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Gas Prices Soaring

Here's how lawmakers want to help Californians facing high gas prices



A Valero gas station in Sacramento on March 10, 2022. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

By Grace Gedye, Calmatters.org

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

There's a collective groan, rippling across California, as drivers pull into gas stations and see prices above \$5.

Gas prices per gallon are getting higher across the U.S., but prices in California are soaring higher than any other state according to the American Automobile Association. The average price of gas in California

was \$5.69 — up from \$4.68 a month ago — while the national average was \$4.32, (as of March 7)

Much of what has driven up gas prices over the past several months is outside of California lawmakers' control: Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the sanctions that followed, have spiked prices, combined with the fact that demand for oil has ramped up from pandemic lows

faster than supply.

California's gas prices tend to

be higher than other states in part because of higher taxes for infrastructure and environmental fees. State lawmakers raised the gas tax by 12 cents after a fraught battle in 2017 to pay for roads, bridges, transit projects, and more. Then there's some amount of higher gas prices in California that's harder to account for, which Severin Borentein, an energy economist at UC Berkeley, has dubbed the Mystery Gasoline Surcharge.

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County Animal Shelter Reopens to the Public

By Allison Harris, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Wednesday, Feb. 23, Sacramento County's Bradshaw Animal Shelter made the transition to fully reopen to the public—doing away with adoption appointments and restricted hours.

Like many businesses, Sacramento County's Bradshaw Animal Shelter has been closed to the public due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The shelter initially closed its doors in March 2020 in response to state-mandated health regulations. While shelter staff continued to provide outstanding care for the shelter animals and animals in the community, the public was not able to access the shelter for services including adoptions. Furthermore, social distancing mandates and essential worker guidelines called for understaffing and loss of volunteers. This resulted in overcrowding of the animal population, which was temporarily resolved by the shelter's foster program and the implementation of a new adoption by appointment process.

For the next two years and as mandates began to loosen up, the shelter



We welcome everyone to stop in and visit our shelter pets and beautiful facility. Photo courtesy Pixabay

operated in this capacity but began to host walk-in adoption events on weekends and with rescue partners. These events were very successful and helped animals get out of the shelter and into homes quickly – lessening the shelter population impact and increasing positive outcomes.

"We are very excited and proud to reopen without adoption appointments. It is time to achieve even higher lifesaving results and the feedback from the public has been very positive," said Bradshaw Animal Shelter Director, Annette Bedsworth. "We welcome everyone to stop in and visit our shelter pets and beautiful facility. Help us continue our lifesaving mission and adopt today!"

Here is what you should know before you go:

The shelter is open Tuesday-Sunday, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. (excluding holidays); The shelter is located at 3839 Bradshaw Rd, Sacramento, CA 95827; Adoptions are first-come, firstserve. Consider arriving early; You are free to browse the shelter without assistance from staff; Adoption applications and specials are available on the shelter's website; You can view adoptable animals before you arrive by visiting the adoptable animals webpage; Pet licensing is available in-person, online and via mail; If you cannot adopt, please consider volunteering, fostering or donating.

To learn more about the Bradshaw Animal Shelter and its lifesaving mission, visit animalcare. saccounty.gov.

Democrats Kill Proposal to Lower Gas Prices

By Assemblyman James Gallagher

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- On Monday, March 14, Assembly Democrats killed a Republican proposal to immediately bring down the price of gas by suspending California's 51-cent-per-gallon gas tax. California drivers face the highest gas prices in the country, and at \$5.74 per gallon; fuel costs here are \$1.41 per gallon above the national average.

"Capitol Democrats had the chance to provide struggling Californians with immediate relief at the gas pump. They refused," said Assemblyman James Gallagher (Yuba City). "High gas prices and inflation are devastating California families, but Capitol Democrats' only solution seems to be 'buy a Tesla.""

During the Assembly floor session, Republicans moved to advance AB 1638, which would suspend California's state gas tax for six months, and backfill the revenue from the state's budget surplus, which could exceed \$69 billion. The motion was killed on a 18-40 vote, with all Republicans voting to suspend the tax. Not a single Democrat voted for the effort.

Prop 47: Had Enough?

By Assemblyman James Gallagher

California communities are under assault by a rise in crime that's hitting neighborhoods throughout our state.

Thieves walk into stores, fill up their backpacks and stroll out without a care in the world. Organized rings of thieves are committing brazen smash-and-grabs. Open air drug use and fentanyl overdoses are common on our streets at high-end retail boutiques. Soft-oncrime policies have failed Californians.

Proposition 47 is a huge culprit, reducing penalties for many crimes to a slap on the wrist. Now, a majority of Californians support bringing back more serious consequences for people who break the law.

Californians deserve to live in communities safe from violent crime and rampant theft. That is why I teamed up with Assemblymember Kevin Kiley and a dozen other legislators to introduce AB 1599 that would repeal Proposition 47 and rein in California's crime wave. Enough is enough! It's time to start holding criminals accountable.

Local Attorney Targets Frivolous ADA Lawsuits

By Thomas J. Sullivan

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A Carmichael attorney, Catherine Corfee of the Corfee Stone Law Corp. (Corfee Stone) is cautioning local businesses on Fair Oaks Blvd., and Sacramento County to be especially alert to an individual who is known throughout California for filing frequent ADA lawsuits against small businesses for the purpose of recovering attorney's fees.

Signed into law in July 1990 by President George H.W. Bush, the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) aims to make buildings and transportation accessible for those with disabilities and to protect them from discrimination in employment. Store owners and restaurants can often face a fine of \$4,000 for each individual ADA violation

According to Corfee, the plaintiff, Brian Whitaker, a quadriplegic who uses a wheelchair, has filed more than 1,000 ADA lawsuits across California since the COVID-19 pandemic began last year, according to published news reports.

In his recent filings, Whitaker alleges that he was "barred from full and equal access to the business, was denied access because of insufficient ADA parking, a non-ADA dining table, and/or the sales counter was too high."

Attorney Dennis Price, of the San Diego law firm Potter Handy, which has a specialized division called the Center for Disability Access and which has represented Mr. Whitaker, did not respond to the Messenger's request for comment.

In her blog, Corfee outlines steps which local

business owners and restaurants should be taking to protect themselves against serial ADA filings by individuals such as Whitaker, who in her opinion, "seek only money and never return to patronize the business they may sue."

"As of January 20, 2022, our law firm tracked plaintiff Brian Whitaker's recent ADA complaints which have been filed against businesses in Fair Oaks, and Sacramento," Corfee said. "Many of these targeted businesses are located on Fair Oaks Blvd."

If a business is mailed a notice of an ADA complaint in any form they should take action quickly and promptly seek legal counsel before responding, Corfee said.

"If a defendant does not respond to the ADA complaint, the plaintiff such as Whitaker, who alleges an ADA violation against a business owner, can obtain a default judgment and possibly attorney's fees," she said. The likely cost for legal defense in an ADA case when not taken in time, could drain a business financially.

Corfee, a graduate of UC Berkeley and the McGeorge School of Law, has been in professional legal practice since 1991. She has practiced ADA and California disability access law since 1985 and has published case law on the subject. She also worked for two prior United States Magistrate judges in the Eastern District Court of California.

"Most everyone chooses to settle with Mr. Whitaker because of the expensive cost of litigating," she said.

Many ADA cases can become a "game" for attorney's fees as the disabled person's attorney tries to

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protract litigation to earn more money in fees to later reclaim such in a settlement, a motion, and/or at trial.

Her firm has lowered its price to file a motion to dismiss an ADA claim when the defendant makes the perfect ADA changes and implements an ADA policy and procedure, she said.

"The only remedy under the ADA is "injunctive relief," Corfee explains, which is a "fix-it order" plus attorneys' fees and costs. "The best thing a business can do is to fix (cited ADA discrepancies) perfectly, and in advance of a lawsuit,"

"We can also prepare for

our business clients ADA policy and procedural manuals, much like an employee handbook," she said.

Corfee said she recommends the retention of an ADA compliance expert, such as a Certified Access Specialist (CASp), to physically inspect a business or commercial facility to provide specific access recommendations.

In Corfee's opinion, business owners should also think twice, however, about hiring just any random CASp.

While a CASp may be an expert on the ADA access standards, they are often not attorneys who are licensed to

read and fully keep up with the many court decisions interpreting the ADA and California Building Codes," she said.

"They should also hire an experienced CASp who will not "throw the book at them and overwhelm them with too many codes to fix," she said.

Corfee recommended her clients hire an ADA attorney to oversee the CASp so that his or her report is not discoverable by the plaintiff.

"If they get a hold of a CASp report of "all" potential ADA violations, then they can use it against the defendant and amend the lawsuit to add more barriers," she said.

"Having an attorney direct the CASp makes his report "privileged" pursuant to the attorney-consultant privilege is recommended," she said.

Corfee offers four helpful tips which business owners should follow to ensure ADA compliance or properly respond to a filed complaint.

Tips include:

- 1. Retain a CASp who has litigation experience, been deposed and who has filed declarations in courts or as an expert.
- 2. Retain a good ADA attorney who cares about winning, more than collecting your money and ensure the attorney directs the CASp, so that the CASp's report is privileged per the attorney-consultant privilege, and provides solutions, rather than just identifies ADA violations.
- 3. Take steps to fix the ADA matter within 120 days or within 180 days if a building permit is needed. "If the business does have a CASp inspection, and fixes the most important

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barriers in 120 days, or a disabled plaintiff does sue, a business may not be found presumptively not liable for statutory damages," Corfee said.

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4. Have the CASp return before 120 days to write the A+ report demonstrating the business owner has perfect ADA compliance, and save all receipts, bids, payments made, as there are tax credits available for completed ADA work.

"At Corfee Stone, we feel that we know the best CASps, and can offer excellent alternative solutions to help business owners minimize their legal expenses when they have to make specific ADA improvements," she said.

Corfee said she prefers to perform her own physical site inspections and share her knowledge of the California building code.

"Many ADA attorneys rely solely on their (designated) CASp and do not know the codes themselves, as I do," she said.

Clients who hire her law firm can count on her expertise and experience to develop a keen strategy to leverage settlements.

Visit the Corfee Stone Law Corp. on the web at: corfeestonelaw.com

Local business owners with specific questions regarding the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) or compliance with law can call Catherine Corfee directly at (916) 487-5441, or by cell phone at (916) 812-7322 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to schedule a minimum one-hour business consultation. She is also available by email at corfee.catherine@gmail. com or corfee.assistant@ gmail.com



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Gas Prices Soaring



The prices for fuel at a gas station in Oakland on March 7, 2022. Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters

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But people are feeling the effects of climbing prices now, and both Democrat and Republican state lawmakers say they want to help. One option is decreasing the state tax on gas suppliers, with the aim of reducing prices. Another, which Gov. Gavin Newsom teased in his State of the State address, is some form of rebate to help defray the higher cost of gas.

Here's how each of those proposals would work, and what they would mean for Californians.

California taxes gas before it gets sold and uses the money to fund highway improvements and transit projects. Right now that tax — paid by suppliers — is about 51 cents per gallon, which makes it the second highest in the nation, after Pennsylvania's tax. It increases a little bit each year to keep up with inflation. This July the tax is set to go up by about 3 cents per gallon.

Democrat Gov. Gavin Newsom made a modest proposal in January, before Russia invaded Ukraine: Pause the increase for one year. In other words, don't let the tax go up by 3 cents this year. The Newsom administration described it as an effort "to potentially lower the price of gasoline" and provide some relief to consumers.

The proposal is so small that "it's not going to have an effect that anyone will notice," said Borenstein, the Berkeley economist. Drivers probably wouldn't notice, but people managing state infrastructure budgets probably would: The plan would cost the state about \$523 million in lost revenue. That would mostly wind up affecting funding for state highway projects in a couple of years, according to analysis from the Legislative Analyst's Office.

Leaders of the majority-Democrat Legislature, which Newsom would need to get on board with his plan, aren't wild about the idea, saying "our focus cannot be a small cut to the gas tax that might not get passed on to consumers."

California Republicans have proposed wiping away the whole 51 cent tax in the short term. Last year, Republican state senators proposed suspending the tax completely for a year; this year, Granite Bay Republican Kevin Kiley proposed getting rid of the tax for six months. The six-month proposal would cost the state somewhere between \$4 to \$4.5 billion in lost revenue, according to estimates from Assemblymember Kiley's office. In both cases, the lost tax money for infrastructure would be made up for by a one-time infusion of other state funds into infrastructure accounts.

"The gas tax is something that we control as state lawmakers and it is one lever by which we can provide California tax-payers a bit of relief," said Kiley. It would be impossible for a Republican to get a bill passed through the Democrat-controlled legislature without significant support from Democrats; so far a couple of Democrats have expressed interest in the proposal.

But because the tax applies to gas suppliers, the price of gas would go down only if gas sellers actually pass the savings along to consumers by reducing the price of gas. And there aren't any guarantees on how much of the savings they'd pass along.

In February, economists at the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office reviewed research on how changes in fuel taxes affect fuel prices, said Seth Kerstein, an economist at the agency. They estimated that between two-thirds to 100% of the governor's proposal — or 2 to 3 cents per gallon — would likely be passed along to people paying at the pump.

If that same estimated range applies to the Republicans' larger tax break — which the agency did not analyze — it would translate into roughly 34 to 51 cents per gallon in savings at the pump. Generally, economic theory would say that larger tax changes would get passed through in the same way as smaller ones, said James Bushnell, an energy economist at UC Davis. But gas tax changes are also generally much smaller than 51 cents, so the research has been focused on the impacts

of smaller changes, he said.

That was before Russia invaded Ukraine and the sanctions on Russian companies and gas that followed threw the international gas market into flux.

Gas tax breaks "come up every time there's some kind of oil shock," said Bushnell. "And that's the absolute worst time to cut these taxes if the goal is to relieve customer prices." Gas sellers are less likely to pass all of the savings on to customers when the supply of gas is constrained. In other words, while the war is affecting the gas supply, a gas tax cut could mean more profits for gas sellers, and less of a price reduction.

On top of that, California may have a less competitive market for gas distribution and retail than other states, Borenstein, the Berkeley economist, has found. Far more gasoline in California "flows through stations that are owned by refiners or have long-term contracts that give the refiners significant control over gas prices," he wrote. That could make it even more likely that sellers pocket some of the savings of a gas tax break for themselves.

In addition to the question of just how much tax breaks would actually save consumers, Borenstein said reducing or getting rid of the gas tax would be bad policy.

"We need gasoline prices to reflect the real costs to society," said Borenstein, referring to the negative effects of greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, as well as costs of cars hitting other cars, bikers, or pedestrians. When you add up all those costs, gas taxes are actually too low, he wrote in an analysis of the governor's proposal.

During his State of the State address on Tuesday, (March 8), Newsom unveiled another idea for helping Californians with high gas prices. Or, at least, the germ of an idea.

"I'll be submitting a proposal to put money back in the pockets of Californians to address rising gas prices," he said. The proposal will be a tax rebate and give billions of dollars to Californians, a spokesperson for the governor said, though it's not clear yet who exactly will get the money and how much they will get.

The money may be tied to owning a car that's registered with the state, said Dee Dee Myers, an economic advisor to Newsom. People who have switched to other modes of transit to reduce their carbon footprint aren't wild about that idea.

It could also wind up looking like the stimulus checks California sent out last year, said Chris Hoene, executive director of California Budget and Policy Center. If the last stimulus program is an indicator, the state could send out checks a couple of months after lawmakers reach an agreement, Hoene said.

Funding could come from the state's estimated \$21 billion surplus. But there's a lot of "ifs" and "maybes" because most of the details still need to be worked out with the legislature.

This proposal would also ensure that money intended to reach Californians actually does, said Bushnell, the UC Davis economist.

Sending out checks to everyone — if lawmakers go that route — would also be more economically equitable than lowering the price of gas, said Borenstein. Wealthier people use more energy than poorer people on average, so lowering the price of gas would help them more. If lawmakers send out checks, they could choose who gets how much.

A rebate could also help Californians deal with other rising costs, like rent and electricity. For most people those other costs actually make a larger dent in their bank accounts than gas, said Borenstein, but they aren't as publicly visible.

As the U.S. turns away from Russian oil, there's a fundamental reality that we'll have to make do with less fuel, said James Hamilton, an energy economist at UC San Diego. And when it comes to gas prices, Hamilton doesn't think good news is right around the corner. "I think they're headed up before they come down."

Nielsen's Water Bill Killed: 'It's Absurd and Irresponsible'



Jim Nielsen

Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - As California's precious water continues to be flushed out to sea, Democrats killed Senate Bill 890, a measure Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Red Bluff) authored to secure funding to build and repair critical water infrastructure.

"Another historic drought, billions in extra funding and legislative Democrats turn their backs on investing in critical water projects that affect the lives of all Californians? It's absurd and irresponsible," said Nielsen.

SB 890, jointly authored with Senator Andreas Borgeas (R-Fresno), would have advanced the goals of Proposition 1 (2014) by making significant investments in California's aboveground water storage and conveyance infrastructure. Specifically, SB 890 would have established the Water Storage and Conveyance Fund to provide:

\$2.6 billion to complete the funding of Sites Reservoir in Colusa County; and, \$685 million to repair the Friant-Kern/Delta-Mendota Canals and the San Luis Field/San Joaquin Divisions of the California Aqueduct.

Completion of Sites Reservoir would ensure an additional 1.5 million acre-feet of water is stored during wet years and made available to cities, farms and the environment during times of drought.

California's Central Valley canals are in severe need of repair. Canal diversion and conveyance capacity have degraded due to substantial land subsidence caused by regional groundwater overdraft.

The Legislature had the opportunity to fund these critical water infrastructure projects using taxpayer revenue that has already been collected. This is because under state law, infrastructure projects may be financed using revenue from the General Fund when it exceeds the State Appropriations Limit, or Gann limit.

The need for reliable and dependable above ground water storage and conveyance infrastructure is vital. The completion of Sites Reservoir and repairs on the Central Valley canals will go a long way toward preserving public health, protecting the environment and maintaining economic viability.

SB 890 was killed in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim. ★

Aftershock Festival 2022 Lineup Announced

By Ken Casparis, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Aftershock Music Festival will once again be returning to Sacramento County's Discovery Park this October! After shattering attendance records last year, event organizer, Danny Wimmer Presents, has announced another tremendous lineup.

This year's festival headliners include Slipknot, KISS, My Chemical Romance and Foo Fighters. Other big names like Rob Zombie, A Day to Remember, Evanescence, Papa Roach and more have also joined the lineup.

"We are so excited to welcome rock fans from all over the country back to Discovery Park this



Aftershock 2022 will be held the weekend of Oct. 6 – 9. Photo courtesy of Supervisor Phil Serna.

October," said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. "We welcome the opportunity to show off some of the amenities and amazing versatility of the Regional Parks system."

Last year's sold-out event set a record with 145,000 attendees and was estimated to have brought in \$30 million to the local economy, according to Visit Sacramento. Roughly 75 percent of attendees traveled to Aftershock from outside the region.

"Aftershock's extraordinary line-up this year - including one of my favorite bands, Foo Fighters - shows just how committed we are to enhancing live music experiences in Sacramento County," said First District Supervisor, Phil Serna.

Aftershock 2022 will be held the weekend of Oct. 6 – 9. For a complete lineup and to purchase tickets, visit the Aftershock Festival website at aftershockfestival.com/ ★

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Newsom Paints Rosy Picture, Ignores Big Issues



By Dan Walters **CALMatters.org**

California is a shining example of economic and social progress, a beacon to the rest of the nation and the rest of the world.

Doubt it? It must be true because Gov. Gavin Newsom said it Tuesday in his fourth State of the State address, declaring, "now, in the midst of so much turmoil with stacking stresses and dramatic social and economic change, California is doing what we have done for generations, lighting out the territory ahead of the rest, expanding the horizon of what's possible."

He called it "The California Way" and said it "means rejecting old binaries and finding new solutions to big problems

However, Newsom ignored many "big problems" as he portrayed a state on the cutting edge of virtually everything positive.

By any measure, the state has an immense shortage of housing that has driven costs through the roof and given California the nation's highest poverty rate. But neither the housing crisis nor the poverty rate crossed his lips.

He also sidestepped another crisis drought that threatens to devastate California's agricultural industry and, in

the longer run, clobber the academic tests? Not a word. entire economy.

Instead, Newsom portrayed the economy in the rosiest terms, saying, "When it comes to the economy, California is unmatched.

research, innovation, entrepreneurialism, venture capital — and remain the world's fifth largest economy. Our GDP growth has consistently outpaced not only the rest of the country — but most other more extreme drought, large, western democracies. Nearly a million new jobs in the last 12 months. In December alone, 25% of America's jobs were created right here in California. More new business starts during the worst of the pandemic than Texas and Florida combined."

Sounds great, right? But Newsom avoided the fact that California has the nation's highest unemployment rate at 6.5%, nearly three percentage points higher than the national rate and three times as high as some states.

How about education?

"I'm talking about a real transformation of our public education system, like we're doing right here in California," Newsom claimed. "By creating choices — real choices — for parents and unprecedented support for their kids."

What about the devastation that COVID-19 visited upon the state's nearly six million public school students, and the widening "achievement gap" between poor students and their more advantaged classmates? chronically poor perfor-

Newsom bragged about the state's leading role in reducing greenhouse gases and reducing the dominance

of hydrocarbons in transpor-

tation and utilities. "At a time when we've "We dominate in been heating up and burning up, one thing we cannot do is repeat the mistakes of the past," Newsom said. "Embracing polluters. Drilling even more oil, which only leads to even more extreme weather,

> more wildfire." However, he said nothing about California's looming shortage of electrical power, already evident on hot summer days. Nor has he spelled out how the economic impacts of the conversion to an all-electric society will be alleviated.

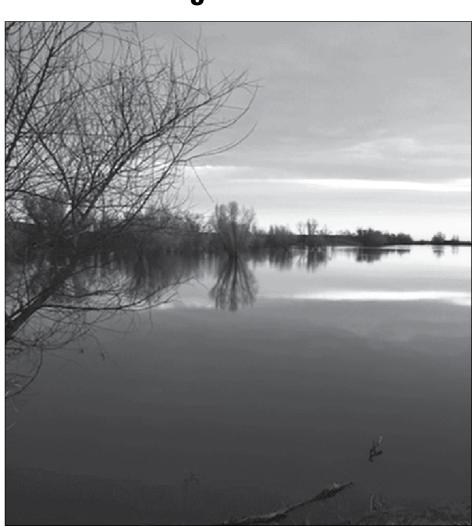
> Newsom did mention crime, at least in passing, but offered faint solace to victims of the state's rising crime rates, particularly the wave of homicide in the major cities.

"Our approach is to be neither indifferent to the realities of the present day, nor revert to heavy-handed policies that have marked the failures of the past," Newsom said, citing more money for both law enforcement and "new programs to tackle the root causes of crime, doubling down on proven violence prevention programs."

Bottom line: As a State of State speech, it was shockingly deficient. It sounded more like a kickoff to his re-election campaign.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 What about California's years, spending all but a few of those years working for mance on nationwide California newspapers.

A Tuleyome Spring Thing! Picnic at **Woodland Regional Park Preserve**



The sun rises at the Tuleyome Woodland Regional Park Preserve on Feb. 23, 2019. Photo courtesy

By Sandra Schubert, Tuleyome Executive Director

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) -Tuleyome will host a nature-filled celebration on Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 10 a.m. 5 p.m. at Woodland Regional Park Preserve located in Woodland, CA to celebrate and support Tuleyome's programs and access to natural lands.

This free event will feature experiences to inspire wonder of nature nearby and connect people to their backyard. The

event will also feature live music, hands-on activities, nature exploration, guided bird and tracker walks, heritage talks, and more. Special guest participation includes Laura Sandage and an interactive tree watering experience, UC Davis Bohart Museum of Entomology, and walking theater performances from Nature's Theater. Along with inspiring nature booths, Tuleyome staff and board members will host a variety of presentations to share Tuleyome's plans and field ideas and

conclude with a campfire, storytelling, and drums.

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By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Would you please advise on my wife and my Social Security planning? I'm 69 & 2 months, my wife is 66 & 2 months, so we both hit full retirement age. We both plan on starting to take SS next month. My benefit would be about \$3,300 per month, and my wife's benefit would be about \$1,900 per month. Spousal benefits confuse me. Should I start Social Security now so my wife can get a spousal benefit from me? Is that even possible? Or is it better for each of us to get our own? Signed: Uncertain

Dear Uncertain: From what you've shared, it doesn't appear that your wife will be entitled to a spousal benefit because her own benefit at her full retirement age (FRA) is more than half of your FRA benefit amount. If your age 69 benefit is about \$3300 then your FRA (age 66) benefit amount was about \$2660). Half of your FRA amount (\$1330) is less than your wife's FRA amount (\$1900), so no spousal benefit will be available to your wife.

wife should consider your individual objectives in deciding when to claim Social Security. If you plan to claim next month at age 69, you will get a benefit which has increased by about 26% due to the Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) you've earned since you reached your FRA of 66. Claiming life-expectancy-calculator/. at her FRA, your wife will benefit she has earned from a lifetime of working.

Although your current strategy is a good one, because you were born before 1954 and haven't yet filed you have another option. If your wife claims her SS first, you will be eligible to file a "Restricted Application for Spousal Benefits Only." You could use the restricted application to collect a spouse benefit from your wife (half of her FRA benefit amount) while allowing your personal benefit to grow for only and does not represent another 9 months to maximum at age 70.

and your longevity suggests, both you and your staff, trained and accredwife might consider waiting even longer to get a higher benefit, but that is a personal choice which you each need to make. Claiming now at age 69 will reduce your payment by about 6% from any other governmental your age 70 maximum. Since your wife isn't eligible for a spouse benefit foundation.org/programs/ but has reached her FRA, social-security-advisory) she might also consider delaying a bit longer if her amacfoundation.org.

In your specific circum- financial needs and her estistance, both you and your mated longevity suggest that is wise. Like you, she can delay claiming until she is 70 when her benefit would reach its maximum (about 30% more than it is

If you'd like to get a personal estimate of your life expectancy, I suggest using this link: https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/

The reason life expectancy get the full SS retirement is important is this: if you live at least to "average" life expectancy, you'll collect more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting longer and maximizing your SS benefit. According to Social Security, "average" life expectancy is about 84 for a man and 87 for a woman in good health in their 60s. But using the tool above to estimate your personal longevity should further assist with making your claiming decision.

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CDAA Supports Newsom's Care Court for Mentally III Homeless

CDAA Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - While we are still awaiting details, the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) supports the concept of Governor Gavin Newsom's Care Court; a proposal that would provide mandatory treatment for mentally ill homeless people.

"This innovative and humane approach would help the thousands of Californians on the street suffering from mental illness who don't have the wherewithal to volunteer for medical and psychiatric care," said Greg Totten, CDAA's Chief Executive Officer.

In his State of the State Address, Governor Newsom proposed Care Court, which he said would create civil court divisions in every county that could have the power to mandate mental health treatment for people with debilitating psychosis.

"By providing new treatment options to those who are most vulnerable and most in need, California can humanely address the human suffering connected to homelessness while also improving public safety for all of our communities," said Jeff Reisig, Yolo County District Attorney and President of CDAA.

The Governor has not yet provided details of the plan but suggested it could become state law this year. We look forward to being a part of a robust conversation about a policy that is desperately needed.

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STATEMENT FBNF2022-01104 Samuel Brown, 8057 Briar Ridge Lane Citrus Heights. CA 95610 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Interior Guy" 8057 Briar Ridge Lane Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 10, 2022 Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022 INTERIOR

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-00501 Forward Technology Group, Inc, 6221 Samoa Way Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Forward Technology Group, Inc" 6221 Samoa Way Carmichael CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 24, 2022 Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, **FORWARD** 3-18-22

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01199 Mary Morgan 5625 Haskell Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Chubby Cupboard" 5625 Haskell Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608 Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 15, 2022 Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022 CHUBBY 3-18-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-00464 Mr. Pork Brazilian Homemade Sausage LLC 220 Martis Valley Circle Sacramento, CA 95835 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mr. Pork Brazilian Homemade Sausage LLC" 322 East Bidwell Street Folsom CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 24, 2022 Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022

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STATEMENT FBNF2022-01157 Igor Kulaksyz 5905 Creighton Way Sacramento, CA 95842 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Advanced Elite Flooring" 5905 Creighton Way Sacramento, CA 95842, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 14, 2022 Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-00473 James and James Investments, Inc. 3030 Mather Field Road Rancho Cordova CA 95670 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Louie's Cocktail Lounge" 3030 Mather Field Road Rancho Cordove, CA 95670, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 24, 2022 Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022 LOUIE'S 3-18-22

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01368 Ahmad Wahid Habib, 3535 Marcon Avenue #131 Sacramento, CA 95821 and Abdul Shaleoor Qazizada, 1409 Merrilow Court Wake Forest, NO 27587 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shipping Center & More" 4628 Watt Avenue North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 22, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01348 Donald Joseph Zemina, 7130 Winding Way Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Motor Machine Super Shop, Motor Machine Super Shops, Super Shop, Super Shops, Motor Machine Co" 7620 Fair Oaks Bouevard Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 22, 2022 Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022 MOTOR 3-25-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01253 Stacy Cisneros, 2106 63rd Avenue Sacramento, CA 95822 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pizza Lovers Sac" 2106 63rd Avenue Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 16, 2022 Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022 3-25-22

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01000 Julie Anne Garibald-Hannan and Zachary William Hannan, 11051 Fair Oaks Bouevard Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cherry Hill Farms, Cherry Hill Nursery" 11051 Fair Oaks Bouelvard Fair Oaks. CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 7, 2022 Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022 3-25-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01478 Gary S. Lang, 7839 Ahl Way Fair Oaks CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lang-Apps Virtual Immerson" 7839 Ahl Way Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 25, 2022 Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022

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Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 24, 2022 Publish: March 11 18, 25, and April 1, 2022

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Thuy Thi Nguyen, 24 Windchime Court Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brandie Paul Nails & Spa' 9475 Madison Avenue #110-120 Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 24, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022

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STATEMENT FBNF2022-01633 Nina Krishel, 1501 16th Street #420 Sacramento, CA 95814 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nina Krishel Consulting" 1501 16th Street #420 Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 3, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2022-01758 Mario Tapa Fonseca, 116 Hickory Street Unit A Roseville, CA 95678 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Express UB Auto Detailing" 116 Hickory Street Unit A Roseville, CA 95678, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01271 Alex Kulinich, 2335 Pez Vela Place Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden River Contracting" 2335 Pez Vella Place Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 17, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01513 Kapi Smith, 11820 Melones Circle Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kapri Wax & Skin Bar" 1134 Coloma Road Suite 645 Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 28, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-00653 All Inclusive Medical Services Urgent Care, Inc, 5900 Coyle Avenue Sute B Carmcihael, CA 95608 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AIMS Urgent Care" 5900 Coyle Avenue Suite B Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 27, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022 AIMS 4-8-22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01891 Cheyene Renae Keniston, 2826 Muskrat Way Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CK Consulting, CRK Consulting" 2826 Muskrat Way Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 10, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2022-01696 Jeanette Rodriguez, 4820 37th Avenue Sacramento, CA 95834 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mirala Boutique" 5504 547th Street Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 4, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022 4-8-22 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2022-01799 Gyro and Shawarma LLC, 2931 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 100 Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bonfire Pizza and Wings" 10731 Coloma Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95742, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 9, 2022 Publish: March 18, 25, April 1, and 8, 2022 **BONFIRE**

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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315164 Analiese Marin Medina has filed a petition with

this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Analiese Marin Medina to Italy Marin Medina. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter

appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on March 30, 2022, 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. February er E. Dated: 4, Christopher E.
Judge of the Superior Krueger, Judge of the Superior Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00309820

Nelly Chineyere R Osuji has filed a petition with this court for a decree

changing the name(s) of Nelly Chineyere R Osuji to Jasmine Chinyere Adams. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 6, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February 09, Christopher E. Judge of the Superior 2022 Krueger, Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2021-00308500 John David Palkovic has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of John David Palkovic to John David Halston.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on May 4, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: February 8, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, dge of the Superior Court Judge Publish: February 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00314941 Joshua Robert Newman-Defazio has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Joshua Robert-Newman

Defazio to Joshua Robert Defazio, Isaiah

Lewis Newman-Sanchez to Isaiah Lewis

Defazio, Elijah Joseph Newman-Defazio

to Elijah Joseph Defazio, and Amara Jane

Newman-Defazio to Amara Jane Defazio. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on March 23, 2022, 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, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, ord K. Sue of the Superior Judge Publish: February 18, 25, March 4, and 11, 2022 DEFAZIO

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315090

Tricia Ann Luetke has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tricia Ann Luetke to Tricia Ann Conti IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on March 29, 2022, 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 4, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Richard K. Sueyoshi,
Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 18, 25, March 4, and 11, 2022 LUETKE 3-18-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315168 Faisal Wagar has filed a petition

with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Faisal Waqar to Arham Ayyan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on March 30, 2022, 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 7, 2022 Richard K. Sueyoshi, K. Superior Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 18, 25, March 4, and 11, 2022 AYYAN

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00314733 Janelle Sheree Flagg has filed a petition with this court for a decree

changing the name(s) of Janelle Sheree Flagg to Janelle Sheree Flagg Brown. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on March 22, 2022, 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: January 31,

ama H. N of the Superior Shama Judge of the Superior Court Publish: February 18, 25, March 4, and 11, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315353 Mohanad Mohammed Mahmood has filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohanad Mohammed Mahmood to Mohanad Mohammed Alshammary, Ahmed Mohanad Mohammed to Ahmed Mohanad Alshammarv, Lama Mohanad Mohammed toLema Mohanad Alshammary, Taim Mohanad Mohammed to Taim Mohanad Alshammary IT IS ORDERED that all persons

interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 6, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition fo Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February
Christopher E.
Judge of the Sup 9, Krueger, Superior Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315667

FNU Tajinder Kumar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of FNU Tajinder Kumar to Tajinder Kumar Kaul, FNU Navita to Navita Kumar Kaul, FNU Nitek Kumar to Nitek Kumar Kaul IT IS ORDERED that all persons

interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 12, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February 18, Christopher E. Judge of the Superior Krueger, Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022 3-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315599

Maria Christina Keene has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Maria Christina Keene AKA Maria Christina Clave Keene to Maria Christina Keene Failla IT IS ORDERED that all persons

interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 12, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Name J. February E. Change of Name should not be granted. 17, Krueger, Christopher Judge of the Superior Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022 FAILLA 3-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315075 Michael Harold Wayne Rideout has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

the name(s) of Michael Harold Wayne Rideout

to Michael Jabari Rahotep, and Chalena Jaynail Aiston to Chalena Isali Rahotep . IT IS ORDERED that all persons

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interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on March 29, 2022, 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. Chairge of Name Stouch for be granted.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315606

Allison Marie Taylor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the will this court in a decree charging to a mame(s) of Weston Michael Debrodt to Weston Michael Taylor, Quinn Dawn Debrodt to Quinn Dawn Taylor, and Paige Diane Debrodt to Paige Diane Taylor.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons

interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on April 12, 2022, 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 17, 2022

Richardk Sueyoshi, Judgeofthe Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315563

Chofa Moses Jose Calonge has filed a petition with this court for a decree Jose Calonge to Chofa Moses Grijalva.

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at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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Richardk.Sueyoshi,JudgeoftheSuperiorCourt Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022 GRIJALVA 3-25-22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00304022 LaNice Delorean DeShields aka LaNice

Delorean Feathers has filed a petition with

this court for a decree changing the name(s) of LaNice Delorean DeShields aka LaNice Delorean Rivera to Kitty Delorean Feathers. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on March 30, 2022, 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 4, 2022 RichardK.Sueyoshi,JudgeoftheSuperiorCourt Publish: March 4, 11 18, and 25, 2022

3-25-22 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315940

Saranjeet Smara has filed a petition with

this court for a decree changing the name(s)

of Saranjeet Samra to Saranjeet Kaur Gill IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 19, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February 25, 202: Christopher E. Krueger Judge of the Superior Coul Publish: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2022 Krueger, GILL

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315237

Makai William Garcia has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Makai William Garcia to Makai William Gessner. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 5, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February 9, 2022 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

GESSNER SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315802

Iman Mohammed Ali Al Deewan has filed a

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petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Iman Mohammed Ali Al Deewan to Eman Mohammed Aldeewan. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 14, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February 23, Christopher E. Judge of the Superior Krueger, Superior Publish: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315778

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Britta Kay Hagberg has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Holden Jack Anderson to Holden Jack Hagberg. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter

appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on April 13, 2022, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: February 23, Christopher E. Judge of the Superior Krueger, Publish: March 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 2022 HAGBERG

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2022-00315358

Alla Danilovna Oleynik has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alla Danilovna Olevnik to Alla Titova. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter April 6, 2022, in Department 54, located

appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. February 10, er E. Krueger, Christopher E.
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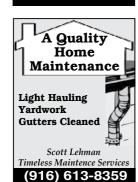
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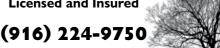


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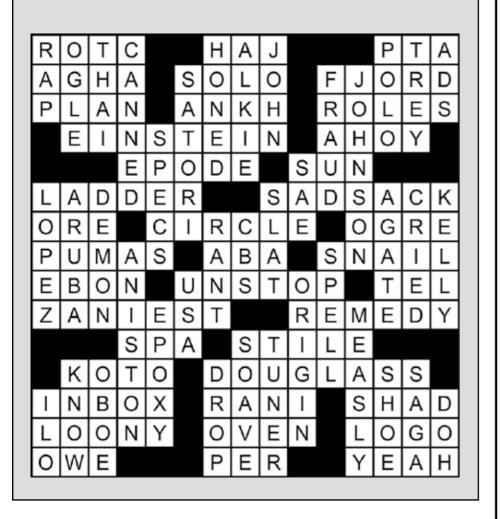
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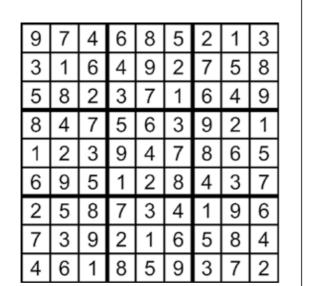


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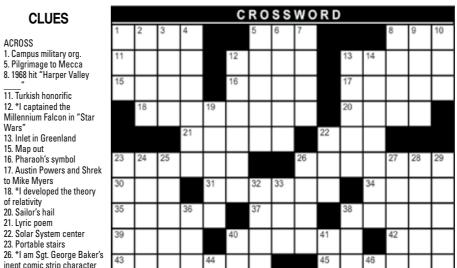
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Ask Toni

Turning 65 . . . Help Me Enroll in Medicare with SSA.gov!!



Toni King

Hi Toni:

I am turning 65 in June and am not working full-time with employer benefits. I was surprised when I called Social Security and the Social Security rep told me to go online to SSA.gov to enroll

in Medicare. Due to the Pandemic (COVID-19), there is not a local Social Security office open that can help me in person if I have a problem with the online application. Opening a "My Social Security Account" has not been an easy process.

Can you explain in simple terms where to go online, so that I can enroll in Medicare the right way? Thanks in advance. ~ Beth from Arizona

Beth:

Unless you are receiving your Social Security check at least 90 days prior to turning 65, then Medicare has no idea that you are turning 65 and should be receiving your Medicare card with Parts A and B. It is Social Security that enrolls America in Medicare not Medicare.

Social Security processes all Medicare applications for Medicare. Medicare does not enroll their own applications. Is that confusing or what?

Beth, you mentioned that you are not receiving your Social Security check, not working full time with employer benefits and that Social Security advised you to enroll online. The best timeline for your Medicare to begin the month you turn 65 is to enroll within 3 months before turning 65. **Visit www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare** to enroll in Medicare and to begin the 1st day of the month you turn 65.

When you begin the process of enrolling in Medicare, Social Security will ask if you have a have a "My Social Security Account."

If you do have a "My Social Security Account" visit www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare to enroll online for Medicare to begin the 1st day of the month that you turn 65:

- Scroll down to "How to Apply Online for Just Medicare.
- Follow the directions to "Apply and is available at www.tonisays.com.

Complete" and start a new application.

 Please have your SSA.gov username and password to begin enrolling in Medicare Parts A and/or B application online. (Very Important)

If you do not have a "My Social Security Account" please be aware that opening an account is not simple:

- Starting a "My Social Security Account" does not begin your Social Security check.
- Register yourself and your spouse for a "My Social Security Account" months before applying for Medicare so that you are ready to apply within 3-months prior to turning 65.
- Visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount and click on the blue box with "Sign in with LOGIN. GOV after September 18, 2021, to open up a personal "My Social Security Account". Those who have opened a SSA.gov account prior to September 18, 2021, use the top username and password boxes to sign in.

Local Social Security offices are closed because of the Pandemic (COVID-19), and one must call your local Social Security 800 number for help when not able to open a "My Social Security Account" due to being locked out.

Information on application to apply for Medicare is below:

- 1) Your information: Name, Social Security number, Gender, and Date of Birth.
- 2) Contact information with address, phone number, email address.
- 3) Citizen information about you.
- 4) Questions about your employer health benefits.
- 5) Submit your application online. View your receipt which explains additional information needed such as marriage license for those with under 40 quarters and applying under spousal benefits or citizenship papers to be verified.
- 6) Your new Medicare Card should arrive in the mail.

March's "Live" Confused about Medicare Workshop in Katy Thursday, March 31st at 6:00PM-8:00PM at Spring Creek BBQ-Katy 21000 Katy Frwy, Katy, TX 77449. Workshop is free and dinner not included. RSVP 832/519-8664 or visit www.tonisays.com.

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Max Semenenko

Commentary by Betsy Mahan

Sacramento has one of the largest Ukrainian immigrant populations in the USA, and they are stepping up to help the besieged, freedom-loving people of Ukraine push back against Putin's aggressions.

While President Trump was our leader, Russia was in check. During the Bush and Obama Administrations, Putin successfully restored control over parts of the former Soviet Union, and now he's back on the battlefield because of Biden's weakness.

While Putin was able to ignore any consequences of crossing Biden, he underestimated the resolve of the Ukrainian people to remain independent of Russia. Their bravery and patriotism has been admirable and worthy of our respect and assistance.

One Sacramento resident who has a personal stake in the Ukraine's survival is local businessman and candidate for Congress Max Semenenko. With family under siege in his former country, Max is stepping up to inform Sacramentans on the circumstances that led to this invasion, and how to help the people of Ukraine persevere.

Below are Max Semenenko's observations:

"Vladimir Putin has shattered European security and is threatening nuclear war against any country that stands in his way. Putin's war against innocent Ukrainians is criminal and an attack on the fundamental principles of sovereignty and self-determination that underpin global security. NATO and the west have no choice but to recognize what's unfolding in Europe. The world must stop Vladimir Putin.

I was born in Ukraine, and I understand why Ukrainians want to join NATO: Peace, security, freedom. Ukraine declared independence in 1991, when the communist Supreme Soviet of Ukraine proclaimed that Ukraine would no longer follow the laws of USSR. What the people of Ukraine didn't do in 1991 was ask to remain a part of a Soviet Union. Nor did they want to continue living under Russian laws.

Putin claims Russians in Ukraine are estranged from their homeland, are under attack, and that Russia is coming to their defense. In 2014, Putin began issuing Russian passports to ethnic Russians in Crimea and areas in eastern Ukraine. Crimea was invaded and annexed to Russia soon after. Putin has since continued his asymmetrical form of cultural warfare in eastern Ukraine while arming and directing "Russian rebels" to fight a war of "independence" against Kiev.

I support heavy sanctions on Russia and engaging our allies to ban Russia from international banking and financial markets. The USA must step up aid for Ukraine's resistance, and when Vladimir Putin threatens nuclear retaliation, President Biden and our NATO allies must communicate our resolve to halt Russian aggression in equally strong terms.

This new reality demands a new posturing and resurgence of NATO forces into eastern Europe. We must immediately demonstrate by our actions that the United States and NATO will fight back and reverse any further Russian aggression.

The USA and our allies have blindly tolerated dependence on Russian energy supplies, in effect financing their wars. It's not too late to return the United States to its status as an energy independent nation, and as a Member of Congress that will be one of my priorities.

I am personally supporting and working with Revived Soldiers Ukraine, a non-profit that is providing aid to Ukrainian families and healthcare to wounded soldiers. You can join me and donate at www. rsukraine.org.

Please pray for peace - for the United States, our soldiers, and our leaders. Pray for the safety of our friends and allies facing the enemy, Ukrainian leaders, families, and those on the frontlines."

Sacramento voters should contact their Member of Congress and demand that the USA return to energy independence and stop funding Russian aggression. Contact information is available at SacCountyGOP.com. ★

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