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Faye Thyme Events owners Kristina Morse and Rebecca Britschgi (center) staff their mobile bar at a Carmichael Chamber of Commerce event. Customers are Barbara Safford (front left), Carolyn Buck, Rosie Buck and Honorary Mayor Kerri Mandes.

**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Two Carmichael entrepreneurs have floated a catering business – with a horse float.

The 50-year-old trailer’s conversion to a bar lends a Mister Ed touch to Rebecca Britschgi and Kristina Morse’s Faye Thyme Events.

“We liked the idea of a mobile mini bar,” explains Rebecca. “We found a 1973 horse trailer on Facebook Marketplace. It was in need of serious TLC but we loved it. We gutted and framed the inside. We added cupboards, electrical and plumbing. We can plug in a

mini fridge, a blender and a coffee maker. We get a lot of attention when we haul the mini bar around behind our SUV.”

The trailer rental fee of \$699 for four hours includes two servers.

“Kristina and I both have backgrounds in property management, so we have good business heads,” says Rebecca. “I’d done many luxury events for family and friends, so we decided to make it a business. We taught ourselves balloon artistry. ‘Faye’ is a family name from both sides. ‘Thyme’ reflects our use of organic products in our charcuteries.”

The ladies recently celebrated membership of the Carmichael

Chamber of Commerce and catered the organization’s “Best of Carmichael” celebration. “It was our biggest event to date,” says Rebecca. “It was fun to meet local merchants, especially now that we’re among them.”

A business specialty is luxury sleepovers. “I have three children, so I know how much kids love our theme parties,” says Rebecca. “My daughter’s favorite is our ‘Galaxy’ theme, that includes illuminated planets and strobe lighting. ‘Elevating an experience – like a birthday or Christmas – gives kids a memory for a lifetime.’”

Learn about Faye Thyme Events at www.fayethymeevents.com ★

**SMUD Giving
Monday
Personal Care
Drive at Cal Expo**

SMUD News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - In partnership with the Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) and its ongoing community efforts to address homelessness across the region, SMUD is sponsoring Giving Monday on December 4, 2023, at Cal Expo, in an effort to collect needed personal care items, including:

Socks, hand/foot warmers, ponchos, gloves, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, water, snacks, deodorant, tissues, hand wipes, bandages, lip balm, cotton swabs.

Donations from members of the community of everyday essentials to support the homeless are welcome from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Cal Expo Main Gate. Just drive on through and drop off your items or donate via Amazon at SMUD Giving Monday.

“From our canned food donation drive to our efforts to collect school supplies, SMUD Giving Mondays are an important part of our commitment to supporting all communities,” said Rhonda Staley-Brooks, director of Community Engagement. “This winter, we are partnering with HART to help gather crucial assistance and resources, especially during the holidays, for our most vulnerable community members. The overwhelming spirit of giving shown by our employees, partners and customers is truly inspiring.”

SMUD has led successful e-waste, coat and school supply drives at Cal Expo. These drives have benefited non-profits such as the Sacramento Children’s Home, the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps and the Elk Grove Food Bank.

For more information about SMUD Giving Monday, visit calexpostatefair.com and to learn more about SMUD’s community work, visit smud.org/community.

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AmeriCorps Force Dispatched



Congressman Ami Bera and AmeriCorps Regional Director Tanya Gipson-Nahman celebrate the induction at AmeriCorps NCCC members at the organization’s Pacific Region campus, McClellan Park.

**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell
Skinner**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - One hundred young people last month completed AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps training and were inducted into service. They now have begun 10 months of work on far-flung community projects.

“Your journey will be full of challenges.” Predicted AmeriCorps

team leader Jeremy Cooper at the induction ceremony in McClellan Park. “You’ll be stepping out of your comfort zones. You can rely on each other. Your team will be your family.”

Recruited from all 50 states, Pacific region members formed 16 teams during a three-week training stint. Each team will work in communities throughout Western United States. Missions will support such efforts as home building, school

mentoring, food closets and disaster recovery.

In Sacramento, a team will work for more than a month on invasive weed management on the American River, in co-operation with children from John Still School, Meadowview.

In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members receive assistance for educational costs, a living allowance and room and board.

Congressman Ami Bera commended the inductees.

“AmeriCorps is an investment in our nation’s young people,” he said of the federally funded program. “The most important classroom is out there. You’ll overcome challenges as teams and come to understand this country’s communities and their diversity.”

“If you can take knowledge you gain from this year into the rest of your life, our world will be a better place.”

Learn about AmeriCorps opportunities at www.AmeriCorps.gov ★

All Aboard the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Santa Train!

By Thomas J. Sullivan

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - All aboard the Santa Train!

Members of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum (SVLSRM) welcome the public to ride their annual Santa train, weather permitting, during the first and second weekends of December at Hagan Community Park in Rancho Cordova.

Club members also help kick off the holiday season with their participation in the 23rd Annual Rancho Cordova Community Tree Lighting at Village Green Park at 3141 Bridgeway Drive from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 26 when a special train for young riders will loop around the brightly lit community tree.

Upcoming run times for the Santa Train at Hagan Community Park are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, and the following weekend, Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10th. The SVLSRM museum is located at 2197 Chase Drive, just past the petting barn in the rear of Hagan Park.

The Santa Experience train ride is \$8 per person. Children, ages two and under, ride free with a paid adult ticket. Advance tickets can be purchased on the SVLSRM web site at: www.svlsrcm.org/

Personal keepsake photographs taken with Santa Claus are free. Guests will receive a login and password to an online gallery where they can later view and download their digital photos.

"This is the largest fundraiser for the SVLSRM each year," said club president Andy Berchielli.

Over the two weekends, well over 2,400 riders and visitors, both young and old, are expected to visit Santa, he said. "It's also a lot of hard work and a lot of fun."

"Our Santa Train is a yearly event that many have made their tradition," Berchielli said. "We continue to make small changes to improve the flow and wait time of our guests," he said.



Bring the kids via SVLSRM's Santa Train to visit the Old Man Claus at Hagan Community Park in Rancho Cordova. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum

This year, tickets are being sold for three individual trains which will pull five cars each around the 6,300-foot main line loop which is festively decorated by club members to enhance the holiday train ride experience. Passengers will pass under a large inflatable gateway on their way to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

"We will also be handing out candy canes this year to everyone, and each group will receive a keepsake Santa train ornament," he said.

"Santa will also take time to talk to each child about their Christmas wishes before the train departs back to the main station. It's a special event that brings smiles to everyone, no matter the weather," Berchielli said.

An operating G-scale garden loop layout also gives youngsters

a close-up view of scale model operating engines and passenger cars as they patiently wait to board

masters, and operations managers will be busy getting the main line ready.



Santa's already on the move for the holiday season and will be in Rancho Cordova's Hagan Community Park offering train rides the weekends of December 2-3 and December 9-10. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Railroad Museum

each passenger train.

In advance of the event, club members including train crews, engineers, conductors, station

"It's an event I look forward to each, and every year," he said. "Our Santa trains put everyone throughout the community, and

all our club members, fully in the holiday spirit."

SVLSRM began in 1965 and trackwork was completed with a ceremonial Golden Spike ceremony in 1973. Track and guest improvements have continued ever since with new features added each year, Berchielli said. Live steam engines carry passengers through wooded areas and the nearby American River. The railroad also features wooden trestles, a 40-foot truss bridge as well as a girder deck bridge.

For the latest SVLSRM Santa Train event information, visit www.svlsrcm.org/. Advance tickets should be available for sale soon through the club website, Berchielli said. Contact the club by email at: info@svlsrcm.org for general information, or call (916) 361-7140

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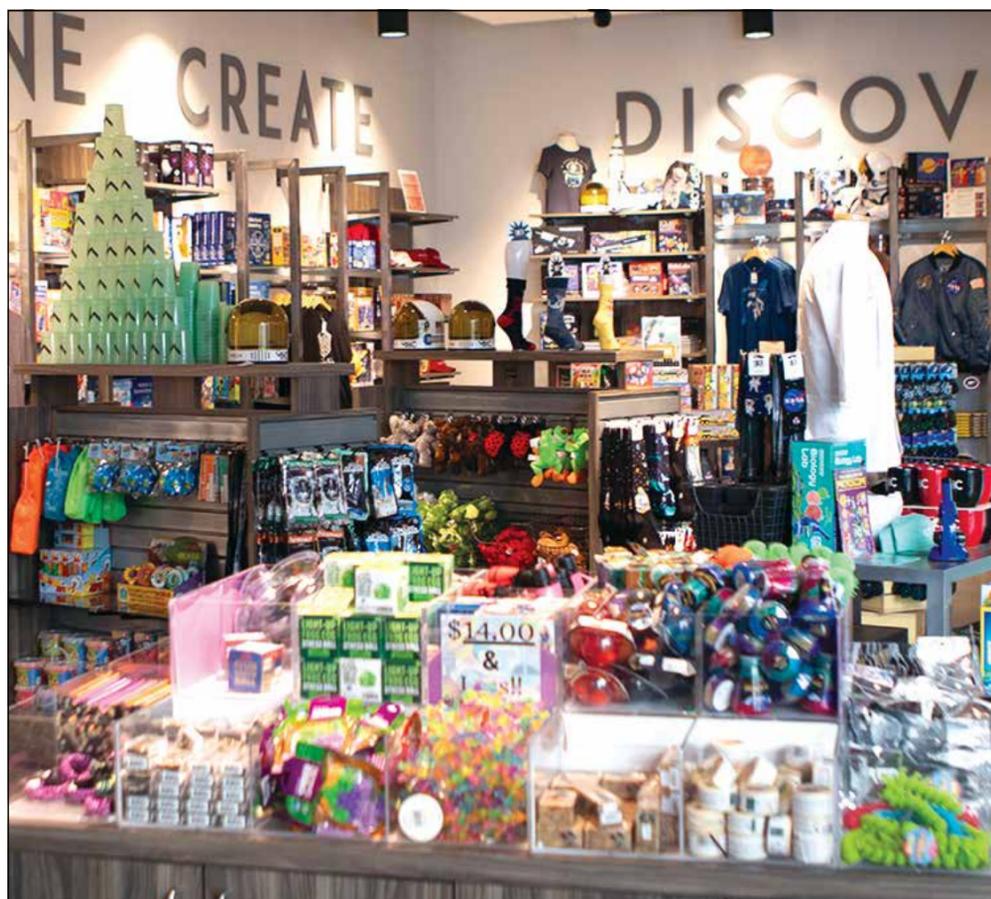
SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

- Complete with a variety of holiday specials and plenty of in-stock inventory on-hand, a number of Sacramento area museums are proud to participate in the 7th Annual Museum Store Sunday on November 26, 2023. In partnership with the Museum Store Association (MSA), more than 2,100 museum stores representing all fifty states, 25 countries and five continents will offer relaxing, inspired shopping inside favorite museum stores and cultural institutions. Museum Store Sunday offers an opportunity for the community to shop with a purpose while supporting the missions and programs of each participating museum and cultural institution.

A sampling of the unique products and specials available on Museum Store Sunday at local Sacramento area museum stores include the following:

Aerospace Museum of California – Perfect for those searching for the ideal holiday gift to delight aviation and space enthusiasts, the Aerospace Museum’s expanded gift shop offers a captivating array of treasures, including apparel, books, vintage model kits, space-themed toys, and more. Plus, holiday shoppers support a great local cause, as every dollar spent in the shop directly supports the museum’s mission. The museum store is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Museum Store Sunday, and visitors can enjoy an exclusive 25 percent discount on all purchases. For more, please call 916-643-3192.

The California Museum – Shoppers are encouraged to get a jump start on holiday shopping with the Museum Store’s wide range of unique items, including books, games & puzzles, children’s products, jewelry, exhibit items, California-themed items and more. On Museum Store Sunday, the Museum will offer 10 percent off store purchases for non-members and 20 percent off for Museum members, excluding food & beverage



The MOSAC gift store is a perfect place to shop for young scientists, engineers or loved ones with a natural curiosity. Photo courtesy of SMUD Museum of Science & Curiosity

and clearance items. The store is open from noon to 5 p.m. and free California Museum totes will be available for the first 20 people with purchase of \$50+. More information is available at www.californiamuseum.org/visit/events-public-programs/museum-store-sunday/.

California State Railroad Museum – The Museum Store is a shopping destination for train gifts for every age, offering books and videos on railroad history, as well as tees for adults and youth, exclusive railroad dinnerware reproductions, and Northern California’s best selection of wooden trains from fan favorite brands such as BRIO and Thomas the Tank Engine. The Museum Store is celebrating Museum Store Sunday all weekend long, from Friday to Sunday, with two limited-time specials: exclusive California State Parks cotton totes at 50 percent off, and 20 percent off exclusive “California Poppy” reproduction

china – produced specifically for the Railroad Museum Store – showcasing a beautiful pattern once used on Santa Fe Railway dining cars. For more, please visit www.californiarailroadmuseum/store.

Crocker Art Museum – Holiday shoppers focused on artful giving have plenty of options from which to choose at the Crocker’s Museum Store. Shoppers will discover beautiful pieces inspired by art on view and thoughtfully curated gifts that invite individuals of all ages to explore their creativity. The Museum Store showcases products crafted by local artists and makers, many created just for the Crocker. Plus, shoppers are encouraged to peruse a curated offering of catalogues and books related to exhibition and collection. Purchases in the Museum Store support arts access in the community and help the Crocker continue to provide outstanding exhibitions and engaging

programs for all. On Museum Store Sunday, shoppers can enjoy 10 percent off storewide (excluding some artist consignment merchandise). For more, visit www.crockerart.org.

Sacramento Children’s Museum – Filled with merchandise geared for playtime for the little ones, Museum Store visitors will enjoy 10 percent off for all shoppers and 25 percent off for members, plus a free surprise gift with purchase. Want to give a gift to enjoy all year long? Museum memberships are \$10 off. The Museum Store is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Museum Store Sunday. For more information, please visit www.sackids.org.

Sacramento History Museum – Holiday shoppers will find a variety of books that showcase the fascinating history of the local region, classic games and toys, holiday ornaments, beautiful minerals and rocks, and much more in the Museum Store. On Museum Store Sunday, the store

is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will offer 10 percent off all toys. Plus, the first 20 customers will receive a special print pressed in the Print Shop and signed by Howard and Jared, the team that made the History Museum a social media sensation on TikTok. For more, please call 916-808-7059 or visit www.sachistorymuseum.org.

SMUD Museum of Science & Curiosity – For holiday shoppers hoping to find the perfect gift for young scientists, engineers or loved ones with a natural curiosity are encouraged to stop by the MOSAC gift store. Offering an inspired selection of items ranging from clothing to books, puzzles, games, plush and fun toys, shoppers who visit on Museum Store Sunday can take advantage of 10 percent off in the store. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those wanting to encourage future minds with activities and toys that spur wonder and curiosity about the world around us. For more, please visit www.visitmosac.org.

Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park – Friends of Sutter’s Fort invites the community to celebrate Museum Store Sunday and the grand reopening of the on-site Museum Store. Shoppers will enjoy free admission to Sutter’s Fort for self-guided tours. And, from 10 a.m. to noon, Friends of Sutter’s Fort will be treating customers to complimentary donuts and coffee (while supplies last). Shoppers will find unique stocking stuffers, gifts for teachers and history buffs on sale, up to 20 percent off plus browse the carefully curated selection of books (including many local authors, cookbooks and wide selection of books for elementary school aged children). For more, please visit www.suttersfort.org.

For more information about the 7th Annual Museum Store Sunday happening on November 26, please visit www.museumstoresunday.org. For more information about Sacramento area museums, “like” them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and X @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org ★

Arrest Made in Shooting on Woodside Lane East

**Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- At approximately 12:45 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023, the Sacramento County

Communications Center received 911 calls about an adult male shooting his roommate at a residence on the 700 block of Woodside Lane East in Sacramento. Deputies arrived on scene moments later and provided first aid until Sacramento

Metro Fire Department personnel arrived. The victim, an adult male, had a gunshot wound in the torso and was transported to a local hospital by ambulance. He was expected to survive. Deputies on scene located and detained the victim’s roommate,

later identified as 58-year-old Michael Mizrahi.

Detectives from the Crimes Against Persons Bureau and Crime Scene Investigators responded to the scene, interviewed witnesses, and gathered evidence. Based on their

investigation, detectives arrested Mizrahi, and he was transported to the Sacramento County Main Jail. Mizrahi was booked into custody PC 245(a)(2) and was being held on \$75,000 bail. He was scheduled to appear in court on November 14, 2023. ★

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Roller Derby Community Has Bright Future Ahead

By Tamara Warta

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - While speaking with Amanda Dunham and Christina Watts from Sacramento Roller Derby, one theme was consistent throughout the entire conversation – Roller Derby isn't just a sport – it is a family with so many positives for Sacramento youth and women.

The two skaters, who always go by their derby names LOLZ Lemon and Jessamine Killawatts at the rink, are passionate about roller derby in a way that is so contagious it compels the listener to want to strap on some skates and give it a go.

Now, Sacramento Roller Derby is gliding towards a new era of excellence – rebuilding its teams post-COVID, and looking forward to their future home facility.

Sacramento Roller Derby was founded in 2018 as the result of two different leagues merging after skating as separate entities for over ten years. The leagues realized that they were better together both functionally and financially, and united to form the current team. The current league welcomes over 100 participants, of which approximately 50 are adults and the rest children and various officials including referees.

The group currently uses the Andy Morin Sports Complex in Folsom for their practices, but there are big dreams ahead.

"We have a facility in downtown Sacramento that we are working on," says Dunham. "We purchased it with a donation someone made to us."

That donation was no small gift – the donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, gifted the group up to \$2 million to build their facility. The excitement and relief of finding a permanent home was evident from both women.

"It's been a struggle – Sacramento doesn't have a lot



Roller derby players become family at Sacramento Roller Derby games and practices. Photo by Liz Marchiondo

of affordable facilities. The landscape of Sacramento has changed – the town is so much larger and venues we have rented in the past have quadrupled their prices," said Dunham.

The new rink will be located near the Blue Diamond almond factory.

Both the generous donation and influx of new participants post-COVID are two examples of how the Sacramento community is embracing a sport that once had a reputation in popular media for being aggressive and less than ladylike. Today, roller derby carries a reputation of strength, togetherness, and courage for many.

Watts, who is a board member for the team, recently lost her husband and found support within the derby community.

"The whole derby community helped me to find a new normalcy," says Watts. "Everybody

has been really positive and will check up on me. Everybody in the community binds together to help people in a time of need."

Dunham seconds the fact that roller derby isn't just about the game. "That's the most rewarding thing – the growth and the community that supports that growth. A lot of people come to roller derby during a hard time in life. They know the community of roller derby will be there."

Sacramento Roller Derby has no paid employees and finances are always a challenge. A lot of the players within the league are also the ones running the entire show.

"There are challenges on and off the track when you play roller derby," explains Dunham. "We have both the typical athlete struggles plus business struggles. Most recreational sports don't have both. For us, it's really serious – it is comparable to minor

league sports. But there's the added pressure of running it. Most sports have administrative oversight – that's not us. We are off the track running the game and then we put on our skates and play the game. You're always doing two things at the same time."

But is it worth it? Dunham absolutely believes it is.

"It makes you grow in ways you never thought you could. In myself I've grown a lot in confidence."

She also mentions that derby skaters not only grow in what their bodies are capable of, but also personally and professionally. Confidence found in roller derby can lead to the courage for everything from pursuing job promotions to leaving harmful relationships.

Also notable is Sacramento Roller Derby's junior program. Children as young as eight years

old can join the team.

"The kids find their own way there," says Dunham when asked how they recruit children to the program. Current league kids share with friends via word-of-mouth, and the league's numbers have also benefited from a popular graphic novel featuring a roller derby girl.

However, the junior program is hardly new. "We've had a juniors program for as long as Sac Roller Derby has been around."

Safety comes first, and just like the adults, junior skaters wear helmets, mouth guards and pads. And they aren't afraid to completely wipe out and try again.

"The kids are super resilient and dedicated," says Dunham. "They are just like Gumby and fall in weird ways that make my heart stop and then get up and skate away."

"They are all amazing," adds Watts. "They are always striving to do better."

Perhaps that's the true magic of roller derby. Beyond the sport itself, skaters are inspired to do better both on and off the rink.

Those who would like to watch a game can head out to the Andy Morin Sports Complex on December 2 for the Red Red Tournament – a chance to see not only Sacramento Roller Derby but other leagues play on mixed teams. Or, take things a step further and consider trying out for the league next spring. Anyone can try out, and skating experience isn't necessary. The tryouts include everything from skating lessons to teaching the rules of the game. The junior program is for boys and girls aged eight through seniors in high school. Females aged 18+ make up the main league.

Sacramento Roller Derby is located at the Andy Morin Sports Complex on 66 Clarksville Rd, Folsom, Calif.

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Absolute Compassion Hospice, a Commitment to Family and Care

Absolute Compassion Hospice News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)
 - For ten years and counting, Absolute Compassion Hospice has been serving compassionate hospice care here in the greater Sacramento area. Absolute Compassion Hospice is a family owned and operated Hospice Provider, serving the communities of Sacramento, Yolo & San Joaquin counties.

Absolute Compassion is not only the name of the company, but it is their mission as well: "We recognize the value of every individual, guided by our commitment to excellence in service. We are competent, caring people offering extraordinary community hospice care. There is nothing more rewarding and gratifying than knowing you've touched lives. We touch lives, we make a difference and we do it through Absolute Compassion."

A bit more than ten years ago, founders John Cimino and Ranggi Giner discussed the idea of starting a hospice care agency. They perceived a need for a more friendly, family-oriented hospice. They each had plenty of experience owning and operating assisted living facilities, where they had experienced frustration addressing the challenges encountered regarding residents who qualified and would benefit from hospice care.

The first resident at their new jointly owned facility, The Meadows at Country Place, had no children or other close family to help with the ups and downs of dealing with his chronic and incurable terminal illness. As an assisted living (non-medical) facility, they naturally had no way of making medical decisions or providing medical comfort care, so every time the resident had extreme pain or other



The team of caring professionals at Absolute Compassion Hospice provide personalized expert care services 24 hours a day. Photo courtesy of Absolute Compassion Hospice

symptoms requiring medical care, they would have to send him back to the hospital.

Once symptoms were alleviated, and medical help was no longer needed, the resident would be returned to assisted living. The stress and the resultant tiredness was very troublesome and wearing on the resident, at a time when the most important thing should have been maintaining a comfortable quality of life. John and Ranggi wanted to be able to get this (and every other terminal) resident access to the quality hospice care he deserved, but engaging any available hospice company, in a timely fashion, proved to be



Absolute Compassion Hospice founders John Cimino and Ranggi perceived a need for a friendly, family-oriented hospice in the area. Photo courtesy of Absolute Compassion Hospice

extremely problematic. From their family-centered, compassionate point of view, they started visualizing

something better. They wished to keep their hospice small so that they could provide a more personal experience. They knew that as owners, they would take a hands-on approach, maintaining attention to detail for each unique individual they served. They would be able to provide services in a more timely manner to the local community of "little guys" that would typically fall through the cracks in the large corporate approach. They would have dedicated doctors on staff to qualify patients as well as prescribe necessary medical interventions for treatment of discomfort and pain.

It seemed meant to be. Under the scrupulous management of Kenneth Mendoza, Absolute Compassion has flourished. The team of caring professionals provide personalized expert care services 24 hours a day. Many hospice providers provide care, but Absolute Compassion also provides caring. It's their passion for compassion that sets them apart. Their patients and families are assured the peace of mind in knowing that they will be treated with dignity, respect and quality care 24 hours a day.

Every moment in life is meant to be cherished...especially when you know the end could be near. Absolute Compassion Hospice Care allows patients and families to spend their final time together in comfort and dignity while receiving services focused on sustaining quality of life. Their goal is to eliminate pain and manage all of the other troubling symptoms of advanced, life-threatening illness.

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The Veteran Homeless Crisis



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By Shreya Agrawal, CALMatters.org

California has poured billions of dollars into finding homes for unhoused veterans, but the number of former military service members living on the street has held steady for almost a decade. Today, a third of the nation's unhoused veterans are in California.

Gavin Newsom proposes a significant change in the state's strategy for ending veteran homelessness. His plan, included in a \$6.4 billion mental health bond he's sending to voters in the March primary election, would set aside funding specifically for veterans with serious behavioral health conditions.

That's a shift from California's last two major efforts to fund housing for veterans, both of which created units for a general population of former military service members.

The first effort began in the late 1990s, when the state built seven new veterans' homes over a period of 17 years. Today those veterans' homes are underused. They were built to house about 2,400 people, but only 1,575 veterans live in them. The 300-unit veterans home in Barstow was so underutilized in 2020 that Newsom moved to close it as he braced for a pandemic recession, although lawmakers blocked him from shutting the site.

The second push centered on a pair of ballot measures voters approved in 2014 and in 2018 that allocated \$4.6 billion to build housing specifically for former military service members. The money created the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program, which has supported the construction of about 3,250 housing units for veterans to date.

Veterans advocates and state officials view the programs — along with federal efforts led by the Department of Veterans Affairs — as successful in reducing homelessness among former military service members. In the last 12 years, veteran homelessness in California has decreased by more than 30%.

But the trend in California mostly accounts for gains made during the Obama administration, when veteran homelessness peaked nationwide and the Department of Veterans Affairs moved aggressively to place former troops in housing. Since 2014, the number of homeless veterans in California has mostly plateaued around 10,000 to 12,000 people, according to annual counts released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Alex Visotzky, senior California policy fellow at the National Alliance to End Homelessness, said the high numbers of veteran homelessness result from the challenges veterans face on returning home in California's competitive housing market.

"When housing markets are unaffordable and incredibly competitive, those with the greatest needs are going to be more likely to fall out," he said.



The money in the bond would go to the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, which would work with CalVet "to focus specifically on housing veterans experiencing behavioral health challenges," said Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin. Photo courtesy of RDNE Stock Project - Pexels

Newsom's new strategy in the mental health bond, advocates say, should help those most in need. The California Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that half of the state's unhoused veterans suffer from some kind of behavioral health issue.

The money in the bond would go to the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, which would work with CalVet "to focus specifically on housing veterans experiencing behavioral health challenges," said Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, the Thousand Oaks Democrat who wrote the bill that ultimately put the bond on the ballot.

Studies have shown veterans are over-represented in the nation's homeless population. They may experience personal challenges, such as post-traumatic stress disorders or other mental health issues as well as disabilities related to their military service.

"Transitioning from that very specific culture and society to civilian life is a lifelong process," said Amy Fairweather, director of policy at the veterans advocacy group Swords to Plowshares. "If you do have any physical or mental disabilities, dealing with those and trying to re-enter civilian life can be very difficult."

California's long history of providing housing to former military service members dates to 1884, when it opened an estate in Napa County as the state's first veterans home. That site is still in operation, housing around 600 veterans on a picturesque property in wine country.

Altogether, the state now has eight veterans homes. The two largest homes are in fairly remote communities — one is in Napa County's Yountville and the second is in Barstow in the Mojave Deserts. Moving to them can mean living at a long distance from a veteran's family. That geography somewhat limits its interest in the homes.

The homes account for the lion's share of CalVet's \$650 million annual budget. Some advocates have called on the state to put money into programs that would

benefit people who don't necessarily want to live in a veterans home.

"The state should keep its promises to the current home residents, but as things change, the program needs to be less structured on just providing room and board for a very limited number of people and more structured on providing skilled nursing facility care for those who need it," said Ethan Rarick, executive director at Little Hoover Commission, which published a report on the veterans homes in 2017.

Outside of the veterans homes, California approved a series of bonds meant to help military service members find housing beginning in 2008. The Veterans Bond Act, passed that year, provided \$900 million to veterans through the CalVet Home Loans Program.

In 2014, California passed an initiative creating the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Program, which put \$600 million toward building multi-family homes for veterans. A second ballot initiative in 2018 gave another \$4 billion to the program.

The federal Department of Veterans Affairs, meanwhile, has kept up steady funding for housing vouchers that can provide a place to live for former troops. The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program, commonly known as HUD-VASH, was a centerpiece of the Bush and Obama administration's efforts to curb veterans' homelessness. It provides rental assistance to over 100,000 veterans nationally.

The number of homeless veterans in the U.S. peaked in the Great Recession, when the VA in 2007 reported some 154,000 former troops were homeless.

At that time, Fairweather of Swords to Plowshares said many of those deployed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars were starting to come back home "to a society that wasn't prepared for it."

On top of that, they and older veterans struggled in the economic downturn, which led to more unemployment and homelessness.

"It all came together in a way that was really disadvantageous to the veterans," she said.

Last year, the VA estimated about 33,000 veterans were homeless nationwide. According to the 2021 annual homelessness assessment report by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, more than half of them are over age 55. The data also shows that Black veterans are more likely to be homeless than veterans belonging to other races.

Advocates say veterans can be reluctant to ask for help.

"When veterans ultimately fall down that hole into homelessness, what is happening along with that is that they're losing connection with friends and family, because they're ashamed that their life is falling apart and it's hard for them to ask for help," said Stephen Peck, president of the veterans support organization U.S. Vets.

Putting the money into the mental health bond comes with a tradeoff.

In advancing Newsom's mental health plan, lawmakers amended an early version of Assemblymember Irwin's veterans' housing bill that would have issued more bonds for the existing veterans' housing program. Without new funding, the program that supports construction of multi-unit veterans' housing is expected to run out of money in 2024.

Still, representatives for Newsom's ballot measure in a written statement said the bond would create more capacity to help former troops.

"Proposition 1 adds new money for California's most vulnerable veterans without any redirection or reprioritization from the current program. Without Proposition 1, there would be zero funding for homeless veteran housing moving forward, which is why the measure is so critically needed," the statement read.

Together, the ballot measure going to voters includes \$6.4 billion to fund projects for behavioral health issues and those at the risk of homelessness. It also includes a proposal to adjust how the state spends money it collects for mental health services from a tax on personal income over \$1 million, aiming to direct more of the money to housing.

The \$1 billion for veterans housing will be distributed in the form of loans and grants by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Representatives from veterans' groups say the program's success could hinge on getting the word out, and providing services that provide a path out of homelessness.

At U.S. Vets, Peck said the nonprofit strives to create a community where veterans help veterans.

"Building that community is really important," he said. "A federal veteran who's been through the process already is probably more effective than we are as social workers."

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Social Security Matters

Can I Voluntarily Suspend My Social Security Payments?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: My wife retired in 2015 and is receiving Social Security. I am past my full retirement age, and I still work. I recently filed for Social Security benefits and received my first payment earlier this month, and my benefits are around three times my wife's. I now find that, due to other income, I am having some regrets about filing for Social Security, as the taxes will be complicated. So, my questions are:

1. If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", can my wife still apply to get up to 50% of my benefits, or do I have to be "actively" receiving Social Security benefits? In other words, does the "Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015" prevent this?
2. If I do a "Voluntary Suspension", how soon could I "restart" my benefits?

Signed: Having Second Thoughts

Dear Second Thoughts: The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 closed a

loophole which previously allowed someone to file for their Social Security retirement benefit in order for their marital partner to claim a spousal benefit, after which the primary beneficiary could suspend their own benefit and allow it to grow to maximum at age 70. That "file and suspend" option went away in April of 2016; thus, your wife cannot claim her spousal benefit while your Social Security retirement benefits are suspended (you must be "actively" receiving benefits for your wife to get benefits on your record).

Nevertheless, because you've already reached your full retirement age, you can voluntarily suspend your benefit payments at any time to allow it to continue growing by simply calling Social Security at your local office (or at the national number 1.800.772.1213) and asking them to do so. Your wife will not receive her spousal benefits for any months your benefits are suspended, but she would continue to get her own SS retirement amount (only the spousal portion of her monthly amount would be suspended).

You will be able to restart your benefits at any time by calling Social Security again and asking that your benefits be resumed. You can suspend and restart your benefits as needed (no restriction on how many times), but they will only start/

resume the suspension effective with the month following the month you call. And, as you likely already know, for each month your benefits are suspended you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) resulting in a higher payment amount later.

Just for clarity, voluntary suspension of benefits is only available to those who have reached full retirement age but is an excellent way to increase your monthly Social Security payment. Your benefit will grow by .667% for each month suspended and, if your benefit is still suspended when you turn 70 years old, Social Security will automatically resume payments at that time, at your higher maximum monthly amount.

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How Military Spouses Can Find Connection and Support

From StatePoint

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Military spouses sacrifice stable careers and time with loved ones due to constant moves to new duty stations, and hold down the fort at home during their spouses' deployments. That's why the USO prioritizes providing community and support to military spouses. Here are some of the ways their programs are making an impact:

Friendship: USO Coffee Connections are monthly gatherings where military spouses can relax, craft, do yoga, swap advice and go on outings. The goal is building friendships among military spouses. When Jenna King's husband Tech Sgt. Howard King was forward deployed to Poland with less than 24 hours' notice, she says she found a home away from home at USO Lakenheath in the U.K., which has been hosting Coffee Connections since the war in Ukraine began. Because of the warm welcome and sense of community she found there, she and her children visit the center often. "There's something for each of us here," she said. "Being overseas, friends who are like family are the biggest blessing. And you can't turn down free coffee and snacks!"

Support for New Parents: Military parents are often away from family



USO Coffee Connections provide monthly gatherings for military spouses. Photo courtesy of USO Photos

and friends during their pregnancies and first months as new parents. USO Special Delivery presented by Johnson's are baby showers that provide a touch of home. They allow expectant parents and military spouses to connect and bond, and 72% of participants this year have stated in feedback surveys that this is the only baby shower they will receive. More than 20,000 parents have been served through this program since its 2013 launch, including 1st Lt. Erika Pearson, an active-duty service member

in the Air Force. She knew her spouse, 1st Lt. Drew Pearson, could potentially be deployed around her due date. "The USO helped me make friends that I could rely on if my husband were to miss the birth, and offered me resources I could reach out to, if needed," says 1st Lt. Pearson.

Professional Development: Because of frequent relocations, military spouses often have trouble finding their professional footing. That's where the USO can step in. Connecting service members and military spouses

to resources that focus on employment, education, financial readiness, mentorship and veterans benefits, the USO Transition Program helps military families build a roadmap to achieve their goals and positions them for success throughout the duration of their service, as well as in their post-military life.

Support While Solo-Parenting: The burden of solo-parenting can become especially apparent during deployments, when military family members must struggle to find a new normal. For Tessa Michaelson Schmidt, connection with

her husband Brett, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, became complicated when he was deployed to Kuwait where there is an eight-hour time difference, unreliable Wi-Fi on base, and the added pressure of being deployed near the frontlines. Because they and their two children have an incredible passion for reading, the USO Reading Program has been a blessing. Deployed service members can record themselves reading a book to their child. Then, the recording and a copy of the book are sent to that service

member's family. "They have a real response when they hear his voice, and then we get the books in the mail, and they know they're books from daddy," says Schmidt, who explained that her children will often watch the videos of their father just before bed, so that in a way, he is present for story time.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06729
Jordan T. Gaddis, A Professional Dental Corporation, 2835 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Complete Comfort Dental" 2835 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2023
Publish: November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023
COMPLETE 11-24-23

95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 1, 2023
Publish: Nov 10, 17, 24 Dec 1, 2023
NEW 12-1-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07709
Norcal BSBA, 3626 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Transworld Business Advisors Sacramento/ Transworld Business Advisors Sacramento East" 3626 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2023
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TRANSWORLD 12-1-23

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Publish: Nov 10, 17, 24 Dec 1, 2023
VIDA 12-1-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08259
NorCal Care Solutions, 7116 Carana Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NorCal Care Solutions" 7116 Carana Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 6, 2023
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NORCAL 12-8-23

95624. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2023
Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023
RIVER 12-8-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08049
Robert Keplinger, 430 Claydon Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Keplinger Engineering" 430 Claydon Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2023
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Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023
THREEBIRDS 12-15-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08475
Kenneth James Crawford, 11580 Big Four Way, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flux Tube Studios" 11580 Big Four Way, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2023
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FLUX 12-15-23

cree changing the name(s) of Raphael Ocasio to Rafael Ocasio Torres.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 31, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 19, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023
OCASIO 11-24-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV010248
Irfanullah Majboor and Gulalay Majboor have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Arman Majboor to Arman Safi and Roman Majboor to Roman Safi and Irfanullah Majboor to Irfanullah Safi.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 31, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 23, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023
SAFI 11-24-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV009871
Tran Hanh Nguyen Nguyen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tran Hanh Nguyen Nguyen to Janie Nguyen.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 27, 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: October 12, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023
NGUYEN 11-24-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV005219
Fnu Tamana has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Fnu Tamana aka Tamana to Tamana Sultani.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 20, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: November 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023
FNU 12-1-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV011106
Ioana Cornelia Hitcas has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ioana Cornelia Hitcas to Joanna Dascal and Alessandra Rose Dascal to Evelyn Rose Dascal.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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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
#23CV011207
Tiffany Diane Delany-Bierbaum has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tiffany Diane Delany-Bierbaum to Tiffany Diane Bierbaum-Yates.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: November 6, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023
YATES 12-15-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV011592
Jibril Asim Jelani Bob has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jibril Asim Jelani Bob to Jibril Asim Jelani Kelani.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: October 20, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
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MONGE 11-24-23

Funding Secured for New Sacramento State Event Center

California State University, Sacramento News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Funding has been approved for Sacramento State to create an events center that will be home for the University's men's and women's basketball teams, women's volleyball and gymnastics teams, and intramural and club sports competitions. It also will be a venue for entertainment, arts and guest speakers.

The event center is expected to be completed and begin hosting events in fall 2024.

The facility is part of President Luke Wood's vision

to better serve the campus community and to bring the Sacramento regional community onto campus.

Members of the Board of Directors for Union WELL Inc., the nonprofit organization that oversees the University Union and The WELL fitness and health facility, on Nov. 15, unanimously approved a resolution to provide up to \$5.2 million from reserves for the project. That money is expected to cover initial estimated expenses for the project. Sacramento State is paying for the project design, projected to cost \$300,000.

On Nov. 9, Associated

Students Inc. (ASI), the University's student governing body, passed a resolution favoring the project. That action followed ASI receiving a letter from Wood championing his plan to pursue the event center project.

"The (Union WELL) board's decision demonstrates that we are on the rise," Wood said. "Sacramento State is the only public university in the capital of the state with the fifth-largest economy in the world, and we are acting like it. I'm grateful that the Union WELL board supported our vision to position our University to better support student intercollegiate athletics,

club sports, and recreation sports, and arts and culture."

The project will provide another use for existing space that holds four courts that host recreational and intramural sports. Those courts and their recreational use will remain, but they will be flanked by seating that can be rolled out and retracted to accommodate larger anticipated crowds for NCAA competition. Seating capacity remains to be determined. New lighting, scoreboards and video boards, and public address system will be added.

The University is partnering with Otto Construction and LPAS Architecture + Design for

the design and construction of the facility.

Director of Athletics Mark Orr called the Union WELL Inc. board's funding decision "a significant step toward achieving the goal of having a new events center on campus."

"We are grateful for the vision of President Wood and to collaborate with terrific campus partners in ASI and the Union WELL," Orr said. "This venue will not only benefit Hornet student-athletes, it will provide a space for all students to come together as a community and engage in events that will enhance their college experience." ★

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Dated: November 14, 2023
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 KEMET 12-15-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #23CV011469

Traci Fonseca and Gerry Remiero have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nico Louis Remeiro to Nico Remeiro Fonseca.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: November 13, 2023
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 FONSECA 12-15-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #23CV009530

Marcela Itaborai Cabitto has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marcela Itaborai Cabitto to Marcela Itaborai Marin.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: October 6, 2023
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
 Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2023
 MARIN 12-15-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATSY EADEN COLEMAN CASE NO. 23PR001312

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Patsy Eaden, Patsy Jean Eaden, Patsy Eaden Colman, Patsy Davis.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Tabitha E. Thompson, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Tabitha E. Thompson 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

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 December 21, 2023, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Tabitha Thompson, 8662 Farewell Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624; 916-730-3947
 Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 2023
 COLEMAN 12-1-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL LOUIS BEYERS CASE NO. 23PR001041

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Michael Louis Beyers, Mike Beyers
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by Lara Beyers, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Jaramie Beyers 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 December 27, 2023, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Lara Beyers, 4500 Alhambra Drive 136, Davis, CA 95816; 916-559-3332
 Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023
 BEYERS 12-8-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARJORIE H. NIXON CASE NO. 23PR001800

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Marjorie H. Nixon aka Marjorie Heaton Nixon aka Marjie Nixon
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by Jennifer A. Hall and Christina L. Nixon, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Jennifer A. Hall 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 December 14, 2023, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-

ing 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: Jennifer A. Hall and Christine L. Nixon, 5011 French Creek Road, Shingle Springs, CA 95682; 916-305-0966
 Publish: Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023
 NIXON 12-8-23

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2021-07434

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: LoanCare Account Servicing, 3637 Sentara Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 9/14/2016 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 8/12/2021.
 Publish: Nov 10, 17, 24 Dec 1, 2023
 LOANCARE 12-1-23

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2023-02756

The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Two Rivers Photography, 9064 Goldilocks Way, Sacramento, CA 95826.

Wagner Family Industries LLC, 9064 Goldilocks Way, Sacramento, CA 95826.
 The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 4/11/2023 in the County of Sacramento.

Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 10/30/2023.
 Publish: Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 2023
 WAGNER 12-8-23

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 22FL04428

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): J. Jesus Loza

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. Read the information below and on the next page. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (NOMBRE DEL DEMANDANTE): Socorro Elizabeth Garcia.

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

Usted tiene 30 DÍAS CALENDARIO después de que se le presente esta Citación y Petición para presentar una respuesta (formulario FL-120) en el tribunal y tener una copia notificada al peticionario. Una carta, llamada telefónica o comparecencia ante el tribunal no lo protegerá. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, el tribunal puede hacer órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. Es posible que se le ordene pagar la manutención y los honorarios y costos de los abogados. Para obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto con un abogado de inmediato. Obtenga ayuda para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Autoayuda en Línea de los Tribunales de California (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), en el sitio web de Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o comunicándose con el colegio de abogados de su condado local.

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

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FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

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

The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del peticionario, o del peticionario sin abogado es):

Thanh T. Foxx, 2151 River Plaza Drive Suite 250, Sacramento, CA 95833

Date: (Fecha) October 4, 2022
 Phone: 916-922-2255
 By: JS, Deputy Clerk

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

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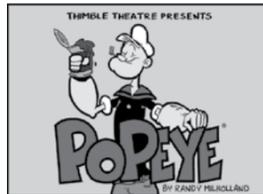
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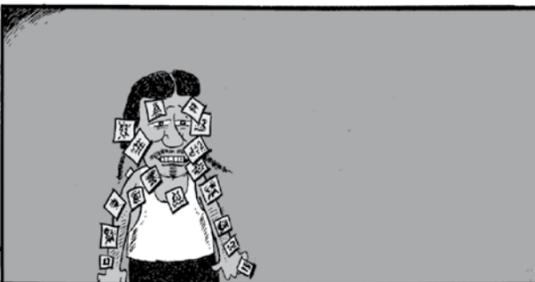
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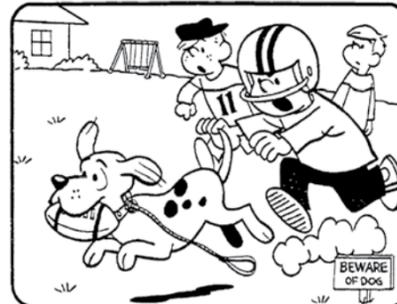
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 15. Affirmatives
 16. Image in Orthodox Church
 17. "Robert Wagner or Stephanie Powers, on TV
 18. "Vote for H.W. Bush, e.g.
 19. "Weird Al's last name
 21. Forum, pl.
 22. Dog-___ book
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 24. Spiky succulent
 27. Accumulates (2 words)
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 32. Consequence
 35. "Wintour of Vogue
 36. Zoroaster follower
 38. E in B.C.E.
 39. #53 Down, third person singular
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 41. Hertz' offering
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 44. Expert, in U.K. (2 words)
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 48. Arrival time acronym
 49. "Piano player Lee Curreri on "Fame"
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 53. "Mikhail Gorbachev's policy
 56. Recipient of money
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 6. Like thick smoke
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 25. Old World lizard
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 30. Promenade in Spain
 33. Tournament ranking
 34. Remains container
 37. "Washington's volcano
 39. "Close of "The Big Chill"
 41. Genetic initials
 42. Entertained
 45. Affirm to be true
 47. Cavatappi or udon, sing.
 49. Scapegoat's deed
 50. Fiber crop variety
 51. Head of family
 52. Deed hearing
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I-80 Widening Draft Environmental Impact Report Now Available

Yolo County Transportation News Release

YOLO REGION, CA (MPG) - I-80 Yolo Widening project's draft environmental documents, including the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), are now available for public comment. This project is to improve mobility in the I-80 corridor and this environmental study compares cost/benefits of alternatives, primarily focused on adding 16 miles of freeway lanes in each direction between Dixon and the 50-80 split.

The draft environmental documents are available for review through the State's CEQA Clearinghouse here: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2021060117/4>

The public is encouraged to comment on the scope, alternatives (were enough considered?), assumptions, and methods of the analysis as described in these draft study documents. For example, were traffic noise and localized air pollution addressed and mitigated? Were impacts appropriately described and effectively mitigated? These draft documents include the first Caltrans EIR that must conform to new state law SB743 (Steinberg). This new law requires environmental impact studies to focus on the climate impact described as the GHG from the changes in vehicle miles traveled. Traffic congestion is no longer considered an important factor in the environmental analysis.

The draft documents will also be posted on the Caltrans "Yolo80 Improvements" webpage: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-projects/d3-i80-corridor-improvements> (YoloTD) will post a link as well: www.YoloTD.org.

A hardcopy of the draft environmental documents can be viewed at:

Caltrans District 3 Headquarters, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA; Mary L Stephens Davis Branch Library, 315 E 14th Street, Davis; Arthur F Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento; Yolo Transportation District, 350 Industrial Way, Woodland.

Caltrans has no plans currently to make the draft documents available at UC

Davis, Winters, or Woodland Libraries, but YoloTD may do this.

Caltrans will host two public meetings to receive comments on this \$330 million project:

Tuesday, November 28, 2023, in West Sacramento at the Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue. 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at the Mary L Stephens Davis Branch Library, 315 E 14th Street. 5:30pm to 7:30pm

YoloTD agency plans additional outreach and education they will publicize soon.

The release of the draft environmental documents during the holidays and the short time frame for public input are making public process a challenge that YoloTD is seeking to remedy: YoloTD Board will host a public meeting for input on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6pm at its board meeting. The public should be aware they will not be allowed to present PowerPoint visuals (maps, charts, graphs) to the board, but these can be emailed to: public-comment@yctd.org.

While Caltrans is the responsible agency for addressing deficiencies noted in the draft environmental documents, YoloTD retains final approval of the widening project per a memorandum of understanding with Caltrans. YoloTD has 5 voting members on its Board, represented by Councilpersons Josh Chapman (Davis) (Alternate Donna Neville), Jesse Loren (Winter), Tom Stallard (Woodland), Dawnte Early (West Sac), and Supervisor Lucas Frerich. UC Davis has one non-voting ex officio member, Matt Dulcich on the Board.

Caltrans will accept public comments on the draft environmental documents, including the draft EIR deficiencies until Friday, January 5, 2024. After this, Caltrans has allocated only 30 days to address all concerns from the public and approve final environmental documents before certifying the EIR as accurate. The next steps will be drawing up plans and putting the project out for bid. Caltrans has committed to begin construction of the widening on Sept 30, 2024. ★

Women Business Owners are Optimistic and Confident

From StatePoint

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Women and men who own small and mid-sized businesses are typically more aligned than they are different in their viewpoints about the economy. Now – more than ever – this is especially true as it relates to their optimism about running their businesses, according to PNC's latest Economic Outlook Survey.

Survey results show that 69% of women and 73% of men are highly optimistic about their business prospects. But women appear to have the edge when it comes to confidence – 69% say they are confident about running their businesses compared to 57% of men. This trend is consistent with last year's survey responses. In 2022, 8 in 10 women business owners reported feeling very confident in their business success and nearly half credited their confidence to their own hard work and drive.

"It stands to reason that those sentiments, together with a few key resources – professional networks, improved access to credit and the agility to navigate the economic landscape – all contribute to a level of confidence that is driving continued optimism this year," says Beth Marcello, director of PNC Women's Business Development.

ENGAGING IN NETWORKS

According to the survey, women-owned businesses are more likely to be engaged with the Small Business Administration, chambers of commerce and other professional groups. In fact, 83% of women business owners participate in business development organizations compared to 64% of men.

"Women often credit the benefits of a strong network to winning new business and finding new and better ways of doing business, and we're supporting that network-building through our relationships with organizations such as global non-profit Coralus and the Women Presidents Organization," says Marcello.

DECISIONS FOR THE ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE

The optimism of women business owners comes through in the survey in specific areas of their enterprises, as 64% expect to see an increase in demand, 65% anticipate an increase in sales, and 56% predict an



A businesswoman leads a meeting. Photo courtesy of iStock via Getty Images Plus

increase in profits in the next six months. While 57% also have plans to moderately increase prices.

"These are just a few indicators of how women are thinking as they make business decisions heading into 2024," Marcello says. "While some of their optimism may be tested by continued high inflation and a potential recession, there is strong evidence that they are prepared."

SEEKING CREDIT

When PNC began surveying women business owners in 2014, men were more likely to seek credit in the near term. The 2022 survey showed for the first time, women overtaking men when considering a new loan or line of credit to support business growth. This trend continued in 2023, with 26% of women saying they are likely to seek a near-term business loan or line of credit compared to 23% of men.

"While this data could simply reflect changes in the way women are conducting business, it's evidence that fewer women are intimidated by the traditional process of gaining access to credit for their businesses," Marcello says. "This is really encouraging."

Dedicated efforts to make more resources available to women entrepreneurs are paying off, says Marcello. At PNC, for example, women can lean on the expertise of 5,000 PNC-Certified Women's Business Advocates who have a passion for working with women financial decision makers. Through Coralus, entrepreneurs have access to a global support network and a no-interest loan program.

"Providing support to entrepreneurs and making access to credit more attainable are important steps toward their ongoing success as well as economic growth overall," says Marcello. ★

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