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The Citrus Heights City Council approved an allocation of \$140,000 for the Capital Replacement Fund—money that will cover the cost of replacing police vehicles as needed during the next year. Officer Ephrem Choi of the Citrus Heights Police Department shows off one of the department's vehicles. Photo: CHPD

Story by Shaunna Boyd

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - At the April 22 meeting of the Citrus Heights City Council, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved, including authorization for funding Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) vehicle replacement and two new police motorcycles. The current 2020-21 General Fund Police Department budget includes \$140,000 that can be used to purchase new equipment. The City has postponed other major purchases, so these funds are still available for transfer to the Capital Replacement Fund, which is used to purchase public safety

vehicles when needed. The City used to allocate money to this fund each year, but it hasn't been budgeted in the last three fiscal years due to recent financial constraints. Currently, the Capital Replacement Fund has just \$124,000 for police vehicle replacement. While the CHPD does not currently need to replace vehicles, it is expected that some patrol vehicles will need to be replaced in the next year—a cost which can total \$75,000 for each vehicle. Transferring the available funds now ensures that this money is budgeted for and available when needed. The City also authorized funds to replace two motorcycles in the

CHPD's fleet, which were all purchased in 2013. Only one has been replaced since then, but as the motorcycles age, the cost of repairs and maintenance increases, so they need to be replaced before they become a safety risk to officers. Each motorcycle costs approximately \$35,000 to purchase and equip, but the cost will not impact the City's General Fund. The purchases will be covered by the CHPD's Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding grant—money that is allocated to the City each year to be used for frontline law enforcement. The CHPD must spend these funds before the end of June, or the

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## SACOG Awards Record Grant for Work on Auburn Boulevard and Old Auburn Rd



Auburn Boulevard Complete Street Revitalization Project continues to dramatically change the look of Citrus Heights including this new view of Sycamore Drive. Photo: City of Citrus Heights

City of Citrus Heights

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - The City of Citrus Heights has been awarded a total of \$11,115,000 in the 2020-2021 Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) competitive funding round – the largest amount the City has ever received in one round. This award comes after an impressive cross-departmental collaboration to develop competitive funding applications in three

grant program areas for Auburn Boulevard and two program areas for Old Auburn Road. Staff from the City's General Services, Planning, Engineering, Economic Development, and Communications teams worked together to develop comprehensive applications that position Citrus Heights as a crucial part of regional connectivity, with innovative ideas and a history of success. New this year, the SACOG review committee requested presentations

from grant finalists, and the City put together an interactive, 3D tour of Auburn Blvd., showing success from Phase 1, plans for Phase 2, videos, safety spotlights, and more. The Auburn Boulevard Complete Streets Phase 2 application was awarded \$9 million of highly competitive funding, the full amount the City's application requested. This funding allows the City to complete the planned improvements in one construction phase,

reducing private property impacts and resulting in a better overall product for the best price possible. The newly awarded SACOG funds add to an existing \$14 million investment, totaling \$23 million for construction along the boulevard from Rusch Park to the Louis Orlando Transit Station in Roseville. The \$14 million existing investment is comprised of non-general City funds, including previously

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## As Kitten Season Begins Fosters and Donations Needed



Animal shelters around the country are gearing up for what is known as "kitten season." Photo: Pixabay

Sacramento County News Press Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Animal shelters around the country are gearing up for what is known as "kitten season," when cats begin to give birth to countless kitten litters. Typically beginning in late spring and continuing throughout summer, kitten season stretches the already-thin resources animal shelters and rescues have when the influx of unwanted kittens and cats crowd shelter and kennel space.

The Bradshaw Shelter's Foster Care Program helps save lives and space during this hectic season. "Fostering animals provides a second chance at life for animals who are too young, sick or injured to be available for adoption," said Dave Dickinson, Director, Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter. "Fosters provide a safe, loving, temporary place to live where the animals can thrive until they are ready to be adopted to their forever homes."

Residents interested in becoming fosters should submit a foster application to FosterRescueProgram@saccounty.net. The shelter provides all food, bedding, supplies, toys and more at no cost to the foster. Fostering is a great way to help alleviate the impact of kitten season at your local shelter and can provide temporary companionship for those still working from home.

However, working outside of the home doesn't need to be an impediment to becoming a foster; most animals in foster care do not require constant monitoring. Typically, most animals who need fostering are kittens and puppies less than two months old.

As far as space for fostering, a bathroom, laundry room or spare bedroom is typically appropriate. The time commitment for fostering can be anywhere from one to six weeks, depending on their size at the time of fostering. Additional foster needs include caring for sick or injured animals, nursing mothers and litters, animals

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## Wild Life Care Association Sends Animals on their Way



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money must be returned to the County.

The Council also considered the final approval of the two-year budget for 2021-22 and 2022-23. The projected totals for all City funds are budgeted at \$72.7 million in expenditures and \$67.9 million in revenues for 2021-22, and \$70.8 million in revenues and \$67.9 in expenditures for 2022-23. A \$77,305 General Fund shortfall in the first year will need to be covered by reserves, and an expected \$3.7 million surplus the second year will be used to begin replenishing the reserves.

City Manager Chris Boyd explained again that the budget does not currently include any federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, from which the City is expected to receive almost \$16 million over the next two years. “We don’t know today what we can use that money for and what the restrictions are. The federal government has told us that we will receive guidance from the Department of Treasury in May.” He cautioned that this one-time funding source could have various restrictions on its uses, so the City will make budget amendments as needed once details are released.

Citrus Heights resident David Warren submitted a public comment stating that the proposed budget had not been posted online with sufficient time for the public to prepare written comments. Warren also objected to the proposed budget because it does not include the City’s expected allocation of federal funding, which he said could fill some of the City’s unfunded needs. He also expressed concern that the “draconian department

reductions” at the CHPD would be “an invitation to criminals.”

Robert Wichert said, “I am disappointed that the City Council has decided to cut public safety funding ... because that’s really supposed to be the last place you cut. You cut public safety funding, response times go up, crime goes up, and public safety goes down.”

Albert Fox, a former councilmember, also commented: “I wish we didn’t have to make the cuts some of the places we do, but having heard the dialogue and heard the discussions, I think the budget is as fair as we can possibly make it given the results of where we are today.”

Councilmembers Tim Schaefer and Bret Daniels both advocated for postponing the budget vote until the federal funding guidelines are released so the budget can be updated to include those funds.

Mayor Miller said there is no guarantee that the guidance will be released on schedule, and the City needs a budget in place by July 1, in order to function. Due to the potential spending restrictions, the federal funds “may not help us,” he said. “That’s the quandary we’re in right now. And we’ve always put a budget together on time and balanced, and this is as close as we’re going to get. It’s tight this year.”

When creating a budget, Councilmember Jeannie Bruins said, “You base that projection on what you know, not on what you don’t know,” and it wouldn’t be prudent to wait for federal funding. Bruins explained that under the current proposal, while vacant positions won’t be

filled, “we’re not cutting positions, we’re not laying people off.”

Vice Mayor Middleton said, “We cannot allow ourselves to offer false hope based on \$16 million that we don’t know how it can be applied to our budget. I think it does more harm to our community to give them that sense of hope, when we don’t know, and then have to take it back.”

Mayor Miller also stated that if the federal guidelines come through in the next couple weeks, City staff will still need time to review the guidelines and adjust the budget: “We have to be very careful and strategic about this. ... If we can use the money, great. If the money is so restricted that it doesn’t help us much, then this budget will get us through it and put us in a position to succeed in the future.”

The budget passed three to two, with Councilmembers Schaefer and Daniels dissenting.

A secondary resolution was presented along with the budget, asking the Council to authorize \$35,238 for the City’s 2021-22 membership with the Greater Sacramento Economic Council. Councilmember Bruins said that while it’s a significant amount of money, the City has “really benefitted” from membership. Access to the organization’s information and statistics help to model the City’s economic future, which Bruins said is “well worth the investment.”

Councilmember Daniels said he would support it, but only because he believes the federal funding will come through and fill that hole. The item passed four to one, with Councilmember Schaefer dissenting. ★

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awarded SACOG grants, State SB1 funds, and more.

Phase 2 Auburn Boulevard improvements outlined in the City’s application include wide, separated sidewalks, significantly enhanced bike lanes, intelligent transportation upgrades for intersections, driveway reductions, landscaped medians, pavement rehabilitation, and more. There are also plans for a new signalized intersection near the Citrus Heights/Roseville gateway, to increase safety and enhance the entrance to the City. Construction is slated to start in 2023 and be completed within two years.

The second project awarded SACOG funding in this historic round for the City of Citrus Heights is the Old Auburn Road Complete Streets (OARCS) Project. The SACOG regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant cycle designated the OARCS project \$2,115,000 out

of \$11,773,000 total funding for the six counties (El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba) and the 22 cities within. Again, the City was awarded the full amount requested, and this accomplishment is a testament to the dedicated work of City staff members who developed the OARCS plan, and the support of City Council.

The extensive planning efforts around the OARCS project, which included an innovative road diet demonstration project, enabled the City to submit a successful grant application for ATP funding. This funding marks the start of a new look and feel for Old Auburn, one that takes all modes of transportation into consideration and provides equity and access for users of all ages and abilities. The \$2.115 million SACOG funds will allow the City to complete design for the first phase of the Old Auburn Road project, from Garry Oak Drive to Tiara Way, and position the

City for competitive construction grant funding in the future.

“Collective support from our residents and partners like Dignity Health’s pedestrian safety team and the Auburn Boulevard Business Association, all helped demonstrate the community’s commitment to these projects” said Citrus Heights City Manager Chris Boyd. “We are grateful for all those who participated in the road diet demonstration project, provided input via surveys, and offered letters of support. These added elements of the City’s grant applications told a meaningful story around what these improvements mean for Citrus Heights and the greater Sacramento region.”

For more information about this round of regional SACOG funding, read the organization’s announcement, or visit [sacog.org](http://sacog.org). Citrus Heights is represented on the SACOG Board of Directors by Vice Mayor Porsche Middleton. ★

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who need a break from the shelter, and more.

For more information about fostering, including fostering FAQs, visit the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter website. To learn more about what to do if you find a kitten or litter of

kittens, visit the feral cat information webpage.

Donations of essential kitten season supplies are also needed, including: Small litter pans; Heating pads; Small nursing bottles; Kitten formula and kitten food; Small pet carriers.

Donations are accepted

at the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter’s Animal Admissions Door at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Tuesday through Sunday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For a complete list of supplies needs, visit the shelter’s Amazon Wishlist or the donation website. ★

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Best Realtor, Best Restaurant, and Best Automotive Parts & Repair are a sampling of the categories to be honored at this event. Any business in Citrus Heights is eligible, if not listed go to [www.chchamber.com](http://www.chchamber.com)

Join in on the voting by visiting [www.chchamber.com](http://www.chchamber.com). Voting ends May 31st.

This year’s Best of Citrus Heights awards will be presented in June, time and place TBD. Winners will be contacted prior to the event.





# Tips to Spring Clean your Finances

By Karla Contreras,  
Golden 1 Credit Union

We all know about spring cleaning your home, but now is also a great time to spring clean your finances. Your budget this spring may look different than in previous years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Maybe your finances suffered due to a loss of income, or maybe the money you saved on gas, eating out, and other entertainment has left a little extra in your bank account. With hope on the horizon as vaccine distribution increases and the rate of COVID-19 cases falls, it's important to evaluate your finances as we slowly move toward recovery.

The following are four tips to help you clean your finances and grow your money.

**Deep clean your budget** - The first step to deep clean your budget is to organize and take inventory of your finances – review your income, your debts, and how much you owe.

Discuss with your whole family ways you might be able to reduce expenses such as cancelling certain streaming services or cutting back on special treats. Instead, use that money to pay off any debt, or set a goal to save toward that debt payoff. Keeping track of your budget is the best way to stay on track with your financial goals.

Remember it usually takes about three months of budgeting before you can make it stick.

**Sweep away bad spending habits** - Bad spending habits can lead to debt. For example, impulse buying or certain spending habits (like not working with a monthly budget) could cause you to lose track of your money. While small purchases may not seem significant at the time, they can quickly add up. Review your bank statements and calculate how much money you spend each month on habitual or impulse spending. Try to cut

down on these purchases by 10%, or try to give them up for a certain time period and see how you are impacted.

Not having a budget puts you in the position to “spend as you go.” If you don't plan ahead, you could come up short.

**Refill your emergency fund** - An emergency fund is very important, especially in the tumultuous times we've been in for the last year. Even if you set aside a small amount, every little bit helps. Take baby steps. It's important to get your family involved as well, especially as it can help teach children to save starting at an early age.

Ideally, an emergency, or rainy day fund, would cover 3-6 months of essential living expenses. Identify what those essential living expenses are for you and your family and set a plan to dictate how much you need to save each month or each week to reach that goal.

Experts recommend setting aside 10% of your paycheck if possible. If that is not possible, then do whatever you and your family can do comfortably, even if it is a small amount.

**Detox your debt** - None of us like to have debt hanging over our heads. One of the best ways to handle debt is to evaluate if you need debt consolidation. Ask yourself - *Are you getting overwhelmed with debt you already have? Are you missing payments? Are you having trouble making payments on time? Are you confusing the due dates?* Debt consolidation brings all of those different interest rates and due dates into one lump sum loan with a fixed rate, fixed loan amount, and one due date.

By being intentional and really paying attention to your finances, these tips can help put you on the right track to watch your money grow instead of watching your money go. ★

# How Do You Know You're Ready for Retirement?

Commentary  
by Patti and  
Milledge Hart,  
News and Experts

An intriguing find once emerged from a RAND Corp. survey on Americans and their working conditions. It turned out that 40 percent of employees 65 and older had previously retired, but something lured them back to the working world.

In some cases, financial troubles might have been the cause. But often the reason is that people neglect an important component in their retirement planning. They don't think about what they will do with their extra time, or how they will give their life the meaning and purpose work provided, says Patti Hart, co-author with her husband, Milledge, of *The Resolutionist: Welcome to the Anti-Retirement Movement* (www.antiretirement.com).

“Money is certainly important, but it's not the only thing that determines whether your retirement is a success,” she says. “It may be that you are financially ready to retire, but are a long way from being emotionally ready.”

The Harts offer tips for figuring out when to retire and for making sure you're successful when you do:

**Know your catalysts.** Identify milestones or signs that will let you know you are ready to embark on a new post-work life, Milledge Hart says. Yes, that could be when you've accumulated a certain amount of savings. But it might also be related to when your spouse quits their job, or when your

children graduate college and head out on their own. Maybe your plan is to work until your health gives out. “Knowing your catalysts can mean the difference between successfully transitioning to a fulfilled life after your career is over, or boomeranging back to the full-time workforce simply because you didn't know why you quit to begin with,” he says.

**Plan ahead to avoid separation anxiety from work.** For many people, moving from the excitement and fulfillment of a career to the quietness of retirement is too much, Patti Hart says. They develop a form of “separation anxiety,” longing for their old way of life rather than venturing boldly into the new one. “You need to make a plan for what you want to do in your new post-career By Kristalife so you aren't floundering when you get there,” she says.

**Get comfortable with the uncomfortable.** At work, people are thrown into uncomfortable situations and have no choice but to face them head on. In retirement, it's easier to avoid discomfort, but doing so diminishes your confidence, and you miss out on opportunities for personal growth and fun, Milledge Hart says. “It would seem counterintuitive to think that being uncomfortable brings happiness, but it does,” he says. “Go at life as if it's an adventure – because it is. When you accomplish something you didn't think you could, you get a jolt of endorphins that drives you to your next challenge.”

**Learn to be your own best friend.** Even when people want to try a new hobby or activity, they sometimes are afraid to do it alone. “In retirement, you might not have the social network you once did,” Patti Hart says. “You may long for a good friend you can rely on.” But if you think about it, she says, you already have that friend – yourself. So as you prepare for retirement, be ready to go solo on occasion. “When you get to this stage, you will often find that some things on your list are on your list alone,” she says. “No one in your universe shares your interest or has the time to join you. That's all right. If you are going to continue to grow, you need to sometimes feel like you did something completely on your own.”

“Don't convince yourself that in retirement you are going to be destined to a life of watching evening game shows and baking pies, unless of course that is what you love to do,” Milledge Hart says. “My advice is nothing is off limits, so reach for the stars. Look forward rather than backward, and embrace the new you.”

*Patti and Milledge Hart, co-authors of The Resolutionist: Welcome to the Anti-Retirement Movement (www.antiretirement.com), spent more than 30 years as executive leaders in numerous technology and investment banking businesses. Today, in what they refer to as the “Resolutionist” – rather than retirement – phase of their lives, they are applying their resources and skills in new ways to advance philanthropic and corporate activities around the globe.* ★

# Host Your Next Event with Regional Parks

By Ken Casparis,  
Sacramento City News

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks is excited to welcome back youth sports and recreation, and they have multiple locations available to host your next event while adhering to current COVID-19 guidelines.

With the loosening of the state's restrictions related to youth sports and special events, Regional Parks would like to remind residents of the wonderful facilities available to them.

“We know people are ready to get back to special events, and we're ready to welcome them back,” said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. “Whether you need a single sports field or ten, a wedding venue, or a running event location, we are able to comfortably accommodate your needs!”

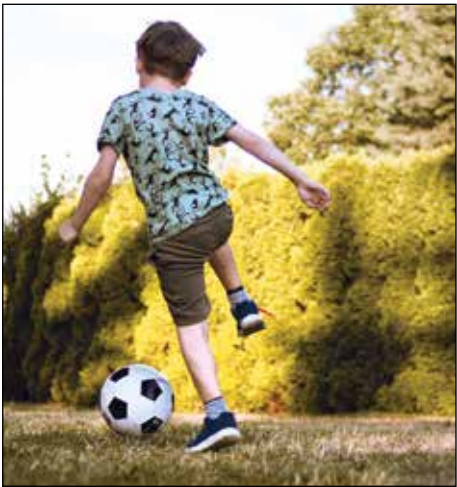
Regional Parks' sporting event and outdoor recreation areas include: **Cherry Island Sports Complex** is home to ten full-size sports fields in a natural regional park setting. The complex has a history of hosting tournaments and competitions throughout the year and serves as a training venue for local clubs. **The American River Parkway** runs from Discovery Park in the west to Hazel Ave in the east. Whether you are hosting a running race or an archery competition, you will find beautiful facilities along the American River Parkway. **Gibson Ranch Regional Park** has an equestrian center, a lake, Ranch House for weddings, a

playground, and many picnic sites! If you're looking to host your next event in a country setting, look no further than Gibson Ranch.

**Golf Courses** – Regional Parks owns and manages three championship golf courses and one nine-hole executive golf course for residents and visitors to enjoy. The courses offer a variety of settings and designs for a wide range of player skills.

As COVID-19 conditions change, so do the restrictions.

To reserve sport fields, picnic and BBQ sites, or other facilities, email Regional Parks at [ParkEvents@SacCounty.net](mailto:ParkEvents@SacCounty.net) or call 916-875-6336. Visit the Regional Parks website to learn more about their other park amenities. ★



With the loosening of the State's restrictions related to youth sports and special event, Regional Parks is excited to welcome back youth sports and recreation. Photo courtesy Dominika Roseclay

# Residents in Sacramento Region Indicted for International Drug Trafficking

Department of Justice,  
Eastern District of California

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment today against Parampreet Singh, 55, of Davis; Ranvir Singh, 38, of Sacramento; and Amandeep Multani, 33, of Roseville, charging them with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute at least 5 kilograms of cocaine, at least 1 kilogram of a mixture containing heroin, opium, and ketamine, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

According to court documents, no later than August 2020, an investigation began into a drug trafficking organization that was based in Sacramento and extended to the greater Toronto Area in Canada. Parampreet Singh, Ranvir Singh and Multani allegedly were facilitating the trafficking of cocaine, heroin, opium, and ketamine across international borders. Between October 2020 and March 2021, the defendants arranged multiple kilogram-level drug deals with a Canadian undercover officer using encrypted applications on their cellphones.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the York Regional Police in Canada, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Placer County Special Investigations Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorney David W. Spencer is prosecuting the case.

Parampreet Singh was ordered to be released upon posting a \$6 million secured bond. Ranvir Singh was ordered to be released upon posting a \$700,000 secured bond. Amandeep Multani was ordered detained pending trial.

If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum statutory penalty of life in prison and a \$10 million fine. Any sentence, however, would be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. The charges are only allegations; the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. ★

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What Would the World Be without Apple Fritters?

By Rev. James L. Snyder

Stress is not something new in my life or anybody else's, for that matter. The thing about stress is that you never get used to it, or at least I don't.

On Monday, I opened up my laptop, and I could not turn it on. It would not accept my password.

I tried everything, but nothing worked except it worked up my stress level.

Finally, I had to take it to a computer store to fix it.

Then, I had an appointment with my eye doctor this week at 9:45, I could not drive because of eye drops I was supposed to put in preparing for this exam. So, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was to be my chauffeur for the day.

At 9 o'clock, I was dressed and ready to go, so I asked her, "Are we ready to go now? My appointment is at 9:45."

She looked at me with one of her "looks" and said, "Are you sure it is at 9:45?"

"Of course, I'm sure."

Again she looked at me and said, "What day is your appointment for?"

"It's for Thursday at 9:45 in the morning." I then looked at her and smiled one of my greasy smiles.

"Are you sure it is for Thursday?"

She always tries to trick me, assuming this was one of her tricks, I just looked at her, smiled, and nodded very dramatically.

"So," she said rather hesitatingly, "what is today?"

I didn't say anything; I just looked at her and then looked at my watch.

"Oh, you silly boy, today is Wednesday."

I hate it when she is right! This only increased my stress level because now I had to wait a day for my eye appointment.

By Friday morning, as I was going to my office, my stress level was the highest it's been for a very long time. I'm not very good at dealing with stress, especially when I'm the cause of it.

I usually stop at McDonald's in the morning to get a cup of coffee to take to the office. As I was going through the drive-through, I happened to think a very delightful thought. Not only do they sell coffee here, but also Apple Fritters.

Sitting down at my desk, I took a sip of coffee and then opened up the bag with the delicious Apple Fritter. I laid it on my desk and, just

for a few moments, stared at it taking in the delightful aroma of this wonderful comfort food.

I took the first bite, and a great weight began to lift off my head. It was a wonderful experience and helped me get rid of all of that stress I had.

In finishing, I thought a few moments about that situation. If it were not for all the stress I experienced this past week, I wouldn't be having this wonderful experience of eating my comfort food. At least stress does have a good side to it.

I remembered what Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Sometimes I let the world stress me out, but when I look to the Lord Jesus, I see He overcomes all of my stress.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

When you try to control the uncontrollable, you're going to get tired. The problem is, we assume God's role and we think it is up to us to make everything work in life. That we've got to solve it all and we've got to control it all and we've got to micro-manage it all. Instead of saying, "I'm going to trust You, Lord to do this." We've all been fighting this Coronavirus battle. Maybe you've been fighting some personal battles, a financial battle, a relational battle, an emotional battle or spiritual battle. And you feel worn-out and you think, "I can't take anymore! I'm going to throw in the towel!" God says, "Finally! Now I can get to work. Now I can fight for you!"

In 2 Chronicles, chapter 20, three enemy nations are ganging up on Israel. God says in verse 17, "You won't even have to fight. Just take your positions and watch the Lord rescue you from your enemy."

Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

God Wants to Fight for You

*Don't be afraid. Just do as you're told. And as you march out tomorrow, the Lord will be there with you.*

King Jehoshaphat said, "...We don't know what to do, but **our eyes are upon you.**" Vs. 12b Notice the phrase, "...our eyes are upon you." The problem so many people have is they focus on their circumstances and that gets them down. I'm not saying you deny your problems exist. What I'm saying is, what you focus on makes a difference. Isaiah 26:3 says, "**You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.**" Do you want perfect peace? The key is what you're focused on. When you're focused on all the bad things happening, all the negatives, all the problems, of course you're going to get depressed! Who wouldn't? But Jehoshaphat said, "Our eyes are fixed upon you God."

What happens when you do that? Notice God's response in verse 15, "*The Lord says, 'Don't be*

*afraid! Don't be paralyzed by this mighty army! For the battle is not yours, but God's!'*"

What God said to Israel 3000 years ago, God wants to say to you today, "Don't be afraid, the battle is mine." Has God ever lost a battle? No, God never loses battles. And when you commit your life to Jesus, that include your problems too. Your problems become His problems.

One of the most relaxing days of my life was when I resigned as the General Manager of the Universe. You relax when you stop trying to control the uncontrollable. When you stop trying to control what only God can control. When you stop trying to win a battle that only God can win. When you get your eyes off your difficulties and on to you Deliver. What I'm saying is, let God fight for you. Let Him help you with that problem. He has a 100% success rate of winning battles.

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By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

*Old Testament Scriptures record the unpardonable sin and the worst thing any human being can do is blasphemy against a loving Almighty God and deny His existence and creation of the world.*

*Jesus confirmed those words in Matthew 12:31-32: "I say to you every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven him but who-so-ever speaks against the Holy Spirit it will not be forgiven him whether it is this age of the age to come."*

God provides the gift of eternal life to those whose sin does not lead to death, but *there is a sin that does lead to death!* (according to I John 5:16). That is the same one who at one time

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in their life - professed to accept Jesus as their Lord and have now fallen away. Therefore denying God! *Those people "crucify Jesus, the Son of God again!" Their denial put "Jesus Christ to open shame" before the world.* (Hebrews 1:6)

Those who are disciples and followers of Christ are called "sheep" and they hear His voice. They know God and are His followers in obedience to His spoken words. *One special day in their past, they received God's eternal gift to never perish. Therefore no one can ever snatch them from God's hand. They belong to God!* (John 10:27-30)

Believers are called to lead a life worthy of the divine calling of God with a behavior that is a credit to the commands to God's service. *Living then, becomes them with complete lowliness of mind, humility, meekness, unselfishness, gentleness and patience*

*bearing with one another and making allowances because of love for one another.* (Ephesians 4 and I Corinthians 13)

It is my understanding from the Scriptures: Once a person has sincerely accepted and invited Jesus Christ into their lives. Plus, accepted Jesus death and shed blood on the Cross they have received God's forgiveness and their eternal soul belongs to Almighty God forever.

*"IF" they fall away and reject their salvation, that rejection of God is an unforgivable "sin" and will cause them to experience an early death. God will harden their heart rather than allowing Satan to take them to hell with him. "God will redeem the soul" and He alone has the power to take a fallen believer to heaven.*

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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297942  
Paul Francis Stawiecki has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Paul Francis Stawiecki to Apollo Francis Korzeniowski. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 27, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 5, 2021  
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STAWIECKI 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297612  
Saad, Nagem Abdullah, Al Gburi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Saad Nagem Abdullah Al Gburi to Saad Albjouri. Zaman Ahmed Sanaz Ali to Zaman Ali, Fadhi Saad Nagem Al Gburi to Ritaj, Albjouri, Ritaj Saad Nagem Al Gburi to Ritaj, Albjouri, Qamar Saad Nagem to Qamar Albjouri, Lina Albjuri to Lina Albjouri. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 26, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 1, 2021  
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ALBJOURI 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297504  
Yeping Jiang Tran has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Yeping Jiang Tran to Yeping Jiang. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 25, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: March 30, 2021  
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JIANG 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297428  
Deric Glenn Cambron has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Deric Glenn Cambron to Deric Glenn Castaneda. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 25, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: March 29, 2021  
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CAMBRON 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297491  
Sital Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sital Singh to Sital Singh Sadra. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 25, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: March 29, 2021  
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SADRA 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297888  
Lap Nguyen Doi Huynh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lap Nguyen Doi Huynh to Lap Doi Nguyen. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 27, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 5, 2021  
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HUYNH 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297965  
Katrina Anne Garcia has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Katrina Anne Garcia to Casey Anne Lockhart. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 1, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 6, 2021  
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GARCIA 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297959  
Chris Mason Peterson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chris Mason Peterson to Chris Mason Moody. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on May 26, 2021, 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 30, 2021  
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MOODY 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00293456  
Iris Estrada, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Iris Estrada to Iris Del Real. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on May 25, 2021, 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 29, 2021  
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REAL 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297421  
Nikita Pavlovich Belousov, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nikita Pavlovich Belousov to Nikita Bell. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on May 25, 2021, 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 29, 2021  
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BELL 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00294040  
Brian Lamont Long, has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Brian Lamont Long to Brian Lamont Gates. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on May 27, 2021, 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 2, 2021  
Shama H. Mesiwala, Judge of the Superior Court  
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GATES 180101 5-7-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297931  
James Robert Walker has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of James Robert Walker to James Robert Lincoln. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on May 27, 2021, 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 5, 2021  
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LINCOLN 180101 5-14-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00297957  
Mohammad Arif Noristani has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Arif Noristani to Arif Mohammad Nuristani, Khalida Arif to Khalida Arif Nuristani, Safia Arif to Safia Arif Nuristani, Roma Arif to Roma Arif Nuristani, Maryaim Arif to Maryaim Arif Nuristani. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on June 1, 2021, 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 6, 2021  
Shama H. Mesiwala, Judge of the Superior Court  
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NURISTANI 180101 5-14-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00298160  
Kyle David Collier has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kyle David Collier to Kyle Matthew Bethoney. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 2, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 9, 2021  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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BETHONEY 180101 5-14-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00298572  
Trang Thi Thu Tran on behalf of Tyler Tien Tran (a minor) has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tyler Tien Tran to Tyler Phu. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 8, 2021, in Department 54, located at 800 9th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 14, 2021  
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PHU 180101 5-21-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00298566  
Huyen Thi Tran has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Huyen Thi Tran to Huyen Gwen Thi Tran. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 8, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 14, 2021  
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TRAN 180101 5-21-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00298364  
Elizabeth Lorena Mendez-Nova has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Elizabeth Lorena Mendez-Nova to Elizabeth Nova. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on June 3, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 13, 2021  
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NOVA 180101 5-21-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00292773  
Nicholas Robert Antonio Rees has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nicholas Robert Antonio Rees to Nicholas Antonio Barajas. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 1, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 6, 2021  
Shama H. Mesiwala, Judge of the Superior Court  
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BARAJAS 180101 5-21-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00298166  
Gillian Elizabeth Collier has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gillian Elizabeth Collier to Gillian Elizabeth Bethoney. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 2, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 9, 2021  
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COLLIER 180101 5-21-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00298160  
Kyle David Collier has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kyle David Collier to Kyle Matthew Bethoney. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 2, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 9, 2021  
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BEHTONEY 180101 5-21-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00298841  
Tien Ngoc Phan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tien Ngoc Phan to Kevin Tien Phan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 10, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 14, 2021  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2021-00298886  
Dawn Marie Cullo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dawn Marie Cullo to Dawn Marie Winston. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on June 10, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 19, 2021  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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CULLO 180101 5-21-21

NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD LEWIS CLEMENT AKA RICHARD CLEMENT CASE No. 34-2021-00297025  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Richard Lewis Clement, aka Richard Clement, deceased A Petition for Probate has been filed by Cindy Saehao, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Cindy Saehao be appointed as personal representative 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 August 4, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the Petitioner is: Michael Yee 4010 S Land Park Drive Suite B Sacramento, CA 95822 916-927-9001  
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CLEMENT 170622 4-30-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STANLEY LLOYD MARTIN CASE No. 34-2020-00283489  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Stanley Lloyd Martin, Stanley L. Martin, deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Bonnie Vaughn, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Bonnie Vaughn be appointed as personal representative 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

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MARTIN 170622 5-14-21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ORLANDO MARCELO PUEYO CASE No. 34-2021-00296977  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Orlando Marcelo Pueyo, deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Juan P. Pueyo, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Juan P. Pueyo be appointed as personal representative 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 July 8, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. This matter is set for a court hearing/appearance using the Zoom Application for the above referenced date and time. In order to participate in your zoom hearing, you must either use a computer or smart device with internet access, and have downloaded the Zoom Application. If you do not have compatible technology, then you can attend the hearing using a telephone and calling the designated toll fee telephone conference line. You must appear by Zoom Application or Telephone using the designated department account referenced below at least 5 minutes before your scheduled hearing date and time; and wait for a court representative to take roll. Department 129 zoom link: https://sacourt.zoom.us/j/dept129a or Toll Free Telephone Conference Line @ (888) 475-44--, with meeting ID #689-534-3925 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 the Petitioner is: Joan M. Medeiros 2377 Gold Meadow Way, Ste 100, Gold River, CA 95670 916-729-1307  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DANIEL J. SULLIVAN CASE No. 34-2021-00298228  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Daniel J. Sullivan, deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Colin H. Sullivan, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Colin H. Sullivan be appointed as personal representative 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 August 5, 2021 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Colin H. Sullivan 5040 Jackson Street #19, North Highlands, CA 95660 916-204-3821  
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF KATHLEEN HEALY STROUD CASE No. 34-2021-00293561  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of Kathleen Healy Stroud, Kathleen Healy-Stroud, Kathleen Stroud, Kathleen Healy, deceased. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Brian Healy, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Brian Healy be appointed as personal representative to

SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
PROPOSED PROPERTY EASEMENT FOR  
PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Education Code section 17556, et seq., the Board of Education of the San Juan Unified School District ("Board") has adopted a Resolution of Intent to convey to City of Carmichael ("CWD") certain real property within the Deterding Elementary School site (hereinafter referred to as "Property") for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, installation, replacement, removal, repair, alteration, operation, maintenance, inspection and use, of new water utility assets within the easement area. A public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Board on May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable, on the question of conveyance of the Easement. Copies of the Resolution of Intent to Convey an Easement and Calling a Public Hearing in Connection Therewith are available upon request from cassadra.baumgart@sanjuan.edu and posted at the District Office Front Lobby. At the public hearing described above, any interested person may be heard on the matter of conveying the aforementioned Easement. At the time and place of the public hearing, if no legal protest is entered, the Board may adopt a resolution by a two-thirds vote of its members authorizing and directing the conveyance of the Easement to CWD.

Carmichael Times April 23 and 30, 2021

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PROPOSED PROPERTY EASEMENT FOR  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Education Code section 17556, et seq., the Board of Education of the San Juan Unified School District ("Board") has adopted a Resolution of Intent to convey to Citrus Heights Water District ("CHWD") certain real property within the Skycrest Elementary School site (hereinafter referred to as "Property") for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, installation, replacement, removal, repair, alteration, operation, maintenance, inspection and use, of a four inch water main and fire hydrant within the easement area. A public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Board on May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable, on the question of conveyance of the Easement. Copies of the Resolution of Intent to Convey an Easement and Calling a Public Hearing in Connection therewith are available upon request from cassadra.baumgart@sanjuan.edu and posted at the District Office Front Lobby. At the public hearing described above, any interested person may be heard on the matter of conveying the aforementioned Easement. At the time and place of the public hearing, if no legal protest is entered, the Board may adopt a resolution by a two-thirds vote of its members authorizing and directing the conveyance of the Easement to CHWD.

Carmichael Times April 23 and 30, 2021

INVITATION TO BID

Landscape Service Contract 2021-64 for service at 2897and 2911 Kilgore Rd., 2880 Gold Tailings Ct., Rancho Cordova CA 95670 and 3303 Luyung Drive, Rancho Cordova CA 95742

Sealed Proposal will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City of Rancho Cordova, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova CA 95670, up to the hour of 10:00A.M. on Thursday, May 20, 2021 and will be publicly opened and read for the Landscapes Services Contract for Rancho Cordova City Hall Property as follows:  
Furnish all labor, equipment, transportation, materials, and supervision necessary to provide complete and continuous care of all turf, trees, shrubs and flowers, including mowing, weeding, irrigation, fertilization and pruning for properties located at 2897 & 2911 Kilgore Rd., 2880 Gold Tailings Ct. Rancho Cordova CA 95670 and 3303 Luyung Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Full detailed specifications are explained in the bid package.  
Contractors are invited to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 13 at 10:00 A.M. in the Canfield Room at the Rancho Police Department located at 2897 Kilgore Rd., Rancho Cordova CA, 95670.  
Copies of the contract documents and specifications, including bid proposal forms are available online https://www.cityofranchocordova.org/i-want-to-apply-for/request-for-proposals-rfp-and-bids

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# Social Security Matters

## Can I Claim My SS Now and Switch to Spouse Benefits Later?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I am 62 and have been a homemaker for much of my adult life. I have a small Social Security account from working years ago. My husband is older, has been the major wage earner and will have a good amount in Social Security when he claims.

I have been told that I should claim my social security now. It's a small amount - about \$475 per month if I claim it now, and \$550 after I'm age 66 - so it's not a life changing difference. But if I claim mine now, when my husband reaches his full retirement age can I switch to claiming spousal benefits on his account? I understand I would no longer get mine, but I'm pretty sure my benefit from him will be a much larger amount. **Signed: Inquiring Homemaker**

**Dear Inquiring Homemaker:** The simple answer to your question is: yes, if you claim your own small benefit now you can later switch to a higher spouse benefit from your husband when he claims his SS. But there are always consequences for claiming SS benefits early. The maximum spousal benefit you can get from your husband is 50% of the benefit amount he is entitled to at his own full retirement age (FRA). But you only get that full 50% if you delay claiming your own Social Security until



you reach your own FRA. That doesn't mean you can't claim your own reduced benefit early, but it means that when you later get your spousal benefit it will be less than 50% of your husband's FRA benefit amount. And here's why:

Your spouse benefit, when you receive it, will consist of your own earned benefit plus a spousal boost to bring you to your spousal entitlement. Your spousal boost will be the difference between your FRA benefit amount (regardless of when you claim) and half of your husband's FRA benefit amount, and it will be reduced if you haven't yet reached your FRA when your husband claims. That reduced spousal boost will be added to your own actual benefit (reduced if you claim at 62), which will yield a spouse benefit less than 50% of your husband's FRA benefit. Said another way, when your husband claims at his FRA, you'll get a reduced spousal boost added to your own already reduced age 62 SS retirement benefit. I can't put this into dollar terms for you without knowing your husband's FRA benefit amount.

FYI, if your age 62 benefit amount is \$475 then your personal benefit amount at your FRA should be about \$670. Essentially, the longer you wait to claim your own SS, the more your spousal benefit will be because the spousal boost will be added to the benefit you're already receiving. Your spousal benefit reaches maximum (which

is 50% of your husband's FRA amount) at your FRA but remember that your husband must be collecting his SS for you to claim a spouse benefit.

So, here's the bottom line: you can claim your own SS at age 62 but the benefit amount you get will be reduced by 29%. If your husband claims at his FRA, you will get a spousal boost at that time, but the amount of the spousal boost will be reduced because you will not have reached your FRA at that time. The only way you will get the full 50% of your husband's FRA benefit amount is by waiting until your own FRA to claim Social Security. However, since your spousal benefit will be the highest amount available to you, waiting and claiming yours at the same time your husband claims his, would also be a prudent strategy to lessen the "penalty" for claiming your benefits early.

One final caution: Any time SS benefits are claimed early (before FRA) there is an "earnings test" which limits how much can be earned from working before SS takes back some benefits. Please keep this in mind if you should decide to go back to work at any time before you reach your full retirement age.

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### Back to the Future on Immigration

It's not 2007 again. But apparently no one has told George W. Bush.

To coincide with the release of a book of his paintings of immigrants, "Out of Many, One," the former Republican president wrote an op-ed in The Washington Post plugging the sort of immigration package that went down to defeat in both his administration and in the administration of his successor, Barack Obama.

Bush is an unusually sincere, earnest politician whose views on immigration are deeply felt and honestly come by – they are just anachronistic, or should be.

If there's any lesson that everyone should have learned from Donald Trump's takeover of the Republican Party, it's that the party's old consensus on immigration is no longer sustainable.

Yet there's still a reflex toward the lazy conventional wisdom that all that ails the country on immigration is lack of an agreement to give an amnesty to illegal immigrants already here and increase numbers of legal immigrants, in exchange for more bells and whistles at the border – what is commonly known as "comprehensive immigration reform."

Bush says not passing immigration reform is his

biggest regret, and John Boehner, out with a score-settling memoir of his time as speaker of the House, says it is his second biggest regret (after not forging a big fiscal deal with President Obama).

Boehner spends a lot of time meditating on how the GOP became, in his telling, "Crazytown," a party of extremists and paranoiacs that eventually threw itself into the arms of Donald Trump.

The former speaker spreads the blame widely, but it evidently doesn't occur to him that one major factor driving a wedge between the party's establishment and its grassroots was the elected leadership's insistence on repeatedly trying to pass immigration bills that Republican voters rejected.

For his part, Bush sounds as if he's learned nothing. In his Post piece, he cites all the usual measures at the border included in these sort of bills – "manpower, physical barriers, advanced technology, streamlined and efficient ports of entry."

That's all fine, but it is no substitute for rigorous enforcement in the interior of the country and can't counteract the open-borders message sent by welcoming illegal immigrants.

In that regard, Bush professes, as all supporters of comprehensive immigration reform always do, to oppose amnesty as "fundamentally unfair to those who came legally or are still waiting their turn to become citizens."

He then calls for an amnesty couched as, in one of the laziest cliches in the immigration debate, bringing illegal immigrants "out of the shadows."

This will be achieved "through a gradual process

in which legal residency and citizenship must be earned," by requiring "proof of work history, payment of a fine and back taxes, English proficiency and knowledge of U.S. history and civics, and a clean background check."

Such requirements are always promised in comprehensive immigration bills and are always toothless, serving only as a way to deny that the amnesty for illegal immigrants is indeed an amnesty.

Bush says, as well, that both parties should be willing to get behind "increased legal immigration," a characteristic feature of these bills. In another tired talking point, Bush insists that a higher level of immigration is necessary to bringing more skilled immigrants – never considering that we could also reduce the number of low-skilled immigrants.

But supporters of the old consensus aren't especially keen on understanding the arguments of opponents. Boehner refers to the "far-right crazies" who never forgave John McCain for pushing immigration reform, and blames "demagogues" and sheer "stubbornness" for blocking a comprehensive bill in 2014.

So far this year, Republican senators have only talked of a narrower immigration bill focused on an amnesty for so-called Dreamers. Surely, though, the instinct toward comprehensive immigration hasn't gone away. It's up to Republican voters to constantly remind the party's officeholders that 2007 is, indeed, a very long time ago.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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# Women's Empowerment Event Uplifts Women after Impacts from Pandemic

By Caroline Perry, Elevate

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - WEAVE Sacramento and SmileDirectClub teamed up to host a Women's Empowerment Event that featured State Treasurer Fiona Ma, and Senator Susan Rubio as guest speakers – working to uplift women in the Sacramento-region after shouldering outsized impacts from the pandemic ranging from lost jobs and less pay to limited access to healthcare.

"It has been widely reported that the impacts of the pandemic have been especially harsh on women – with women losing more than 5 million jobs in 2020 and many going without healthcare when compared to men," said Beth Hassett, WEAVE CEO. "We hosted the event for our clients who have been under tremendous pressure to get back into the workforce and are not sure where to start. Our goal was that they leave the conversation recognizing the importance of putting themselves first, while also being inspired with a greater sense of confidence."

According to a recent report released by the Kaiser Family Foundation, "Women are more likely to have gone without health care during the pandemic compared to men, and women with health and economic challenges prior to the pandemic have experienced worsening health conditions as a result of skipping health care services during the pandemic." A bright spot in the report highlighted the benefits of telehealth during this time by summarizing that, "People have been largely satisfied with their telemedicine interactions. The share of men and women who at the time of the survey reported having a telemedicine visit during the pandemic tripled since before the pandemic. But not all have had the opportunity or access to telemedicine."

"As a telehealth and oral care pioneer, SmileDirectClub believes in increasing access to affordable premium oral care and understands why maintaining good oral health is so important while these women are getting back on their feet. We

are honored to partner with WEAVE to encourage and support women who have been impacted by the pandemic and welcomed the opportunity to bring women leaders together for a serious discussion on how women can build up each other's confidence and succeed in the workforce," said Cheryl DeSantis, Chief People Officer at SmileDirectClub. "Today's event was an example of how together we can positively impact the communities where we operate, helping people during difficult times of transition."

As noted by research experts at the Center for the Changing Family at the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences and the USC Rossier School of Education, "women have lost jobs at a higher rate than men during the pandemic and almost twice as many women as men remain without a job. According to the latest national jobs reports, Black and Hispanic women have higher rates of unemployment than white women and saw the largest drops in labor force participation since the beginning of the pandemic."

"Now more than ever, women throughout California need our support as they find paths to reenter the workforce and make themselves a priority," said California State Treasurer Fiona Ma. "It was an honor to participate in an event designed to empower women in the Sacramento-region – as we all have an important role to play in lifting California women up to ensure they come out of the pandemic with the support they need to not only survive but thrive."

"It is energizing to be surrounded by strong women today who have overcome so many struggles. It took a lot of courage for these women to confront their challenges and rebuild their lives," said Senator Susan Rubio. "The least we can do is to help secure resources for them and offer encouragement. That is why I am so thankful for the work WEAVE does every day, and to SmileDirectClub for their contributions."

Watch the Event on SmileDirectClub's YouTube Page: <https://youtu.be/9KywoQNBEjw> ★

## What Is Medicare's "Lifetime Reserve Days?"



Toni King

Toni:

Can you explain why a hospital employee from the medical claims division asked my husband Phillip to sign a form stating that he is aware that he is now in his "Lifetime Reserve Days" while he is waiting for his lung/heart double transplant?

Phillip went in the hospital in October for congested heart failure only to discover that his heart and lungs can no longer support him. The wait on his double transplant is taking longer than expected and I am concerned that the hospital will send him home or to a nursing home to wait and he will not receive the correct medical care. Please explain what Phillip needs to do. He is covered by a Medicare Supplement and he has had no problems with that plan.

Thanks, Susan from Tulsa, OK

Ms. Susan:

The hospital staff had Phillip sign the form about the "lifetime reserve days" because once he is past the Inpatient Hospitalization 60 Lifetime Reserve days, then Medicare stops paying and the stay is his responsibility.

Susan, there is a notice written in the summary of benefits for a Medicare Supplement and it states: "\*\*\*NOTICE: When your Medicare Part A hospital benefits are exhausted, the insurer stands in the place of Medicare and will pay whatever amount Medicare would have paid up to an additional 365 days as provided in the policy's "Core Benefits." During this time the hospital is prohibited from billing you for the balance based on any difference between its billed charges and the amount Medicare would have paid."

Medicare Part A covers an inpatient hospital stay with a \$1488 deductible for days 1-60. Yes, an Inpatient hospital deductible of \$1488 can happen 6 times a year. This includes a semiprivate room

and board, general nursing and miscellaneous services and supplies.

If your Part A-Inpatient Hospital stay is longer than 60 days, then for days 61 thru 90 Medicare pays all but \$352 per day, and for days 91 and after, Medicare will pay all but \$704 per day with the 60 "lifetime reserve days" to be used. Once the Medicare lifetime reserve days are used, there are not anymore "inpatient hospital benefits". You will pay all the cost of the remainder hospital stay.

Since he has a Medicare Supplement, Phillip will have the additional 365 days of "inpatient hospital benefits" that only a Medicare Supplement insurance plan has and will pay.


What a blessing that Phillip has a Medicare Supplement and he and his doctors together can pick how and where to have his heart and lung transplants and which rehab/skilled facility he will select while recuperating.

If your Part D plan does not cover your new transplant prescription drugs, then who will pay.... You will! Please verify that your new prescriptions will be on your current Medicare Part D plan. Take your time and explore your Medicare prescription drug availability with your transplant physician's office or transplant facility's caseworker.

During a Toni Says® Medicare consultation, we are specific about personalizing your Medicare Part D planning because once enrolled you cannot change until Medicare Open Enrollment (October 15th to December 7th). Toni Says Webinar series is available at [www.tonisays.com](http://www.tonisays.com) with an additional video regarding "How to find the Right Prescription Drug Plan."

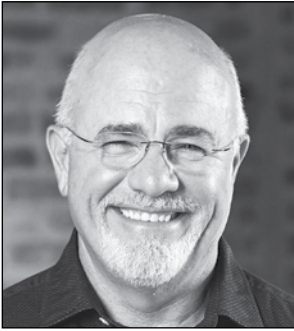
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Live Like the Money isn't There

Dear Dave,

I'm 24, single, and I make \$60,000 a year. I'm also debt-free and live in an apartment, plus I have about \$550,000 in a brokerage account that's made up of 75 percent mutual funds and 25 percent single stocks. The money in the brokerage account was originally an inheritance of \$280,000 that has grown since I received it in 2007. Am I putting my money toward the best investment possibilities right now?

– Drew

Dear Drew

You're in a nice place! I'm glad you're taking your finances and your future so seriously.

First of all, I don't

**Dave Ramsey Says**

play around with single stocks. There's just too much risk there for me. Since I don't invest in single stocks, I don't recommend others do it, either. I look at two things when it comes to investing – real estate and mutual funds.

I always pay cash for income-producing real estate. And when it comes to mutual funds, I invest in good, growth stock mutual funds with a solid track record of at least 10 years. Now, I don't get mad at people if they want to dabble in single stocks a little, but I wouldn't recommend having more than 10 percent of your investment portfolio wrapped up in them. The numbers on playing single stocks are just not that good for the individual, and besides that, I don't like losing money!

If I woke up in your shoes, I'd move the 25 percent you have in single stocks into good mutual funds. And I wouldn't use a brokerage

account. I'd stick with a quality financial advisor, one who has the heart of a teacher. I think you'll end up doing better with your money in the long haul this way. It might be a little boring, but boring is good when it comes to stuff like this. Exciting means you stand a good chance of losing a lot of money.

You've got a good income, especially for a single guy who's 24, so I'd make those adjustments and live like the inheritance money wasn't there. Stay away from debt, live on a reasonable budget, and make sure you're putting 15 percent of your income away for retirement. Then, when it's time a few years down the road, use some of that inheritance money to pay cash for a nice home.

If you can manage to do all that, the money you inherited – even with buying a home – will likely grow to millions of dollars by the time you're ready to retire.

Pretty cool situation, Drew!

– Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

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# Cooley’s Rural California Infrastructure Act Passes First Policy Committee

By Marianne Conarroe,  
Office of Assemb. Ken Cooley

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - On Monday, April 19th, the Assembly Committee on Emergency Management passed AB 1447 – the Rural California Infrastructure Act.

Local governments produce revenues from a variety of sources but almost all of those sources rely on population-based mechanisms. According to the Department of Finance, 28 of California’s 58 counties had no population growth at all, or population loss from 2018 to 2019. When cities and counties lose residents, and their tax base, the amount of county resources available to pay for local upkeep not funded by state programs, suffers.

County fairgrounds which serve to highlight local culture as well as provide any number of disaster-related functions, including shelter in place orders, are consistently underfunded and in disrepair. Local roads maintained by counties have years of deferred maintenance which affects potential evacuation routes for residents as well as critical access for first responders. Small towns in unincorporated areas have no funding mechanism to repair or bring up to code historically significant buildings for the community to

enjoy. Without intervention from the state, rural parts of California will continue to suffer, and continue to see population loss as residents move to other parts of California for better quality of life and employment opportunities.

“Oftentimes in rural areas, local projects remain undone and unfinished for want of funding that is too much for the local governments to provide but too small to draw down state and federal funding,” said Assemblyman Cooley. “How do we make sure that we are functioning as one state supporting the ability of all our communities to watch over their wellbeing, to enjoy their community life, and be safe for the future? My AB 1447 seeks to bridge that gap by providing \$1 billion in funding for rural parts of California for fairgrounds, disaster preparedness, or historic and cultural preservation projects.” Cooley continued, “It is critical that we face these needs as a state, for all Californians and all communities.”

AB 1447 is supported by the California State Association of Counties and moves to the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy next week.

For more information, please visit <http://asmdc.org/members/a08/> ★

# Brother Arrested for Involuntary Manslaughter

By Sergeant  
Rod Grassmann,  
Sacramento Sheriff’s  
Department

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On March 08, 2021, the Sacramento County Coroner’s Office notified

Homicide Detectives of a suspicious death involving Anwar Husain, a 27-year-old special needs male with Down Syndrome. A month’s long investigation led to the arrest of Anwar’s older brother on April 13, 2021, by the Sacramento

County Sheriff’s Office. 30-year-old Akram Husain was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on a single count of Involuntary Manslaughter with \$100,000 bail. There is no further information available at this time. ★

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**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS  
NOTICE TO PROPOSERS**

PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, California, until the hour of **2:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021** for the **ON-CALL TREE CARE AND CONSULTANT SERVICES 2021-2026 contract**, City of Citrus Heights, California.

Qualified firms submitting bid proposals (and for the duration of the contract) shall possess a **valid State of California C-27 (Landscaping), C-61/D-49 (Tree Service) and C-31 (Construction Zone Traffic Control) Contractor’s License, and a minimum of two (2) ISA Certified Arborists dedicated to the contract.** All licenses must be in good standing without any official unresolved record of complaints registered or filed with the Board or California Department of Consumer Affairs. This contract also requires a valid **California State Pest Control License.**

The work to be performed generally consists of tree trimming and removal, stump grinding and removal, emergency callouts, pest control services, tree inventory data collection and maintenance, tree health management and consultant services, arborist services, hauling and disposal of all wood debris, recycling of wood debris, and all other works as described in the contract documents.

Proposals are required for the entire work described herein and must include completed proposal forms, guarantees and supplemental information. An electronic copy of the plans and specifications, Proposal Documents, Agreement and other Contract Documents is available on the City’s website at no cost.

It is the proposer’s responsibility to check the City’s website for any updated information at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

An **OPTIONAL** pre-proposal conference is scheduled to be held **TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021, at 10:00 AM via ZOOM teleconference.** Please visit the city website to register for information on logging in to the remote access pre-bid teleconference: <http://www.citrusheights.net/Bids.aspx>.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations has ascertained the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 1773 and which is filed in the office of the City Clerk. Minimum wage rates for this project are set forth in Special Provisions.

Attention is directed to the General Requirements, Appendix B, of the specifications for compliance with the insurance requirements.

Proposers are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Public Contracts Code section 22300, securities may be substituted for any monies, which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to insure performance. Each bond must be furnished by a company, acceptable to the City, that is authorized and licensed by the Insurance Commissioner as an “admitted surety insurer” and which maintains at least one officer in California for conducting business. Prior to such approval, the surety shall provide the documentation required by California Civil Code Section 995.660.


If any surety becomes unacceptable to the City or fails to furnish reports as to financial condition, as requested by the City, the successful Proposer shall promptly furnish such additional surety as may be required from time to time to protect the interests of the City.

The City of Citrus Heights, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252), and the regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 C.F.R., Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notified all proposers that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into will be awarded to the lowest, responsive responsible proposer without discrimination on the ground of race, sex, color or national origin.

Each proposer, and any subcontractor listed in a bid proposal pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 4104, must be currently registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and qualified to perform public work consistent with Labor Code section 1725.5, except in limited circumstances as referenced in Labor Code section 1771.1(a).

The City of Citrus Heights reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or portions thereof, to accept a proposal or portion thereof and to waive any minor informality or irregularity.

Proposal protests must be submitted in writing to the attention of the City Clerk before 4:00 pm of the 7th calendar day following the proposal opening.



Amy Van, City Clerk

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SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, California, until the hour of 2:00 PM on Monday, May 24, 2021 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read for the **2021 Residential Street Resurfacing Project**, City of Citrus Heights, California. Any bid received after this date and time will be deemed non-responsive. Bids received by fax or e-mail will not be considered.

The work to be performed consists, in general, of placing asphalt concrete overlay on various streets including placement of geo-textile fabric, minor pavement reconstruction, pavement grinding, constructing PCC curb and gutter, AC dike, ADA compliant curb ramps, adjusting manholes, drain inlets and valves boxes to grade, restoring traffic striping, legends and markings; and all other works as shown on the contract documents.

An electronic copy of the plans and specifications, Bid Documents, Agreement and other Contract Documents is available on the City’s website at no cost. Bidders may also obtain the documents at the office of the General Services Department, City Hall, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, California, with a nonrefundable charge of \$50.00 for pick up and \$65.00 for mailing. It is the responsibility of all bidders, regardless of how they obtain such documents, to register with the General Services Department to ensure the bidder is placed on the Plan Holder’s List for this project in order to receive notification of addenda or other important information related to the project.

It is the bidder’s responsibility to check the City’s website for any updated information at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled bid opening.

There is no pre-bid meeting for this project. All questions regarding this project at to be submitting in writing by email to [generalservices@citrusheights.net](mailto:generalservices@citrusheights.net) by Friday, May 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations has ascertained the general prevailing rate of wages applicable to the work to be done in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 1773 and which is on-file in the office of the City Clerk.

The successful bidder shall pay not less than the specified prevailing wage rates to all laborers, workers, and mechanics employed in the performance of the work specified herein. The successful bidder will be required to post a copy of the general prevailing rates per diem wages in a conspicuous place at the job site forthwith upon undertaking the public work called for herein. The successful bidder shall also keep an accurate certified payroll record in accordance with requirement set forth in Labor Code Section 1776 and the Contract Documents.

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No bid will be accepted unless it is made on a proposal form furnished by the General Services Director and is for the entire work described herein. The bid bonds for the three acceptable lowest bidders shall be retained until the City Council has accepted the successful bidder. All other Bidder’s Bonds shall be returned to the bidder five (5) working days after bid opening. The Contract shall be awarded, if an award is made, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder within sixty (60) calendar days from the date the bids are publicly opened and declared. If the award is not made within that period, all bids submitted are deemed rejected by the City Council and all remaining Bidder’s Bonds shall be returned to the bidder. The successful bidder shall apply for and obtain at its costs any permits required for all work, except as otherwise specified in the Contract Documents.

A bidder may propose one or more “equals” or substitutions for products listed in the Contract Documents by manufacturer name, brand or model number, unless the Contract Documents specify that the product is necessary to match others in use. Complete information for products proposed by a bidder as an equal must be submitted to the General Services Director for review, at least ten (10) working days before the time specified for bid opening in accordance with the Instructions to bidders contained in the Contract Documents.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish, prior to the performance of any work hereunder, a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price. The bonds must be approved by the City.

The successful bidder shall also furnish a Warranty Bond, in a form acceptable to the City in an amount of **one hundred percent (100%)** of the total Contract price plus change orders, to hold good for a period of one year after the completion and acceptance of the work, to protect the City against the results of defective materials, quality of work, and equipment during that time. This bond shall be delivered to the City before the final payment under this Contract will be made. The successful bidder will also be required to furnish insurance as set forth in the Contract Documents.


Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, bidders may substitute securities for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to insure performance. Such securities must be furnished on a form acceptable to the City and by a company, acceptable to the City, that is authorized and licensed by the Insurance Commissioner as an “admitted surety insurer” and which maintains at least one officer in California for conducting business. Prior to such approval, the surety shall provide the documentation required by California Civil Code Section 995.660.

The City of Citrus Heights reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof, to accept a bid or portion thereof and to waive any minor informality or irregularity.

The license classification required for this project is Class “A”: General Engineering Contractor or “C-12”: Earthwork and Paving Contractor issued by the State of California. The license must be active and in good standing as of the date of receipt of bids and must be maintained in good standing throughout the term of the contract. For contracts involving federal funds, the license must be active and in good standing as of the date of the Contract award and must be maintained in good standing throughout the term of the contract.

Each bidder, and any subcontractor listed in a bid proposal pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 4104, must be currently registered with the Department of Industrial Relations and qualified to perform public work consistent with Labor Code section 1725.5, except in limited circumstances as referenced in Labor Code section 1771.1(a).

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.



Amy Van, City Clerk

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**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

- Build a collection
- Economic measure acronym
- \*Beverly Goldberg's schmoopie
- Use an épée
- Neither here \_\_\_\_\_ there
- Tall ancient monument
- Daisy-like bloom
- Much of it about nothing?
- Commissions
- \*She's 'Bow' to Dre in TV sitcom "Blackish"
- \*Mother to Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth March in novel and movie
- Before tac
- Ripped
- Part of Super Bowl entertainment, pl.
- Homesteader's measure
- \*"Game of Thrones" Lannister and mother to Joffrey, Myrcella and Tommen
- Douses
- Adjutant
- Article of faith
- Genuflecting joint
- \*TV mother to Alexis and David, "friend" to Jocelyn Schitt
- "Will be," as sung by Doris Day
- Perform in a play
- Load sixteen tons, e.g.
- Peacock's pride
- \*Mowgli's adoptive mother
- Apartment
- Skeleton in a lock
- Part of a jousting outfit
- Spelling competition
- \*Mother to Carlton in "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"
- "Well, I'm a-standin' on a corner in \_\_\_\_\_, Arizona," from the Eagles' "Take it Easy"
- \*Country's LeAnn \_\_\_\_\_
- Hoover's agency acronym
- Piano practice piece, e.g.
- Church song
- What Usain Bolt did
- Poisonous substance
- \*Wife to Papa, mother to Baby
- Sum it up
- Go on a buying spree

**DOWN**

- Way, way off
- \_\_\_\_\_ Verde National Park
- Naysayer's favorite prefix?
- What bloodhound is after
- Croatia's neighbor
- Nibble away
- Affirmative action
- Movie trailer, e.g.
- Elementary particle
- \*Claire Dunphy and Mitchell Pritchett's mother
- Soothing lotion ingredient
- Bell and Barker, e.g.
- Christopher Kimball's "Milk \_\_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_\_s razor
- Part of a circle
- Tiresome
- Questioner
- \*"Mamma Mia!" mamma
- Do this or forever hold your peace
- '80s band "Quiet \_\_\_\_\_"
- Catch one's breath
- \_\_\_\_\_ a peak
- Bone-chilling
- Europe's "boot"
- Short for seconds
- \*She played Ricky Schroder's stepmom on "Silver Spoons"
- Defendant's excuse
- Religious belief
- \_\_\_\_\_ Khan
- Plural of #39 Across
- Below, prefix
- Impede
- \*"Everywhere you want to be" credit card
- Muslim holy man
- Plural of velum
- \*Ellen, Scarlett's mother in "Gone with the \_\_\_\_\_"
- Like the best accommodations
- War god in Norse mythology
- Make one's way
- Dashboard acronym
- \*Kunis, Hahn and Bell as "\_\_\_\_\_ Moms"

**Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 11**

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**Solutions on Page 11**







# California Reverses, Now Shutting Prisons



By Dan Walters  
CALMatters

As signatures on petitions It was 1981 and then-Gov. Jerry Brown had a problem. California’s 12 prisons were bulging at the seams with more than 28,000 inmates, thanks largely to tougher sentencing laws he signed, and he was told to expect another 20,000 more inmates within a few years.

The state hadn’t built a new prison in two decades, stretching back to when Brown’s father, Pat Brown, was governor. The Department of Corrections, as the prison system was then called, wanted Brown to launch a major prison construction program to handle its rapidly growing inmate load.

The young governor, nearing the end of his second and final term, was reluctant to ask voters for billions of dollars in bond money to build new prisons. His state architect, Sim Van der Ryn, had even refused to endorse plans for new prisons, reflecting opposition by those on Brown’s left flank.

Finally, after months of negotiations and debate within his administration, Brown took a minimalist approach, asking the Legislature to place a \$495 million prison bond issue

on the 1982 ballot, enough to build space for about 10,000 more inmates, a fraction of the projected need.

Voters approved the measure, and over the next two decades the number of prisons tripled. However, the state sidestepped the need for voter approval with a clever, if deceptive, system of financing that borrowed many billions of construction dollars. Under the “lease-revenue” system, a state agency legally separate from the prison system issued bonds to build prisons, then leased them to the corrections department.

Even though most inmates came from urban counties, particularly Los Angeles, their politicians resisted having new prisons. The single Los Angeles County prison was built in the remote Antelope Valley.

Therefore, most new prisons were located in rural communities eager for the payrolls that the human warehouses generated, with the first in Avenal, a tiny Kings County community that had once been an oil boom town.

Despite the frantic pace of prison construction, the inmate population still outpaced the number of new cells and eventually grew to six times what it had been in 1981, declining only when, during Brown’s second governorship, federal judges intervened and declared that the overcrowded conditions were illegal.

Over the last half-decade, thanks to more lenient sentencing laws (some sponsored by Brown

2.0), diversion of felons into local jails and early releases due to COVID-19, inmate numbers have declined sharply to 94,000, scarcely half of the 173,000 peak and very close to the system’s original design capacity.

It’s now time, Gov. Gavin Newsom says, to start shutting down some of the state’s three dozen prisons, citing the inmate decline and billions of dollars in looming costs to rehabilitate older facilities.

The first to go will be the 68-year-old Deuel Vocational Institution near Tracy. This month, it was announced that the second will be the California Correctional Center in Lassen County.

The Legislature’s budget office projects that three more could be shuttered by 2025 and the local economic impacts could be heavy, particularly in rural areas. However, just as with the closure of unneeded military installations in the 1990s, that must be a secondary consideration. It’s unfair to taxpayers to keep obsolete facilities open just because of their jobs.

That said, rural communities accepted prisons that politicians from urban areas refused and the state should foster the redevelopment of its prison sites for positive purposes, rather than leaving them as decaying eyesores of a previous era.

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



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