick's new position.

Merrick was the chief operations officer for the Folsom Chamber of Commerce. In Folsom, the branded "Choose Folsom" program is powered by the Greater Folsom Partnership, home of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce, and its Economic and Tourism Bureau. She was also a volunteer coordinator for the Folsom Pro Rodeo, a popular family event held each year in

Rasi this week described what made Merrick a compelling choice for the position.

"We didn't want to rush the selection process," Rasi said. "We wanted to exercise due diligence to find the perfect candidate who could take the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce truly to the next level."

Rasi speaks highly of Merrick's passion, professional purpose and creative leadership as key factors in the board's decision-making process.

"Sheri has a great sense of team spirit," Rasi said. "She's right fit for the chamber's

Merrick draws a distinction between her former role as a chief operations officer and her new responsibilities as the Citrus Heights chamber's executive director, where she has "an important role in drawing a compelling case for chamber membership and its strength" in collective business advocacy.

She estimated there are about 2,500 active businesses in Citrus Heights, many that should join the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce but have yet to

"There's a real task ahead to educate them as to the importance and value of chamber membership as well as an opportunity to influence and inspire a new younger generation of leadership," Merrick

The city's growth is driven by sales tax revenue and the task to continue to build thriving and diverse business community in Citrus Heights is an important priority for the chamber.

"We need to look closely at what businesses aren't yet located here in Citrus Heights and why," Merrick said.

At a recent luncheon, the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce welcomed new members which included InfoStar Productions, Hearts 4 Heroes USA, Hazlip Creative, the Fogler CPA Accountancy Firm and Mark Avila Home Loans.

A much-needed overhaul of the chamber's member database, web and social media tools are also in process, with a stated goal to build additional benefits and value to help chamber members achieve their individual business goals, Merrick said.

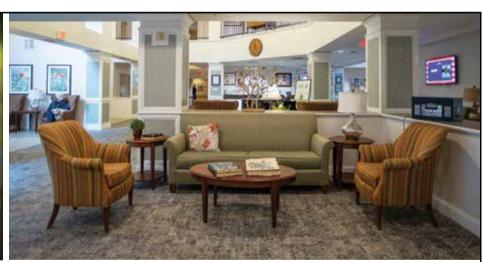
The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce is located at 7625 Sunrise Blvd., Suite 207 in Citrus Heights. Businesses interested in learning what the chamber can do to help their business grow can call 916-722-4545 during normal business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or email chamber@chchamber.com.



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students from socioeconomically disadvantaged households than the average for the district. In these households, the parents might not speak English or be able to spend much time involved in their child's school, which could be impacting student achievement.

Attempting to form a new school district would require a petition that would have to be approved by both the Sacramento County Board of Education and the California Board of Education; each has its own timelines for public hearings, actions and voting. To even be considered for approval, the petition would have to show that formation of the new district would meet minimum thresholds, including at least 1,500 pupils, a distinct community identity, a plan for division of property and facilities, and a financial management plan.

As for the fiscal feasibility of forming a new district, the committee found that they did not have the knowledge or expertise to adequately review the complex financial implications of a district reorganization.

Due to measurable improvements at some Citrus Heights schools and new leadership at San Juan Unified School District in recent years, the majority of the committee members (5 out of 7) recommended the city pursue enhanced collaboration with San Juan Unified School District and make an effort to improve parent involvement on the school sites to improve students' academic performance. Two of the seven committee members recommended that evaluation of a new school district continue, including a comprehensive financial analysis. A majority (six of seven members) also suggested that the city explore options for a public charter school to provide additional choices for Citrus Heights families.

"If we were to undertake a very long process that's very expensive, and we do not have parent involvement, will it fall in the same general area of achievement that we have right now?" asked Councilmember MariJane Lopez-Taff.

She suggested that instead, as a community, Citrus Heights makes an effort "to engage our parents and schools in a different and exciting and meaningful way."

Councilmember Porsche Middleton agreed: "We know that the best way for us to uplift our community and to increase education is going to be parental involvement."

During Public Comment on this item, various members of the public said they opposed the idea of splitting from San Juan Unified School District.

Citrus Heights resident Albert Fox said, "We now have what we sought for 20 years" at San Juan Unified School District. "We have a board that is representative of our community" with a dedicated seat for Citrus Heights. He asked the council to "consider a stronger staff collaboration with the district."

Alan Dory said his children attended San Juan Unified School District schools and he "knows the district works hard to support its students." He predicted that a new school district wouldn't be able to attract good teachers, nor would it have enough money or resources to operate efficiently.

The issues facing Citrus Heights families, such as poverty and language barriers, will still exist in a new district, according to Dory.

"So our job is not to break away from a school district that's already used to handling and dealing with these problems and we're just going to somehow magically fix it, wave a magic wand? ... The way to fix it is to get more involved," Dory said.

Resident Bill Van Duker said, "I don't support spending any more money on exploring or establishing our own school district. I think we have to get involved at the site level and with innovative teachers and programs and see what we can do as we move forward."

Resident Sheryl Dolts said there are many benefits to remaining with a larger district, which can provide more resources and support for students with disabilities. She asked the council to "redouble efforts" to collaborate with San Juan Unified School District.

In a written comment, T.K. Milton said that San Juan Unified School District is well established and forming a new district would be a financial burden to the city.

Various San Juan Unified School District staff and board trustees also spoke to encourage Citrus Heights to preserve the existing partnership.

Woodside K-8 School Principal Beth Wall said that innovative ideas are making an immediate difference at the school and those can be implemented at other schools. She said the most significant difference is the community engagement on their campus, which

shows the students "how much people support them and care about their success."

San Juan High School Principal David Levis said that "building community is so important" and separating from the school district would "encourage isolation."

Lichen K-8 Interim Principal Roxanne Stellmacher said that San Juan Unified School District is "deeply committed to a holistic approach to student success" by fostering creativity and supporting students' social-emotional development. Remaining with the district, she said, will provide Citrus Heights students with a foundation to improve academically and to "grow and thrive as individuals."

San Juan Unified School District Trustee Ben Avey said he ran for his board position because he was disappointed in the performance of the schools.

"I ran, I won, and the district is listening," Avey said.

While the schools are not all meeting academic standards, Avey said, he is seeing progress and that family and community engagement at the schools makes a critical difference.

San Juan Unified School District Trustee Saul Hernandez said there is "strength in numbers."

San Juan Unified School District is the 10th largest district in California, which has allowed it to keep both high schools, Mesa Verde and San Juan, open despite low enrollment.

If Citrus Heights decided to start their own district, Hernandez said, one high school would have to close. And they must consider not just operating costs but all the start-up costs associated with forming a new district, such as food services, bus services and staff training, according to Hernandez. He suggested that the better course of action is to continue investing in the partnership with San Juan Unified School District.

San Juan Unified School District Superintendent Melissa Bassanelli said she took on this role a year ago and has already seen improvements. She said Citrus Heights and the school district share the same goals of increasing safety and parent involvement and improving student enrollment, attendance and achievement.

"We are stronger when we work together," Bassanelli said.

But Councilmember Tim Schaefer said he felt the long and difficult process of forming a new school district would be worth the effort. He said Citrus Heights needs to attract more young families since they are the city's "economic engine" to bring in more sales tax revenue. He said that families won't move here if they see poor-performing schools. He asked, "Are we willing to leave the [city's] future vibrancy to San Juan Unified School District that has been failing us and our children for decades?"

Mayor Bret Daniels thanked the Education Committee for their hard work: "I don't agree with the recommendation but I appreciate the work." Daniels said that it comes down to "local control." A smaller local district would be more responsive to the needs of Citrus Heights schools, according to Daniels: "That is much stronger accountability." Looking at the numbers of students who leave Citrus Heights schools "is mind boggling to me," said Daniels, and a local district could bring students back "because it is something new." The bottom line, Daniels said, is the low test scores and San Juan Unified School District "is just too big."

Daniels made a motion that the city move forward with pursuing their own school district; it was seconded by Schaefer but the motion failed 2-3, with Councilmembers Lopez-Taff and Middleton and Vice Mayor Karpinski-Costa dissenting.

Councilmember Lopez-Taff motioned that the council follow the Education Committee's recommendation to pursue collaboration with San Juan Unified School District and find ways to foster more community and parent engagement to support the students and the schools.

Schaefer asked, "What's measurable about that? ... How do we show that we're making progress?" He said that the goal to pursue collaboration is "very vague."

Lopez-Taff said they have the current school performance numbers provided by the committee and those numbers should be reviewed again next year to see if there have been improvements.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and it passed with unanimous support.

The next meeting of the Citrus Heights City Council is scheduled at 6 p.m. March 28. ★



Rebirth

Easter! What does it mean to you? I know. It's Easter hunts and chocolate bunnies, family get-togethers and flowers. I can go on and on and I get it. We love all those symbols, but I hope we don't forget what Easter really means down deep. It's a rebirth of faith and hope and sharing too.

Did you ever wonder how the bunny got to be the BIG symbol for Easter? It's cute, but it's also universal and secular in its appeal. But would you believe I was told that the hare, not the rabbit, should be treated as the true symbol of Easter. Historically, the hare is the symbol for the moon. And legend has it, the hare never closes its eyes, not even for a single blink. The reason for having such a belief may be rooted in the fact that hares, not rabbits, are born with their eyes open. Rabbits are born blind. There is also a fertility thing in there some place. Maybe that's why the rabbit is more familiar in America. Rabbits beat hares, hands down, in being way more prolific.

Then comes the Easter eggs. Confusing since bunnies don't lay eggs. Despite claims that Easter eggs were originally pagan symbols, there is no solid evidence of this. It was not until the 28th century that Jakob Grimm theorized a connection with the goddess of his own whom he names Ostara, a suggested version of Eostere. At the Passover Seder, a hard-boiled egg dipped in salt water symbolizes both new life and the Passover

sacrifice offered at the temple in Jerusalem. The ancient Persians painted eggs for Nowrooz, their New Year celebration falling on the Spring Equinox. In Christian times, the egg was a symbol of new life just as a chick might hatch from the egg. Also, the egg may have celebrated the end of the privations of Lent. In Medieval Europe, eggs were forbidden during Lent. It was during Easter that the consumption of eggs resumes after the strict Lenten fast.

Traditions change, but not the true meaning of Easter...rebirth. It can give us new hope, especially after all we have endured with the pandemic, war, hate and negativity in the world. So how can we take all the symbols we have come to love and make a difference in our life? Perhaps we can take it one baby step at a time. Easy doesn't make a difference. Take a chance. Example, there's so much negativity on the internet. Why not check out facts before you jump to conclusions. Remember, not everything you read and see may be true. Besides, with AI, it might not even be the real thing. How about this? Rebirth means little changes like sharing a smile or a positive thought each day with someone who has been difficult. You might be surprised the difference it can make. I will leave you with this quote from Kate McGahan. "True, it's not over till it's over, and even when it's over, it just begins again."

TRUE REBIRTH!

Sacramento Native Serves at Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Andrew Hanchar, Navy Office of Community Outreach

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Lt. Jessica Valeske, a Sacramento native, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific.

Valeske graduated from Sheldon High School in 2008.

The skills and values needed to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Sacramento.

"My family back at home has taught me the power of respect and integrity," said Valeske. "Having these values instilled in me from such a young age has helped me in my Navy career."

Valeske joined the Navy 11 years ago. Today, Valeske serves as an engineering duty officer.

"I joined the Navy because college was expensive and the Navy provided an alternative that would give me life-long skills," said Valeske. "I also wanted to get out of my hometown and see the world."

NIWC Pacific is comprised of more than 5,200 scientists, researchers, engineers, technicians, and personnel who develop and deploy technologies to support warfighters from seabed to space.

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

"We will earn and reinforce the trust and confidence of the American people every day," said Adm. Lisa Franchetti, Chief of Naval Operations. "Together we will deliver the Navy the nation needs."

Valeske has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service

"I am most proud to have been accepted to the Naval Academy where I earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in electrical engineering," said Valeske. "I am also proud of having gone on three



Lt. Jessica Valeske. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jordan Jennings, Navy Office of Community Outreach

deployments and having climbed the ranks from enlisted to commissioning to becoming a lieutenant."

Valeske serves a Navy that operates far forward, around the world and around the clock, promoting the nation's prosperity

and security.

"Serving in the Navy means giving up certain rights and holidays to serve and protect the American people," said Valeske. "We as sailors become something bigger than ourselves."

Valeske is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I would like to thank my mom, Susan, and the rest of my family for always supporting me and being there for me whenever I needed them," said Valeske.

Valeske is also grateful for the opportunity to serve in the Navy.

"I am looking forward to building and contributing to innovating the fleet in terms of technology and keeping this Navy the biggest and strongest navy in the world," added Valeske.



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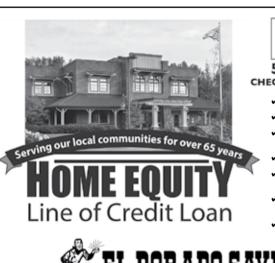
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of Business Administration from Argosy University, a Master of Public Administration with emphasis on organization change from California State University, East Bay, and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Patten University. He also completed the Negotiation and Conflict Management Training for Senior Executives at Harvard Law School and he possesses a Certificate in Training and Human Resources Management from U.C. Santa Cruz.

Additionally, Fadal has nearly 20 years of experience as a lecturer and area chair over the University of Phoenix MBA

Business Program and has worked as an assistant professor for DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Business for more than three years.

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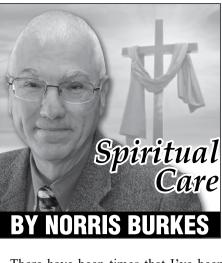
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There have been times that I've been found napping in my office.

My chaplain response to that is, "No, I'm not napping. This is my prayer time."

That's because in reality, I may be doing both – napping and praying.

I call this time my "ABC prayer nap." The meditative technique follows the Jewish tradition of acrostic prayers where each line of the prayer starts with a consecutive letter of the alphabet. It's a bit like playing Theological Scrabble.

I have three prayers I can choose from (limit, one per nap.) Each prayer begins with one of these three introductory phrases.

- 1. God, help me to be . . .
- 2. God, thank you for . . .
- 3. God, forgive me for being . . .

As I ease back in my office recliner, I choose one of those opening phrases followed by a request that starts the alphabet. For instance, the first phrase might begin, "God, help me to be Assuring. Followed by, "God, help me to be a Benefit to

The second ABC prayer follows the advice of an old hymn: "Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your many blessings, see what God has done."

These are prayers in which I thank God for my Children or something intangible like my Dreams. Each letter stands for whatever word floats into my mind that inspires an "attitude of gratitude."

My first and second prayer formats are meant to be inward and restorative. I try to do one prayer phrase per breath, so they bring sleep quickly.

However, the third prayer - "God forgive me for being" goes deeper, helping me face my own inadequacies.

During one recent nap, I voiced this prayer fairly quickly until I got to three letters not commonly used – I, J and K.

The letters had me searching my conscience for what I needed to ask. I remembered my wife commenting about the time I spent on the phone away from our family.

"God, forgive me for being Inattentive. Help me to be attentive and remember where you've placed me in the moment." Since I had justified my phone usage as

important business, I found it necessary to also ask God to "Forgive my desire to be Justified. I don't like being wrong. I like being right and just - sometimes at the expense of my relationships." The next letter was much harder. "Forgive me, Lord, for Killing. Forgive

me," I prayed, "for the times I've killed or at least squelched - the image of God I saw in others." This word was inspired by a hard saying

from Jesus. Recorded in the modern translation of the Bible called "The Message," "I'm telling you that anyone who is so

much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother 'idiot!' and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell 'stupid!' at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words kill." When I use the first two prayers, I'm

usually asleep before I'm halfway through. However, the forgiveness prayer will often keep me awake as I work through the entire alphabet.

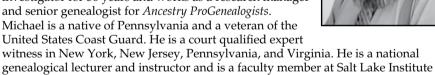
But like most naps, these ABC naps often keep me awake a bit past my evening bedtime. These are the moments I've tried to explain to my wife how my "praying" is keeping us both awake.

"Hmm," she says, "Maybe next time you should reverse the alphabet. Start with "Z" and ask God to 'Forgive my desire to be so Zealous.""

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Social Security Matters

How Do Survivor Benefits Work for a Married Couple?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: How does Social Security handle the death of one spouse? Say, for example, the husband receives \$2,000 per month in Social Security and his wife receives \$1,000 per month. How is the death of either spouse handled? Signed: Concerned spouse

Dear Concerned: Benefits to a deceased beneficiary stop as soon as Social Security (SS) is notified of the death (notification usually done by the funeral director who handles arrangements). Benefits are not paid for the month of death, only for the preceding month when the beneficiary was alive for the entire month.

A surviving spouse is entitled to the higher of two benefits - their own personally earned SS retirement benefit, or an amount based on the deceased spouse's benefit at death. In the example you cite, and assuming the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (FRA): if the husband dies first the wife will receive the husband's \$2,000 monthly benefit instead of her previous \$1,000 amount. But if the wife died first, the husband would continue receiving only his \$2,000 monthly amount because that is more than his deceased wife was receiving. Note in either case, the surviving spouse would be entitled to a one-time lump sum "death benefit" of \$255.

The surviving spouse would need to contact Social Security to claim the "death benefit" and - unless the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit – also to claim the higher monthly amount, if eligible. If the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit from the deceased (and not entitled to SS retirement benefits on their own), then Social Security would automatically award their higher survivor amount when notified of the death.

If a surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on year of birth) and is eligible for a survivor benefit, the amount of the survivor benefit will be 100% of the deceased spouse's benefit. But if the survivor claims the benefit before reaching FRA, the amount of the survivor benefit will be reduced (by 4.75% for each full year earlier). The survivor's benefit reaches maximum at the survivor's full retirement age.

If a surviving spouse has not yet reached their FRA, and if they are entitled to (not necessarily collecting) their own Social Security retirement benefit, the surviving spouse has the option to delay claiming the survivor benefit until it reaches maximum at their full retirement age. And if the survivor's personal SS retirement benefit will ever be more than their maximum survivor benefit, the surviving spouse also has the option to claim only the smaller survivor benefit first and allow their personal SS retirement benefit to grow (to maximum at age 70 if desired).

With Social Security there is hardly ever a simple answer to a question but, in the example you use, if both are over their SS full retirement age:

- If the husband dies first, the wife will get 100% of the amount (\$2000) the husband was receiving, instead of the small amount (\$1000) she was previously receiving.
- If the wife dies first, the husband's monthly benefit will remain at \$2000, and he will get no increase in his monthly amount.
- In either case, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255..

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Many Californians Rely on this Farmers Market Program. Newsom Wants to Cut It

By Sarah Portnoy, CALMatters.org

When we think of a farmers market in California, we usually picture vibrant displays of beautiful, albeit expensive, fruits and vegetables, and perhaps a tempting array of pricier prepared foods. However, the roots of farmers markets in California trace back to the late 1970s, when they first emerged in low-income areas.

They were designed to facilitate a direct connection between farmers and consumers, an arrangement that proved to be a win-win for both small-scale farmers and those seeking affordable, fresh produce.

Today, farmers markets may be more prevalent in affluent neighborhoods, but a key program has been working diligently to uphold their original spirit, making fresh fruits and vegetables accessible to all Californians. The Market Match program has successfully placed fresh produce into the shopping bags and kitchens of low-income Californians at more than 293 farmers markets across the state. Since 2010, this program has empowered shoppers who receive CalFresh benefits, allowing them to double their funds for exclusively California-grown fruits and

vegetables. Frank Tamborello, the executive director of Hunger Action Los Angeles, aptly describes the Market Match program as a "win-win-win." It helps fight hunger while promoting healthy eating habits and supports California farmers, boosting the small-farm economy and contributing to environmentally sustainable agriculture.

Despite its evident benefits, the program faces a looming threat from budget cuts as state leaders work to close a multibillion-dollar deficit. Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a \$33.2 million cut from the three-year, \$35 million California Nutrition Incentive Program, a move that would effectively end Market Match once the remaining funds dry up. Since 2015, the state has supported the program by matching federal funds through a grant from CNIP, enabling substantial expansion over the past nine years.

Market Match has routinely reported increases in low-income shoppers using their benefits at farmers markets. Last year, 9% of the roughly 574,000 visits were first-timers, underscoring the program's positive impact on both consumers and local farmers.

The potential loss of this program threatens low-income Californians' nutrition, especially those who live in food deserts where corner stores and vacant lots are more prevalent than full-service grocery stores. In such neighborhoods, an orange can cost more than a soda, highlighting the disparities in accessing affordable, nutritious food.

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The proposed cuts would also significantly impact rural farmers who rely on the revenue generated from weekly market sales. It's a steady source of income in an era defined by its unpredictability.

In the wake of the pandemic, the number of food-insecure households in California surged as costs for fresh produce increased. A USC study last year revealed that 1 in 3 households in Los Angeles County experience food insecurity, indicating a dire need for programs like Market Match. Cutting this essential program would exacerbate the challenges faced by low-income shoppers in bringing home nutritious food for their families, compounding the intense pressure to simply put food on the table.

Access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food is a fundamental human right. As Californians confront the potential loss of the match program, we must recognize its profound impact. In a state known for its agricultural abundance, we cannot allow budgetary decisions to compromise the well-being of others in our community.

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STATEMENT FBNF2024-01807 Seedstar Inc., 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Business Name(s) Fictitious "Seedstar Cannabis" 5711 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024 SEEDSTAR

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STATEMENT FBNF2024-01768 Arrow Drillers, 1850 Diesel Drive Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious "Arrow Business Name(s) Construction" 1850 Diesel Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01395 Serry Johnson 2121 Natoms Crossing #200, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tri-Star Real Estate Group/ Tri-Star Diversified" 4030 Truxel Road Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 23, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

TRI 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01575

Janai Lynne Vernott, 3225 Garfield Avenue. Carmichael. CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Creative Klutz Studio" 3225 Garfield Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 1, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 CREATIVE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01677 Larisa Dzyuba, 7045 Patience Court, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 'Secure Notary Solutions" 7045 Patience Court, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 SECURE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01409

Mario A Rupert and Gregory Rupert, 6454 Oakridge Way, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hex & Cult" 6454 Oakridge Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 26, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01881

Wali Hassany, 1808 Richmond Street, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Business Name(s) Fictitious "Aahoo Document Solution's" 2740 Fulton Avenue 101-16, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 11, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

AAHOO 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01800 Andrea Z Evans, PO Box 4145, Ketchum, ID 83340 is doing business under the Fictitious

Business Name(s) "Philantrophy

Consulting Group" 205 Raven

Ketchum,

Road A1-5,

83340. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

PHILANTHROPY 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01704 Karen Ortiz, 2335 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Own It Real Estate" 1610 B Street Suite 200. Sacramento, CA 95811, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 OWN 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01924 Lavender Nail Salon LLC, 1010A Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lavender Nail Salon" 1010Á Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

LAVENDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01805 Daniel W Todd, 2025 Apt 238, El Camino Ace Sacramento. CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phantomice Interactive" 2025 W El Camino Ace Apt 238, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

PHANTOMICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01911 Xtelnetic LLC, 5252 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 4, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Netellix" 5252 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 4, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 NETELLIX

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01912 Performance Niello Motors II Inc, 1481 River Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815 is do-

ing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Porsche Sacramento" 2200 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 PORSCHE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01928

Gateway Foods LLC, 6 Kitaj Court, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Business Name(s) **Fictitious** "Taqueria La Puerta" 4391 Gateway Park Boulevard Suite 650, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

TAQUERIA 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01656 California Auto House, Inc, 7333 CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California Auto House, Inc" 8636 Antelope North Road BLDG C, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

CALIFORNIA 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01530 National Vision, Inc., 2435 Commerce Avenue, Duluth, Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Contacts & Eyeglasses" 2922 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 29, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 **AMERICAS**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01531

National Vision, Inc., Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts `& Eveglasses" 5899 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 29, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 BEST FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01532

National Vision, Inc., Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts `& Eyeglasses" 7721 Laguna Boulevard Suite 128, Elk Grove, Eyeglasses" CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 29, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 CONTACTS 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01533

National Vision, Inc., Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under

the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses" 2395 Iron Point Road Suite 110, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 29 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

EYEGLASSES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01574 National Vision, Inc., 2435 Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA

30096 is doing business under

the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses" 6019 Florin Road Suite 500. Sacramento. CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 1,

Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 NATIONAL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01848 Victoria Lose, 3432 Gates Way Sacramento, CA 95832 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Journey to Freedom" 3432 Gates Way, Sacramento, CA 95832. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 8, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 JOURNEY 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01667

Sur, 9545 ord Sacramento, Grace Folsom Boulevard, 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Beauty Solutions By Grace" 9545 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

BEAUTY 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01986 Michelle Green-Clark. Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KM Dance Arts" 4615 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 13, Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

ΚM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01925 Surinder Singh Bedwal, 7733 Charmain Court, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Twin River ATMS" 7733 Charmain Court, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01623 Accredited RealEstate Schools Inc, 7840 Madison Avenue #149, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Accredited Real Estate Schools Inc" 7840 Madison Avenue #149, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 4, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 ACCREDITED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01932

Amanda Dugan, 6550 Sutter Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Business Name(s) Fictitious "Ritual Cookies" 6550 Sutter Carmichael, Avenue, 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Best Choice Logistics Inc, 1922 Naomi Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Best Choice Logistics/BC Cab 1922 Naomi Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 15, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

BEST 4-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01268 JDV Distribution LLC, 3710 Branch Street, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jenner Vacation Rentals" 3710 Branch Street, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 20, 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 JENNER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-01713 Ryan Stambuk, 3115 Eades Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Off Duty Photography" 3115 Eades Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5. 2024 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01622 TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc.

3800 Happy Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc." 3800 Happy Lane, Sacramento, CÁ 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 4, Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV002730 Avinash Tuta and Kavyalakshmi

Vintha has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Charvikreddy Tuta to Charvik Tuta. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

95814, and show cause, if any,

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA

why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February 8, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024 SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO** ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

Jesus Daniel Resendez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jesus Daniel Resendez to Quentin Lemieux IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

#24CV001191

titled matter appear before this court on April 30, 2024, 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: January 24, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV003632 Mohammad Rahim Yalghaz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of

Mohammad Rahim Yalghaz to

Rahim Yalghaz.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 2024, 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: February 28, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

3-29-24 YALGHAZ SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

CHANGE OF NAME #24CV003621 Edward James Thompson and Iridian Eunice McConico has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Edward James Thompson to Edward James Salcido and Nazare Lenae Thompson to

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Nazare Lenae Salcido. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 14, 2024, 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: February 23, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 THOMPSON 3-29-24 SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

CHANGE OF NAME :24CV003707 Kennedy Mckenzie Gordon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kennedy Mckenzie Gordon to Kennedy Mackenzie O'Shea.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 2024, 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: February 29, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV002615 Jackson Alexander Caine has

GORDON

3-29-24

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jackson Alexander Caine to Hamza Mohammad Akhtar. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this

court on June 6, 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: February 13, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 CAINE 3-29-24 SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA**

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV002660 Maleyka Aliyeva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Maleyka Aliyeva to Malika

Aliveva. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 6, 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: February 14, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024 ALiyeva 3-29-24 SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV003856

Tarjinder Singh Kaler has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tarjinder Singh Kaler to Tarjinder Singh.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 2024, 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: March 1, 2024

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2024 KALER 4-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

#24CV004736 Mary Kaye Bartholomew aka Mary Kaye Bassett has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mary Kaye Bartholomew aka Mary Kaye Bassett to Mary Kaye Prentice.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 23, 2024, 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: March 12, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024 BASSETT

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV004689 Fennema-Isaiah Michael

SUPERIOR COURT OF

Montoya has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isaiah Michael Fennema-Montoya to Isaiah Michael Montova. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 3, 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: March 12, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CURT W. STAFFORD, AKA CURTIS WAYNE STAFFORD CASE NO. 24PR000111

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Curt W. Stafford, aka Curtis Wayne Stafford.

An Amended Petition Probate has been filed by Vanessa A. Allen, in the Superior Court of California, County Sacramento, requesting Vanessa A. Allen 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 follows April 11, 2024, 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 grant ing 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. Yee Law Group, 4010 S Land Park Drive Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822: 916-927-9001 Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 2024 STAFFORD

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOSE HERNANDEZ CASE NO. 24PR000505 To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-

tors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Jose Hernandez. A Petition for Probate has been

filed by Michelle Hernandez, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michelle Hernandez be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the dece-

dent'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 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 April 4, 2024, 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 grant-

ing of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written obiections 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

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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: Huck Ingram, 110 Bank Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945; 530-432-1996 Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 2024 3-22-23 HERNANDEZ

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN EDWARD SCHREINDL CASE NO. 34-2021-00312055 To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-

tors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Steven Edward Schreindl. A Petition for Probate has

been filed by Michael Leon Schreindl, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michael Schreindl 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 April 16, 2024, 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 grant-

ing of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written obections 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 de-livery 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 tele-

is: Michael Leon Schreindl, 19964 Riverside Avenue #152 Anderson, CA 96007; 530-209-

phone number of the Petitioner

Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 2024 3-22-23 SCHREINDL

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ARSENIO FELIPE CASE NO. 24PR000595

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Arsenio Felipe. A Petition for Probate has

been filed by Michael Felipe, in the Superior Court of California. County of Sacramento, requesting Michael Felipe be appointed personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The netition 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 April 10, 2024, 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 grant-

ing 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

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 tele

an attorney knowledgeable in

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California law.

phone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Robert J. Busch Jr., 2228 Longport Court, Suite 110, Elk Grove, CA 95758; 916-859-0370 Publish: March 15, 22, 29, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY KATHRYN BAKER CASE NO. 23PR001946 To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-

tors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mary Kathryn Baker. Amended Petition An

Probate has been filed by Eric J. Koontz, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Eric J. Koontz 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

April 3, 2024, 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

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livery to you of a notice under

section 9052 of the California

Probate Code. Other California

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affect your rights as a creditor.

You may want to consult with

an attorney knowledgeable in

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are in-

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terested 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: Beniamin V Platon, Attorney & Counselor at Law, Certified Specialist Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law. 9701 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, CA 95628; 916-674-2066 Publish: March 15, 22, 29, 2024

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN WHITMAN AKA PATRICIA WHITMAN AKA PAT WHITMAN CASE NO. 24PR000678

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-

tors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Patricia Ann Whitman aka Patricia Whitman aka Pat Whitman A Petition for Probate has been

filed by Leslie D. Whitman III, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Leslie D Whitman 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 follows April 19, 2024, 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 grant-

ing 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 de-

ceased, 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 rep resentative, 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: Raoul J. LeClerc. P.O. Drawer 111, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 2024 WHITMAN 4-5-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF **RONALD THOMPSON** CASE NO. 24PR000763 To all heirs, beneficiaries, cred-

of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Ronald Thompson A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tonja Kraynik in

itors, and contingent creditors

the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Tonja Kraynik 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

County of Sacramento, William

the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California,

R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 23CV001955 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Flora Taylor, an individual; and does 1-20.

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warning from the court.

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Work includes, but is not limited to, traffic control plans, removal of damaged fencing, procuring fencing materials and reinstalling median fence as-needed, and other related work as needed. This Request for Proposals (RFP) defines the scope of services and outlines the requirements that must be met by proposers interested in providing such services. Proposers shall carefully examine

the entire RFP and any addenda thereto, and all related materials and data referenced in the RFP or otherwise available, and shall become fully aware of the nature and the conditions to be encountered in performing the services. To be considered responsive, Proposals must be for the entire work and must include completed proposal forms, guarantees and supplemental information. Interested parties can download the Request for Proposals (RFP) at the City's website https://www.citrusheights.net/Bids.aspx. Proposals shall be submitted in the manner specified

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Amy Van, City Clerk Citrus Heights Messenger 3-22-2024

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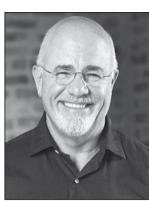
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The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Robert C. Bowman, Jr. 1451 River Park Drive, Suite 125, Sacramento, CA 95815,

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Well-Meaning, **But Misguided**

Dear Dave,

Our son will be graduating from high school in May, and then heading off to college in August. He will also be working during the summer to save up money for school. When classes begin, do you think he should continue working a part-time job, or would it be better for him to focus solely on his studies?

Brenda

Dear Brenda,

There's really nothing wrong with either approach, especially during a kid's first semester in college. As a parent, though, I'd urge you not to fall into the trap of thinking his

Dave Ramsey Says

grades will go down if he holds a job while in school. Research actually shows that, on average, kids who work while in college carry higher grade point averages than those who don't.

The reasons for this differ, depending on who you ask, but I think a lot of it has to do with them having to learn to manage their time—and their lives more effectively. Lots of kids could pay their way through school, and not have to worry about student loans, if they just used some of the time they spend watching television and on social activities at a job.

We never required our kids to work during the school year, but they were self-starters. And when they came home for the summer, there was no such thing as just lying around the house all day. They had jobs, and they made money. Of course, some of it went toward having a little fun during their time

off. But we made sure they set some aside for the next school year, too. Long story short, the phi-

losophy of not wanting kids at college to work so they can spend all their time studying is well-meaning, but misguided. For the most part, kids who work while they're in school will make better grades and develop into more mature and well-rounded individuals.

I hope this helps, Brenda! - Dave

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

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

Overall, it was an auspicious week for our Sacramento Kings, in spite of a frustrating loss to the New York Nicks.

The difference was defense, and it was a noticeable change in the way the team collectively played defense. Davion Mitchell brought his usual tenacity to the hardwood, but Keon Ellis joined him in bringing a ferocity that was contagious, and resulted in a three-game stretch that was undoubtedly the best defense by the team this Back-to-back wins over the

Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers had pundits gaping, and wondering who are these guys? I have to repeat what has been

expressed over and over again, and that is this team can beat any team in the NBA on any given night. The playoffs are still a new phenom-

ena for this team, and whether they can bring that same intensity to the court over a seven-game stretch remains to be seen, but for the naysayers out there I say, do not count this team out! Our 2022 acquisition Domantas

Sabonis not only is leading the league in double-doubles and triple-doubles, he is currently 5th overall in assists. If you're a fan that watches from

home and you haven't been to Golden 1 to see Domantas in action, you're missing a real treat. Grab a ticket while you can and get out to see this gladiator of the hardwood work his magic. Currently the Kings are in a tenu-

ous 6th place position in the Western Conference, with the Memphis Grizzlies coming in Monday night, followed by a road trip with stops in Toronto, Washington, and Orlando. As always, this road trip will loom large, but if the Kings can somehow manage a winning record in the three-game trip, 6th or even 5th place is not out of the question. I have been critical, and rightfully

so, of coach Brown's inability to win challenges this season, but whether skill or luck, recently the Kings have been coming out on top. Keep up the good work Coach Brown. And, what is going on with the free-throw shooting? All of a sudden, the Kings are outperforming opponents, and actually looking like professionals from the charity stripe. With less than 20 games remaining in the regular season, finding a rhythm going into the playoffs couldn't come at a better time, and will be critical if the Kings want to advance to the second round.

So, the question many are asking: Can the Kings match or surpass last year's 48-win total? Surprisingly, I have talked to a lot of fans that don't believe they can do it, but I am firmly in the other camp. I think this team has a higher level to their game, just as they've shown in the recent improvement on defense.

Although I have not been a big Keon Ellis fan, I am all about giving out credit where credit is due, and this young man has been bringing a real NBA game to the court. His defense at times is smothering, and it was never so evident than last week, when he threw a blanket over perennial all-star Damian Lillard in last week's blowout win against the Bucks.

If 2nd-year forward Keegan Murray and veteran Harrison Barnes can harness some of the scoring they're capable of, the next 16 games could be a rocket launch into the playoffs.

Both Keegan and Harrison have shown signs of the players we know them to be, so keep your fingers crossed.

Coach Brown remains committed to Kevin Huerter for reasons that remain a mystery to me. He has obvious other options, and I remain puzzled as to why he's not employing the principle of playing the best player, or even who is hot at the moment. Fans are all over the board as it

relates to Huerter, and I would love to see him find some of the magic he displayed last season.

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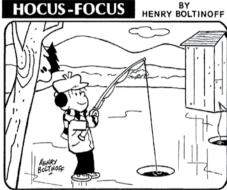






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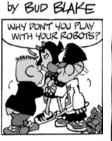


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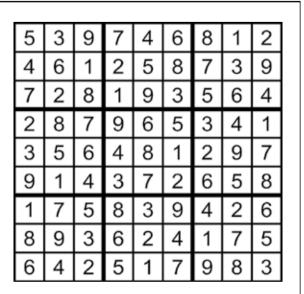
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17. Lodge
18. Squirrel away
19. *Glenn Frey: "The pressure's high just to stay alive 'cause _______

is on"
21. *John Travolta in
"Grease": "I got ____
they're multiplyin'"

23. Automated teller

24. Clarified butter 25. Bad-mouth, slangily

28. Stag

30. Tartans 35. "I'm ___ _ you!" 37. Commies

39. Monocot's alter-

40. Road's edge 41. Living room centerpiece?

43. Prefix meaning "left" 44. Deadly snake 46. Sasquatch's cousin

47. Court petitioner

48. Blood infection 50. Indian flatbread 52. Opposite of post-

53. Sound of impact 55. *Duran Duran: "Her name is _____, and she dances on the sand"

57. *The Beatles: "Take a sad song and make

60. *Elvis: "We're caught in a trap, I can't

64. Relating to a mode 65. Scrooge's exclamation

67. Memory failure 68. Bouquet thrower

69. Number of candles on a cake

70. Musketeers' weapons 71. Picnic invaders

72. "Just kidding!"

73. Did, archaic

DOWN 1. *The Go-Go's: "They got

2. 100,000, in India

3. Cameron Diaz' Fiona, e.g.

4. Hula dancer's hello

5. These are held to be true

6. Miners' passage 7. *Tainted Love: "Once I

ran to vou, now I 8. "Lord of the Flies" shell

9. Like the other side of the pillow?

10. Certain kind of exam 11. Not his

12. Antiquated 15. Protection from a sword

20. To death, in French (2 words)

22. ____ B vaccine 24. Manna from heaven 25. *Bon Jovi: "Tommy

27. Spaghetti ____ 29. *Don McLean: "Drove

used to work on the 26. Habituate

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my chevy to the 31. Pains 32. Frost over (2 words)

33. Capital of Delaware 34. *Tennessee Ernie Ford: "I owe my soul to the

company ____"
36. Geishas' sashes

example" 42. Royal topper __-tattle

49. Pronoun 51. Refused to act, archaic

54. City-related 56. Giraffe's striped-legged

57. *Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we

were _____ to run"
58. Change a manuscript

59. Small amounts 60. Make sharper

66. Back then

61. Newspaper piece 62. Applications 63. Midterm, e.g. 64. Wharton degree, acr.



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What Are They to Do?

Sacramento gave a homeless camp a lease as an experiment

By Marisa Kendall CALMatters.org

When Sacramento changed its plan to demolish a homeless encampment on a vacant lot on Colfax Street, instead offering the homeless occupants a lease, activists and camp residents celebrated it as a win.

The first-of-its-kind deal, which allows the camp to remain in place and govern itself without city interference, was held up as a model Sacramento could replicate at future sites. Other cities, including San Jose, have said they're considering similar models, putting the success or failure of this encampment under the microscope.

A year later, Sacramento has not managed to reproduce the concept and has no plans to. Residents of the camp, who lack electricity or running water, complain they feel forgotten. And the county district attorney, claiming the site threatens public safety, has demanded the city clear the camp or risk prosecution.

Those troubles highlight the logistical and ethical dilemmas that come with setting aside outdoor spaces for homeless residents to go when there aren't enough beds indoors. And it comes at a time when officials across the state increasingly are turning to this last-ditch solution as they face mounting pressure to clear encampments away from sidewalks, parks, schools and other high-traffic public areas.

"The fact that people have a place where they can legally exist and not be threatened with arrest, not be run off and have to lose their belongings, where they can go to the bathroom with dignity, where there's trash pickup so they don't have to live in a place where there's trash all over, where service providers can find them regularly and they aren't going to lose contact with people as they work their way to housing — those are all good things," said Eric Tars, senior policy director of the National Homelessness Law Center. "But it would be even better if they were doing them indoors."

They Got A Lease, And They **Make Their Own Rules**

Camp Resolution, as the Sacramento camp is known, was started in 2022 by Sharon and Joyce Jones — a married couple in their 50s who found themselves homeless for the first time late in life. More than four-dozen people now live there, some in new-looking Bullet trailers provided by the city, and others in cars, tents and

more dilapidated trailers and RVs. Some residents have taken pains to make it more homey: Two potted plants hang from the hitch of one trailer, chickens roam the lot, and Sharon and Joyce are putting in a garden, using pallets to make raised planter beds.

"We try to make it as comfortable as possible," Joyce said, "but sometimes it's impossible."

Shortly after Joyce and her community occupied the city-owned, formerly vacant lot in 2022, city workers determined the camp was unsafe and needed to be demolished — as often happens in Sacramento and throughout California. But that's where the story takes an unusual turn. Residents of the camp, and their supporters, showed up in force to a city council meeting and persuaded council members to delay the sweep. About six months later, the city signed a lease allowing the camp to remain in place.

The lease, which advocacy group Safe Ground Sacramento signed on behalf of the Camp Resolution residents, was an experiment. Generally, similar programs are run by nonprofits contracted by a city. They often impose curfews, no-guest policies, sobriety requirements and other rules on residents. In exchange, they offer social services such as counseling or help finding permanent housing, and amenities such as showers and

encing homelessness are capable of governing themselves," Tars said. Camp Resolution is different.

bathrooms. "They don't think people experi-Roseville Road, which also has



Joyce and Sharon Jones poke holes in a water bottle to water their garden next to their trailer at Camp Resolution on Feb. 28, 2024. The camp has no running water, so residents must rely on bottled water for all their needs. Photo by Fred Greaves for Cal Matters



generators, and wood fires because no utilities are provided at the camp.

Jeanne Gillis cooks ground turkey over a wood fire beside her trailer at Camp Resolution on Feb. 28, 2024. Residents must rely on bottled water, Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters Safe Ground Sacramento, which leases the property from the city

write their own rules. The city gave the residents a handful of residential trailers, set up portable toilets and a hand-washing station, and provided dumpsters and ongoing trash pickup. But that's it.

for free, takes a hands-off approach

that lets residents run the camp and

Many activist groups laud that model as a best practice, saying it's important to let the residents run, or at least help run, their own camp.

"When individuals in these encampments have a sense of ownership, then it can really lead to the camp being a place that they take pride in and that they are trying to keep in as good condition as possible," Tars said. "It gives a sense of responsibility to others in that

community." It also means minimal overhead for the city: The trailers provided to Camp Resolution residents came from the Federal Emergency Management Agency at no cost to the city of Sacramento, and adding the camp to the city's existing contract for trash pickup didn't add any additional expense.

But in the case of Camp Resolution, it also means residents are left to fend for themselves. The city doesn't provide electricity or running water. Community members donate food, some residents have generators, and a nonprofit used to bring a trailer with showers every other Sunday — but they recently stopped.

"It's not going very well," Joyce said. "I think that (the city) should do a little bit more."

The Camp Resolution lease says the city would provide up to 33 trailers. Residents ended up receiving just 16. But 51 people live at the camp, meaning some people sleep in tents, in their cars or in dilapidated trailers and RVs that leak in the rain and have sprouted

The city wouldn't comment on the trailers — or anything else citing a pending threat of prosecution from the county District Attorney's Office. City officials recently sent 40 trailers to a new safe sleeping site they opened on and held underground storage tanks for diesel and gasoline, he said. It's not safe to camp on the contaminated soil, according to his letter. But only half of the site is paved, while the other half is bare dirt and people live on both sides. Ho's office did not set a spe-

cific deadline for the city to clear the encampment, leaving it unclear exactly what, if anything, will come of his threat. When asked about Ho's next

steps, Sonia Martinez Satchell, a spokesperson for the District Attorney's Office, indicated prosecution is still on the table.

'To date, the City has failed to move the unhoused off this toxic has agreed to take up the case and will hear arguments next month. But for now, cities' hands remain largely tied if they lack enough shelter beds.

Safe sleeping sites take many different forms — and have a range of price tags. In August, after the city stalled in its attempts to open safe sleeping sites, Sacramento City Manager Howard Chan single-handedly tried to identify locations for the projects. He initially said Camp Resolution could be a model for future sites because it cost the city so little to run, it would allow the city to open more sites than if they used more expensive models.

Instead, the city in January launched its next safe sleeping site, on Roseville Road, with more services, more oversight and a greater cost — \$3.2 million per year. The site has 60 rudimentary tiny homes and 40 trailers and is governed by a nonprofit contracted through the city.

But, due to an anticipated budget shortfall for the coming fiscal year, the city has no plans to launch additional safe sleeping sites, Swanson said. At a committee meeting last month, city staff predicted that by next year, the city's budget for homeless services would be short \$11 million. By the 2025-26 fiscal year, they expected to be short nearly \$39 million.



Jeanne Gillis uses tubs to wash dishes next to her trailer at Camp Resolution on Feb 28, 2024. Photo by Fred Greaves for CalMatters

plumbed toilets and showers.

Several of the Camp Resolution residents are elderly, and some have serious medical issues that make living without reliable power and water difficult. One woman, who recently turned 60, is on dialysis and gets around on an electric mobility scooter that she leaves

parked outside her trailer. Most of the residents are women. some of whom wouldn't feel safe on the streets by themselves. Jeanne Gillis, 53, was cooking ground turkey over an open flame outside her trailer on a recent Wednesday. Gillis, who used to work as a medical patients' advocate, lost her housing two years ago when she got sick with lupus and could no longer work. She'd never been homeless before and didn't know what to do - so Sharon and Joyce took her under their wing. Now she's part of their tight-knit

"Thank God for everybody. Because it's hard," she said, tearing up. "I don't think I'd be here if it wasn't for everybody."

Camp Resolution Faces Legal Threat

Camp Resolution also faces an outside threat — Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho has demanded that the city close the camp. His office sent a letter to the city and Safe Ground Sacramento in November labeling the site a public health hazard. The

site is contaminated by toxic chem-

icals left over from when it was

used as a vehicle maintenance yard

waste site," she said in an emailed statement. "We will not waver from our commitment to protect public safety for all. As outlined in our letter, all available actions and recourse remain available."

But camp residents and the advocates working with them say they've heard nothing but silence from the District Attorney's Office since the November letter. That means the fate of those living at Camp Resolution is still up in the air.

Tim Swanson, spokesman for the City Manager's Office, said the city can't comment on any aspect of Camp Resolution because of the pending threat of prosecution.

Sharon and Joyce aren't concerned — they claim the camp isn't on the portion of the site that's contaminated. Ho's letter is just an excuse to try to kick them off the property, they said.

Sanctioned Homeless

Encampments In California

Faced with a massive shortage of affordable homes, desperate city officials across California are considering opening places where unhoused people can legally set up tents. The move could give them more power to clear encampments from around parks, schools, downtown zones and other high-profile areas. That's because unless cities have somewhere for displaced unhoused residents to go, the 2018 appellate case Martin v. Boise limits the extent to which they can clear encampments. That could change soon, as the Supreme Court

Life At Camp Resolution

There are about 800 people on the waitlist to get into Camp Resolution, according to Sharon and Joyce. Only six people from the camp have moved out and into permanent housing, they said. Just on the other side of the gate that separates Camp Resolution from the rest of the world, a group of people live in a cluster of cars parked haphazardly on the side of the road. Across the street, someone has erected a makeshift shack. RVs that serve as stand-in homes line the road.

Inside the gate, Sharon and Joyce tend to have the ultimate say in what goes, though there's also a council that meets on Thursday evenings to discuss camp issues. Things don't always go smoothly.

Last year a neighbor's dogs attacked Sharon and sent her to the hospital with multiple bite injuries. That led to new rules at the camp about pets. But Sharon and Joyce say it's hard to actually enforce the rules they impose.

"We need more structure," Sharon said.

As they showed off the different parts of their community, Sharon and Joyce expressed disapproval of a trash pile in the middle of the camp.

"That can go in the trash can," Joyce said. It didn't take long. A few minutes later, residents could be seen picking up the garbage and carrying it to a nearby dumpster.

CalMatters Capitol reporter Jeanne Kuang contributed to this story.

SACOG Receives \$22.5 Million for Green Means Go Program

SACOG News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The U.S. Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Comm-unities Grant will advance transportation design and planning projects to address barriers in disadvantaged areas.

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) has received \$22.5 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the next phase of SACOG's award-winning Green Means Go program. The planning investment will accelerate infill development in ten areas across the region in designated Green Zones, or areas that have been identified for infill development, to reimagine neighborhoods and address transportation needs. By pairing transportation planning and housing investments together in Green Zones, it will help build more complete communities where residents can meet their daily needs more wholistically within their neighborhoods.

The planning projects span various rural and urban areas within the counties of Sacramento and Yuba, and the cities of Citrus Heights, Isleton, Marysville, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Yuba City. These ten areas share similar issues, busy roadways that limit the ability of community members to safely walk, bike, or roll in their neighborhoods and connect to services and jobs without a car. These investments will help increase connectivity and reduce the reliance on driving, which helps the region meet greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Equitable community engagement is a significant emphasis of the project to ensure the involvement of communities who have been traditionally left out of planning processes. SACOG will create a Community-Based Organization (CBO) Working Group and leverage the model created by the agency's Engage, Empower, Implement program to build capacity, trust, and partnerships with CBOs from



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across the region.

Another element of this grant is workforce development in which Valley Vision, a nonprofit focused on building a livable region, is leading the efforts to create a pipeline of skilled workers. This effort aligns with the region's Prosperity Strategy and considering the long-term needs as development ramps up in Green Zones once planning has been completed, ensuring that available jobs go to our local skilled workforce.

"Our region is like many in the nation struggling with aging infrastructure that no longer serves us, and

local governments who want to reinvest in areas to meet the needs of communities today and into the future," said Michael Saragosa, SACOG board chair, and councilmember for the City of Placerville, "A huge thanks to the U.S. Department of Transportation for recognizing Green Means Go efforts and for investing in the Sacramento region."

Planning Projects

Below is a list of projects that are subrecipients of the grant. These ten projects across the six-county region all serve a federally designated

disadvantaged community.

City of Sacramento-Reconnecting Old North Sacramento (Del Paso)

Sacramento County- Sacramento County Re-Imagine North Watt Corridor

Yuba County- East Linda Gateway: Lindhurst Corridor Revitalization project

Yuba City-Central City Green Zone Revitalization Plan

City of West Sacramento— US 50 Community Connectivity Project & Sycamore Trail Project

City of Citrus Heights- City of Citrus Heights Sunrise Tomorrow

Rancho Cordova- Folsom Blvd: Transforming Old Lincoln Highway

Marysville-Re-Envision Downtown Marysville Plan

Woodland - East Street Corridor Complete Streets

Isleton- SR 160 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Design

About Green Means Go

Green Means Go is the Sacramento region's commitment and solution to California's housing, climate, equity, and transportation problems.

The program aims to lower greenhouse gas emissions within its six-county region by accelerating infill development and reducing and electrifying vehicle trips. Green Means Go is a mechanism to target investment in locally designated Green Zones - areas that cities and counties have identified for infill development that also show a reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Since launching the program in 2018, twenty-six SACOG member jurisdictions have identified and adopted Green Zones. To date, SACOG has deployed over \$38 million in state funds to support Green Zone investments that explore the intersection of land use, housing, economic and workforce development, transportation investments, equity, and travel choices.

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