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Several speakers addressed the gathering at the Milagro Centre, including (left to right): Sue Frost, Sacramento County Supervisor for District 4; Michael Helmrich of The Mandarin Restaurant; Liz Mishler of Bella Bru Café; and Michael Donoho of The Waffle Experience. Photo by Patrick Larenas

By Patrick Larenas

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - The Milagro Centre in Carmichael last week hosted a gathering of restaurant and salon owners severely affected by the latest Covid-19 shutdown measures. Almost 30 community leaders and struggling business people presented their case to enlist community solidarity. Event organizer was Arcade realtor Lillian Fulton. Through her activism and ad hoc

SaveOurBusinesses.net website, she has taken on the task to organize and advocate for small businesses.

Fulton said that after decades of working for other companies, she finally started her own business in January of 2020. A few months later, like many other enterprises, she was forced to shut down.

"But I survived," said Fulton, "because my business is considered an essential business and my Association of Realtors stood up for

me." Fulton is conscious that many associations are not giving valuable advice and aren't being responsible to their respective business communities: "Many businesses which are considered non-essential need someone to go bat for them!"

Speaking at the event was Jack Frost, Executive Director of Sacramento Taxpayers Association. He suggested that many have been lulled into complacency because

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Wells Fargo Donates \$75K for Women to Find Work

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Communications

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Women's Empowerment has received \$75,000 from Wells Fargo to provide workforce development skills, paid job training, job search assistance and housing support during the pandemic for women who are currently homeless or have recently experienced homelessness. Wells Fargo has been one of Women's Empowerment's longest funders, giving \$442,450 since 2008.

"This profoundly generous gift from Wells Fargo will have a powerful effect on our community as we all work together to weather the storms of the pandemic, high unemployment and continued housing crisis," said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women's Empowerment. "We are grateful to Wells Fargo for its longtime leadership in our community and for recognizing the essential role of nonprofits like ours in addressing this triple threat that has the most devastating impact on women and children without homes."

Women's Empowerment's programs combine employment readiness, self-esteem courses, health services and education, counseling, housing assistance, job placement and paid job training to help women overcome homelessness across diverse ages, races and cultures. Women's Empowerment was featured on NBC's The TODAY Show in 2015 for offering the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women who are homeless and their children.

"Women's Empowerment does more than provide women with the support, tools and resources needed to obtain a job and become self-sufficient," said Kären Woodruff, Wells Fargo vice president of social impact and sustainability in Northern California. "It also - and perhaps most importantly - helps its clients open their eyes to see their strength, worth and potential, and that's invaluable! We are honored to continue to support Women's Empowerment and the work it does to lift women in their time of need."

The award-winning organization has graduated 1,691 women and their 3,792 children. Last year, 70 percent of graduates found homes in the midst of the housing crisis, and 79 percent secured jobs or enrolled in school or training. Women's Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To donate: WomensEmpowerment.org. ★

A New Year Proclaims Hope

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The house at 6324 Creekcreek Circle in Citrus Heights is much more than one of the top four 2020 'Best Lights in Citrus Heights' contestants. While all the action at the competing houses is often on the outside, the large lit window at the front of this home filled with dozens of stuffed winter animals brings one's attention to the inside. Just a glance beyond the front door tells you this is a house transformed for Christmas.

The Montalbanos came to Citrus Heights 42 years ago in 1978 from the South Bay. Married in Campbell in 1962 they lived in Sunnyvale and San Jose where Perry (80) was working for RB Furniture. A job promotion sent the family to the Sacramento area. Going ahead of his wife Linda (39) and 3-year-old son, Michael. Perry found their charming 'forever home' on a quiet street



Linda Montalbano rejoices during the holidays at her Citrus Heights residence. Husband Perry painted her portrait in the wall. Photo by Elise Spleiss

in the Park Oaks Estates neighborhood. Perry recalls it was all dirt fields beyond his home, as the building expansion on Antelope Road from Interstate 80 had just begun. Years later after retiring from RB furniture Perry went to work

at Loomis Elementary School for 15 years as a school custodian where he enjoyed being able to make a difference in the students' lives.

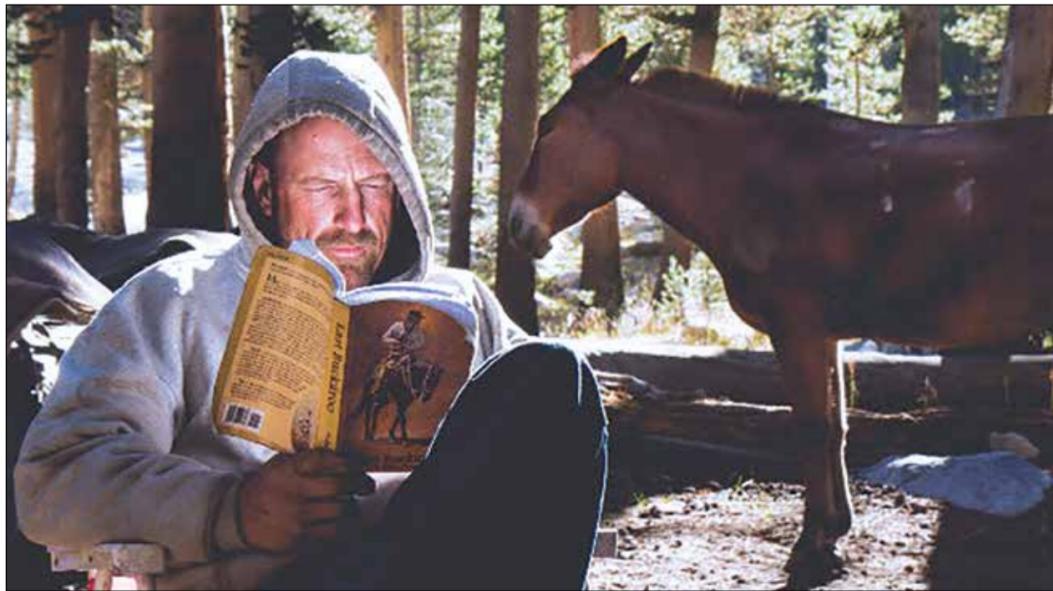
Indoors is Linda's decorating domain: "Christmas has always been my

favorite time of the year". They had always had Christmas trees, even when dating. After they were married, Linda added more and more decorations every year to their homes in Sunnyvale and then San

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Holiday Treecycling & Holiday Light Recycling



Today, Culcasi owns his own business, is stably housed, paid off his child support lien and is making victim restitution payments. He credits his caseworkers with helping him get his life back on track. Photo credit Sacramento County

Sacramento County Health & Social Services

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Since he was 14, Chris Culcasi's drug and alcohol addictions have led him in and out of prison and homelessness. While incarcerated at the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, he found his path to a better life: Horses.

"I could identify with them. It was probably the first time I ever had a feeling for something that wasn't drug-induced," said Culcasi, who worked in a program that offers inmates the opportunity to train wild horses for adoption. "I realized they were just looking for a leader and I started to feel like I could be a leader and I could do this."

After his release, Culcasi set out to start a new career as a farrier. To be accepted into a trade school, however, he had to prove he was able to stay sober.

"For the first time in my life, I was willing to do a program," he said.

Culcasi benefited from a 2017 initiative passed in Sacramento County aimed at reducing homelessness. The Flexible Supportive

Rehousing Program (FSRP) provides help with securing housing as well as intensive case management that supports clients in maintaining that housing through medical, mental and behavioral health care, employment assistance, expungement services and other supports. According to Neil Kurtz, Program Planner for the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance (DHA), these initiatives were the first by the County to specifically target frequent users of services.

"Our participants are building these relationships with their case managers who are going to look out for them and connect them with services," said Kurtz. "You're going to see less recidivism and lower costs over time because housing with services allows people to rebuild their lives and address issues."

According to Kurtz, the difference between past programs and these initiatives is more intentional collaboration with county departments and nonprofits. In addition to connecting people with county departments and the non-profit service provider, DHA works with the Sacramento Housing

and Redevelopment Agency, Sacramento Steps Forward, the Public Defender's office, child and adult protective services, probation departments and more.

"It involves additional support services that can address the long-term trauma and chronicity of somebody who has been on the street or in an encampment for a while," Kurtz said. "Those additional support services are equally important as the housing that's being offered."

Today, Culcasi owns his own business, is stably housed, paid off his child support lien and is making victim restitution payments. He credits his caseworkers with helping him get his life back on track.

"I had a team help me learn how to pay bills, they helped me rebuild my credit, build up renter's history and they gave me all the moral support I needed to get through it," he says. "I never fell through the cracks once. It takes a lot for somebody like me to get this far. I was in a hole that most people never get out of."

For more information, visit Sacramento County's Homelessness Response Website. ★



Remember to be responsible with your recycling of holiday artifacts. Photo: City of Citrus Heights

City of Citrus Heights

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Republic Services will pick up your holiday tree after Christmas Day through the second week in January on your regular garbage collection day. Simply remove all the decorations and lights and put the tree curbside, next to your garbage cart.

Artificial and flocked trees cannot be recycled. To dispose of artificial or flocked trees, break them down to fit inside the garbage cart with the lid closed.

Holiday Light Recycling

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Status of Women and Girls Approved Advocates for Your Livelihood

By Laurie Slothower, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - By a unanimous vote, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved establishment of a Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. The advisory council will help shape policy decisions that impact women and girls; act as a resource to advance economic opportunities for women and girls; and gather data on the status of women and girls, among other duties.

In July 2019 a Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) on the Establishment of a

Sacramento County Women's Commission was initiated by First District Supervisor Phil Serna and approved the Board of Supervisors. The group's mandate was to research the merits of a Sacramento County Women's Commission by which the Board of Supervisors and public could better understand issues, opportunities and challenges unique to women in Sacramento County.

The group presented their recommendations before the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 8. The resolution was approved today.

"The establishment of this Commission on the

Status of Women and Girls is long overdue for Sacramento County, and that's why I proposed the formation of a Blue Ribbon Commission last year to explore the prospect of a permanent commission," said Board Chair and First District Supervisor Phil Serna. "I'm confident this commission is going to do great work, and I want to thank all the members of the BRC for their work in providing an outstanding report and their public outreach efforts."

The Sacramento County Commission of the Status of Women joins 26 other California city and county commissions dedicated to gender equity. ★

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they continue to work: "These people at Lowe's, Home Depot, or those working at home are not affected, but we are!" He warned those gathered that people are walking away from their constitutional powers.

Sue Frost, Sacramento County Supervisor for District 4, also attended the gathering to inform merchants. She said, "The information and the metrics we are getting from the state is not reliable. It's been difficult as a Supervisor for me, because I come from the financial sector. So usually, if you have the correct information, then you can make the right decisions."

She said that the State's rationalization to shutdown certain industries, such as the restaurant industry, does not make sense, given the numbers provided, and may be unfairly targeting them.

"I believe if the [COVID] information we get is right we will save lives," she said. The community "wants to play by the rules, but if what the state is doing is not right, we need to push back."

Lillian Fulton said this State policy, of economically favoring some and greatly harming others, has been especially grave for veterans—many of whom have committed suicide: "A lot of the people

who are losing everything are veterans. They went to war for our country... and [now are taking] their lives... You could not find a parking lot at the Arden Fair Mall, but they say NO to you!"

The Waffle Experience owner, Michael Donoho, a First Gulf War veteran, told those attending not to wait till it's too late; "I fought in foreign countries where people waited too long... How much longer can you go depleting all you have and living off of welfare? If you stay open you will get the full community support... I never thought I would be involved in this civil disobedience... [but] it's better to ask for forgiveness than for permission."

Also attending the event was Roseville resident and candidate for California Governor, Michael Grover Coltharp II. Grover said, "There is no California law for wearing a mask." Grover has a background in law enforcement and instructed the restaurateurs in attendance: "If an officer gives you a ticket, don't argue with them for like four hours, don't talk to them. Just take the ticket and tell them to get off the property."

For more information about the effort to reopen businesses in shutdown visit SaveOurBusinesses.net. ★

SMUD Extends Suspension of Power Shutoffs for Non-Payment

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and growing economic challenges, SMUD announced it will extend the suspension of disconnecting power due to non-payment for residential and commercial customers through April 30, 2021, at the earliest.

"We remain committed to the well-being of our community through these unprecedented times," said SMUD CEO and General Manager Paul Lau. "The economic impact of the pandemic on our community is great and we'll continue to ensure that our customers, especially the most vulnerable, have access to safe and reliable power during these times."

The suspension of power disconnection due to non-payment began March 13 and will last through April 30, 2021, at the earliest, as SMUD continues to monitor the evolving situation.

Customers who are behind on payment will still owe SMUD for service, they will

just not lose power at this time. Customers are encouraged to contact SMUD to make payment arrangements or to enquire about energy assistance rates and other programs.

Since March, SMUD has suspended power shutoffs for non-payment and late fees, as well as adjusted its low-income rate so more people can qualify. SMUD is also offering flexible payment arrangement options.

In the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic, SMUD has taken a number of actions to keep its employees and the community safe. As an essential service provider, SMUD is proactively minimizing risk to employees to ensure reliable electric service and is asking the public to abide by the social distancing guidelines and not approach work crews. Their safety and well-being is key to keeping our community powered, so please thank them from afar. For information about our continued efforts, please visit smud.org/HeretoHelp,

For more information, visit smud.org. ★

Vehicle vs. Pedestrian Fatal Collision on Fair Oaks Blvd.

By A.J. McTaggart, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On December 21, 2020, at approximately 7:10 PM, North Sacramento CHP Area units were dispatched to a call of a collision that occurred on Fair Oaks Boulevard just west of Marshall Avenue. Upon arrival on scene, units discovered an unknown, possibly middle-aged female pedestrian who was struck by a Ford Fusion, driven by a 59-year old male out of Sacramento. The female pedestrian was immediately transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Center with major injuries; however, she succumbed to her injuries shortly after

arriving. The driver of the Ford Fusion immediately stopped upon impact with the pedestrian and fully cooperated with investigating officers. The cause of the collision is still under investigation and the driver of the Ford Fusion was determined not to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at the time of the collision.

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



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California Opens with New Traffic Safety Laws



California Highway Patrol rings in the new year with new laws. Photo: CHP

By Jaime Coffee, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As 2020 comes to a close, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) wants to highlight some new roadway safety laws that take effect in 2021.

License points for distracted driving (AB 47, Daly; 2019): Using a cell phone in a handheld manner while driving is currently punishable by a fine. Beginning July 1, 2021, violating the hands-free law for a second time within 36 months of a prior conviction for the same offense will result in a point being added to a driver's record. This applies to the violations of talking or texting while driving (except for hands-free use) and to any use of these devices while driving by a person under

18 years of age.

Unattended children in motor vehicles (AB 2717, Chau): Exempts a person from civil or criminal liability for trespassing or damaging a vehicle when rescuing a child who is 6 years old or younger and who is in immediate danger from heat, cold, lack of ventilation, or other dangerous circumstances. The law takes effect January 1, 2021.

"Move Over, Slow Down" amendments (AB 2285, Transportation Committee): Extends the provisions of the "Move Over, Slow Down" law currently in place on freeways to also apply to local streets and roads so drivers approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying emergency lights, including tow trucks and Caltrans vehicles, must now move to another lane when possible, or slow to

a reasonable speed on all highways, not just freeways. The law is effective January 1, 2021.

Emergency vehicles (SB 909, Dodd): Allows authorized emergency vehicles to use a "Hi-Lo" warning sound. This distinctive sound, different than a siren, would be used to notify the public of an immediate need to evacuate an area in an emergency. The CHP is currently developing regulations to standardize the Hi-Lo warning sound statewide. Until the regulations are adopted, law enforcement agencies can use the Hi-Lo warning sound by obtaining a permit from the CHP. The law went into effect September 29, 2020.

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

Board Approves Declaration of Climate Emergency

By Kim Nava, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has adopted a resolution declaring a climate emergency and identifying the County's efforts to mobilize and contribute towards a safe climate.

The resolution, brought forward by Board Chair and First District Supervisor Phil Serna and Second District Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, declared climate change an emergency requiring urgent action to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

"With this resolution, we are pledging to build on the County's existing climate action commitments and take significant further steps to develop a climate plan that incorporates actions necessary

to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2030," said Serna. "This is a lofty goal that we'll reach with regional collaboration involving multiple partners, including the engagement of community-based and grassroots organizations."

Sacramento County approved the Phase 1 Climate Action Plan Strategy and Framework document on Nov. 9, 2011, which is the first phase of developing a community-level Climate Action Plan. Subsequently, the County approved the Phase 2A Climate Action Plan for Government Operations on Sep. 11, 2012, and is now in the process of preparing for adoption the Phase 2B Community Climate Action Plan.

"The Communitywide Climate Action Plan will be built on

recommendations and analysis from community members and will be guided by science, data, best practices and equity concerns," said Kennedy. "The need for immediate action is urgent, and the County has already seen the impacts to the region's public health and safety, most recently with the extended wildfire season and resulting poor air quality and prolonged power outages."

The resolution also states the County will establish, within 60 days of approval, a permanent Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force. The task force will be composed of climate experts, including representatives of the scientific and academic communities, to oversee the development and implementation of a climate emergency response plan. ★

Republicans Urge Newsom to Help Thousands of Foster Children Get into Their "Forever Home"

By Jacqui Nguyen, California Senate Republicans

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) and members of the California Senate Republican Caucus delivered a letter to Governor Newsom strongly urging him to allow thousands of foster children who are ready for adoption to move forward through the court system. Pre-COVID, there

were approximately 7,200 foster children awaiting placement and about one-third of them just need a judge's approval to go to their forever home. COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions have halted this process. Click here to read the full letter.

"During this holiday season, there is no greater gift we can give to these foster children than a forever home and family," said Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove. "It appears that there is

no end in sight for some of these guidelines and foster children deserve to be given a safe home immediately.

"Senate Republicans strongly urge the governor to take necessary long and short-term steps to ensure that there are no more delays to the adoption process. With modifications, having a home will become more than just a Christmas wish, it will become a reality for many of California's foster children." ★

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Red Isn't Always the Red I See

By Rev. James L. Snyder

It is not that I am colorblind; I just am color indifferent. Red and blue and yellow are all the same to me.

In remodeling my office at the parsonage my wife asked, "What color would you like the walls to be painted?"

That sounds like a good question to ask but it's not any question to ask if you know me.

"I don't care about the color. Whatever you think is best is okay with me."

"It's your office," she said, "what color would you like the walls to be painted?" With that, she looked at me with a very gregarious smile, which is infectious to me.

Knowing that she wouldn't stop until she got an answer from me I said, "Paint the walls purple."

Looking at me for a moment, she finally said, "Okay, I'll paint it white."

I'm beginning to learn how to solve problems in our house.

It finally came down on me the other day. We were doing our final shopping for Christmas, and I still had a couple of gifts to purchase, and she had a shopping cart

full of gifts to buy. We were just about done when I remembered a present I wanted to get, and I had completely forgotten about it. So I asked my wife, who was the chauffeur at the time, if she could stop at a store so that I could go in and get my final Christmas gift.

She parked in the parking lot, and as I got out, I said, "I won't be long."

I do know the car my wife has is red. That's about as far as I can go with that. So, when I left the shopping store, I was looking for a red car.

It seemed like an effortless thing to do, but as I looked up and down the parking lot, there must've been thousands of red cars. Not quite, but it seemed that way. From my perspective, they all looked alike. I could not remember what kind of car my wife had, only that it was red. The fact that I remembered it was red was something.

I went to the first red car, there was nobody there and the doors were locked, so I went to several others. I could not find the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I was almost tempted to phone in a missing person's alert; perhaps the police

could find her better than me.

Then I heard a horn blow, and I looked down the row, and there was a hand out the window waving at me. So, there she was in plain view.

When I got to the car, she was laughing hysterically, and said, "I gotcha."

I had to admit that she did get me this time. Even if I could've remembered what kind of car it was, it was not where I had expected it. I don't think I will ever live this one down.

As we were driving home, she was sitting on the driver side smiling while I was sitting on the passenger side thinking. A verse of Scripture came to my mind. "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them" (Proverbs 20:12).

What I have learned in my lifetime is that hearing and seeing are crucial elements in every relationship.

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By Pastor Ray Dare

Usually we think that God only uses really gifted, multi-talented people. But that's not true! God uses ordinary people. You don't have to be perfect to help other people. If that were true, nobody would get helped! You just must be headed in the right direction. If you are just one step ahead of somebody else, guess what? You're a leader! You can help that person take their next step.

If you're in recovery for one reason or another (and the truth is we all need recovery in some way), the proof of your recovery is when you begin to focus outside yourself. You're no longer self-absorbed with "my problems, my hurts, my needs," and your focus begins to shift, "How can I help other people?" The Bible says, "God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled,

Pastor Ray's Encouraging Words

Share Hope with Others

we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. So, when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your benefit... we can be an encouragement to you." 2 Cor. 1:1,4 (NLT)

Your greatest contribution to the world will not be through your strengths. It will be through your pain, through your problems, the difficulties that you've gone through. People are helped when you're honest, when you're authentic about your weaknesses, problems and pain. When people see your strengths they think, "Well that's great for him! That's great for her! But I'll never be that! I could never do that!" But when you share about your weaknesses, when you say, "I went through this pain...I went through this difficulty... I had this problem...but this is how God brought me through it. This is how God helped me." People can relate to that, and they begin to think, "Maybe God can help me too? Maybe God can see me through my situation too?"

Don't waste your pain. Begin to give hope to others. Everybody needs hope, because everybody is hurting in some way. People need hope to cope. That's why God wants you to share your story. Share how God has helped you. You don't have to be a Bible genius to share your story. You don't have to have all the answers. You simply say, "This is how God is changing me...this is what God is doing in my life."

I want to encourage you to begin sharing your hope with other people, your story. People could care less about your religion. They don't want to hear about religion. What people are starving for is hope. Share your story how God has given you hope, it's that simple. As you begin to share with others you will begin to see hope rise on the inside others and God will begin helping them the same way He's helped you.

Pastor Ray
New Beginnings Church
www.NBC4u.org ★



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, Christian Author

Stop!!! Breathe In God's Love

There is a similar old saying "Stop and smell the roses!" many of us have heard throughout the years. Possibly those words were created for people who just had to keep going and doing things until they were extremely tired.

There will always be those kinds of wonderful people in our world who are helpers and do lots of generous and kind things for others. They might unfortunately even neglect to take care of their own personal health issues. It is only then they are forced to stop everything important to them, they pray and seek the guidance of the only One who can help them.

Possibly they are people who love and serve God with everything they have! However when they really "stop and breathes in the love of God a miracle happens". They pray and refresh their whole body, mind, spirit and soul to be able to revive and keep going. God's Presence stirs within them as they breathe in the love of God.

Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock and if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come into him and sup (eat) with him and he with me." "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father in his throne." "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Revelation 3:20-23)

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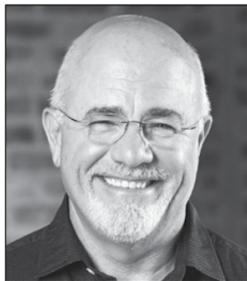
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Dave Ramsey Says COVID19 May Have Permanent Economic Impacts

Don't Let Budgeting Myths Sabotage Your Finances

Dear Dave,
I made a resolution to start following your plan in 2021. I talked to my parents about this, and while they like some parts of your teaching, they don't think living on a budget is necessary if you make good money. They also said budgeting is extremely difficult. Are they right?

– Jensen
Dear Jensen,
For whatever reason, I'm afraid your parents are way off base on this one. A lot of people trash talk the idea of budgeting, and make up all kinds of excuses for not living on one. The truth is a written, monthly budget is essential when it comes to beating debt and winning with money – period. It's the map you need to get where you want to go in your financial journey.

There are lots of myths, and just some bad information, out there where living on a budget is concerned. Making a budget isn't rocket science. If you can do basic math, you can create a budget. Your income minus your outgo needs to equal zero. That's it! You might spend a couple of hours tallying all your expenses when you first start, but the process soon becomes faster and easier. All it takes is a little practice.

If you think doing a budget is only for people who have trouble making ends meet, think again. My wife and I have lived by a written, monthly budget every single month for about 30 years. It doesn't matter whether you're a multi-millionaire, or if you have just \$100 to your name, knowing exactly how much money you have – and where it's going – is an essential part of managing your finances accurately and successfully.

Believe me, I hear dozens of other excuses, too. You'd be amazed at how many people don't make a budget every month because they think it's "boring." Others claim

they can do their budgets in their heads. I don't think so! For a budget to really work, it needs to be something you can track down to the last penny. And if you're married and saying you can do a monthly budget in your head, that means only one of you is involved in the decision making. That's a recipe for disaster in your finances and your relationship.

A budget represents your financial game plan for the upcoming month and years ahead. As Benjamin Franklin said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

– Dave
Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave 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. ★



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

When the state Employment Development Department released a new report on jobs this month, it had a tinge of optimism.

California's unemployment rate had dropped to 8.2% in November, exactly half of the record-high 16.4% recorded in the spring as the first wave of COVID-19 pummeled the state and Gov. Gavin Newsom shut down large segments of the economy.

Viewed narrowly, the report indicated a strong recovery of about half of the more than two million jobs that had been quickly erased by the early shutdown orders. But appearances were deceiving.

After seemingly retreating during the summer and early fall months, thus allowing many economic sectors to resume hiring, the stubborn disease exploded with a vengeance in late November and Newsom has once again clamped down on businesses deemed to be infection hot spots, such as restaurants.

Unemployment is also soaring again as affected employers shed workers, likely sending the jobless rate over 10% again.

"In isolation, California's November job performance is not terrible; in 2019, a 'normal'

year, it would have been by far the best performing month," Taner Osman, research manager at Beacon Economics and the UC Riverside Center for Forecasting, said. "But because job losses since February measure at more than a million workers, and because of the continued surge of new COVID cases in the state, this is not a report that will bring much-needed cheer to California's workers."

The pandemic is straining health care providers to the breaking point.

"We are at or near capacity everywhere," Greg Adams, CEO of Kaiser Permanente said as he and other medical executives pleaded last week with Californians to avoid infection-spreading holiday gatherings. "As the bed count continues to dwindle we simply will not be able to keep up if the COVID-19 surge continues to increase."

The undulating nature of COVID-19 and the state's economic decrees bode ill as 2020 stumbles to a close and a new year beckons.

We obviously don't know how severe this current COVID-19 flareup will be or how long it will last. Although vaccines have been approved and are beginning to be administered it will take months – perhaps a year – for enough Californians to be vaccinated to put at least a semi-permanent lid on the disease.

We cannot know how long the current economic restrictions will be in place, but we do know that the longer they remain, affected businesses, especially small businesses, are less likely

to reopen. Their doors are closed and they have no revenue, but their rents and loan payments continue and many will not survive.

The pandemic has clearly widened California's socioeconomic fault lines. Those on the upper rungs of the economic ladder and their employers have fared relatively well because they have adjusted through working at home and other arrangements. But service businesses that depend on personal patronage, such as restaurants and hotels, and their relatively low-income employees don't have such options.

Between November 2019 and November 2020, the state lost a net of 1.4 million jobs and a third of those were in the "leisure and hospitality" sector, more than twice the losses in any other category. However, the "financial activities" sector that includes banks, insurance companies and stock brokerages was actually employing 4,300 more Californians in November than a year earlier.

The economic effects of COVID-19 will be severe and in many cases permanent. We may be seeing another economic megadevolution, akin to the explosion of the state's high-technology industry four decades ago or the collapse of its aerospace industry three decades ago, with life-changing impacts on housing, education, transportation and even politics.

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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UK judge refuses US extradition of WikiLeaks founder Assange | 04 Jan 2021 | A British judge on Monday rejected the United States' request to extradite WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to face espionage charges, saying he was likely to kill himself if held under harsh U.S. prison conditions. In a mixed ruling for Assange and his supporters, District Judge Vanessa Baraitser rejected defense arguments that the 49-year-old Australian faces a politically motivated American prosecution that rides roughshod over free-speech protections. But she said Assange's precarious mental health would likely deteriorate further under the conditions of "near total isolation" he would face in a U.S. prison. "I find that the mental condition of Mr. Assange is such that it would be oppressive to extradite him to the United States of America," the judge said.

Facebook Shuts Down Page for GOP Senate Campaigns Just Before Georgia Runoffs | 02 Jan 2021 | Facebook shut down a fundraising page for Sens. Kelly Loeffler (R-Ga.) and David Perdue (R-Ga.) just days before voters head to the polls to decide between the Republicans and their Democratic challengers. The National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) runs the Georgia Battleground Fund, a joint fundraising committee for the NRSC and the campaigns for Loeffler and Perdue. According to a screenshot from the committee, Facebook alerted them that the page for the fund was disabled "for policy violation." ...A Facebook spokesperson told news outlets that what happened was a mistake.

Husband sues for right to touch wife in New Mexico nursing home amid COVID-19 pandemic | 31 Dec 2020 | A New Mexico man fought the law for the right to touch his wife, and he appears to have won. A state judge ruled to change a health order that has forced the couple apart during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gary Hein and Ann Severine, a couple of more than three decades, live in the same care facility in Santa Fe, New Mexico - Hein in independent living and Severine in memory care.... The loving husband took part in a lawsuit in which he claimed his constitutional rights were violated and both his health and that of his wife had declined. He said nursing home staff, even employees who had been exposed to COVID-19, were allowed near her, but he wasn't, even though he's repeatedly been tested for the virus.

Georgia Election Data Shows 17,650 Votes Switched From Trump to Biden - Data Scientists | 02 Jan 2021 | Georgia election data indicates 17,650 votes were switched from President Donald Trump to Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, data scientists testified on Wednesday during a state Senate hearing. A team led by Lynda McLaughlin, along with data scientists Justin Mealey and Dave Lobue, presented the results before the Georgia Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Elections. Mealey worked as an electronic warfare technician in the U.S. Navy for nine and a half years and was a former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) contractor as a data analyst and programmer for the National Counterterrorism Center. He currently works for one of the "Big Four" accounting firms as a programmer. Lobue is a data scientist with over a decade of experience in a number of industries.

Pennsylvania Republicans find 'alarming discrepancy' twice the margin of Biden's victory | 29 Dec 2020 | Republican lawmakers in Pennsylvania say an "alarming discrepancy" in the presidential vote count is two times larger than the margin of President-elect Joe Biden's victory in the state. Their analysis, released on Monday by state Rep. Frank Ryan and more than a dozen colleagues, found different vote counts when comparing Election Day data from counties and the Statewide Uniform Registry of Electors, or SURE, system used by Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar. They also raised suspicions about tens of thousands fewer votes in the presidential race than overall ballots. Boockvar, a Democrat, cast the analysis as yet another misinformation effort designed to cast doubt on the integrity of the election. Wanda Murren, a spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Department of State, told the *Washington Examiner* that the "so-called analysis was based on incomplete data."

Trump Tops Gallup Poll of Most Admired Man in 2020 | 29 Dec 2020 | President Donald Trump is the most admired man in America this year, according to a new survey. Eighteen percent of respondents to an annual Gallup poll named Trump as the most admired man of 2020, a year after he tied former President Barack Obama for the honor. Obama was previously chosen as the most admired man for 12 years in a row, including the tie. Obama was named by 15 percent of respondents in this year's survey, followed by former Vice President Joe Biden at 6 percent. ★

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FBNF2020-08853 Kim Cray LLC, 5960 S Land Park Drive #1159 Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kim Cr8g, Call Kim, Kim Friday" 1610 R Street 3rd Floor Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2020. Publish: December 25, 2020 January 1, 8, and 15, 2021
KIM 180201 1-15-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-08854 Flex by Lexis LLC, 836 57th Street Suite 250 Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flex by Lex" 836 57th Street Suite 250 Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2020. Publish: December 25, 2020 January 1, 8, and 15, 2021
FLEX 180201 1-15-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09082 Get It Filed, 915 L Street Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Serve Us, Get It Recorded" 717 K Street #434 Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2020. Publish: December 25, 2020 January 1, 8, and 15, 2021
SERVER 180201 1-15-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09034 Tayehs Management Co, 5311 Elgin Hills Way Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nee's Daycare" 5311 Elgin Hills Way Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2020. Publish: December 25, 2020 January 1, 8, and 15, 2021
NEE 180201 1-15-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-08821 Parminder Pabia, 5821 Blue Beech Court Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "IPH Solution" 5821 Blue Beech Court Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 7, 2020. Publish: December 25, 2020 January 1, 8, and 15, 2021
IPH 180201 1-15-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-08496 Spectrol of California LLC, 3535 State Highway 66 Suite 7 Neptune, NJ 07753 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Touch Base Communications" 3535 State Highway 66 Suite 7 Neptune, NJ 07753. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2020. Publish: December 25, 2020 January 1, 8, and 15, 2021
TOUCH 180201 1-15-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-08627 James Joseph, 673 Alamos Avenue Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Good Junk" 8521 Folsom Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 30, 2020. Publish: December 25, 2020 January 1, 8, and 15, 2021
GOOD 180201 1-15-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-08741 Nicholas Dimitropoulos and Monique M. Dimitropoulos, 5230 Karm Way Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NMD Realty Group" 5230 Karm Way Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2020. Publish: December 25, 2020 January 1, 8, and 15, 2021
NMD 180201 1-15-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09259 Gay Carroll-Haring and Raymond V. Haring, 2726 Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dr. Ray's Natural Soap" 2726 Land Park Drive Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
NATURAL 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09244 Maximilian Zimin, 6909 Crosswoods Circle #153 Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MizJus" 8104 Shadow Lane Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
MIZJUS 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-08622 Christian A Romero, 777 Campus Commons Road #200 Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lawise.com" 2512 Fair Oaks Boulevard #8 Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 25, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
LAWISE 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09134 Stevie Mobley, 8439 Trimmer Way Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Norcal Notary Services" 8439 Trimmer Way Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 18, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
NORCAL 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09218 Ricky Lewis, 10270 E. Taron Drive #7 Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Techie Sports Gear" 10270 E. Taron Drive #7 Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
TECHIE 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-08856 Barbara Maurizi, 1344 Fitch Way Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Maurizi Associates, Morez Designs, Morez Crafts, Morez Décor" 1344 Fitch Way Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
MOREZ 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-07806 Mariam Elnashawi, 5063 Bissett Way Sacramento, CA 95835, Amr Mohamed, 4 Ahmed Algazawi Street Cairo, Egypt, and Asssem Mohamed, 4 Ahmed Algazawi Street Cairo, Egypt is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Principal Software" 5063 Bissett Way Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 28, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
PRINCIPLE 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09070 Stay Safe Solutions, Inc 3140 Peacekeeper Way Suite 101A McClellan, CA 95652 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stay Safe Solutions" 3140 Peacekeeper Way Suite 101A McClellan, CA 95652. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
STAY 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-08832 Aznor Cherbizhev, 4950 Kappa Court North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Anemos" 3335 Watt Avenue Suite B #258 Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2020. Publish: January 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2021
ANEMOS 180201 1-22-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09230 Georgette Mayberry, 5878 Eureka Lane Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Relentless Independent" 5878 Eureka Lane Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
RELENT 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09260 Pamjit Singh Khaira, 987 Sterling Cir., Folsom, CA 95630 and Rajinder Kair, 987 Sterling Cir., Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Carmelia City Chevron, Singh Pamjit Gen Ptr" 4700 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
CAMELIA 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09161 Area Portable Services, Inc., 3909 Security Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Area Restroom Solutions" 3909 Security Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 21, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
AREA 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09261 Thai Vue, 2452 Stansberry Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Safe and Loving Home" 7800 Claypool Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 24, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
SAFE 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09274 Global Positioning System Installers, Inc., 11417 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "GPSI, Inc." 11417 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
GPSI 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09239 Gerald Tyrone Sims, 5052 Walnut Ave, #112, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "14ct Ent. Management" 5052 Walnut Ave, #112, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
14CT 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09198 All Inclusive Medical Services Home Health Care, Inc., 5900 Coyle Ave, Suite C2, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AIMS Home Health" 5900 Coyle Ave, Suite C2, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
AIMS 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09240 KDTY LLC, 8672 Oldwoods Way, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Semper Supra Luxury" 8672 Oldwoods Way, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 23, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
SEMPER 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09144 The Whole Soul Counseling, A Licensed Clinical Social Worker Professional Corporation, 4125 Temescal Street, Ste. A, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Whole Soul Counseling" 4125 Temescal Street, Ste. A, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 18, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
WHOLE 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09281 Jasmine Kayla Samaha, 159 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Little Baby Bum Daycare" 159 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 28, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
LITTLE 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09192 Jaafar Hussain, 1655 Scarlet Ash Ave, #121, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hussain Security Service" 1655 Scarlet Ash Ave, #121, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 22, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
HUSSAIN 180201 1-29-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2020-09431 Good Jo Coffee & Espresso Bar, 3538 Huntsman Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Good Jo Coffee & Espresso Bar" 3538 Huntsman Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 31, 2020. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
GOODJO 180201 1-29-21

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FBNF2019-01130 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Leelia's Perfect Hair & More" located at 2645 Stonecreek Drive #230 Sacramento, CA 95833. Leela Marie Nichole Hempstead-Carter, 2645 Stonecreek Drive #230 Sacramento, CA 95833. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on February 4, 2019 in the County of Sacramento. Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2020 and January 1, 2021
LEELA 170707 1-1-21

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FBNF2019-05567 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Mark J. Mobile Home Park" located at 4724 Madison Avenue Sacramento, CA 95841. Kevin Berger, Trustee, 5150 Madison Avenue Sacramento, CA 95841. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on July 7, 2019 in the County of Sacramento. Publish: December 18, 25, 2020 January 1, and 8, 2021
MARK J 170707 1-8-21

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FBNF2020-03129 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Konfidence Clothing & Accessories" located at 5878 Eureka Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842. Georgette Mayberry, 5878 Eureka Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842. The Fictitious Business Name Statement referred to above was filed on May 13, 2020 in the County of Sacramento. Publish: January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021
KNONFI 170707 1-29-21

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2020-00289074
Stacey Harvey-Slocum and Jesse Slocum have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Brook/Skyline StanleyAnn Harvey to Brook/Skyline StanleyAnn Harvey-Slocum.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on January 13, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813

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Sentencing of Roy Charles Waller (NorCal Rapist)

DATE: December 18, 2020

**CASE: Roy Charles Waller
(Case #18FE018342)**

PROSECUTOR: Supervising Deputy District Attorney Chris Ore and Supervising Deputy District Attorney Keith Hill

On November 18, 2020, Roy Charles Waller was convicted by a jury of 46 counts involving kidnap, forcible rape, oral copulation, sodomy and foreign penetration. The case involved the assault of nine women in six counties and seven different cases between 1991-2006. The case was known as the "NorCal Rapist" series. The sexual assaults occurred in Sonoma, Solano, Contra Costa, Yolo, Butte and Sacramento counties. Waller was sentenced to a total of 897 years to life in state prison for these offenses. The sentence is the maximum allowed by law.

By 2006, six different cases with biological evidence were linked to the same suspect. However, law enforcement was unable to determine the individual responsible because Waller's DNA was not in the state's criminal offender database. A taskforce in 2006 and 2007 attempted to solve the case but was unsuccessful.

In September 2018, biological evidence left at the crime scenes of one of the sexually assaulted women was used to develop a specialized DNA profile intended for investigative genetic genealogy (IGG). That DNA profile led investigators to a list of potential relatives of the suspect. No DNA or other genetic material from these potential relatives was shared with law enforcement. The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office constructed family trees, which led them to focus on Waller. The identity of the serial rapist who went undetected for 27 years then became known.

On September 18, 2018, the Sacramento Police Department obtained an abandoned DNA sample from Waller's residence in Benicia, which confirmed he was responsible for the sexual assaults of the nine women. Waller was arrested at his place of employment in Berkeley.

All nine victims testified during the course of the month long jury trial. Additionally, retired officers, detectives and sexual assault forensic nurse examiners were located in multiple states to come

to Sacramento to present their testimony. Some of these witnesses were long since retired and in their 80's.

The victims waited for decades for justice and it was only through the use of IGG that the identification and arrest of Waller was possible.

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the original detectives from agencies in each jurisdiction on these cases who never gave up pursuing the offender.

Repeat Sex Offender Convicted of Child Sexual Assault

DATE: December 8, 2020

**CASE: Tajmal Sharrieff
(Case #17FE009227)**

PROSECUTOR: Principal Criminal Attorney Nancy Cochrane, Special Assault & Child Abuse Unit

Tajmal Sharrieff was convicted by a jury of seven counts of committing a lewd act on a child. It was also found true that Sharrieff has a prior 1987 strike conviction for first-degree residential burglary.

In 2007 and 2008, Sharrieff repeatedly sexually assaulted a boy, who was 7 to 8 years old at the time. The victim was the son of an acquaintance who was unaware that Sharrieff had previously been convicted of rape by force of a 13-year-old girl and attempt to commit rape of a 19-year-old young woman. The victim's strength enabled him to discuss the details of the horrific acts that Sharrieff committed against him when he was a young boy.

Sharrieff is facing approximately 525 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for January 6, 2021, in Department 10 before the Honorable Ernest Sawtelle. him to keep marijuana smoke from wafting through the house. Both victims were taken to the UCD Medical Center and treated for significant injuries. One victim suffered a broken nose, fractured orbital bone, scalp hematoma, wounds to her head requiring 20 staples, fractured ribs, fractured fingers on both hands, and multiple human bite marks to her face, arms, hands, and chest. The second victim suffered bleeding between her skull and her scalp, human bite marks to her face and arm, lacerations to her face requiring extensive suturing, and a fractured rib.

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CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Arithmetic operation
 - Romantic getaway destination
 - "Hold on!"
 - Foolish
 - Unit of electrical resistance
 - Ann Patchett's novel "Bel"
 - Parallel grooves
 - New Zealand's bygone bird
 - Daisy-like bloom
 - "En ____ cooked and served in individual pot"
 - "Raw fish"
 - Like Second Testament
 - Archipelago unit
 - Fool's Day mo.
 - "Days" in Havana
 - Just one of TV's "American ____"
 - Russian mountain range
 - Urban haze
 - Spiral-horned African antelope
 - Aggressive remark
 - 10 percent to charity, e.g.
 - Milk choice
 - Burnt ____
 - "Nobody ____ It Better"
 - London art museum
 - Evening party
 - Boll weevil, e.g.
 - Dianne Feinstein, abbr.
 - Windmill blade
 - "____ he drove out of sight"
 - "It's battered and fried"
 - "Cheese and potato dumplings"
 - Loudspeaker noise
 - Sheep sound
 - Frank Wright's middle name
 - Atones, archaic
 - Days of ____
 - Containing fat
 - Cut the crop
 - College degrees
 - Stainless material

- DOWN**
- Catchall abbr.
 - Gung-ho about
 - DEA agent
 - Jimmy Hoffa's organization
 - Position while landing
 - A few
 - "Vietnamese soup"
 - Accumulate
 - Done in loads
 - Opposing prefix
 - Unit on a list
 - Torus, pl.
 - Milk protein
 - "Cocktail garnish"
 - Mont Blanc, e.g.
 - Heavy hydrogen, e.g.
 - "With jus"
 - First-rate
 - Browning's "____ ben Ezra"
 - In the thick of
 - Benign lump
 - New Zealand parrots
 - Like NCAA's eight
 - "Japanese noodle soup"
 - Suggestive look
 - "Clarified butter"
 - Ruhr's industrial center
 - "The Dean Martin Show" and "The Carol Burnett Show"
 - Lobe locale
 - Ogres of the Norse
 - Bigwig in the Orient
 - Approval of the audience
 - Tow rope alternative
 - River in Bohemia
 - Comedian Rudolph
 - "Dead Poets Society" school, e.g.
 - Cowboy's prods
 - Apple leftover
 - Jekyll's alter ego
 - Bucolic poem
 - "____ mode"

Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 8

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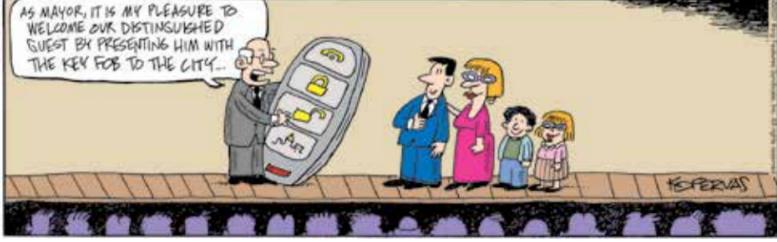
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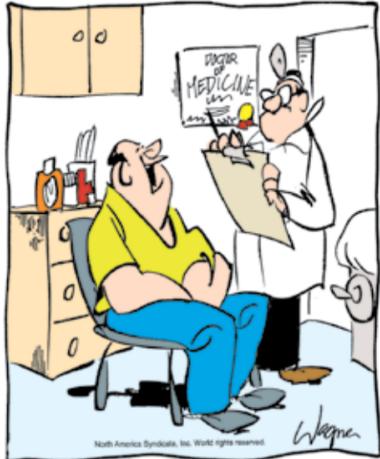
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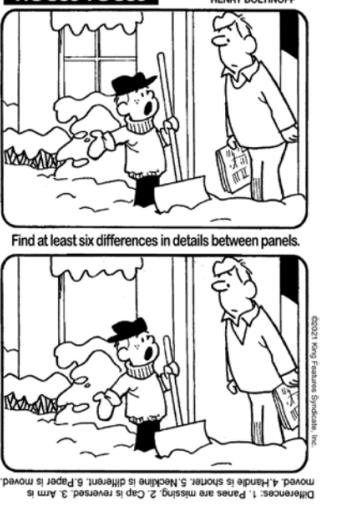


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Healthy Communities Resolution Adopted by Growing Number of Counties

By Joshua Hoover, North State Leaders

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A growing number of counties have passed the Healthy Communities Resolution – a product of a collaborative meeting of 15 Northern California counties earlier this year – rejecting Governor Newsom’s Blueprint for a Safe Economy as unscientific and counterproductive. The counties are insisting on a more data-based approach to the COVID-19 pandemic tailored to local communities.

The latest counties to pass a version of the Resolution are Placer, Orange, Siskiyou, San Luis Obispo, Lassen, and El

Dorado. Several more are expected to consider the Resolution in the New Year.

The Healthy Communities Resolution was drafted by Assemblymembers James Gallagher, Kevin Kiley and Megan Dahle, and Senators Brian Dahle and Jim Nielsen. Today, these Legislators released the following statement:

“We are encouraged to see different counties pass variations of the Resolution that are right for them. The consensus emerging across the state is that lockdowns from Sacramento cannot stay with us in the new year. California must take a different approach to the final phase of its COVID-19 response.” ★

County Appoints Acting Director of Health Services

By Kim Nana, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The County has appointed Jim Hunt as Acting Director of the Department of Health Services. His appointment is effective Monday, Dec. 21.

Hunt has extensive experience with Sacramento County. He was the Director of Health and Human Services from 1997-2006 and was Deputy Administrator for what is now the Social Services Agency (the agency that oversees Health Services), from 2006-07. Prior to that, he was the Chief

of Administration and Deputy Director for Health Services from 1992-97, Workers’ Compensation Manager from 1991-92, and served in a series of increasingly responsible positions with the County from 1973-91.

“Jim is extremely familiar with the importance and operation of the programs and services provided by Health Services, and has a strong background in the administration of the department, including management of fiscal, budgetary, contract, personnel and other administrative services,” said Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy County Executive for Social Services. “Jim’s

experience will allow him to transition into the role and seamlessly continue the department’s operations.”

While Hunt was the Director of Health and Human Services, he oversaw Child Protective Services, Mental Health Services, Alcohol and Drug Services, Services for Seniors and Dependent Adults, Public Health and Primary Health Services. He also directly supervised the Public Health Officer and eight managers.

Hunt will serve in the Acting Director of Health Services role while the County conducts a nationwide search for the permanent position. ★

Walmart Stores Commit to Fighting Hunger

By Kim Ericksen, Elevate

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The holidays are a time of giving, but they are also a time of great need. Food insecurity continues plaguing families and individuals across the country, with an estimated 1 in 6 at risk of hunger as a result of COVID-19. This is compared to a pre-pandemic number of 1 in 9 struggling with food insecurity, according to Feeding America®, the nation’s largest hunger-relief organization. As a result, food banks and pantries are having difficulties keeping up with demand.

To help organizations meet the increased demand during the holidays and beyond, the Walmart Foundation is granting Feeding America \$12 million over two years and is encouraging its stores, clubs, and distribution centers in the U.S. to commit funds and product donations to hunger-relief organizations through the end of the year.

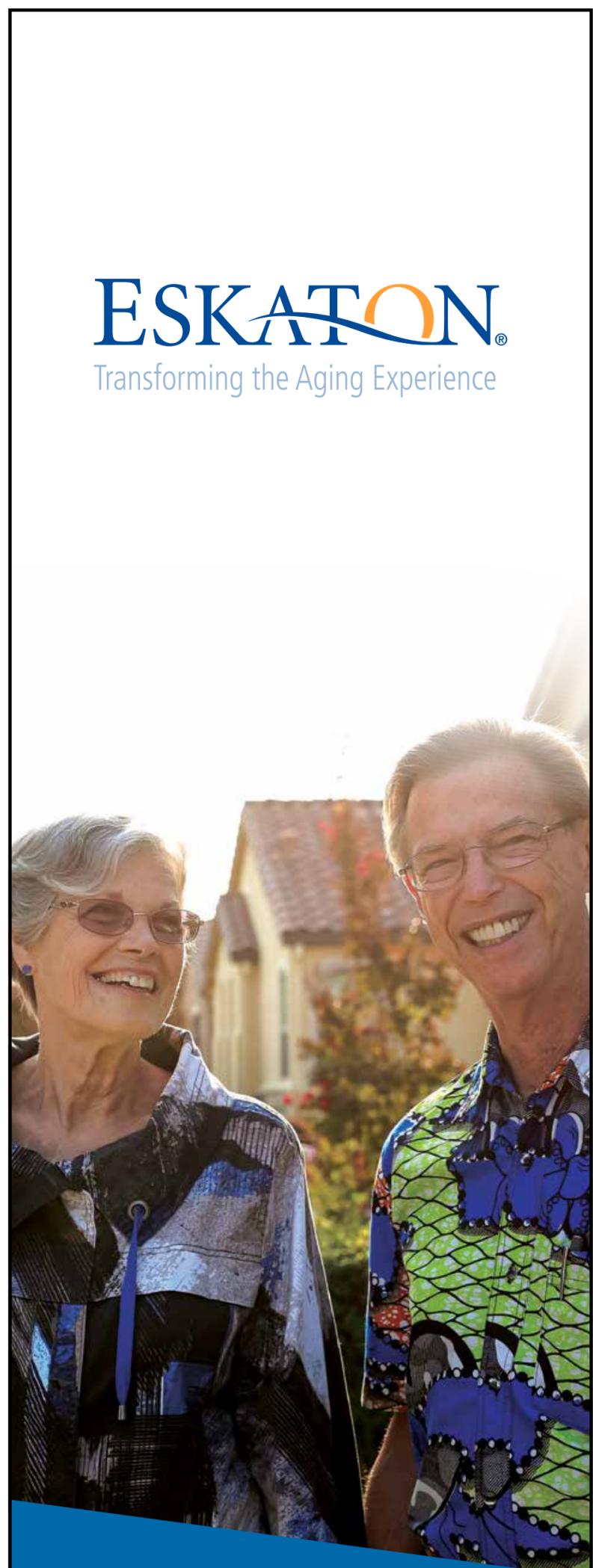
“At our local Walmart stores, we want to ensure we are doing what we can to give back to our communities. The economic impact of COVID-19 has hit many families extremely hard, and food insecurity has become more common because of it,” said Aubrey Swift, Vice President Regional Manager in Northern California. “We hope

that with continued donations from our local Walmart stores, and from our corporate headquarters, we can help feed all families who face hunger this holiday season, and as long as food insecurity persists.”

For years, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have supported hunger-relief organizations and this year is no different. Last year, in California, Walmart and Sam’s Club donated more than 26,000,000 pounds of food to local food banks.

So far this year, more than 5,000 hunger-relief organizations in the U.S. have received support from Walmart and the Walmart Foundation through the donation of 480 million pounds of food and over \$55 million in grants for hunger relief. Complemented by these efforts, Walmart customers, Sam’s Club members and suppliers have raised and donated nearly \$18 million for hunger relief.

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A New Year Proclaims Hope



May our better angels lead this New Year. Photo by Perry Montalbano

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Jose. Now, three 8-gallon tubs hold the hundreds of articles, many homemade and vintage, which will transform and bring to life the dozen areas in this home that warrants it being called a Christmas House. Three bedrooms, living room, family room, hallways, alcoves, and even the bathroom features different themes. Christmas trees of all sizes and materials, stuffed animals, dolls, and especially angels - part of multiple scenes, help create the seasonal makeover. Even the guest bathroom sports one of the many Mr. and Mrs. Santa scenes throughout the home.

Hidden treasures like the vintage Christmas diorama tucked inside a living room side table can be found upon close inspection of each room. Many items are homemade, like the little red outfit on a bear guiding his reindeer, which Linda made for their 3-month-old son Michael who is now 55! Many articles came from friends and relatives.

Outdoors, every scene was designed and built by Perry. Many are 50 years old, moving here with the family from the South Bay. Visitors are greeted first by the traditional lighted nativity scene. Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus were the only figures the first year. The manger was made from a water heater crate. Other nativity figures were purchased at Sears. Perry made the wooden angels for the nativity, the teeter totter,

lighted candy canes, carolers and ice-skating rink, also following from the South Bay.

There is no down time for serious holiday lights enthusiasts. Perry keeps adding on to his creations each year, checking out other decorated houses thinking, "I can do that," and coming up with other ideas throughout the year. The work is all Perry's except for a few suggestions from wife Linda. However, he insists he has the last word, which is always, "Yes dear".

Working with thousands of lights is an art. Perry begins in August checking every single light, both the older incandescent and newer LED lights, and replacing the newer LED bulbs. He noted that Christmas lights cannot be put up too early as the Sacramento heat bakes and melts the light sockets. The late summer weather can also make the older bulbs contract and expand rendering the strings of older bulbs useless. All he can do then is buy new lights.

Until this year Perry put up and took down all the lights and displays on the ground and roof himself. This year the octogenarian reluctantly accepted help from his son and two friends to remove the angel, American flag, Santa and his reindeer and other roof decorations, while continuing to direct from below.

The Montalbanos do not take a break in January. Plans are even now beginning for their Easter and then Halloween decorations! ★

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