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California has 12% of the nation's workforce, but had more than 20% of the country's unemployment benefit fraud. MPG file photo

By Thomas Buckley,
CaliforniaGlobe.com

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A person in a coma is considered to be non-responsive.

Unironically, also considered to be non-responsive is California's Employment Development Department (EDD) when it comes to answering Congressional questions.

The House Committee on Oversight and Accountability – which is looking into various aspects of the pandemic response, including its financial impacts – has deemed the EDD's answer to a January information request as not nearly good enough.

"The EDD has not provided documents requested by Chairman (Kentucky Republican James) Comer," said a committee spokeswoman. "We intend to have additional follow up on the document request."

When asked by the Globe for a comment, the EDD provided a copy of a letter it sent to Comer's committee in late January and did not address the current issue of their failure to provide the

requested documentation.

Non-responsive, indeed.

The committee is attempting to get to the bottom of the massive fraud perpetrated against the EDD during the pandemic. The current estimate is that the EDD lost about \$40 billion to illegitimate claimants, including prisoners (and not just from California prisons,) garden variety local scammers, and international fraud rings, all of whom simply walked right in to the department's completely unprotected system.

While the EDD has claimed it did the best it could, it should be noted that the EDD – even though it could have purchased basic fraud protection software that would even work with its antiquated IT systems for about \$5 million- had no way to prove if an applicant was who they said they were until the end of 2020, months after the pandemic began.

The EDD also had no system to check to see if people in prison, people from out-of-state, and people from overseas – all ineligible for benefits – were getting benefits in the form of a chipless debit card pre-loaded with up to about \$15,000 – each.

The EDD did not even

cross-reference addresses to notice and potentially flag as fraudulent when a single home received dozens, if not hundreds, of cards (they used to have one but stopped paying for it when a federal grant ran out a few years ago.)

Particularly telling is that California has about 12% of the nation's workforce, it saw more than 20% of the unemployment benefit fraud in the country, meaning that word spread very quickly in the fraud world that the state was an especially easy mark.

In January, the committee requested the following:

1. All processes and procedures related to the disbursement of unemployment insurance benefits during the pandemic, including policies and procedures intended to ensure payments are made to the proper individual, and to ensure that the individual is a qualified recipient of unemployment insurance;
2. All documents and communications between employees of the California EDD and employees of the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the state's UI benefit program;

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County Hires New Economic Development Director



Crystal Bethke. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County
**Sacramento County
Press Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County has a new Economic Development Director. Crystal Bethke, who has worked for Sacramento County's Office of Economic Development since 2007, was officially appointed in her new role on March 26, 2023.

"Crystal is known as a doer, problem solver, and collaborator," said Dave Defanti, Deputy County Executive for Community Services. "I have great confidence in her ability to lead the Office of Economic Development and look forward to working with her in her new role."

In her former role as a Senior Economic Development Specialist, Bethke developed and led a wide range of initiatives in business attraction, retention and expansion, small business and nonprofit support programs, and neighborhood revitalization.

Most recently, Bethke managed COVID-19 business support efforts, including over \$17M in direct grants and business recovery programs through the County's American Rescue Plan Act funding, as well as oversaw Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) staff activities providing assistance to businesses to promote sustainability, including providing assistance with permitting and regulations. She also coordinated commercial corridor revitalization efforts through cooperative programs, incentives, Property and Business Improvement District support, and direct business assistance.

Along with the aforementioned initiatives, Bethke also managed the Small Business Liaison Program providing assistance to small businesses, large retailers, and entrepreneurs with licenses, permits, funding, business planning, and industry regulations; and participated in the development and administration of the \$104M budget and expenditures, including managing pass-through programs, contracts and grants.

Bethke has a Bachelor of Political Science and Government degree as well as a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of San Francisco. ★

Board Approves \$1.7 M to Keep Homeless Housing

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved at its March 28, 2023 meeting \$1,000,000 in General Fund dollars to preserve housing supports for individuals currently sheltered in the County's Scattered-Site Shelter Program. The Board also approved a redirect up to an additional \$700,000 to preserve housing for households currently housed in the County's Flexible Housing Pool (FHP) program, for a total of \$1,700,000.

These two programs have been funded by the County, but operated by Sacramento Self-Help Housing (SSHH). SSHH is a local, community-based nonprofit that serves people experiencing homelessness through outreach services, shelter, supportive services, and permanent

housing. As one of their main services, SSHH leases or facilitates direct leases with landlords of properties on the open market to provide 'scattered site' housing and sheltering for people experiencing homelessness.

The Problem

County staff were made aware of significant financial issues at SSHH that led to landlords not being paid in full for rent, in both the housing and sheltering programs, which puts program participants at risk of losing their housing or shelter. County staff have been working in coordination with SSHH staff to improve their processes, invoicing, landlord relations and audited their financial practices. In spite of this work, rents went unpaid and SSHH invoiced the County for funds they have not paid landlords and for costs they have yet to incur.

The County's number one priority is keeping folks

housed or sheltered, despite the significant issues the unpaid rents caused with the landlords.

Flexible Housing Pool Program

SSHH was a provider of Property Related Tenant Services (PRTS) as part of the Flexible Housing Pool (FHP) program.

In the spring of 2022, SSHH reported funding shortfalls in their PRTS contracts under the FHP program to County staff, which was scheduled to end June 30, 2022. County staff worked with SSHH to improve their invoicing processes such that rental payments to landlords would not be delayed. However, SSHH continued to fall behind in payments to landlords, and in August of 2022, the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) augmented SSHH's budget by \$370,000 and extended their contract through the end of 2022 to stabilize the clients in

rental units.

However, the back rent owed and damage assessments required up to an additional \$700,000 to cover, which was approved by the Board on Tuesday, March 28.

The extended contract for PRTS with SSHH expired on December 31, 2022 and the County hired a new provider, through the competitive bid process, for both PRTS and the Intensive Case Management Services. Consumer Self-Help Center (CSHC) took over the 38 clients and units in the PRTS program and has been working with both tenants and landlords for nearly three months.

Scattered Site Shelter Program

Sacramento Self-Help Housing has also been experiencing financial issues with its County-funded scattered-site shelter program. This shelter model, which

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State Park Peace Officer Cadet Exam Period Opens

California State Parks
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks invites individuals to “Live the Parks Life” as rangers or lifeguards in the nation’s largest state park system. Starting March 24 and through June 10, 2023, individuals can apply for the State Park Peace Officer Cadet exams. Cadet academy graduates can serve the state as rangers and lifeguards to safeguard both visitors and the historical, cultural and natural resources found in 280 state park units. Offices are located near beaches or waterways, or in deserts, parks, museums, historic parks and state vehicular recreation areas.

“Serving as a ranger or lifeguard in California’s State Park System is a unique opportunity to make an everlasting impact on the state’s natural landscapes and the millions of people who visit them,” said California State Parks Director Armando Quintero. “I know firsthand how rewarding it is to provide natural and cultural resource protection and ensure public safety.”

The minimum age to be a peace officer is 21 years old. Candidates are required to have a valid California driver’s license and have 60 units of college credits, with 21 units being general education.

The entire selection process for becoming a ranger or lifeguard takes approximately 15 months. The first step in the selection/examination process is to mail, email or hand deliver an application during the open application period. The application is used to determine if the candidate meets the minimum qualifications for admission into the examination, which consists of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Entry Level Law Enforcement Test Battery written exam. This exam is used to admit the candidate into the next phases of the selection



Serving as a ranger or lifeguard in California’s State Park System is a unique opportunity to make an everlasting impact on the state’s natural landscapes and the millions of people who visit them. Photo courtesy of California State Parks

process, which include the physical agility test, background investigation, oral interview, and medical and psychological evaluations. Successful applicants will be sent a notification to attend the eight-month-long POST-certified law enforcement academy.

The academy instruction prepares cadets physically, mentally and emotionally to enter the workforce as a state park peace officer ranger or lifeguard. Rangers and lifeguards are sworn officers equipped with a firearm and badge. Cadets will learn how to conduct investigations, make

physical arrests, use firearms and perform emergency responses. Training also includes how to actively protect park resources, assist visitors and run interpretive programs.

Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the State Park Peace Officer Cadet Academy:

Do I have to carry a firearm to serve as a ranger or lifeguard?

Yes. Cadet training includes how to conduct investigations, make physical arrests, use firearms and perform emergency responses.

What is the age minimum and age maximum to apply?

Candidates must be at least 21 years of age to become a peace officer. State Park Peace Officer’s mandatory retirement age is 65 years, but there is no maximum application age.

I have not completed two years of college yet. Can I still apply while I am still taking classes?

Candidates may be enrolled in college at the time of application but must have at least 21 units of general education credits satisfying general education curriculum standards with courses

(which may include courses in natural science, social science, mathematics, language and humanities). By the time of appointment, a candidate must have completed 60 semester units of study at a state-accredited college or university. A degree in park administration, natural sciences, social sciences, law enforcement or a related field is desirable.

Where is the Cadet Academy located?

Most cadets attend training at Butte College Law Enforcement Academy (Butte County). However, the department may utilize several academy sites, including Mott Training Center at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, South Bay Regional Public Safety Academy at Fort Ord in Monterey, and the Ben Clark Law Enforcement Training facility in Riverside. It is at the department’s discretion to determine an academy location for each class.

Do I get paid while at the academy?

Yes. Cadets earn a salary; currently, the monthly salary range is \$3,930 to \$5,300. Most cadets start at the low end of the range unless they are a current state employee with a salary within the range.

To hire a workforce reflective of California’s diverse population, California State Parks is committed to ensuring equal access and connecting all job seekers to opportunities through fair hiring and employment practices. For more information on the cadet exams, minimum qualifications, additional frequently asked questions and a timeline of the recruitment cycle, please visit LiveTheParksLife.com.

Please send questions regarding other employment opportunities at California State Parks to the Workforce Planning and Recruitment Office at recruiting@parks.ca.gov ★



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3. All documents and communications related to efforts to prevent payment of fraudulent UI claims;

4. All documents and communications related to efforts to recoup UI claims paid improperly;

5. All documents and communications related to identifying the total number of improperly paid UI benefits and documents sufficient to show whether those funds remain in the United States or were transferred to entities outside the United States.

The committee spokeswoman would not specify exactly how the EDD was "non-responsive" – for example, was the information missing or unrelated or gibberish – but stressed the agency remains very prominently on Congress' radar.

In the January letter to the committee – the one that was re-provided to the Globe – department chief Nancy Farias blamed the Trump administration for the massive fraud, stating, in part, "... we object to the Chair's mischaracterization of California's response to the UI fraud attacks and the Chair's failure to acknowledge the inadequate response by the Trump Administration, which left

neglected state UI systems fighting domestic and international criminal enterprises effectively on their own."

In other words, the feds didn't hold their hand tight enough.

Either way, this claim flies in the face of a California State Auditor's report that states flatly that the feds "warned the state at least three times in the early months of the pandemic to beef up its fraud protections."

The date for the next response deadline is not yet clear nor is exactly when Farias and other EDD employees will have to testify in front of Congress.

As of midnight Wednesday, the EDD – which, again, suffered a very preventable loss of \$40 billion – still owed the federal government a principal amount of \$18,735,210,647.41 in addition to interest of \$142,361,804.80.

Finally, the state has increased unemployment insurance taxes on California businesses to make up the shortfall and it is not clear if anyone at the EDD has been fired for the failure; in fact, the person in charge at the time, Julie Su, could become, the next Secretary of Labor in the Biden administration. ★

Stars & Stripes Dog Rescue is an Inspiration



Susan Aimes of Stars & Stripes Dog Rescue trains dogs that would be otherwise euthanized in shelters. After training the dogs are certified for various service tasks supporting veterans. Photo courtesy of Ken Friedman

By Ken Friedman, OV/FO Community Foundation

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Susan Aimes and I first met at a Chamber of Commerce event, and I was extremely impressed by what she was doing. The following is an interview that I did with her and one of her dogs that she is training.

Susan and her son Dustin had for years been interested in rescuing dogs that were going to be euthanized. Her son also wanted to be in the service and be there for his country. In 2021 her son, while in the service, passed away unexpectedly and after the initial grief, Susan decided to fulfill the dream that they both had.

Susan and her daughter started Stars & Stripes Dog Rescue, a non-profit. They wanted to do this for Dustin and for the veterans that are many times overlooked. Susan acquires medium and large dogs from both Stockton and Modesto pounds as they have an abundance of dogs that are going to be put down. Most people prefer the smaller canines.

They then train these dogs to be companion

dogs and after they are trained and certified, they are donated to veterans that need these animals for comfort and companionship. If the dogs have the right temperament, they are then trained to be service dogs and donated to veterans who need this level of help.

Susan and her daughter have now started a foster program, where veterans can obtain a dog and learn to train it by themselves, using online guidance. This is done in such a way that there is little or no stress on either the veteran or the dog. Susan and her daughter have been working with the Veterans Administration on this project.

For the Stars & Stripes Dog Rescue to have a larger impact, they need more volunteers to assist in the training and more donations to provide the medical care and other provisions for both the dog and the veterans. Every cent of the donations goes to the dogs and veterans.

You can make your donations or for more information to the website: <https://starsandstripesdogrescue.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/starsandstripesrescue>

Email address: starsandstripesrescue@gmail.com ★

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master-leases single-family homes, provides a 24/7 on-site house monitor and can shelter up to five unhoused individuals at one time, has historically been successful in transitioning people off the streets and into more stable housing situations. The intent of this model is a short stay in the shelter home and a more seamless move into traditional or supportive housing.

This program has been funded for a capacity up to 160 beds at any given time, but County staff learned that there were unpaid rental balances to landlords and that the program had not been working at capacity for some time. There are currently 80-90

clients in this shelter program.

The Solution/Next Steps

In addition to the Board's action to preserve housing, the County has conducted a thorough audit of SSHH's financial management and cash flow issues and the results of that audit will be made public in the coming weeks. The County is also aware that SSHH holds contracts for similar services with other jurisdictions and organizations that are experiencing similar issues with SSHH and are also dealing with funding shortfalls. The County is working in partnership with those jurisdictions and organizations to help find a resolution that will protect their clients and units.

Due to the overwhelming and ongoing issues with SSHH's management of both these programs, the County has opted to let their contracts expire and move forward with alternative providers. CSHC has already begun its work and the County is in final talks with another provider that will take over the scattered-site sheltering program. Once that provider is under contract, the County will release more information and work directly with both the new provider and SSHH to transition all units and clients over.

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Mark McCurties. Courtesy photo

Christian Science News Release

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - We live in a world where millions of people are striving to make change for the better. So, in a world seeking positive change, how do we make sure that such change actually happens? Speaker Mark McCurties says, “We all have a natural desire to improve ourselves and the world around us. In my own life I’ve found that letting God, divine Love, guide and direct my efforts brings permanent and meaningful results.

McCurties, a practitioner of Christian Science healing, will present a talk titled, “How God’s love can change your life and the world” on Sunday, April 16, at 2:00 PM at First Church of Christ, Scientist at 4949 Kenneth Avenue in Carmichael. Child care will be provided. “The desire to change ourselves, to improve our character, our relationships, our life prospects can also go beyond just the boundary of our own lives and the four walls of our home. Many men and women around the world have a sincere yearning to improve the collective experience of mankind,” says McCurties. “In this lecture, I will explain how God’s loving and saving power is the greatest agent for change, and that through a right understanding of God, His power can be seen and felt right here and now, bringing health and peace to the world.”

The ideas in this lecture are based on the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Bible, and as discussed in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy. McCurties has had a life-long love of the Bible and its inspiring message of individual triumph over adversity. After graduating from college, he spent a number of years in the field of education where he worked as a camp director, experiential educator, resident counselor, and athletics coach. While working with young people, he had many opportunities to witness the healing power of God, and these inspiring experiences eventually led him into the full-time public practice of Christian Science. *Mark McCurties is a member of the Christian Science board of Lectureship. He travels from his home in Ann Arbor, Michigan.* ★



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Newsom Wins Feud With Oil Industry — or Did He?

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By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

So, the third time was the charm for Gov. Gavin Newsom’s crusade to punish oil companies for what he described as price-gouging — sort of.

Newsom spent six months vilifying the oil industry after retail gasoline prices surged last year to as much as \$2.60 a gallon over the national average, and initially proposed a tax on windfall profits.

However, that didn’t wash with enough Democrats in the Legislature to pass, since new taxes require a two-thirds vote. Newsom then exchanged the tax for penalties, but while they would have required only a simple-majority vote, legislators were also cool to deciding what profit margins would be allowed.

Finally – and almost in desperation – Newsom cut a deal that would dump the whole issue onto the California Energy Commission to gather data about refinery operations, establish a reasonable profit allowance and assess penalties for exceeding it.

“Finally, we’re in a position to look our constituents in the eye and say we now have a better understanding of why you’re being taken advantage

of,” Newsom said last week as he signed the bill. “There’s a new sheriff in town in California, where we brought Big Oil to their knees. And I’m proud of this state.”

It was a characteristic bit of hyperbole on Newsom’s part. It will take months, and perhaps years, before the energy commission takes any action to set profit margins, much less enforce them.

“Nothing is going to happen in the short term,” Newsom acknowledged. “Gas prices are not going to drop immediately.”

Industry officials indicated that they would sue if they consider some of the proposed regulations too onerous, which could tie things up indefinitely.

“We need to wait and see what becomes of this,” a spokeswoman for the Western States Petroleum Association said.

Another caveat: The legislation is aimed at regulating “gross gasoline refining margins.” However, the state’s foremost expert on the subject, Severin Borenstein of UC Berkeley’s Energy Institute, told legislators at a hearing for Newsom’s second version of the crackdown that most of the sharp hikes in retail prices occurred as gasoline was being moved from wholesalers to the retail level. Thus, limiting profits on refining might not have a major effect on retail prices.

Finally, the last few passages of the legislation, which got almost no media attention, indicate that the energy commission will not only regulate

refinery profits but must strive to ensure the industry’s ability to supply enough fuel over the next few decades for a “reliable, safe, equitable, and affordable transition away from petroleum fuels” to battery-powered vehicles.

That could be the trickiest aspect of the whole issue, and one with the greatest potential impact on the motoring public.

The new law essentially transforms the refining industry into a public utility, much like the suppliers of electricity and natural gas. That means not only attempting to regulate prices but making sure the industry earns enough money to keep it in business for two or three decades, while some Californians continue to drive gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles.

Newsom has banned the sale of such vehicles after 2035, but that doesn’t mean they will suddenly disappear. Moreover, the technology to replace diesel-fueled trucks that carry freight into and out of the state is still in its infancy, and residents of other states seeking to drive into California will expect that they can fuel their cars.

How will California regulate petroleum fuel prices while simultaneously trying to both eliminate refiners and make sure they continue to produce enough fuel to meet demand indefinitely?

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

Sacramento County Sheriff’s Dept News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - At approximately 10:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, Sacramento County Sheriff’s deputies responded to an apartment on 34th Street in North Highlands regarding a welfare check.

The caller stated they heard a big blast and found a bullet in their closet. As deputies arrived on scene, they located another shell casing and then began to hear gunshots.

Deputies quickly determined the shots were coming from a male in apartment #511, later identified as 45-year-old Daniel Murphy.

Deputies requested the Special Enforcement Detail (SED) respond to assist as they attempted to call Murphy out of his residence. SED Deputies utilized an armored Bearcat vehicle and the Rook as they attempted to facilitate evacuations and contact Murphy in efforts to arrange his surrender. Over the course of several hours, Murphy fired over 20 rounds toward Sheriff’s deputies, striking the armored vehicle and near a patrol vehicle.

These armored vehicles are designed to withstand heavy fire and provide protection for those inside. The ability of local law enforcement to quickly and effectively use these tools is paramount to public safety. The Sheriff’s Office’s use of the armored vehicles undoubtedly saved the lives of deputies at the scene and civilians forced to evacuate.

As the night went on, the Sheriff’s Office Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT) continued their dialogue with Murphy, despite Murphy refusing to cooperate and shooting toward deputies.

Deputies learned a woman was inside with Murphy and were able to evacuate her to safety. As Murphy continued to demonstrate a grave threat to the public and law enforcement personnel on scene, SED began to take steps to take Murphy into custody. A Sheriff’s K9 unit was deployed and successfully neutralized Murphy. SED units quickly moved in and took Murphy into custody. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment from the K9 bite, then booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail.

Murphy is currently being held for attempted murder and other charges. He is ineligible for bail. Murphy is scheduled to appear in court on April 4, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.

Without the swift action of our K9 deputies and their ability to deploy against armed and dangerous suspects, this incident could have likely ended with an unnecessary loss of life. Sheriff K9 units are highly trained as a tool to deescalate the use of force, particularly against violent felons who pose a threat to public safety. Without K9s as a force option, law enforcement will be forced to rely on other types of force, likely leading to a higher incidence of law enforcement shootings.

Proposed California State Assembly Bill 742, which recently just advanced out of the Public Safety Committee, aims to ban the use of law enforcement K9s for arrest. It is essential to consider the potential drawbacks and unintended consequences of any ban on these invaluable K9s. AB 742 is misguided and places the public and law enforcement at greater risk. Please consider speaking to your local state representative about this bill and ensure our community remains a safer place to live, work, and thrive. ★

Arrest Made in Kidnapping and Sexual Abuse Case

Sac County Sheriff’s Dept News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Friday, March 10, 2023, the victim in the case was approached by her estranged husband, later identified as 41-year-old Samuel Garcia-Gutierrez. Garcia-Gutierrez entered the victim’s vehicle, presented a firearm and forced the victim to drive to his residence with him. Garcia-Gutierrez kept her there against her will for several hours and sexually assaulted her. The victim eventually was able to leave Garcia-Gutierrez’s residence and was taken to safety by family members who contacted the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office.

Detectives from the Sheriff’s Office, Sexual and Elder Abuse Bureau (SEAB) took over the investigation and a search warrant for Garcia-Gutierrez’s residence was obtained. In the morning hours of

Saturday, March 11, 2023, with the assistance of the Sacramento Sheriff’s Office Special Enforcement Detail (SED), the search warrant was served at the residence and Garcia-Gutierrez was taken into custody without incident at that location. Evidence was located inside the residence during the search which corroborated the victim’s statement to detectives.

Garcia-Gutierrez was subsequently transported to the Sacramento County Main Jail, where he was booked for PC 209 (Kidnapping with the Intent to Commit Rape); PC 236 (False Imprisonment); PC 245(a)(2) (Assault with a Firearm); PC 261(a)(2) (Rape by Means of Force, Violence, Duress Menace, or Fear) amongst other charges. Garcia-Gutierrez remains in custody until his scheduled court appearance on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 1:30 pm. He is currently ineligible for bail. ★

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LifePointe Church, Rio Linda and Q St., Tuesdays: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are indoors now!

Social Security Matters

Why Should a Non-working Spouse be Entitled to Social Security Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Why can a non-working spouse claim half of their working spouse’s benefit even though they have not contributed to the Social Security system? This doesn’t seem right or fair to those of us who have contributed for years from our paychecks. **Signed: Inquisitive**

Dear Inquisitive: This is a question which needs a bit of historical background to properly explain: Social Security’s original purpose when it was enacted in 1935 was to prevent America’s seniors from living in poverty (remember, Social Security was enacted during the “Great Depression”). Even before the first Social Security check was sent to a retired worker in 1940, Congress had already changed the original Social Security law to, as well, provide anti-poverty benefits to non-working spouses of a worker (a

predominant family reality at that time) and surviving spouses, as well as to their minor children. Social Security’s fundamental goal has always been to lift eligible Americans out of poverty, which it still does very effectively. It’s important to note that this change did not (and does not) detract in any way from the benefits provided to those who work and contribute to Social Security thus earning their own SS retirement benefit. In other words, those who receive their personally earned SS retirement benefit are not at all penalized if their non-working spouse also receives a benefit (albeit a considerably smaller amount) on the worker’s record. Living expenses for two people are, simply, higher than for one, which was/is the rationale for also paying benefits to a dependent not eligible for Social Security benefits on their own work record. In the end, it all comes down to avoiding poverty. Although the numbers vary somewhat by state, gender, and ethnicity, without Social Security about 38% of all Americans over age 65 would be living below the poverty line, whereas with Social Security only about 9% of Americans over 65 live below the poverty line. But that 9% number would be significantly higher if

non-working spouses and survivors of eligible workers were also not entitled to Social Security benefits. While it is true that Social Security is facing future solvency issues, the thought of restricting benefits to only those who have worked and contributed to the program (and not to their non-working spouses or minor children) is not something being considered by anyone with Congressional influence, regardless of political affiliation. Doing so would be devastating to a large segment of the American population, severely increasing poverty – the very thing that Social Security is designed to prevent. *This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation’s staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association (NSSA). NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.* ★



Easter Blessings

Christian or not, Easter is a special time. History can attest to the many traditions and rituals. But what is most important in all of them is that it is a time for renewal...of life...of hope...and especially after we have lived through three years of a pandemic we never dreamed of...a look at the future and not the past. Perhaps it is time to just enjoy the little things that make Easter so special and put a smile on our faces and food for our soul. But there is fun too. Ever wonder where some of the symbols of Easter originated. It’s a mixed bag, but here are some theories. Peter Cottontail will come hopping down the bunny trail once again. He is universal and secular, but I found some interesting history about this funny bunny. Here’s one that surprised me. Perhaps the hare and not the rabbit should be the leader of the pack. Since ancient times the hare has been the symbol of the moon. Legend has it the hare never closes its eyes, not even for a single blink. Maybe it’s because of the fact that hares, not rabbits are born with their eyes open. Rabbits are born blind. Fertility might have some bearing on the picture since rabbits beat hares in being more prolific. So many more bunnies can hop down that bunny trail. How about those colored eggs? Some historical reasons for them too. At the Passover Seder, a hard-boiled egg dipped in salt water symbolizes both new life as well as the Passover sacrifice offered at the Temple in Jerusalem. The ancient Persians painted eggs for

Nowrooz, their New Year celebration falling on the Spring Equinox. In Christian tradition, the egg was a symbol of new life as a chick might hatch from the egg. In Medieval times, eggs were forbidden during Lent, and then eggs were on the menu after the strict Lenten fast. Wonder if they were scrambled or sunnyside up? And oh those lovely Lilies. They came from Bermuda. Goes back to the 1880’s when Ms Thomas P. Sargent fell in love with their beauty blooming in Spring. She brought back bulbs to her home in Philadelphia from Bermuda. Bet you can’t bring plants past customs these days. But today, they are a permanent symbol of Easter too. Can’t leave out chocolate. Chocolate eggs began in 19th century France and Germany and soon spread to the rest of Europe and eventually the United states. Children were told to make nests or baskets so the Easter Bunny could leave them there. I’d go on an Easter egg hunt for chocolate any time! So after the Lenten time sacrifice, what a treat. Bring on the chocolate in any form anytime! So there. Got some traditions of your own? Dig them out from the past and share them. Caring for each other is so important in our times of war, disease, hate and crime. The bottom line is we can make it through these times with that blessing of new life and rebirth that is the promise for a better tomorrow. ★

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Q: I'm ready to upgrade my driver's license to a REAL ID, can I apply online?

A: You can start the application process online to expedite your DMV office visit at dmv.ca.gov/realid

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Begin by gathering your documents, one (1) original or certified proof of identity, and two (2) different printed proofs of California residency are required. Check out the DMV's interactive document checklist to see what qualifies.

Complete the online application and upload your documents.

Make an appointment online to visit your local DMV office and complete your application. Be sure to bring printed copies of any documents uploaded online and bring your confirmation code to your DMV appointment.

Q: What happens if I don't obtain my REAL ID by the May 2025 enforcement date?

A: Starting May 7, 2025, if you don't have a REAL ID you will not be able to board domestic flights using your driver's license or identification card within the U.S. or enter secure facilities, such as military bases, and federal courthouses. Make your REAL ID your lucky charm and upgrade your license before the rush.

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– Valerie

Dear Valerie,

Let me start by asking you a question. If your home were paid for and you

Dave Ramsey Says

didn’t have a mortgage at all, would you take out a loan against your home to buy a rental property? Let me give you a hint. The answer should be a big, fat no. The shortest distance between where you are right now and a high-quality financial life – including wealth building – is getting your home and other debt paid off. Then, use the cash flow that’s freed up, and the increased peace of mind, to rapidly pile up a bunch of money and buy another rental property. There’s nothing wrong with owning rental properties and other kinds of real estate, Valerie. I love real estate, and today, I have several rental properties of my own. The difference is I bought all of mine with cash. I didn’t go into debt for them. I learned my lesson about debt the hard way over 30 years ago, and I don’t want you to take a chance

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE – CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00335682

Hamid Nader Jan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Hamid Nader Jan to Farooqkhan Hanifi.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 7, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2023
HAMID 4-7-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00335826

Manisha Ann Jacques has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ameena Grace Singh to Ameena Grace Jacques.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 9, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2023
JACQUES 4-7-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2022-00313385

Hussein Almashhadani has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Hussein Almashhadani to Adam Williams.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 8, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2023
HUSSEIN 4-7-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00335699

Lizbeth Romo-Echevarria has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lizbeth Romo-Echevarria to Lizbeth Romo.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 7, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
LIZBETH 4-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00336278

Nadia Mohammed Subhi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nadia Mohammed Subhi to Nadia Mohammed Subhi Al-Ani.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 16, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
NADIA 4-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00336259

Aziz Christopher Waziri and Giana Rose Bilotta have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Aziz Christopher Waziri to Aziz Christopher Bilotta-Connors; Giana Rose Bilotta to Giana Rose Bilotta-Connors.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 29, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 16, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
AZIZ 4-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00336257

Gina Rae Valdez-Okumura has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gina Rae Valdez-Okumura to Gina Rae Valdez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 29, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 16, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
GINA 4-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00336237

Ratchanee Phianphaisamlikhit has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Raemi Bella Cajisaca to Raemi Bella Phianphaisamlikhit.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 15, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 24, 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
NICK 4-14-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00336439

Abdul Rahim Noorzaey and Wasima Noorzaey have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdul Rahim Noorzaey to Abdul Rahim Noorzai; Wasima Noorzaey to Wasima Noorzai; Zainab Noorzaey to Zainab Noorzai; Kaenat Noorzaey to Kaenat Noorzai; Abdul Baset Noorzaey to Abdul Baset Noorzai; Safi Noorzaey to Safi Noorzai; Hadis Noorzaey to Hadis Noorzai.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 20, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023
ABDUL 4-21-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00336569

Raymell Williams has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Raymell Williams to Raymell Johnson III.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 21, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: March 31, April 7, 14 & 21, 2023
RAYMELL 4-21-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00335953

Roxy Darian Stuhr has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Roxy Darian Stuhr to Roxy Darian Solano.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of

Name should not be granted.
Dated: March 10, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2023
ROXY 4-28-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2023-00333983

Ahmad Khaled Abdullah and Basira Abdullah have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Abdullah Abdullah to Harris Abdullah.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: February 2, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2023
AHMAD 4-28-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN MARCUS CHAVEZ
CASE NO. 34-2021-00310148-PR-PW-FR

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of John Marcus Chavez deceased.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Kristina Teresa Johnson, 7337 Woodruff Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621; 916-907-5495
Publish: March 24, 31 & April 7, 2023
CHAVEZ 4-7-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELISABETH SCHROEDER
CASE NO. 34-2022-00314827-PR-PW-FRC

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michael Schroeder, in

the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michael Schroeder be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Gordon G. Bones, 5860 Esrig Way, Sacramento, CA 95841; 916-965-6647
Publish: March 24, 31 & April 7, 2023
SCHROEDER 4-7-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VIVIAN ANNA ELKINS
CASE NO. 34-2022-00322149

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Matthew Elkins and Jacque McBurney, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Matthew Elkins and Jacque McBurney be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within

the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Matthew Elkins and Jacque McBurney; 941 Hawk Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95833; phone (916) 417-3344 Jacque (279) 758-2516
Publish: March 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
ELKINS 4-14-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID JALVARADO
CASE NO. 34-2022-00319436

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

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Rebecca Brackett, 700 Moon Circle, #723, Folsom, CA 95630; phone (510) 209-4974
Publish: March 31, April 7 & 14, 2023
ALVARADO 4-14-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CUAHUTEMOC CORONEL AKA TEMO CORONEL
CASE NO. 34-2022-00327236

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Cuahutemoc Coronel aka Temo Coronel.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Elisia Ann McClure, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Elisia Ann McClure be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate

of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows July 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Robert M. Logan, 404 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; 916-351-0197
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CORONEL 4-21-23

SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
IN THE PROBATE COURT
C/A NO.: 2022-GC-23-00158/159
ANTHONY E. MCNAMARA,
PETITIONER

VS.
MARY L. MCNAMARA, A.I.I.,
ANTHONY DAVILA; MICHELLE
DAVILLA; PATRICIA TERRELL;
DENNIS BLUNDO; AND VINCENT
BLUNDO, RESPONDENTS.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED: and required to respond to the Petition in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Petition on the undersigned at her office located at: Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, P.A., 200 East Broad Street, Suite 250 (29601), P.O. Box 1509, Greenville, S.C. 29602, Telephone: (864) 552-4626 Facsimile: (864) 282-5989 Email: JFerguson@turnerpadgett.com

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December 22, 2022
Greenville, South Carolina

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: May 8, 2023
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Probate Court, 301 University Ridge, Suite 1200, Greenville, SC 29601
PURPOSE: To hear and rule on Petitioner's Summons and Petition Requesting South Carolina Accept Guardianship/ Conservatorship From Sending State – California.
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TURNER 4-14-23

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YOU'VE SLIPPED YOUR CORK.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RENDY MILKLAND

I DON'T CARE IF IT WAS TO PROTECT US!

I CAN'T BELIEVE POPEYE JUST TOSSED US INTO THE BRIG WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT!

IT'S INSULTING!

HE DIDN'T EVEN THINK TO SEARCH ME FOR LOCKPICKS.

THE GOONS GOTTA BE HERE SOMEWHERE...

BUMP!

OH MY GOSH! THEY'RE ALL TRAPPED IN THIS BUBBLE!

VALLEY GOONS! MOON GOONS! SEA GOONS! EVEN SOME I NEVER SEEN BEFORE!

AFTER LOOKING UP SWEETIE AND ALICE JR. TO KEEP THEM SAFE, POPEYE AND ALICE BEGAN SEARCHING GOON VALLEY TO LEARN WHAT HAD BECOME OF THE GOONS.

DON'T WORRY, ALICE!

FORE VA KNOWS IT WE'LL BUMP INTO 'EM!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GERALD HONEY, YOUR DAD AND I ARE GOING TO GO OUT FOR THE EVENING.

OH, NO PROBLEM! I'LL BE JUST FINE. I'LL JUST ORDER TAKEOUT AND CHILL.

NO DEAR, WE ARE GOING TO DROP YOU AT THE COOPER'S TO WATCH YOU.

FINE! I HOPE THEY HAVE GOOD INSURANCE.

NOT SORTA NEFARIOUS MONSTER COULD TRAP ALL OF THE GOONS LIKE THIS?!

OKAY, EVERYONE, I'M GONNA SEND AROUND SOME SURVEYS. THIS IS MY FIRST ABDUCTION SO PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR HONEST CRITIQUE.

ALSO PLEASE ONLY TAKE ONE DONUT SO EVERYONE GETS ONE, OKAY?

JUSK 'CUZ HE'S POLITE DON'TK MEAN HE KINT BE A NEFARIOUS-

RIGHT, SORRY, I'LL SHUT UP.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS, REBECCA. I RECOMMEND WEARING THESE GLASSES FOR A FEW DAYS AND TRY NOT TO ROLL YOUR EYES AT MEETINGS ANYMORE.

COMMON AFFLICTIONS AMONG MILLENNIALS

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HURRY UP! MOMS WAITING FOR THOSE EGGS

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LOOK AT THAT, A \$5.00 WINNER! IT TOOK \$300 AND A FEW HOURS, BUT GIVEN MY IN-LAWS ARE AT MY HOUSE, I'M A WINNER!

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ACROSS

1. Emir, alt. sp.

6. Comic book cry

9. *One of 27 in hand

13. Dhaka, formerly

14. Half man, half goat

15. Pressure ulcers, e.g.

16. Type of wrap

17. Old fashioned "before"

18. Do like ivy

19. *Smooth, skeletal or cardiac

21. "Gray's ____"

23. Gardener's tool

24. Detected by olfactory system

25. Acronym-named sandwich

28. Sore throat voice

30. Retires from military service

35. Steak option

37. Place at angle

39. Double, in French

40. *Certain apple's namesake

41. Fork pokers

43. Heavy metal's Quiet

44. *Pelvis bone

46. *Hardened keratin plate

47. Wedding promise?

48. Mandela

50. *Part of eye, not flower

52. Tokyo, formerly

53. Alpine transport

55. Cuckoo

57. *Vein to "go for"

61. *Cell body, axon and dendrite

64. Use the other side of pencil

65. Caviar alternative

67. Mafia's top dogs

69. "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley"

70. Fuss

71. Modern correspondence

72. Opposite of want

73. Japanese currency

74. Pep gathering

DOWN

1. Annoying pop-ups

2. "Yes, ____!"

3. Beige

4. E-wallet content

5. Resentment

6. Musketeer's sword

7. *Smallest bones location

8. Work the dough

9. Diamond in a cutting tool

10. "Wonderfilled" cookie

11. a.k.a. Indian Lilac

12. Grammy of sports

15. Like a Haunted Mansion visitor?

20. Minimum

22. Endorsement

24. Alfresco

25. "It contains cerebellum and parietal lobe

26. Big Dipper shape

27. Hiker's path

29. *Largest organ

31. Foginess

32. Speak one's mind

33. *AB+ or B-

34. Vigorous fight

36. Outback birds

38. Dam-like structure

42. Snail trail

45. Like certain Crüe

49. Gianni's league

51. Cup holder

54. Orderly arrangement

56. Popular movie genre

57. J in B. J. King

58. Serve as motive

59. Em's and Dorothy's last name

60. CPD, in auto industry

61. Glowing gas

62. Iridescent gem

63. Byproduct of wool combing

66. Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem

68. Canny

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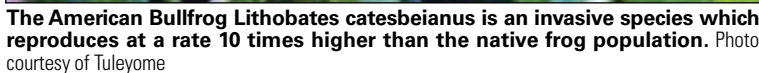
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By Callum Wyeth

There are three main reasons why the bullfrog is threatening our native ecosystems. First, at several stages in its life cycle the American Bullfrog preys



Second, the bullfrog reproduces at a rate 10 times higher than the native frog population and can lay 20,000 eggs per clutch and two clutches per year compared to the native frogs which average 2,000 to 3,000 eggs per year. This high reproduction rate combined with its ability to travel and

So, what can we do about this voracious, opportunistic predator? California allows the importation of bullfrog tadpoles as pets and adults for food. Approximately 2 million are brought here annually and many of them are released or escaped

If you are on a hike or see a bullfrog in your neighborhood you can report it to the CDFW Invasive Species Program or email to Invasives@wildlife.ca.gov, or by calling (866) 440-9530. ★

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