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It's a Small World and Big Party



A group of dancers perform a traditional dance captivating the audience at last year's iFest International Festival. Photo courtesy of Rick Sloan

By Ornella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Step into a world of vibrant cultural celebration on Saturday, May 11 from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at the eagerly-anticipated 15th annual Rancho Cordova iFest International Festival.

Presented by the Cordova Community Council, this free family-friendly event promises a night of multicultural delights such as music, dance, activities and flavors from around the globe.

Under the theme, "Small World. Big Party," iFest aims to showcase the ethnic diversity of the community while extending a warm welcome to newcomer groups, offering them a platform to proudly display their cultural heritage.

"We have a very diverse



Experiencing the magic of cultural diversity, a young boy joyfully rides a camel at last year's festival, embracing the rich tapestry of traditions from around the world. Photo courtesy of Rick Sloan

and ethnically rich city in Rancho Cordova that we celebrate once a year," said Cordova Community Council executive director Shelly Blanchard. "It's an experience that allows one to feel as if they can truly travel the world without a passport."

At the event, attendees can enjoy an array of free attractions representing

diverse cultures worldwide. Highlights include camel rides, caricature artists, a virtual travel photo experience, Henna tattoos and Tarot card readings, From ancient traditions to modern delights, iFest offers a rich tapestry of global experiences for all to enjoy. The heart and soul of the event are the cultural performances that

will grace the main stage featuring dances, music and rituals.

As part of the festivities, iFest will also feature "Wines of the World," sponsored by KP International Market offering attendees the opportunity to savor 12 exquisite wines from six continents. Tickets will be available for purchase online in advance, guaranteeing a spot at this exclusive tasting experience, along with receiving an iFest wine glass, available while supplies last. For those who prefer spontaneity tickets will also be available on-site during the event welcoming attendees to join the festivities.

Visit <https://www.cordovacouncil.org/ifest> for more information and tickets for "Wines of the World." ★

Local Blue Star Museums Offer Free Admission



Traci Rockefeller Cusack, T-Rock Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -Seven Sacramento area museums are participating in Blue Star Museums to offer free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve, from Armed Forces Day on May 18 through Labor Day on September 2, 2024. A partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families in collaboration with the Department of Defense and museums across America, the local museums participating in the 2024 Blue Star Museums program include the following: Aerospace Museum of California, California Automobile Museum, California Museum, Crocker Art Museum, Fairytale Town, Sacramento Children's Museum and Sacramento History Museum.

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, including Reservists, National Guardsman (regardless of status), U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for complimentary entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

Before planning a visit, guests are encouraged to contact the individual museums for hours of operation and note some are normally closed on Mondays and in observance of holidays such as Memorial Day and Labor Day. For more information or a complete list of participating Blue Star museums, please visit <https://www.arts.gov/initiatives/blue-star-museums>. For more information about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, "like" them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and X @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org. Those interested can also sign up for emails to learn more about your Sacramento Area Museums via the website at www.sacmuseums.org. ★

'Masks' Exhibit Runs Through July 26

By Ornella Rossi, photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The city is buzzing with excitement as the Cordova Community Council introduces its latest artistic showcase: "Art at City Hall: Masks." Now in its 47th run, this exhibit promises a visual treat, highlighting local artists' skills in crafting both 3D and 2D masks.

Housed in the Rancho Cordova City Hall, the exhibit kicked off on April 29 and will run until July 26, inviting residents and visitors to explore the diverse artistic talents thriving within the community.

May 2 marked a special day with awards given to outstanding pieces on display. Guiding the selection was local artist Dwight Head, known for curating the popular "New Spin on



First-place winner Penny Hanscom proudly stands beside her art piece, "Maybe Next Year."

Vinyl Exhibit." "When it comes to judging, I want to make sure there is a little bit of everything. I love seeing the creativity, finding the ones that are so unique, so different," said Head about his decision process.

Claiming the prestigious Best of Show award was Deborah Kelly, with her mixed media artwork "Frit.il.lar.w." In the juvenile category, Janelle Nham earned first place for her fiber artwork. "Zebra Finch," inspired by birds

that she sees in nature. Penny S Hanscom secured first place with her fiber piece, "Maybe next year," inspired by life during COVID-19. Michelle Scott's ceramic creation, "Clown

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Moose Family Center Honors Distinguished Guests



The group of distinguished guests pose with Chairman of Moose International, Inc Board of Directors John Sipes. From left are California Nevada Moose Association President Roddy Myers, Rancho Cordova Moose administrator John Ingram, Moose Territory manager Terry Gough, Sipes, Rancho Cordova Moose Vice-President T. J. Homer, Rancho Cordova City Councilmember Linda Budge and Rancho Cordova Moose President Chris Fordham.



Sacramento Autism is awarded a \$1,000 check. From left are Rancho Cordova Moose President Chris Fordham, director of Sacramento Autism Services, Dr. Kathryn Buchanan; Sacramento Autism behavioral administrator Heather Botta; Autism Rancho Cordova office manager Ron Beck; and Rancho Cordova Moose administrator John Ingram.



Moose Legion President Joe Gough, Rancho Cordova Moose Administrator John Ingram, Rancho Cordova Moose President Chris Fordham and Budge enjoy the festivities.

By Moose Legion President Joe Gough, photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - On April 27, the Rancho Cordova Moose Family Center hosted a special event to honor two distinguished guests: John Sipes, chairman of Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors, and Linda Budge, five-time Rancho Cordova mayor and City Councilmember.

The purpose of this gathering was to recognize Sipes for his outstanding contributions and to express gratitude to Budge for her 20 years of membership in the Moose organization. As part of the tribute, Budge presented Sipes with a key to the City of Rancho Cordova. The Rancho Cordova Moose Lodge also presented a \$1,000 donation to the director of Sacramento Autism Services, Dr. Kathryn Buchanan.

The Rancho Cordova Moose Family Center is an integral part of the community, embodying the Moose organization's core values of fellowship, service and support. With more than 1,000,000 members across the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Bermuda, the Moose fraternity actively contributes to charitable causes, including Mooseheart Child City & School and Moosehaven Retirement care facility.

The event was a testament to the spirit of camaraderie and goodwill that defines the Moose organization. As members celebrate life together, they also reaffirm their commitment to serving those in need within the local community. Whether through volunteer efforts, donations or social gatherings, the Moose continues to make a positive impact. ★



Rancho Cordova City Councilmember Linda Budge presents the Key to the City to Chairman of Moose International, Inc Board of Directors John Sipes.

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Janelle Nham proudly displays her fiber artwork, "Zebra Finch," which took first place in the juvenile category.

Michelle Scotts' intricate ceramic mask, "Clown Fish," earns second place in the Masks art exhibit.

Third-place winner Frances Deck showcases her captivating artwork, "Wild Side Mask."



Rick Sloan poses beside his intriguing artwork, "Japanese Mask with Beard," earning an Honorable Mention recognition.



Deborah Kelly's masterpiece, 'Frit.il.lar.w.' receives the Best of Show award.

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Blowfish," earned second place, impressing with its intricate craftsmanship.

Frances Deck's captivating mask, "Wild Side Mask," crafted from African fabrics, linen and threads, earned third place, embodying a fusion of cultural influences and artistic flair.

"To me, these shows have been

the catalyst for launching the whole art movement in Rancho Cordova," said Rick Sloan, one of the artists featured in the exhibit. "It's important because it became a showplace, some place they have for people to show their work. If you don't have that, you've got nothing."

In addition to showcasing local talent, the Cordova Community

Council's exhibits embody a collaborative spirit.

Each year, a general members' meeting is held to propose themes for upcoming exhibits. Members cast their votes, selecting the top three themes to guide the year's four shows. The first three exhibits reflect the chosen themes, while the final show remains open to allow for unrestricted

artistic expression.

"Choosing themes pushes artists to create. Gives them a goal to keep going and gets them out of their comfort zone. These exhibits aren't the biggest ones but it really is about quality over quantity," said Mills Station Arts & Culture Center art director Cheryl Gleason.

As visitors and locals explore

the Rancho Cordova City Hall in the coming months, they are encouraged to immerse themselves in the world of "Masks" holding testament to the community's creativity and passion for the arts.

For more information on upcoming events or how to be considered for future exhibitions, visit cordovacouncil.org/art-at-city-hall. ★

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California is Starting to Grow Again - Is that a Good Thing?



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

After Jerry Brown became governor of California for the first time nearly a half-century ago, he declared that the state had entered "an era of limits."

Citing "sluggish economic growth, increasing social instability, widespread unemployment and unprecedented environmental challenges," Brown told state legislators in his 1976 state of the state speech, "In place of a manifest economic destiny, we face a sober reassessment of new economic realities, and we all have to get used to it."

At the time, his rather gloomy observation seemed to be in line with current events. California had seen startling population growth and economic expansion in the decades after World War II, becoming the most populous state in 1962 during the governorship of Brown's father, Pat Brown.

However, population growth slowed in the 1970s after the postwar baby boom had waned. By then the state's economy was undergoing a dramatic, dislocating transformation from industrialism to post-industrial domination by trade, services and technology.

As it turned out, however, the conditions Brown cited, which he translated into fiscal austerity for state government, were merely a pause, not a permanent new reality.

California boomed in the 1980s, with Ronald Reagan's administration pumping many billions of dollars into the state's aerospace sector for a military buildup and a population surge driven by waves of migration, mostly from Latin America and Asia, and a new baby boom.

Between 1980 and 1990, California's population increased by more than 6 million people to nearly 30 million. The 26% gain meant California gained a whopping seven new congressional seats after the 1990 census.

However, things began to slow down shortly thereafter. In the 1990s, the end of the Cold War with the Soviet Union manifested itself in sharp cutbacks in military spending, leading to a recession and an exodus of aerospace workers and their families.

Population grew slowly over the next two decades and declined during the COVID-19 pandemic as stay-at-home workers fled to states with less expensive housing, foreign immigration slowed, the death rate rose and the birth rate declined.

However, a new report from the state Department of Finance's demographics unit says that after four years of population loss, California gained a tiny bit in 2023, "driven by decreased mortality and a rebound in legal foreign immigration."

The gain was 67,000 residents, bringing California's population to 39,128,162, the department's demographers found as they calculated the various factors that influence population changes.

What they call "natural growth" — births minus deaths — increased from 106,700 in 2022 to 118,400 in 2023,

largely because the death rate dropped after spiking upward during the pandemic.

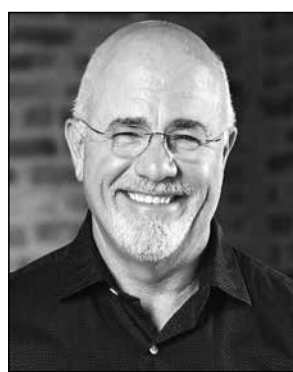
California's 1980s baby boom is just a faint memory, however. At one point Californians were producing more than 600,000 babies each year, the equivalent of more than one birth every minute, but the state's birth rate has dropped to a record low and it now has one of the nation's lowest fertility rates, according to a new study released this week.

The Birth Industry Lawyers Group, which specializes in maternity legal issues, used federal data to report that California's fertility rate over the past several years, 55 per 1,000 women, is below the national rate of 58.8 and ninth lowest among the states. South Dakota is the most fecund state with a 71.2 fertility rate, followed closely by North Dakota.

The new Department of Finance report projects that with the effects of pandemic worn off, California's population will continue to grow, albeit slowly.

The new data raise an old question: Is California better off with an increasing population or do the demands of more people just make things more complicated by increasing competition for jobs, housing and other necessities of life?

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. He began his professional career in 1960, at age 16, at the Humboldt Times in Eureka, while still attending high school, and turned down a National Merit scholarship to continue working as a journalist. ★



Where's the Money Going?

Dear Dave,

I have a roommate, and we've shared the same two-bedroom apartment for about three years. During that time, we've always had an agreement that we would split the bills fifty-fifty. But for the last several months, he's been very late paying his half of the bills. There have even been a few times when he didn't pay his part at all, and I had to cover the entire bill. We both work good jobs, so money isn't an issue. He says he's broke, but when I ask him where all his money goes, he just shrugs and acts like he doesn't know. We're good friends, so I don't want to be cruel. How can I approach him about the situation?

— Mikhail

Dear Mikhail,

No matter whether you're talking about

Dave Ramsey Says

friendships or business dealings, to be unclear is to be unkind. Believe me, I understand you don't want to be mean to a friend. But situations like this should always be addressed directly and quickly, before things get out of hand.

You said you were good friends, and not just roommates, right? My advice is to suggest a night where you both just hang out at the apartment. Offer to pay for dinner to be delivered, and just relax and watch a movie or a game together. Before the night's over, tell him there's something you've been wanting to talk to him about, and begin an understanding—but firm—conversation about the last few months and the situation with the bills. Let him know he's a good friend, and you enjoy his company, but the roommate agreement isn't working out because he's not living up to his agreement to pay half the bills. Give him every chance to give a reasonable explanation for things, but make sure he understands that you two aren't going to be able to be roommates much longer unless he starts paying on time.

Being understanding is

key in a situation like this, Mikhail. You don't want to approach him with a bunch of accusations, but at the same time, you need to know what's going on. Maybe he needs help learning to budget money properly. You said both of you have good jobs, so that means his money has to be going somewhere. The problem is it sounds like it's not going to the right places.

When a friend is having a rough time, you should always do what you reasonably can do to help. But in this case, he's got obligations he needs—and agreed—to live up to. Do what you can, but in the end, he should understand it's time for him to get his act together.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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 ★

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Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

Spirit



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— Albert Einstein

You are a great spirit. You have goals, desires, and aspirations. When you share your plans for the future, are your ideas encouraged or opposed? If the people you speak with encourage you, you are in the minority. Unfortunately, it's more common to be denounced than praised.

But don't be deterred. The opposition you receive puts you in the company of some of the greatest minds the world has ever known. Your challenge is to stay on track without allowing others to derail you.

It's important not to allow others to extinguish your spirit with any adverse reaction. Constructive criticism is one thing, but that's not what you will typically be offered. Rather, people will line up to tell you why you will fail. If their intent were positive, they would make suggestions on how to succeed.

Your spirit needs to be fanned to make it strong. To do this, you have to seek out those who will encourage and help you along your journey. These people may be hard to find. If you don't personally know anyone, you will benefit from reading about people who have arrived at where you want to be.

Tune out all naysayers. There is no need to be rude. Just don't pay attention to their negative comments. You don't have to argue with them. You probably won't convince them anyway. It's not important they believe you. It is imperative that you don't listen to them.

The amount of resistance you receive will be proportional to how much you want to accomplish. The greater the goal, the louder the voices in opposition. One reason more people don't accomplish their goals is because they allow others to discourage them.

Your spirit helps drive you forward. Your spirit gives you the strength to get up should you trip and fall. Your spirit must be preserved as the great asset it is. In addition to protecting your spirit, you must recharge it on a regular basis.

Here are some things to think about to help you maintain your spirit.

- You are unique. There is no need to be someone else. It's ok to incorporate positive character traits you observe in others into your own character. But you will still be you. The more secure you are with yourself, the stronger will be your spirit.
- You don't need the approval of others. Although it's nice to get support from family and friends, it is certainly not essential for you to attain your dreams. Most people who accomplish their goals do so in spite of the attempts of others to discourage them.
- You don't need to impress anyone. Do what you need or want to do. Few people if any care about your opinions, so why should you be concerned with theirs. Besides, most people are so concerned with their own lives, they rarely pay attention to anyone else's.
- You have the power and ability to solve problems and overcome adversity. Regardless of what challenges you face, you can find a way to get past them. Tap into your spirit when you need strength.
- It's your life. Live it the way you want. Be considerate of others. Don't take any actions that cause harm to other people or yourself. Do what you can to help others. The best way to show others the power of their spirit is to maintain yours.

The greater your spirit, the more opposition you will experience. So, if people are lining up to tell you how wrong you are, you are on the right track.

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Social Security Matters

Widower's Retirement Stymied by Social Security's "WEP" and "GPO" Rules



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away 4 years ago. I want to retire so called SSA and was told I can collect my own SS at 62, reduced by WEP. My wife's SS was greater than mine, but they said I do not qualify for hers at age 60 because of the GPO. This seems odd that I get zero for her, however I can collect mine at the two thirds reduction at 62. Is this true? This zero dollar amount places my retirement on hold for now. I was counting on her SS. **Signed: Discouraged Widower**

Dear Discouraged: The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) are two of the most confusing (and unpopular) of Social Security's myriad rules. From the way you describe your conversation with the Social Security Administration, it doesn't appear to have concluded with you fully understanding how these provisions work, so allow me to elaborate.

WEP and GPO affect anyone who has a retirement pension from a federal, state, or local government agency which did not participate in Social Security, meaning neither the employee nor the employer paid into Social Security based on

the employee's earnings. Obviously, you have such a pension, which means that WEP will reduce any Social Security retirement benefit you have earned from other employment where SS payroll taxes were withheld, and the GPO will affect any survivor benefit you are entitled to.

WEP affects only the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere; WEP does not affect any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to from your wife. Rather, it is the GPO which affects your survivor benefit, again because of your state retirement (called a "non-covered pension" - one earned without contributing to Social Security). The GPO will reduce any surviving spouse benefit you might be entitled to by 2/3rds of the amount of your "non-covered" state pension. Depending on the size of your state pension, that reduction may entirely eliminate your surviving spouse benefit from your wife.

Under normal SS rules, a surviving spouse does not become eligible for survivor benefits until they reach age 60 (age 50 if disabled). Normally, a surviving spouse benefit claimed at age 60 is reduced by 28.5% and it is the GPO (not WEP) that will affect your survivor benefit whenever you claim it. However, even without GPO, your age 60 survivor benefit amount would be only 71.5% of the amount your wife was receiving (or entitled to receive) at her death. If you are already collecting your non-covered state pension when you claim your SS survivor benefit from your wife, then that reduced age 60 survivor benefit would be offset by 2/3rds of

the amount of your state pension. And that (according to what Social Security told you) is what eliminated your age 60 eligibility for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife. If you don't claim it at 60 your survivor benefit will continue to grow until you reach your full retirement age (FRA) of 67, but if 2/3rds of your state pension is more than 100% of your SS survivor benefit, you still won't get any surviving spouse benefit from your wife's record.

A further consequence of your non-covered state pension is that the SS retirement benefit you earned elsewhere will be reduced by WEP. WEP will reduce, but cannot eliminate, your Social Security retirement benefit. The WEP formula is complex but, generally, your WEP-based Social Security retirement benefit will likely be roughly half of what you would get if you did not have a state "non-covered pension." You could claim your WEP-reduced SS retirement benefit as early as age 62 or, if financially feasible, delay longer to get a somewhat higher (but still reduced) amount.

Just FYI, your state employer had an obligation to fully inform you of the consequences of not contributing to Social Security while earning your state pension. It appears as though they may not have fulfilled that obligation.

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And Another Thing

*“... and the truth is that all Veterans pay with their lives.”
Their families Pay Too.”*

By Bob McGarvey

We are celebrating 21 years as a city this coming July, and in four years after that our city will no longer be paying Sacramento County the “revenue neutrality” money we had to agree to pay so we could vote to become a city. As I said in the past, the legislation that was passed in 1992 and became law in 1993, has affected many communities is California who’s citizens wanted to become a city. The cost for almost all of those communities who have to pay their county the revenue neutrality, has made it almost impossible for the people to get that on the ballot and vote. There were 470 cities before that legislation passed, and there have only been 12 new cities since then. We are city number 478, and only four more communities have been able to incorporate after that. A little history again about California’s history.

I wan’t to thank the many people who have let me know they enjoy reading my article/column. There are some other articles in our paper about Social Security, Mary Jane Popp’s article, Dave Ramsey Says, Norris Burkes Spiritual Care, and Dan Walters (who has written over 60 years), and they are only a few others who are close to the article I write. There are quite a few articles for us to read, and I am glad we are still being printed.

When we first became a city, I became aware that there weren’t any Rancho Cordova post cards to be found. There are many business postcards, but if people are in our city to visit they can’t find a post cart to send home. In a study that was done recently, I was surprised to

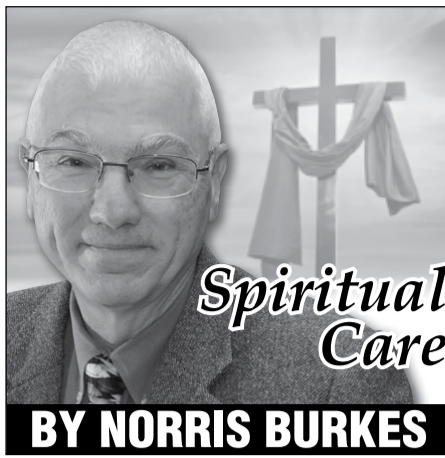
learn that only 18% of the population still send a postcard home every time they go away. I realize that many people just send a picture or comment on line instead of sending a postcard. It is cheaper to send something on line instead of spending .48 cents to mail a postcard home, but usually the postcard will have more detailed information or pictures than a quick picture.

Years of warning that the humble holiday card would be killed off by digital replacements, but A09o;/Americans still send 1.1 billion cards annually according to the US Postal Service. According to the greeting card industry it’s a tradition that isn’t going to change. When I have a chance to hold a Christmas card, it still can bring a very warm feeling when I hold it in my hand and know it was sent by someone who took the time to fill it out personally.

It will be three weeks from tomorrow for us to remember and honor our military on Memorial Day. I am very happy that we will have a chance to thank all Veterans and honor them for what they have done to keep our freedoms safe. There are quite a few organizations who work very hard to help our Veterans and their families. Something that is done on Memorial Day is to honor those who died fighting to protect our freedoms. I don’t remember finding the name of the person who said what I am going to close my column with, “...and the truth is that all Veterans pay with their lives. Some pay all at once while others pay over a lifetime. Their families pay too.”

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time. ★

Religious Fashion Doesn’t Impress God



BY NORRIS BURKES

I sometimes receive emails from readers telling me they love my columns so much they read them to their Bible study group.

It’s a nice compliment, but on the other hand, I work hard to make this column about spirituality in everyday life, not just Sunday school life.

I want it to appeal to those who are unconnected or disconnected to church. And because of that I encourage editors to place me on the community pages or the Living section and off the church page.

And please, keep me as far as possible from the fashion pages. I’m definitely not a fashionable guy.

But if I was writing a fashion column, I’d tell you about my trip last week through the St. Louis airport where I saw men of various ages dressed in, well, I-don’t-know-what.

I saw a young man with trousers riding low enough to qualify him for entrance into the Plumbers Union. I saw old men wearing pants high enough to double as a face mask. And of course, more than enough middle-aged men wearing sweat-pants to accommodate their growing bellies.

The fashion didn’t improve much on the plane, where I sat across from a girl with fingernails painted traffic-cone orange. She was prewired to her phone and didn’t notice me.

With so many fashion-challenged children of God, airport crowds do make a good segue. Cue Bible study.

That’s because the airport crowd reminded me of the one Jesus likely encountered as he walked into a city looking to recruit a Band of Brothers who would change the world.

Like me, he was a people-watcher, just

not as smug as me. Go figure.

Unlike me, he had a keen eye for the quality of the soul over the quality of the fabric, the cut of a man’s character over the cut of his shirt.

This is the eye Jesus used to quickly single out an eager young recruit named Phillip who followed him without so much as blinking.

Exhilarated at being chosen, Phil found his bud, Nathaniel, and begged him to come and meet the teacher from Nazareth.

“Nazareth?” Nat rightly exclaimed, “You’ve got to be kidding.”

No, Phil wasn’t kidding. “Come see for yourself,” he challenged.

Upon meeting Nathaniel, Jesus quickly pronounced, “Now, here’s the real deal. Not a false bone in his body.”

Nat, not easily moved by flattery, asked, “Where’d you get that idea? You don’t know me.”

Nat was partially right. The two had never been formally introduced, but Jesus had observed Nathaniel on several occasions where he sat under a fig tree, deep in thought.

It was obvious to Jesus that there was something different about Nat.

What was it? The best translation of the scripture says that Nat was a man “without guile.” That means he didn’t try to hide who he was. He didn’t demonstrate any pretense in his choice of clothing, friends or mannerisms.

“Why not?” you ask. Well, it’s not because he was intrinsically happy with who he was. He knew he was not completely accessorized, so he was willing to undertake a fearless inventory of his soul closet.

And I think it was his self-awareness about truly lacking something that made him a prime candidate on the first-round draft pick for a disciple.

In that moment, Nathaniel discovered the most profound truth of all: God is always able to pick us out of the crowd. But, he sees us best when we lay aside our pretense and all the religious fashion that goes with it.

Next week, I return to regular programming in the everyday life sections.

And, just to be clear, if this were a fashion column, I surely wouldn’t be the author. ★

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GRIZZLY 5-31-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02930
Mike Wahba, 1722 J Street Suite 216, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Global I.N./Global Investors Network/Global Multifamily Associates/California Apartment Brokers" 1722 J Street Suite 216, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2024
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GLOBAL 5-31-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV006751
Kimberly Duvall-Hoehn has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kimberly Duvall-Hoehn to Kimberly Contreras Hoehn. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 2, 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: April 8, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2024
HOEHN 5-10-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV006114
Melinda Van Egdon and Jason Van Egdon have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bo Dale Anderson to Beau David Van Egdon. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 2, 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 25, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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EGDON 5-10-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV007185
Kelvin Lawson Jr and Kassey Jenae Lawson have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Knoel Jewel Lawson to Knoelle Jewel Lawson. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 3, 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV007958
Natalia Regina Rinker has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Natalia Regina Rinker to Natalia Regina Hannahan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 10, 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: April 17, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 2024
RINKER 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV005911
Rene John Osgood aka Rene J. Osgood has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Rene John Osgood aka Rene J. Osgood to Rene Kline. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 25, 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 25, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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OSGOOD 5-24-24

Dated: April 12, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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LAWSON 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV005355
Arielle Shaunte', Mosteck, Arielle Shaunte' Mosteck have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Arielle Shaunte' Mosteck to Arielle Shaunte Buchanan and Aydon Troy Buchanan Neal to Aydon Troy Buchanan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 4, 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 20, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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BUCHANAN 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV005795
Natalia Regina Rinker has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Natalia Regina Rinker to Natalia Regina Hannahan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 10, 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: April 17, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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RINKER 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV005850
Jesus Enrique Hinostrza Jr has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jesus Enrique Hinostrza Jr to Jay Enrique Hinostrza. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 12, 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 27, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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HINOSTROZA 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV008356
Ramon Raya has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ramon Raya to Ramon Cruz Raya. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 31, 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: April 30, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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RAYA 5-31-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV001491
Ghulam Mustafa Alizada has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ghulam Mustafa Alizada to Mustafa Sadat. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 1, 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: April 15, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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SILAS 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV007324
Carla Annette Smith has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carla Annette Smith to Carla Annette Manchester. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 14, 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: April 15, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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SMITH 5-17-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV001495
Ghulam Atiq Alizada & Marzya Alizada has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ghulam Reza Alizada to Omar Sadat. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 1, 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: May 1, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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ALIZADA 5-31-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV007963
Abiyah Olivia Ehindero has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abiyah Olivia Ehindero to Sizzannah Emet Hesed-Wells. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 16, 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: April 23, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
EHINDERO 5-24-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV007958
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of John Patrick Myers. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Linda S. Rasmussen, in the Superior Court of California,

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN PATRICK MYERS CASE NO. 24PR001056
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of John Patrick Myers. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Linda S. Rasmussen, in the Superior Court of California,

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN PATRICK MYERS CASE NO. 24PR001056
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of John Patrick Myers. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Linda S. Rasmussen, in the Superior Court of California,

Monique Lee Davis has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Monique Lee Davis to Monique Lee Davis-DeRobertis. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 27, 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: April 23, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2024
DAVIS 5-24-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV006981
Cynthia Louise Plattner aka Cynthia Louise Fonseca has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cynthia Louise Plattner aka Cynthia Louise Fonseca to Cindie Loue Fonseca. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 7, 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: April 10, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

County of Sacramento, requesting Linda S. Rasmussen 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 May 22, 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 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: Heather S. Mayer, Esq, 400 Plaza Drive, Suite 145, Folsom, CA 95630; 916-631-1996

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MYERS 5-10-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY ALICE JONES

CASE NO. 24PR001000
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mary Alice Jones.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Robert Jones, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Robert Jones 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 May 21, 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 date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Robert Jones, 6228 Jack London Circle, Sacramento, CA 95842; 916-956-5610
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JONES 5-10-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOE WHITTIE WALTERS SR

CASE NO. 23PR000410
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Joe Whittie Walters Sr.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kasandra Leann Walters, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Kasandra Leann Walters 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 May 28, 2024, 1:00 p.m. in Dept Probate, Room 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Kasandra Leann Walters, 6221 Riverbelle Court, Rio Linda, CA 95673; 916-812-2174
Publish: Month April 26, May 3, 10, 2024
WALTERS 5-10-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KURT WALTON BUEHLER

CASE NO. 23PR002139
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Kurt Walton Buehler.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lorelee Ann-Walton, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Lorelee Ann-Walton 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 May 28, 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

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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.

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: Thomas K. Porta, 1410 Georgia Street, Vallejo, CA 94590; 707-643-7678
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BUEHLER 5-10-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOLORES ANITA JONES PYNE

CASE NO. 23PR001113
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dolores Anita Jones Pyne.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Charlotte Jones, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Charlotte Jones 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 May 23, 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

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Charlotte Jones, 7655 Poppy Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610; 916-201-0581
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PYNE 5-17-24

SUMMONS

AMENDED SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 22FL00626

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVOIS AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Jamin Kieran Ewell

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE): Stephanie Anna Louise Ewell. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association.

Usted tiene 30 DÍAS CALENDARIO después de que

se le presente esta Citación y Petición para presentar una respuesta (formulario FL-120) en el tribunal y tener una copia notificada al peticionario. Una carta, llamada telefónica o comparecencia ante el tribunal no lo protegerá. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal puede hacer órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. Es posible que se le ordene pagar la manutención y los honorarios y costos de los abogados. Para obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto con un abogado de inmediato. Obtenga ayuda para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Autoayuda en Línea de los Tribunales de California (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o comunicándose con el colegio de abogados de su condado local.

NOTICE: RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouse or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

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The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Sacramento Superior Court, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es): Matthew D. Roy, 770 L Street, Suite 950, Sacramento, CA 95814; 916-361-6028
Date: (Fecha) May 10, 2022
By: Christy Andrade, Clerk of Court

STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS

Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHRISTA LEGAIL FAUST

CASE NO. 24PR001185
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Christa Legail Faust.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michael Faust, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michael Faust 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 June 4, 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 granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Michael Faust, POB 188581, Sacramento, CA 95818; 916-541-6469
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FAUST 5-24-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILBERT ADOLPH CALHOUN

CASE NO. 24PR001122
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Wilbert Adolph Calhoun.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Angela Calhoun, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Angela Calhoun 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 June 6, 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 granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Maria Del Socorro Perez Huerta, 4605 Greenholme Drive #3, Sacramento, CA 95842; 916-759-1505
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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.

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The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Angela Calhoun, 1801 Ferran Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95832; 916-879-0036
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CALHOUN 5-24-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JORGE ARMANDO BARRAZA

CASE NO. 24PR001265
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Jorge Armando Barraza.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Maria Del Socorro Perez Huerta, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Maria Del Socorro Perez Huerta 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 June 11, 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.

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The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Maria Del Socorro Perez Huerta, 4605 Greenholme Drive #3, Sacramento, CA 95842; 916-759-1505
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO. FBNF2019-03741
The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Klein House Properties, 6765 Judistine Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 4/29/2019 in the County of Sacramento.
Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 4/29/2019.
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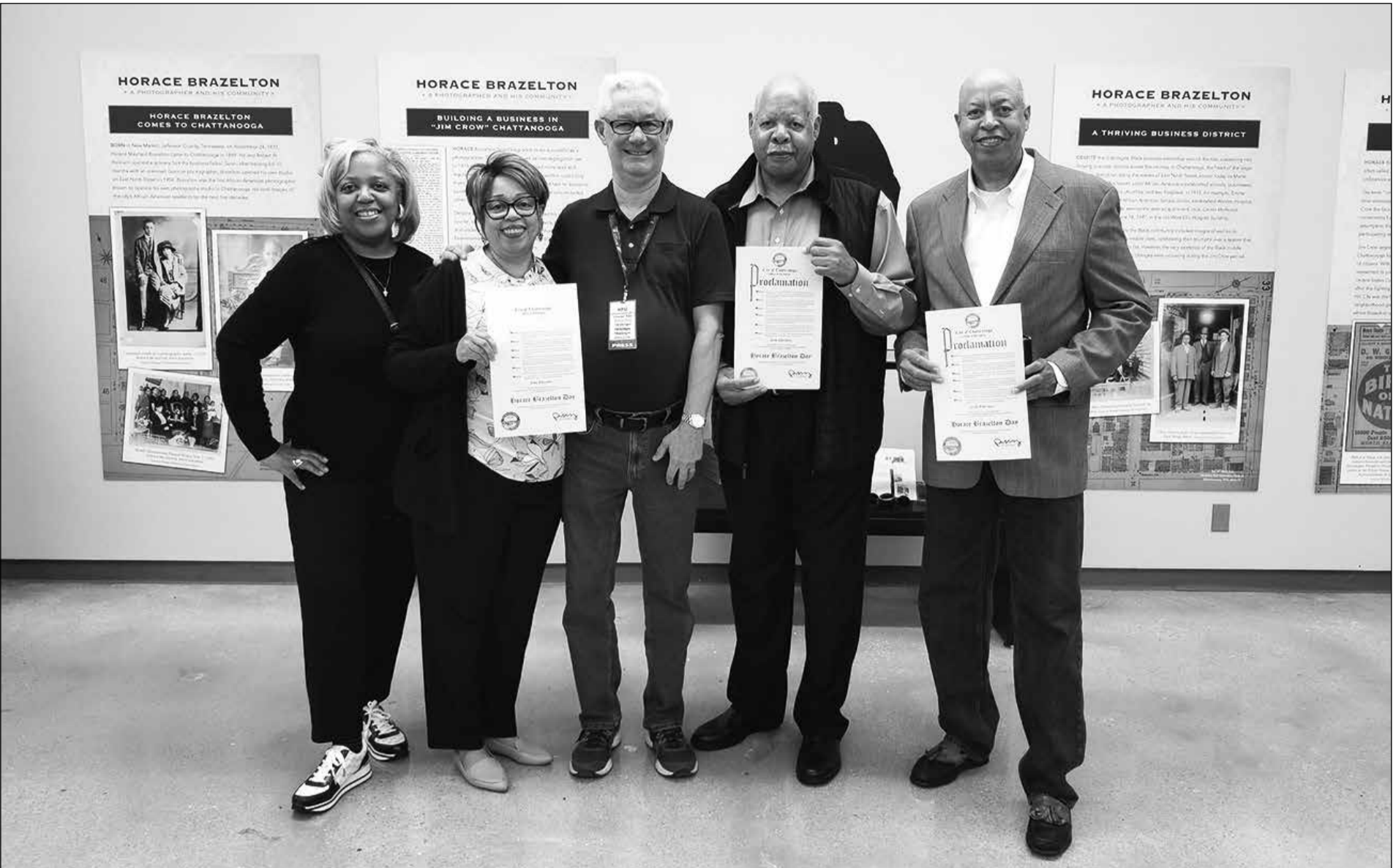
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Through the Lens of Stefanie's Journey

"Tale of Through the Lens: The Life and Legacy of Horace Brazelton"



Sal Arrigo, Jr., third from the left, stands with Horace Brazelton's grandchildren, from left, Mia R. Hicks, Winifred A. Harris, Ronald Harris and Will Harris. Photo courtesy of Stefanie Dalton

By Sal Arrigo, Jr.

"I would like right here to make a special appeal to young men, who are honest workers, who are undecided what field of profession or business to enter, that the photographic field offers excellent opportunities. It is one field that the crust is hardly broken, a scientific and magnetic profession with quick returns on your money, and expansion as big as the man." — Horace Brazelton

The exhibit, "Through the Lens: The Life and Legacy of Horace Brazelton," is the work of historian and curator of the exhibit, Stefanie Haire. Haire is completing her doctoral work at Middle Tennessee State University in public history with an emphasis on historical preservation. She works as a historic preservation planner and is instrumental in restoring and preserving cemeteries in the Chattanooga region. Stefanie's research included writing more than 400 pages of notes and examining countless newspaper archives and tracking down anyone with information for her exhibit. Needless to say, Stefanie has brought to life a person who had

an important impact on the local people of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Who exactly is Horace Brazelton? Brazelton was an entrepreneur, a vice-president in the first Black-owned realty company in Chattanooga and a civic leader who became the first African American to open a photography studio in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1904.

I spoke with Christina Sacco, public relations director for the Chattanooga Public Library, and she said to me, "This exhibit not only showcases an important figure from Chattanooga's past but also lets visitors see Black families and community members as they really were instead of seeing them represented through stereotypes." And stereotypes flourished during the "Jim Crow" segregation era. This was an era of "legal racial segregation" and prompted the belief that Black Americans were incapable of being citizens equal to white people. Around 1890, Jim Crow segregation came to Chattanooga and did not end until the 1960s. Before this segregation, Chattanooga was flourishing as people were coming from all over the country. The railroad provided transportation and



Stefanie Haire is the exhibit curator and historian. Photo courtesy of Sal Arrigo, Jr.

Chattanooga was becoming the city it was before the Civil War as a vibrant community.

Horace and his wife, Hettie, did not let segregation stop their work, nor did it stop them from being instrumental leaders in the Black community. They formed social clubs

and supported programs that helped those in need. Along with other Black leaders, they organized protests against discrimination and registered Black voters.

In her own right, Hettie Brazelton was not a lady to sit back and watch events unfold. She served

as an elder in her church, judged Emancipation Day cooking contests, and volunteered at a local YWCA club. The Black middle class in Chattanooga in the early 1900s was instrumental in establishing schools, businesses and two hospitals.

Horace Brazelton and his photography studio was at the forefront, showcasing Black citizens as successful men and women raising their families and showing the world that Blacks were successful business owners thriving despite laws aimed at undermining that success.

Horace Brazelton passed away in 1956 and Hettie died the following year. Their children and grandchildren are now scattered across the U.S. and beyond, and it was only by chance that one of Horace Brazelton's great granddaughters, doing research on her family tree, found several period vintage photographs from the 1930s and 1940s. As she was seeking additional family documents and information about Horace Brazelton in Chattanooga, Tennessee, this led the family to Stefanie's exhibit and culminated in the family pilgrimage to see the exhibit's opening at the

Chattanooga Library.

This historical exhibit allowed the family to witness and experience how wide and deep Horace and Hettie's impact has been on Chattanooga. I had the honor of meeting many members of the extended Brazelton family. Grandsons Will and Ronald Harris were clearly emotional. George Harris, Jr., Brazelton's great grandson, said he was "very pleased to see the exhibit and for his family to come together."

When I asked Stefanie to name the most rewarding aspect of doing the Brazelton exhibit, she said, "One of the most rewarding aspects of researching the Brazelton family is getting to piece together history in a way that honors those who came before us and to share the incredible story with the public. This is Horace and Hettie Brazelton's story, and I'm humbled to be the vessel to bring it to light."

I want to acknowledge all the people who helped me organize this story: historian Stefanie Haire and Will Harris, who is the Brazelton family spokesperson; appreciation goes to the Chattanooga Public Library for displaying the exhibit. ★

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- Opposite of WSW
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- *Beetle with Wings
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- England's medieval royal house
- Rabbit's cousin
- Nymph chaser
- Genealogist's creation
- Blackhearted
- George Gershwin's brother
- "For ___ a jolly..."
- It often goes with a rod

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- Next to nothing
- Same as intake
- Reason by deduction
- Restraint
- Academy Award for Best Original
- Chunks of 43,560 square feet
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- Part of cathedral
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Dignity Health and Aetna® Reach Agreement

Dignity Health News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Dignity Health and Aetna, a CVS Health Company, have reached agreement on a new, multi-year contract that allows Aetna members to maintain in-network access to Dignity Health services, facilities and providers in Arizona, California and Nevada. The effective date of the new agreement is April 1 and health care services received by Aetna members since April 1 will be covered at the members' in-network benefit levels.

"This is a win for our patients who deserve access to local high-quality care," said Robert Quinn, MD, president of Dignity Health Medical Foundation. "Our goal in working with Aetna has always

been about ensuring we can meet the needs of our patients today and in the future. This agreement ensures we can continue to provide value-driven care for Aetna members."

Said Cathy Hughes, Aetna vice-president and chief network officer for the Western and South-Central region, "We are committed to serving Aetna members with access to quality, convenient, affordable care through our network of providers. We are pleased to reach an agreement with Dignity Health that enables us to continue working together to meet the health care needs of our members."

Aetna members can call the number on their Aetna member card for more information. ★

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

By Scott Knight,
The Jason Foundation

Since 1949, Mental Health America and its affiliates across the country have led the observance of May as Mental Health Awareness Month by reaching millions through the media, local events, and screenings. It raises awareness of trauma and the impact it can have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities. Cities and businesses across the country hold various events to support mental health and open up the lines of communication. Many websites provide ideas for businesses to support their employees during May and beyond.

According to the CDC, suicide rates in our country increased by 36% between 2000-2021. Suicide was responsible for 48,183 deaths in 2021 alone, which is about one death every 11 minutes. We know that many mental health disorders-including depression, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, and PTSD-come with heightened risk of suicidal thoughts or attempts. While seeking help for suicidal thoughts or behaviors is critical regardless of the cause, securing a specific diagnosis may help the individual receive treatment-especially ongoing treatment -that is best suited to their mental health needs.

Mental Health America says that up to 60% of people who die by suicide have major depression, and research suggests that the majority of suicides are related to a psychiatric condition. If you or someone



you know is depressed, there are effective treatments available. Talking to your doctor is a fantastic first step, and you can also visit the National Alliance on Mental Health Illness to learn more about support groups that you might find helpful.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource. JFI is dedicated to the prevention of the "Silent Epidemic" of suicide through educational and awareness programs. On its website, you will learn about warning signs and risk factors associated with people who may be struggling with mental health issues and suicidal ideation. JFI's website also has more information about finding a Jason Foundation location near you. We know that four out of five individuals considering suicide give some sign of their intentions, either verbally or behaviorally. In 80% of those considering suicide, we have an opportunity to recognize the warning signs and intervene. Take the time to educate yourselves on the warning signs and risk factors associated with suicide. This knowledge may help you save the life of a friend or loved one. ★

Transportation and Freight Company to Pay for Environmental Violations

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - District Attorney Thien Ho announced the resolution of a civil suit against XPO, Inc. and XPO Logistics, a global transportation and logistics company that provides supply chain solutions to businesses in various industries. XPO leased, owned or operated facilities in Sacramento and other counties in California where violations were found.

This case began with a referral to the San Bernardino District Attorney from San Bernardino County Fire, Hazardous Materials Section regarding underground fuel tank violations. The settlement was entered in conjunction with 20 District Attorney's offices and one City Attorney office from around the state. The settlement requirements include that XPO maintain a California environmental compliance manager to ensure that California XPO locations comply with state law relating to underground storage tanks, hazardous waste, hazardous materials and

above ground storage tanks.

XPO's corporate office and environmental compliance group were extremely cooperative with the District Attorneys throughout the investigation and settlement process. This Stipulated Final Judgment shall be in place for a minimum of five years.

As part of the settlement, XPO is ordered to pay civil penalties for their underground storage tank, above ground storage tank, hazardous waste and hazardous materials violations. Pursuant to the judgment, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office will receive a total of \$745,000 in cost recovery and civil penalties. The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department will receive \$394,000 in penalties.

"Hazardous material, storage and waste are a routine component of many business operations," said District Attorney Thien Ho. "By joining other District Attorney offices in the state, we can ensure large businesses take the necessary precautions to protect the environment and the safety of our communities." ★

Defendant Convicted of Murdering Wife

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On April 26, Asghar Ehsan was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder. The jury also found true the allegation that Ehsan personally used a knife in the commission of the murder.

On January 14, 2020, Asghar Ehsan stabbed and strangled his wife, Assmaa Ehsan Ashooqullah, to death while she was sleeping next to their 7-month-old son. Ehsan then left the home with his son and met with a friend. Ehsan told his friend he killed his wife because Allah instructed him to do so. His friend tried to convince Ehsan to turn himself in, but Ehsan refused. He left his son with his friend and was later located by law enforcement in Placer County.

After a standoff with the Roseville Police Department, their SWAT team and the Sacramento Police Department, he engaged in a high-speed pursuit. Ehsan was eventually taken into custody.

During the investigation, it was discovered Ehsan had attempted to kill his roommate in Santa Rosa in 2000. In that case, Ehsan reported he had been commanded by Allah to start a holy war and needed to kill someone close to him. Ehsan was found legally insane by the Sonoma Superior Court. In 2002, he was released from the state hospital with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder. Ehsan went on to get an associate degree in psychology and worked for Sonoma County as a Mental Health Worker for over a decade. He was also a member of the Sonoma County Mental Health Panel and presented at critical incident training for law enforcement on how to handle mentally ill suspects.

In this case, Ehsan entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. On May 2, the jury found Ehsan was legally sane when he committed the murder.

Ehsan faces a maximum sentence of 27 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for July 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 41. ★

Newsom Announces New Appointment to Sacramento Superior Court

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Jerome Price Jr., of Sacramento County, to the Sacramento Superior Court bench on March 26.

"The court welcomes the addition of Mr. Price and the experience he will bring to the Sacramento County bench," Presiding Court Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi said.

Since 2021, Price has served as First Assistant Federal Defender in the



Jerome Price Jr. of Sacramento County will serve on the Sacramento Superior Court. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Superior Court

Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California.

From 2012 to 2021, Price served as an Assistant Federal Defender in the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California.

From 2011 to 2012, Price served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Damon J. Keith at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Price earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

He fills the vacancy created by the elevation of Justice Shama H. Mesiwala to the Court of Appeal. ★

First Northern Bank Promotes HR Director to Chief HR Officer



Libby Feyh will take the helm as the Chief Human Resources Officer. Photo courtesy by First Northern Bank

First Northern Bank News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - First Northern Bank (OTCQX: FNRN), the region's #1 local small business lender, proudly

announces the promotion of Libby Feyh to the newly created role of Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO).

Feyh has served First Northern Bank as the Senior Vice President and Human Resources Director since 2019,

demonstrating exceptional leadership, promoting a culture of excellence, and a deep understanding of the Bank's values. In this role, she will continue to uphold the highest standards of human resources management while driving initiatives that support our employees'

professional development, well-being, and a positive work environment.

Feyh brings more than 25 years of human resource leadership experience to First Northern Bank. She has a

proven record of success in developing and implementing human resources initiatives across retail

and financial services. Her core competencies include leadership development and executive coaching, top tier recruiting practices, talent and performance management, succession planning, change management, innovative problem solving, and employment practices and law.

"At First Northern Bank, we recognize the importance of fostering a positive workplace culture and investing in our employees. Libby's leadership as CHRO will further strengthen our commitment to providing opportunities for our team members to thrive," said Jeremiah Smith, President and CEO of First Northern Bank. "She will continue to play a pivotal role in guiding our workforce strategies and recruiting the best bankers in the region."

Libby holds a B.S. in Business Administration/Marketing from San Jose State University, SHRM SCP (Society for Human Resource Management - Senior Certified Professional), SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources), and PHRca (Professional in Human Resources—California) and is a certified analyst for the HR Predictive Index system. She serves on the board for Society for the Blind. ★

Inmate Death At Main Jail

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Sunday, May 5, at approximately 10:30 p.m., a 45-year-old male inmate died while in custody at the Sacramento County Main Jail. The man had been in custody since May 2, 2024, when he was brought into custody by Sheriff's Patrol Deputies for a felony burglary warrant.

Main Jail Deputies were conducting a cell check in the 6-East 100 Pod, which housed inmates detoxing from drugs and other substances. Deputies looked inside a cell and noticed an unresponsive inmate who was housed by himself. Deputies

immediately entered the cell and administered first-aid as Main Jail medical staff and the Sacramento Fire Department responded. Fire personnel arrived and continued life-saving efforts, but the inmate was ultimately pronounced deceased at the jail.

The Sheriff's Department will complete a thorough inmate death investigation in accordance with department procedures and state laws. The Sacramento County Coroner's Office will determine the cause of death and forward its findings as prescribed by law. The Coroner's Office will release the name of the deceased after notification has been made to his next of kin. ★

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Community Health Fair Provides Critical Resources



Probation officers provided an easy and accessible access point for probation clients to check-in with their probation officer. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - County partner and homeless service provider, First Step Communities held its 2nd Community Health Fair on Friday, April 26. The fair was a huge success with more than 250 attendees, 54 community vendors and hundreds of services provided. The River District and the Willow Clinic were also partners in presenting the Health Fair.

The fair included service providers connecting attendees to animal care, medical care, dental care, haircuts, fresh food, benefit assistance, mental health screenings, showers, vaccinations, substance abuse treatment, domestic violence resources and more.

Several Sacramento County departments participated in the fair, connecting directly with their clients and potential clients, providing much needed education and access to critical County services.

Public Health Division

Sexual Health Promotion Unit: The sexual health promotion unit provides testing for HIV and education and safety supplies to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases like HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis C. Attendees could leave with educational materials and condoms.

Immunization Assistance Program: The Public Health COVID-19 strike team provides vaccinations to both adults and children for COVID-19 and influenza. Children as young as six months old can be vaccinated by the strike team.

Wellness Without Walls Mobile Medicine Van: provides easy, accessible care such as refilling prescriptions, rapid STD testing, minor wound care, basic physical exams, and vital statistic checks such as blood pressure and glucose levels.

Division of Behavioral Health

Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART): HEART staff was offering on the spot mental health assessments to create linkages to more in-depth behavioral health resources. HEART has both medical clinicians and peer specialists that have relatable lived experience to share with clients.

Substance Use Prevention and Treatment: The alcohol and drug team handed out free Narcan to attendees to help prevent the dangers of an opioid overdose. Anyone can use or administer Narcan safely while they wait for first responders to arrive. The team also provided a resource list for Countywide treatment services.

Probation Department

Probation officers provided an easy and accessible access point for probation clients to check-in with their probation officer. The team also provided general education on the probation system and the work they do, and how clients can positively interface with the justice system.

Department of Human Assistance (DHA)

DHA provided information about benefit assistance and eligibility – such as cash assistance, food benefits and general assistance. Residents can check their eligibility for benefits online or by visiting a DHA field office. DHA is also hiring for several entry level positions and gave out job flyers to people looking for work.

Serving the complex needs of the County's unsheltered residents requires multi-agency collaboration. The Community Health Fair is a great example of bringing critical resources together in one place that is easy to access for the people that need them the most. This opportunity also allowed service providers to meet each other and further the community collaboration needed to have a lasting impact on homelessness. ★

Baa-aad News for Fire Fuels



Goats receive captions from Sacramento County. Image courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - We've got some exciting news for ewe (ok, no more puns)! The Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks is gearing up for its multi-pronged efforts to reduce fire risk, defend wildlife habitats and protect our natural resources and the neighborhoods adjacent to the parks.

For its 2024 Fire Fuel Reduction Action Plan, the Department of Regional Parks has lined up sheep and goat grazing contracts, is utilizing park maintenance crews (and other manned crews through contracts with the California Conservation Corps and Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps) to maintain fire breaks, and is issuing fuel break maintenance permits to properties bordering Regional Park properties.

"We had another wet winter and a surprisingly wet spring, so we anticipate a similar vegetation situation that we found ourselves with last year," said Liz Bellas, director of Regional Parks. "As all this vegetation dries out, the fire risk increases, so the work we are doing, and the work our contractors are doing is going to be critical this year."

To decrease the number and size potential of wildfires in our parks system, the techniques used will be applicable for each area and will include:

Firebreaks – A combination of mowing, soil discing and targeted herbicides will be used where appropriate to create perimeters around open fields, along fence lines and behind neighborhoods. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

Ladder Fuel Hand-Crews – In limited, hard-to-reach areas, hand-crews will remove vegetation that allows the potential

for a fire to climb up or move into urban areas.

Grazing – There are hundreds of acres of undeveloped or protected land in our Regional Parks. Goats and sheep are ideal for vegetation management and are great at eating down weeds, bushes and grass that manned crews cannot get to. Grazing is expected to occur through the end of June.

Annual Encroachment Permits – Residents who live adjacent to Regional Parks' properties are able to apply for free annual encroachment permits to maintain a fire break behind their property line. These allow residents to string-trim grass and weeds for up to 50 feet beyond their private property line. To request a permit, provide your name, address and contact information to Regional Parks at parksinfo@SacCounty.gov.

Additionally, the Ranger Division will continue its increased education and enforcement efforts related to illegal fires and cooking along the parkway in an effort to reduce the number of new fire outbreaks.

"These efforts have been paying dividends over the last two years," said Leonard Orman, chief ranger. "In 2023, there were a total of 65 fires in our parks, down from 85 in 2022, and 170 in 2021."

Visitors to Sacramento County Regional Parks should be aware of the following regulations: Open flame fires are NOT allowed, and barbecuing is only permitted in designated picnic areas. Smoking is only allowed in developed picnic areas, asphalt surfaces, golf courses and levee tops along the American River Parkway.

Visit the Regional Parks website to learn more about the 2024 Fire Fuel Reduction Action Plan for Sacramento County Parks. If you see a fire burning in our Regional Parks, please call 9-1-1. ★

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