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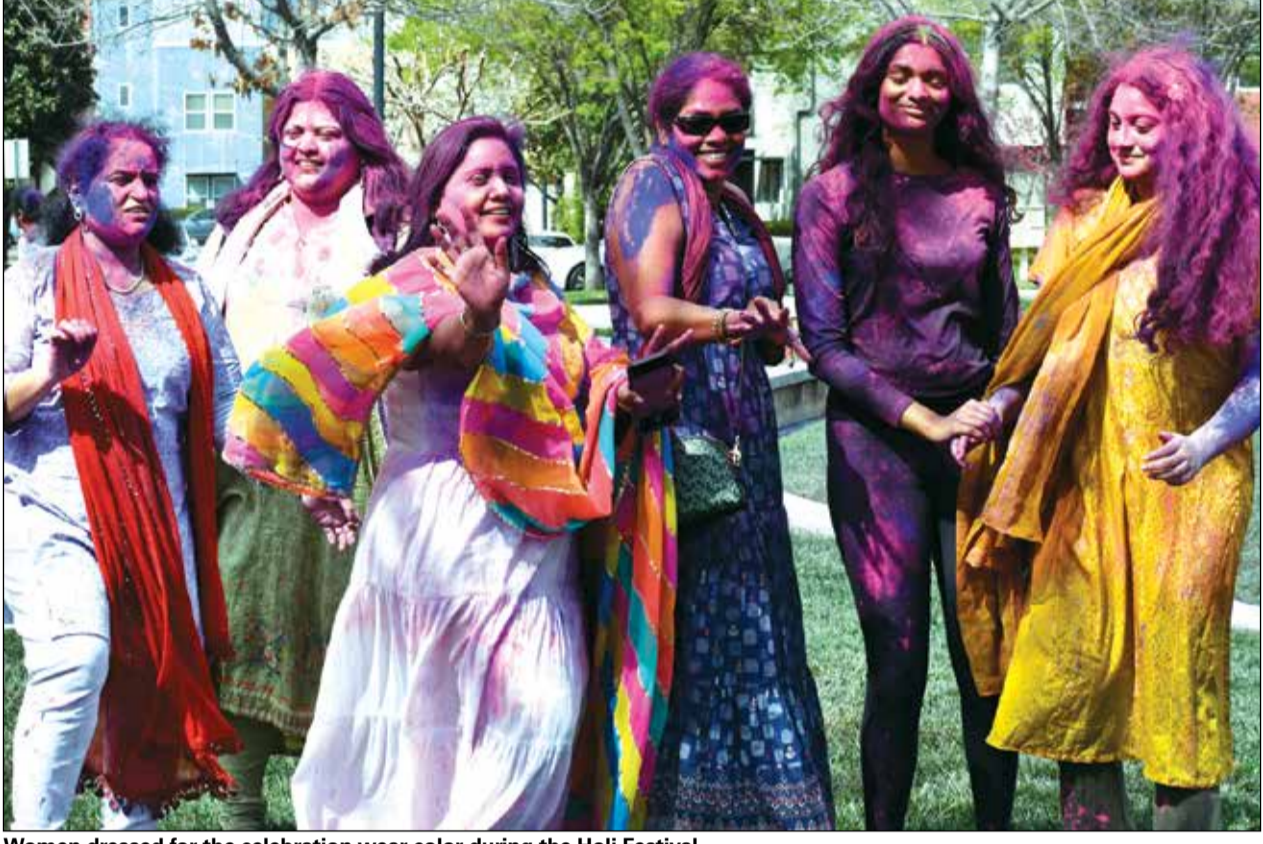
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## Holi Festival Celebrates Arrival of Spring!



Women dressed for the celebration wear color during the Holi Festival.

**Story and photos  
by Rick Sloan**

The Holi Festival was held on March 23 at Village Green Park in Rancho Cordova. Holi is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colors, Love, and Spring. The annual celebration involves families and friends smearing powdered colors on each other's faces and drenching each other in colored water. Even with the sporadic showers and distant thunder looming overhead,



A boy is not too young to be doused in color at the Holi Festival.

it didn't dampen anyone's spirit or enthusiasm. In a way, the rain became a part of the celebration. Holi announces the arrival of spring and the passing of winter. Pink has become a dominant color during Holi. The color represents compassion and caring. Purple powder is also one of the more popular colors, which represents mystery and magic. The other colors used are red, blue, yellow, green and orange. Rancho Cordova Vice-Mayor Siri Pulipati

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## Fee Increase Ballot Goes to Property Owners

**By Margaret Snider**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The City of Rancho Cordova recently sent out an "Official Property Owner Assessment Ballot for Rancho Cordova Stormwater Utility 1 Fee" and the final deadline to respond is next month. The ballot asks each of 20,000 plus Rancho Cordova property owners to decide between one of two possible answers: YES, I approve the proposed 5-year stepped annual Stormwater Utility 1 Fee increase or NO, I do not approve. The ballot measure is dated March 5, 2024. Although not much background is given on the ballot itself, considerable prior outreach has been undertaken and more is planned before the final deadline to respond to City Hall by 5 p.m. May 3. "We had excellent engagement with participants at the focused community workshops and will continue to share information through our media channels to reach as many citizens as possible," said principal engineer Dalia Fadl. "Receiving 700 protests indicates that our outreach efforts resonated with the community. Starting the process in May 2023 allowed us to engage stakeholders effectively and gather valuable feedback to inform our decision-making process."

## Eggs-tra Fun with CRPD!



A young girl in pink picks up a pink egg in an egg hunt at Hoppin' & Huntin' at Hagan. Photo by Rick Sloan

**By Shelby Golden,  
Cordova Recreation & Park District**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The weather held out just long enough for the community to have eggs-tra fun out at Cordova Recreation & Park District's (CRPD) Hoppin' & Huntin' at Hagan on Saturday, March 23! Thousands of local residents enjoyed activities such as free egg hunts, spring bunny photos, carnival games, Tot Lot,

music and more! The morning started with a delicious pancake breakfast provided by the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova. After tummies were full, kids headed out to the egg hunt areas to begin in the festivities! Once all the eggs had been gathered and the prized golden eggs redeemed for special rewards, the fun continued at the brand-new aquatic egg hunt at the Cordova Community Pool! The wading pool was the perfect spot for an

aquatic hunt and was overflowing with eggs for anyone wanting more spring-time cheer. Another huge thank you to our sponsors Music & More DJ Entertainment, Rancho Cordova Fiber City, Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cordova and Rancho Cordova Rotary Club for making this joyful event an even bigger success! Stay informed on upcoming events and more at CRPD's website at [www.cordovarpd.gov](http://www.cordovarpd.gov). ★

The Stormwater Utility 1 Fee is paid for in an every-other-month billing from Sacramento County Utilities, which also includes other items unrelated to stormwater utility systems. However, the Stormwater Utility is the only item addressed in this ballot and the results will have no effect on the unrelated items. "This Stormwater Utility was established in 1995 by the County of Sacramento . . . and it didn't have an inflator on it," said Rancho Cordova Public Works director Albert Stricker. There has been no increase in the fee from 1995 to the present, which, Stricker said, is "astounding." The current fee is not adequate to support the city's stormwater enterprise. In addition, inadequate revenues generated by the current Stormwater Utility 1 fee have necessitated the deferral of capital improvements to the storm drain system, according to the Storm Drain Rate Analysis Report (Stormwater Utility Fee 1), of December 2023. "When we start looking

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## Real Environmentalism in Action

Story and photo by Kristina Rogers

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On a chilly winter morning, I joined a crew of grassroots eco-activists from the River City Waterway Alliance (a.k.a. RCWA) at Cal Expo entrance 12. Dressed in sturdy gear, friends chatted over coffee and donuts. We gathered to hear team lead David Ingram give an overview of the day's work and then trekked the pathway to the riverbank with carts of buckets, grabbers, and trash bags.

Wayne Watts, a longtime Sacramento resident, told me he's been cleaning up this part of the American River Parkway since 1985. "I've got grandkids and great-grandkids and want them to have a place to go," Watts explained, "We've had these camps for generations, but COVID made it worse. Pandemic health restrictions allowed illegal campers to be left alone, and camps grew. We are working to get where Mother Nature can heal itself again."

Off the path, we were greeted with muddy rubbish hanging from brush due to seasonal rains and flooding. Margarita Chavez stepped into a thorny bush to pull out discarded blankets and clothing. Chavez is a well-known trash dash warrior. Her twin sister Myrna Gonzales was there to help, too. The twins proudly shared they'll celebrate a 70th birthday soon, yet you'd never know from their energy level. The sisters say this volunteer work keeps them young.

Meanwhile, Watts found a small propane canister: "These are used to cook and other things. People toss 'em when



Myrna Gonzales shows off the day's work.

empty. If there's a fire, they burn hot and explode like shrapnel. They are dangerous to firefighters, so we try to pull them out as fast as possible."

Discarded illegal camping items harm the environment and animals. Heavy layers of tarps, tents, and blankets choke streams. Plastic containers, bike parts, and broken glass disrupt wildlife's nesting spots. Needles, batteries, abandoned prescription drugs, and used wipes taint the soil. It should concern every Sierra Club member and climate change activist who understand when exiting a natural space, you are to leave no trace.

To naysayers who ask why clean up when it will get trashed

again, Ingram and his friends have an answer. "Why brush your teeth or take a shower when you will just get dirty again? Every piece of trash removed will never return to that waterway. If we do nothing, it will get worse."

In 2023, the River City Waterway Alliance removed 1,134,313 pounds of trash from our natural spaces. This includes 441 shopping carts, 23,819 batteries, and 9,485 needles. In addition, when they deep clean an area, it becomes "RCWA Clean" and is maintained by volunteers and parks. Now, that's sustainability.

Clean up events are frequent at Arcade Creek, American River, Steelhead Creek, Bannan Island,

and the Sacramento River. The group has over 223 videos on their YouTube channel. It's fascinating to see the creativity they use to get to the garbage along difficult riverbanks.

David Ingram, along with RCWA co-founders, Kathleen Ford, Lisa Sanchez, and Mark Baker, are active leaders collaborating with the county. Sacramento County Parks Department helps haul the garbage out once it's in a pile. They've also advocated for more funding. Sanchez assisted in getting county parks a budget increase, paying for new equipment and a few new maintenance workers. City council members are starting to step up too. Lisa

Kaplan (District 1) and Karina Talamantes (District 2) have been hosting RCWA events in their areas.

Back at the clean-up site, my arms were tiring, and the "almost 70" twins were running circles around me. I'm thinking about attending more RCWA events and giving up my gym pass! Meanwhile, a volunteer hit the jackpot and found a "landfill" left by campers. It's a deep garbage hole hidden under the dirt and contains years of garbage. Another volunteer is putting discarded needles and batteries in a special bucket. I asked Kathleen Ford about the more unusual items they stumbled upon. "We find all manner of things. Old vintage Coke bottles, beer cans with pull tabs, and blow-up dolls. We see a surprising amount of fake money, like movie prop money. And believe it or not, lots of vacuum cleaners and lawnmowers." Once, they even found a 1960s salon-style hair dryer.

Incredibly, this spot is right next to the bustling Arden shopping area. Most folks don't know how close they are to a beautiful outdoor space. I certainly didn't. That may be why it's a haven for illegal campers. Close to society, yet so far away. But for the wildlife, it's their haven too. And the natural world needs our help.

The River City Waterway Alliance challenges Sacramento's local groups, climate change activists and environmentalists to join them and make a sustainable difference!

People can visit the Facebook page for River City Waterway Alliance to find clean-up events and extra information. ★

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## Nottoli Place Celebrates Anniversary



On Friday, March 15, community members, County staff, members of Volunteers of America (VOA), and those living at Nottoli Place gathered to celebrate the success of the facility for its first anniversary. Image courtesy of Sacramento County

### Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - This month marks a special milestone for Nottoli Place, a shelter for older adults in Sacramento County. On Friday, March 15, community members, County staff, members of Volunteers of America (VOA), and those living at Nottoli Place gathered to celebrate the success of the facility for its first anniversary. Clients and those attending the event also had the chance to participate in a painting activity. A local art group, All Access Art, led the painting class.

The event was held to celebrate staff and uplift those currently living at Nottoli Place, and to allow County staff and VOA workers to interact with former and current Nottoli Place clients. Since opening its doors in March of 2023, Nottoli Place has helped more than 60 older adults experiencing homelessness.

Retired Sacramento County District 5 Supervisor Don Nottoli, who the facility was named after, joined the celebration and spoke about the importance of offering a safe place for seniors who are experiencing hardship. Current District 5 Supervisor Pat Hume spoke at the event and talked about his gratitude for the Nottoli Place staff and the County of Sacramento's continued partnership with VOA. Christie Holderegger, president & CEO of VOA, also spoke at the event, thanking County staff and Sacramento

County's Board of Supervisors for their continued support of Nottoli Place.

Former Nottoli Place client Hershell Walthall shared his story of living at Nottoli Place and how his social worker and VOA staff helped him find a permanent home at an apartment in Natomas. Reflecting on his experience, Hershell spoke candidly about the challenges he faced while navigating homelessness and the difference Nottoli Place made in his life.

"It's tough being a senior and being on the streets," Hershell said.

With the support and resources at Nottoli Place, Hershell found hope and eventually stability. Hershell is just one of many clients who have stayed at Nottoli Place and moved into permanent housing.

Several clients attending the event talked about how Nottoli Place is more than just a shelter, it's a place that provides them hope and helps them transform their lives.

"They're all like family," one client said about the staff and those living at Nottoli Place.

The client's experiences reflect the goal of Nottoli Place, which is to provide a place with dignity and support. Through the partnership with VOA, Sacramento County's Adult Protective Services hopes Nottoli Place can continue to empower older adults and serve as a way of helping our community for years to come. ★

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# Holi Festival Celebrates Arrival of Spring!



Young men take part in the Holi festivities.



Liquid color runs from the hands of revelers at the Holi Festival.



Revelers enjoy dousing themselves in red and yellow.



Vice-Mayor Siri Pulipati is happy to take part in the Holi Festival wearing pink, purple, and blue.

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 said, "This is a celebration of the victory of good over evil. It's a time of colorful festivities, bringing people together to spread love and happiness. Enjoying Holi reminds us to embrace positivity and share

joy with everyone around us." The celebration is always held on the last full moon day of the Hindu Luni solar calendar. It was sponsored by the Sacramento Telangana Society in association with the Telugu Association of Greater

Sacramento, Sacramento Regional Association of Malayalees, Kannada Sangha of Sacramento and the City of Rancho Cordova through the Measure H Community Enhancement and Investment Fund.

What a thrill it is for me as a photographer to have the opportunity to capture the passion of the beautiful people taking part in this colorful holiday. The Holi Festival is definitely my favorite event of the year to photograph. With all

the colors and excitement always changing around me, it's hard to put my camera down. In the beginning, everyone is a blank canvas. At the end of the event, everyone has become their own abstract painting. ★

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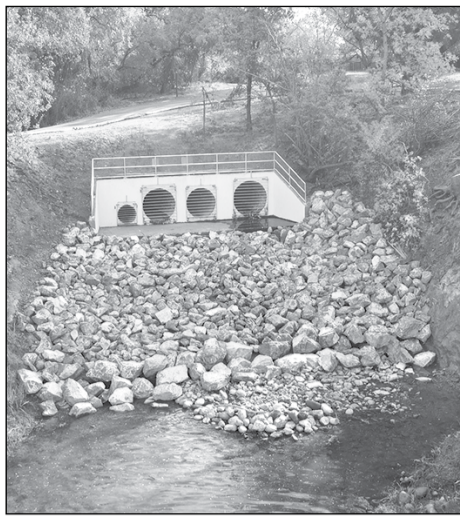
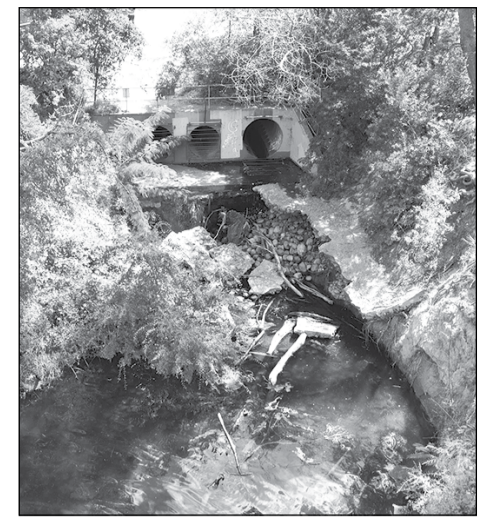
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## Fee Increase Ballot Goes to Property Owners



These photos from 2022 show before and after the storm drain outfall repair took place in the latter part of 2022 along the American River Parkway near the Ambassador Park Drive entrance. Photos courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova.

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at over \$100-million deferred maintenance and life cycle costs that need to be addressed,” Stricker said, “that ‘astounding’ word . . . turns into astounding challenges that we need to address from an infrastructure standpoint.”

Of that \$100 million, \$50 million are specific projects listed in the December 2023 report.

In 2014, the City of Rancho Cordova took over ownership of the Stormwater Utility 1 system from Sacramento County and is now responsible for its operation and maintenance.

“Though the city has actually done, I think, a region-leading job investing in infrastructure,” Stricker said, “we inherited a huge amount of deferred maintenance.”

Whether the fee increase occurs, the billing process will remain the same, with the county collecting and passing the payments through to the City of Rancho Cordova.

As far as current and future development stormwater costs, Stricker said, “All of the new areas are going into a new district, . . . That one was set up properly by the city and it has an inflator.” A Stormwater Utility 1 fee adjustment would bring it into closer parity to Stormwater Utility 2 and would also keep up with inflation moving into the future.

The ballot proposes basically a choice between continuing to defer needed

repairs and maintenance or beginning to address them.

“We talked a little bit about the importance of addressing the deferred maintenance, and the life cycle costs, because it would be cheaper (fixing it) now than fixing it later,” Stricker said. “It’s kind of like . . . fixing a part on your car now or replacing the engine later.”

The proposed annual fee with five-year implementation schedule is listed in the mailed ballot document. The amount is given as “Proposed Fee per DMU (Drainage Measurement Unit).” The December 2023 report gives a formula used to determine the drainage measurement unit for a property.

However, Stricker said, “DMU comes into play when we’re looking at larger, commercial properties . . . This is how the rate is calculated for those commercial type properties.” For single-family residences, he said, the annual rate listed is the annual rate, not calculated further by determining the drainage measurement unit.

“The Stormwater Utility Fee covers critical expenses for maintaining and improving our stormwater infrastructure, ensuring the safety and resilience of our community against flooding risks and environmental challenges,” said Rancho Cordova City Manager Micah Runner.

For more information about the ballot measure, call the City of Rancho Cordova at 916-851-8700 or go online to [CityofRanchoCordova.org](http://CityofRanchoCordova.org). ★

## Sacramento’s New Theatre Company Announces First Show

Pioneer Players  
News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Pioneer Players, a newly formed nonprofit theatre company in midtown Sacramento, have announced their inaugural production, Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest”.

Serving as the new resident theatre company of Pioneer Congregational United Church of Christ, Pioneer Players is the creative vision of Artistic Director and church member David-Matthew Barnes. The objective of the new company is to produce inspiring and uplifting shows including plays for young audiences and original works written by their planned workshop-based Pioneer Playwrights.

Barnes, whose catalog of more than seventy stage plays have been produced around the world, says he recognized the need for more support for local playwrights. “Many of my stage plays were first performed in Sacramento before moving on to other theatres,” he says. “Giving the opportunity to workshop scripts is something I’m very committed to offering to fellow playwrights. We would love for Pioneer Players to be the first theatrical home for many playwrights in Sacramento.”

Similarly, Barnes recognized the need for more productions specifically aimed at young audiences. This fall, Pioneer Players will launch their first children’s theatre production (featuring adult actors), an interactive musical version of Little Red Riding Hood. “I love the idea of families having a shared experience through theatre,” Barnes says. “As an arts educator, I realize how significant having access to theatre can be, especially for young people.”

Also joining this artistic endeavor is Cyndi Lopez-Spencer, who is serving as the Resident Technical Director of Pioneer Players. An alum of Sac State’s theatre program, Lopez-Spencer has been working as a stage manager or a technical crew member for over 30 years. “I’m really excited to join Pioneer Players and their effort to provide theatre that is accessible to the community,” says Lopez-Spencer.

“This is a really amazing team to be working with. It’s exciting to be a part of this company who are doing and planning such innovative things.”

First, Pioneer Players will present Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest”, with Barnes directing. Performance dates are April 6 - April 21: Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. The Pioneer Theater is located inside the Fellowship Hall at Pioneer Congregational United Church of Christ: 2700 L Street in midtown Sacramento. To reach the Pioneer Theater, enter the church through the doors located in the church courtyard. The theater is accessible. Street parking is available. Concessions are cash only. Patrons arriving late will not be seated until intermission. Tickets are \$15.00.

Advance tickets can be purchased from Eventbrite. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

First performed on February 14, 1895, at the St James’s Theatre in London, “The Importance of Being Earnest” is a farcical British comedy classic. The play tells the story of two men, Jack Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff, who both assume the identity of a fictional man named Ernest, leading them both to fall in love and find an assortment of problems along the way. Working within the social conventions of late Victorian London, the play’s major themes are the triviality with which it treats institutions as serious as marriage and the resulting satire of Victorian conformity.

“We believe that the Pioneer Players align closely with the mission of our church through their creative storytelling and performances, fostering connections among individuals, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all, and contributing to the betterment of the community,” says Rev. Dr. David C. Bocoock, the Pastor of Pioneer Congregational Church. “This initiative resonates with our core values and exemplifies our commitment to spreading love, building community, and extending our service to all. We are thrilled to support Pioneer Players and look forward to their positive impact on the Sacramento community.” ★

## Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Wow, I am hearing fans and pundits alike talking about how the Kings will fare in the Play-in. What happened to just making the playoffs?

I am still firmly in the camp that the Sacramento Kings can make a run that lands on 48 wins and puts them in the playoffs without having to go through the Play-in system.

Without a doubt, the loss, temporarily, of Malik Monk is a gut punch and not to be overlooked, but what a blessing to have both Sasha Vezenkov and Trey Lyles back on the hardwood the very next game after Malik was sadly injured. That is fortuitous for certain, and Lyles looked as though he hadn’t missed a game. Trey’s three-point shooting should not be overlooked, and will help mitigate the loss of Malik’s contribution that this team has come to rely upon.

Eight games to go, and if the Kings can find a way to win five of those games, I for one believe they make the enviable top six, and go into the playoffs with their heads held high.

Losing two games back-to-back to the Dallas Mavericks was, for many, the low moment of the season, and without a doubt made the trip to the playoffs a difficult one. Having said that, hold onto your seats, because these cardiac kids have a way of making believers out of you.

Domantas Sabonis continues his vaunted double-double streak, and Harrison Barnes seems to be finding some of the old magic that made the Kings feel he was someone that had to be signed in the off season. Although many believed the price was too high, all will be forgotten if Harrison can continue contributing 20 points per game as he just did in the victory over the Utah Jazz.

Pay attention to the victory over the Jazz, because it sends a message to all Sacramento Kings fans, that just when you want to count them out, their game rises to the top once again. Don’t let mendacious pundits steal your zeal for this team. Yogi Berra

said, “It’s not over till it’s over,” and I’m with Yogi.

For the first time this season, both Keegan Murray and Harrison Barnes scored 20 points in a contest. Yes, the very first time, and if that is a dose of what’s to come, bring it on.

Is anyone paying attention to Davion Mitchell, and his consistent outside shooting contribution? Davion continues to be a threat from the perimeter, and can take it to the hole with the best of our players.

The return of Trey Lyles looms large, and perhaps Coach Brown will realize what he’s got in this under-appreciated talent. Lyles could be starting for this team, and at the very least has deserved many more minutes than he has received throughout the season.

The sudden loss of Malik Monk will no doubt create a need for more minutes on the court for Trey, and if ever there was a time to show what you’ve got, now is that time.

The same can be said for Keon Ellis, who has been looked upon much more favorably by Coach Brown, and with Kevin Guerter out for the season, has been granted the starting job.

Keon needs to keep up the tough defense, and add just enough offense to keep the defense honest. Ellis has game, and I believe, like Trey Lyles, that we haven’t yet seen the ceiling of what he is capable of doing on the court.

Eight huge games to go, and fans are all over the board as to where the Kings will be at the end of this stretch. I say, for all of you die-hard Kings fans that have lived through a dozen years-plus of languishing on the sidelines, watching other teams in the playoffs every year, enjoy this enigmatic but ultimately dynamic group of basketball players that truly love taking the hardwood together.

If you’re not on the edge of your seat now, you never will be.

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## And Another Thing

*My how time goes by so quickly*

By Bob McGarvey

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter, and that the children enjoyed their spring (Easter) break. Tomorrow, the three of our grandchildren who are still going back to school in Rancho Cordova are going back to school. One is in the 3rd grade, one is a freshman at Cordova High, and the other is a Junior at Cordova High. It is hard to realize, but there are only two months left of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District school year. My how time goes by so quickly.

As a Planning Commissioner, I am learning how we are doing more work for our City Council. The seven incorporated cities in Sacramento County, Sacramento, Folsom, Isleton, Galt, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, and Rancho Cordova all have a Planning Commission. Sacramento county, like most of the other counties in California, has a Planning Commission. Established by state law, the Planning Commission's primary function is study proposed developments that may have an impact on the community's growth and environment.

The Planning Commission is an advisory body appointed by the city council or board of supervisors. We are responsible for directing some short or long growth by implementation or maintenance of that advisory body's general plan. Some of the agenda items for our planning commission are moving forward toward questioning our city's general plan. We are learning more as time goes on. Something that is really important for all Planning Commissioners to remember is that

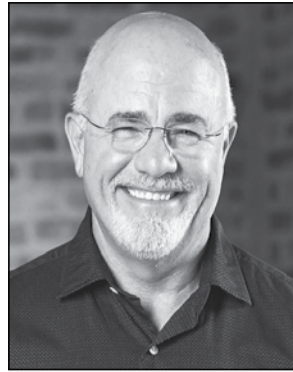
they are an advisory group. Before Rancho Cordova was a city, the Cordova Planning Advisory Council (CORPAC) looked at what was given to them by the county and gave the county what was the most important for our city.

I was on the CORPAC in 1998 to 2002. That thought me how to learn to give the county answers that they were trying to gather. That is similar to what our Rancho Cordova Planning Commission does when we learn from our staff, and possibly learn from the business that is on our agenda. We can make suggestions based on knowledge and experience. The public can come to our meetings and let us know what they think is best for their community. That is always important.

Going back to the Mather Veterans Village, I will be talking to our city officials, to the Sacramento County officials, and I expect some help from other state Veterans organization to find out when we will be able to adding more apartments to our Mather Veterans Village. There are still Veterans who are homeless in our city and Sacramento County. We are trying get more of them off the streets. They deserve a roof over their heads, and I will continue to find out more as time goes on.

We will have Memorial Day Ceremonies on May 27, 2024 in the Cordova High Performing Arts theater. Memorial Day is a federal holiday in which we honor our military personal who died when they were protecting our country. Many also believe that Memorial Day is to thank the families who suffer because they lost the loved ones.

*From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and see you next time.* ★



## Dave Ramsey Says

enefit of them calling in and actually wanting help. These folks care about what I think, and in most cases, they realize things aren't working for them. I don't just walk up to people and say, "You know, what you're doing is really stupid. Let me fix you." I think that's kind of the situation you're in right now. So, before anything else, I'd begin to pray for him. Ask God to bring people into his life who will have a positive impact on him.

One of the worst things about these situations is watching people you love do bad things to themselves and the people around them. Honestly, I don't know there's really a lot you can do without becoming the enemy to some degree. You can always try to hold him to a higher standard, and refuse to tolerate immature, irresponsible behavior when you're around him. You might even look for opportunities to use yourself as an example. I'm not talking about puffing out your chest and pretending to be perfect. I'm just saying maybe point out areas in your life where you made mistakes in the past

and how you fixed the problems. But going out and trying to actively intervene in his life without permission, or shaming him in hopes it'll make him grow up and be a man, would probably do more harm than good.

Approach him in a gentle, caring way. Again, not like some know-it-all, but just let him know you care and you're there to help if he's having difficulties. Take him out to lunch once in a while, or invite him over, and let him know you're there for him if he needs to talk.

And remember what I said earlier about prayer? Bringing God into the equation is never a bad idea

- Dave

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### It's a Tough Situation for Both of You

Dear Dave,

I'm worried about my younger brother, and I need some advice. He's divorced and has a son, and lately, it seems like he only wants to be a dad when it's convenient. On top of this, he's very irresponsible with money for someone in their thirties. Our mom and dad passed away several years ago, so I feel like this leaves me to be the big brother and parent at the same time. I'm not sure how to help him. Can you give me some advice, please?

- Andy

Dear Andy,

You're a good and caring big brother to be concerned and want to help. And it's a tough situation for you, especially with your parents no longer in the picture.

When I help people on my show, I have the ben-

## DNA is a Match in Fatal Mountain Lion Attack in El Dorado County

### California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

EL DORADO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has confirmed that the mountain lion euthanized in a remote area near Georgetown on March 23 was the same animal involved in a fatal attack earlier in the day. CDFW's Wildlife Forensics Laboratory determined today that DNA samples collected from the scene match samples taken from the lion carcass. The male mountain lion weighed approximately 90 pounds and appeared to be in healthy condition.

On March 23, 2024, CDFW wildlife officers responded to a reported mountain lion attack involving 18 and 21-year-old brothers. The men had been antler shed hunting in a remote area near Georgetown in El Dorado County when they were attacked. The younger brother sustained injuries but was able to call 911; the older brother was pronounced

dead at the scene by emergency responders. In the interest of public safety, CDFW authorized a professional trapper, who was able to locate and euthanize the mountain lion within a few hours of the incident.

"First and foremost, our hearts go out to the families and loved ones affected by this tragic incident. Our thoughts are with them during this difficult time," said CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham.

Mountain lion encounters are uncommon in California but do occasionally occur. Most of the state is suitable mountain lion habitat. However, this is the first confirmed fatality from a mountain lion attack in California since 2004. CDFW will remain in close coordination with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office as standard pathology and other assessments of the lion are completed. Forensic scientists will continue analyzing necropsy results to determine whether there were underlying health conditions related to this particular animal. ★

## 13-Year-Old Struck by Vehicle

### Rancho Cordova Police Department News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Shortly after 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, Rancho Cordova Police Officers responded to a traffic collision involving a pedestrian at the intersection of Zinfandel Drive and International Drive. When officers arrived, they discovered a 13-year-old female with injuries lying in the middle of the intersection and requested the Fire department respond to assist. The Sacramento Metro Fire Department later arrived and began to render medical aid. The juvenile was transported by ambulance to a local area

hospital with serious injuries.

Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators responded to the scene a short time later to assist patrol officers, interview subjects, and gather evidence. Based on the investigation, it was determined the juvenile was struck by an SUV while crossing the crosswalk. This driver stayed at the scene. After the initial collision, the juvenile, who was still in the roadway, was struck by a silver sedan. The silver sedan fled the area without speaking to officers.

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# Social Security Matters

## When Should We Claim Social Security?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
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**Dear Rusty:** I am almost 63 and my husband will be 61 soon, and we are looking to see when our best time would be to start our Social Security benefits. We would like to know if one of us qualifies for benefits from a previous marriage from 1984 to 1995. And we are wondering if I can start drawing at age 65, in two years, or if it is better that I wait until 67 because my spouse is 2 years younger than me. Also, if I were to continue working limited hours after 65, what would my earning limit be? **Signed: Almost Ready**

**Dear Almost Ready:** The first thing to understand is that full retirement age (FRA) for both of you is 67. If either of you claim before that, your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced and, because you are working, you will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test."

If you claim your benefit at age 65 your monthly payment will be about 87% of what you would get if you claimed at age 67. If your husband claims at age 62, his benefit will be about 70% of his FRA amount. The only way to get 100% of the benefit you've each earned from a lifetime of working is to

claim at your FRA. You can choose to claim at age 65 as long as you're comfortable with the benefit reduction which will occur, and as long as your annual work earnings do not significantly exceed the earnings limit for that year. In any case, when each of you claims will not affect the other's retirement benefit amount.

Social Security's "earnings test" for those claiming before FRA sets a limit for how much can be earned before some (or all) benefits are taken away. The earnings limit for 2024 is \$22,320, but it changes yearly. If you claim early benefits and your work earnings exceed that year's limit, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They take away by withholding future benefits long enough to recover what you owe for exceeding the limit. If you significantly exceed the annual earnings limit, you may be temporarily ineligible to receive SS benefits until you either earn less or reach your FRA (the earnings test no longer applies after you reach your FRA). I cannot predict what the earnings limit will be two years from now, but it will be more than the 2024 limit and published at that time. FYI, in the year you turn 67 your pre-FRA earnings limit will be much higher, and when you reach your FRA the earnings test no longer applies.

Regarding your previous marriage, you cannot receive spousal benefits from an ex-spouse while you are currently married. But when to claim may also be influenced by whether either you

or your current spouse will get a spousal benefit from the other. If the FRA (age 67) benefit amount for one of you is more than twice the other's FRA entitlement, the one with the lower FRA amount will get a "spousal boost" to their own amount when both of you are collecting.

Spouse benefits reach maximum at one's FRA, but each person's personal SS retirement amount will continue to grow if not claimed at FRA. Waiting past FRA to claim allows the SS retirement benefit to grow by 8% per year, up to age 70. So, with an FRA of 67, claiming at age 70 will yield a payment 24% higher than the FRA amount, 76% more than the age 62 amount, and about 37% more than the age 65 amount. But waiting beyond FRA is only smart if financially feasible and life expectancy is at least average (about 84 and 87 respectively for a man and woman your current ages). And, as a general rule, if one's spousal benefit at FRA (50% of their partner's FRA entitlement) is highest, then that spouse should claim at FRA to get their maximum benefit.

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

by Bryan Golden

### Persistence



"Persistence can grind an iron beam down into a needle. Dripping water can pierce a stone."

— Chinese Proverb

"Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "Press On", has solved and will always solve the problems of the human race."

— Calvin Coolidge

"If you falter, and give up, you will lose the power of keeping any resolution, and will regret it all your life."

— Abraham Lincoln

Persistence is the key to all success. There may be those examples of instant successes, but they are few and far between. The one guaranteed route to failure is to give up.

The Grand Canyon was created by the persistent effect of water eroding rock. This action, over time, removed billions of tons of rock to create this gigantic gorge.

Suppose you didn't know about the existence Grand Canyon. You wondered what effect, if any, water would have on rock. As an experiment, you poured a pitcher of water on a section of bedrock. Nothing would happen. Even if you repeated your experiment daily for a year, the results would not change.

Anyone with a basic knowledge of science could predict the uselessness of pouring water on rock. Yet this is the exact approach too many people use when attempting to solve problems, overcome obstacles, or achieve goals. They make a few half-hearted attempts, only to give up when success isn't immediate.

There is no success without perseverance. Those who give up and fail will be passed by those who persevere to success. Stubborn persistence will compensate for deficiencies in other areas. Successful people are not necessarily the most talented, educated, or intelligent. They are the most persistent.

The best students in school are the ones

who are the most persistent. They study as much as necessary to understand the material. If they don't immediately comprehend something, they go over the subject until they do. Ironically, smarter students often don't do as well as the persistent ones.

Why don't more people persist? Because they expect instant results. These people think a canyon is formed by pouring a jug of water on rock. When their first attempt doesn't work, they abandon their quest. After falling down once or twice, they stay down.

The founding of our great country was the result of persistence. The invention of the light bulb took thousands of attempts before it worked. Many successful businesses were started after previous failures. Babe Ruth achieved great fame because he kept swinging. Although known for hundreds of home runs, Ruth also had thousands of strikeouts.

Persistence means never giving up. It means doing whatever it takes for as long as it takes. Persistent people make mistakes. Persistent people fail. Persistent people get frustrated. Persistent people get tired. But persistent people always get back up and keep going.

It's very simple to be persistent. It's just not easy. Being persistent has to be a way of life, not something that's done occasionally. Persistence is not just one way to be successful, it's the only way.

Anyone can be persistent. Even someone who is not used to being persistent can begin today. Start by purging your vocabulary of concepts such as "I can't do it," "It won't work," "Nothing is happening," or "It's too hard."

When facing any challenge, tell yourself, "I can do it. I will do it. I will never give up. I will do what it takes. If I stumble and fall, I will always get back up and keep going." Persist until you succeed.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01409  
Mario A Rupert and Gregory Rupert, 6454 Oakridge Way, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hex & Cult" 6454 Oakridge Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 26, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
HEX 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01881  
Wali Hassany, 1808 Richmond Street, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aahoo Document Solutions" 2740 Fulton Avenue 101-16, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 11, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
AAHOO 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01800  
Andrea Z Evans, PO Box 4145, Ketchum, ID 83340 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Philanthropy Consulting Group" 205 Raven Road A1-5, Ketchum, ID 83340. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
PHILANTHROPY 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01704  
Karen Ortiz, 2335 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Own It Real Estate" 1610 R Street Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
OWN 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01924  
Lavender Nail Salon LLC, 1010A Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lavender Nail Salon" 1010A Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
LAVENDER 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01805  
Daniel W Todd, 2025 W El Camino Ace Apt 238, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phantomice Interactive" 2025 W El Camino Ace Apt 238, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
PHANTOMICE 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01911  
Xtelnetic LLC, 5252 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 4, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Netellix" 5252 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 4, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024  
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NETELLIX 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01912  
Niello Performance Motors II Inc, 1481 River Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Porsche Sacramento" 2200 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
PORSCHE 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01928  
Gateway Foods LLC, 6 Kitaj Court, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Taqueria La Puerta" 4391 Gateway Park Boulevard Suite 650, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
TAQUERIA 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01656  
California Auto House, Inc, 7333 Roseville Road #5, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California Auto House, Inc" 8636 Antelope North Road BLDG C, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
CALIFORNIA 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01530  
National Vision, Inc., 2435 Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses" 2922 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 29, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
AMERICAS 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01531  
National Vision, Inc., 2435 Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses" 5899 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 29, 2024  
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BEST 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01532  
National Vision, Inc., 2435 Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses" 7721 Laguna Boulevard Suite 128, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 29, 2024  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01533  
National Vision, Inc., 2435 Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses" 2395 Iron Point Road Suite 110, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 29, 2024  
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EYEGLASSES 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01574  
National Vision, Inc., 2435 Commerce Avenue, Duluth, GA 30096 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses" 6019 Florin Road Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 1, 2024  
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NATIONAL 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01848  
Victoria Lose, 3432 Gates Way, Sacramento, CA 95832 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Journey to Freedom" 3432 Gates Way, Sacramento, CA 95832. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 8, 2024  
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JOURNEY 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01667  
Grace Sur, 9545 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Beauty Solutions By Grace" 9545 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
BEAUTY 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01986  
Michelle Green-Clark, 4615 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KM Dance Arts" 4615 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 13, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
KM 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01925  
Surinder Singh Bedwal, 7733 Charmain Court, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Twin River ATMS" 7733 Charmain Court, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024  
Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2024  
TWIN 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01623  
Accredited RealEstate Schools Inc, 7840 Madison Avenue #149, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Accredited Real Estate Schools Inc" 7840 Madison Avenue #149, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County

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ACCREDITED 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01932  
Amanda Dugan, 6550 Sutter Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ritual Cookies" 6550 Sutter Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024  
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RITUAL 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01213  
Best Choice Logistics Inc, 1922 Naomi Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Best Choice Logistics/BC Cab" 1922 Naomi Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 15, 2024  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01268  
JDV Distribution LLC, 3710 Branch Street, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jenner Vacation Rentals" 3710 Branch Street, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 20, 2024  
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JENNER 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01713  
Ryan Stambuk, 3115 Eades Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Off Duty Photography" 3115 Eades Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2024  
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OFF 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01622  
TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc., 3800 Happy Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "TNT Industrial Contractors, Inc." 3800 Happy Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 4, 2024  
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TNT 4-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02073  
Donna R. Chabrier, 1523 Oak Tree Drive, Roseville, CA 95661 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Real Experience Group" 1610 R Street Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 15, 2024  
Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024  
REAL 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02101  
Carlos Derreza, 1420 South Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Derreza Yard Care" 1420 South Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 18, 2024  
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DERREZA 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02097  
Aliatta LLC, 7924 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95820 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Faisal Market And Restaurant" 7924 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, CA 95820. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 18, 2024  
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FAISAL 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01917  
T-Rex Auto Repair LLC, 2577 Elkhorn Boulevard, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "T-Rex Auto Repair" 2577 Elkhorn Boulevard, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024  
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TREV 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02256  
Critical Path Consulting, PO Box 2924, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Critical Path Training" 4313 Narraganset Way, Mather, CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2024  
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CRITICAL 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02247  
Devin Wayne Ford, 8686 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Smalz Studios" 8686 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2024  
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SMALZ 4-19-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02323  
Victor R Garcia and Victor M Garcia, 7659 Denio Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CH Café & Grill/Ericas Café/Garcia's Family Cafe" 6215 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2024  
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CAFE 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02196  
CR1F Group LLC, 5000 Birch Street #100B, Newport Beach, CA 92660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Credit 1 Finance Group" 5000 Birch Street #100B, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2024  
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CREDIT 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02078  
Elias Caraska, 5518 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "D & W Hobbies" 5518 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 15, 2024  
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HOBBIES 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02206  
Mary Gwaltney, 3416 American River Drive Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Center for Educational and Social Success/Cognizant Counseling and Assessment" 3416 American River Drive Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2024  
Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024  
CENTER 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01918  
Silverstreak Registration & Permit Services LLC, 8146 Greenback Lane Suite 101, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Silverstreak Registration & Permit Services" 8146 Greenback Lane Suite 101, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 12, 2024  
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SILVERSTREAK 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02219  
Britanie N. Page and Collin W. Page, 8468 Central Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Page Financial Group" 8468 Central Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2024  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02183  
German Palomares Karrom, 4 Hondo Court, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "G Welding Services" 4 Hondo Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2024  
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WELDING 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02153  
John R. Watt, 7007 Main Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Scorched Fabrication" 7007 Main Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2024  
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SCORCHED 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01708  
Pomme Miel Businesses LLC, 4100 Redwood Road Suite 20A-123, Oakland, CA 94619 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PizzaForno" 12401 Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2024  
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PIZZAFORNO 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-01775  
Peter Frank Ochoa, 2201 19th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Universe Network Services" 2201 19th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2024  
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UNIVERSE 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02411  
Denis Voyku, 9329 Orangevale Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DV Transportation Services" 9329 Orangevale Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 28, 2024  
Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024  
TRANSPORTATION 4-26-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-02378  
ESM Trading Company Inc, 7817 Wooddale Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crazee 4 Pasta/Florian Café and Deli" 2204 Sunrise Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 27, 2024  
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CRAZEE 4-26-24

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV003856  
Tarjinder Singh Kaler has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tarjinder Singh Kaler to Tarjinder Singh. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 15, 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: March 1, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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KALER 4-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV004736  
Mary Kaye Bartholomew aka Mary Kaye Bassett has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mary Kaye Bartholomew aka Mary Kaye Bassett to Mary Kaye Prentice. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 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. Dated: March 12, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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BASSETT 4-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV004689  
Isaiah Michael Fennema-Montoya has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Isaiah Michael Fennema-Montoya to Isaiah Michael Montoya. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 3, 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: March 12, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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MONTVOYA 4-12-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV004443  
Gabrielle Blalock-Tovar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gabrielle Nicole Blalock-Tovar to Gabrielle Nicole Blalock and William Bruce Blalock-Tovar to William Bruce Blalock and Eloise Carleen Blalock-Tovar to Eloise Carleen Blalock. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 28, 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: March 8, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
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# Ben Ali Shrine Band to Present Free Concert

## Ben Ali Shrine Band News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Ben Ali Shrine Band will perform a free, family-friendly, open to the public concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 19, at the California Automobile Museum at 2200 Front Street in Sacramento.

Under the baton of Director Jerry Lopes, the band will perform a variety of popular tunes, including a sprinkling of automotive-themed favorites.

Donation envelopes in support of the extraordinary work done by doctors and staff of the Shriners Hospitals for Children -- Northern California, 2425 Stockton Blvd. in Sacramento, will be available on-site. Donations are strictly voluntary.

Ben Ali's history dates back to 1922, highlighted by positive community outreach and support of the Shriners

Hospitals for Children. The Ben Ali Shrine Temple is located at 3262 Marysville Blvd., in Sacramento.

Shriners Hospitals for Children -- Northern California treats children with complex medical conditions, providing care to families throughout Northern California, the western United States and portions of Mexico and Canada. The free care provided by the local hospital -- and Shriners hospitals throughout the United States -- promotes healing that otherwise would represent an enormous economic burden to affected families.

The California Automobile Museum houses one of the nation's most diverse collections of motor vehicles produced over many decades. Its extensive docent program is nationally recognized. For more information on the museum or to become a member, call 916-442-6802 or visit [www.calautomuseum.org](http://www.calautomuseum.org). ★

# Sacramento Native Serves in The South China Sea Aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt



## Navy Office of Community Outreach News Release

**SOUTH CHINA SEA (MPG)** - U.S. Navy Quartermaster 3rd Class Krosavanh Phongphet, left, from Sacramento, Calif., and Quartermaster Seaman Apprentice Saraya Phillips, from Newark, N.J., pull down signal flags aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), March 12, 2024. Theodore Roosevelt, flagship of Carrier Strike Group Nine, is underway conducting routine operations in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. U.S. 7th Fleet is the U.S. Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, and routinely interacts and operates with allies and partners in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Richard Tinker

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 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: March 19, 2024  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2024  
 ARELLANO 4-19-24

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV005556

Marie Irene Kiene has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marie Irene Kiene to Siobhan Aine Luckie.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 5, 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: March 22, 2024  
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024  
 KIENE 4-26-24

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV004347

Michael Donald Rice has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michael Donald Rice to Michael Dean Tallent.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on July 2, 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: March 7, 2024  
 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
 Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024  
 RICE 4-26-24

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RONALD THOMPSON CASE NO. 24PR000763

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows April 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826  
 IF YOU OBJECT to the 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 Attorney for Petitioner is: Andrew Kern, 755 Baywood Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954, 707-658-4602  
 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 2024  
 THOMPSON 4-5-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WYNETTE O. GARDNER AKA OLETA WYNETTE GARDNER CASE NO. 24PR000860

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Wynette O. Gardner aka Oleta Wynette Gardner.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Alison Ann Miller, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Alison Ann Miller 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 May 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the

date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Paula S. Hall, 9048 Brooks Road South, #165, Windsor, CA 95492; 707-836-1563  
 Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 2024  
 GARDNER 4-19-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ROSANO CASE NO. 24PR000904

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Douglas Paustenbach, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Douglas Paustenbach be appointed as personal representative 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 personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: May 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address, and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Robert A Gordon, 40 Hanford Street, Suite B,

Sutter Creek, CA 95685; 209-267-1685  
 Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 2024  
 ROSANO 4-19-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN WHITMAN AKA PATRICIA WHITMAN AKA PAT WHITMAN CASE NO. 24PR000678

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Patricia Ann Whitman aka Patricia Whitman aka Pat Whitman.

An Amended Petition for Probate has been filed by Leslie D. Whitman III, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Leslie D. Whitman III 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 May 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Raoul J. LeClerc, P.O. Drawer 1161, Oroville, CA 95965; 530-533-5661  
 Publish: April 5, 12, 19, 2024  
 WHITMAN 4-19-24

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 Coleman, Patsy Davis.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows May 8, 2024, 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 Eaden Thompson, 8662 Farewell Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624; 916-730-3947  
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 COLEMAN 4-19-24

### SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 23CV001955  
 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Flora Taylor, an individual; and does 1-20.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Angela Bradley, an individual.  
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fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Superior Court of California, 720 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Robert C. Bowman, Jr. 1451 River Park Drive, Suite 125, Sacramento, CA 95815, 916-923-2800  
 Date: (Fecha) 5/19/2023  
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# Ask DR. UNIVERSE

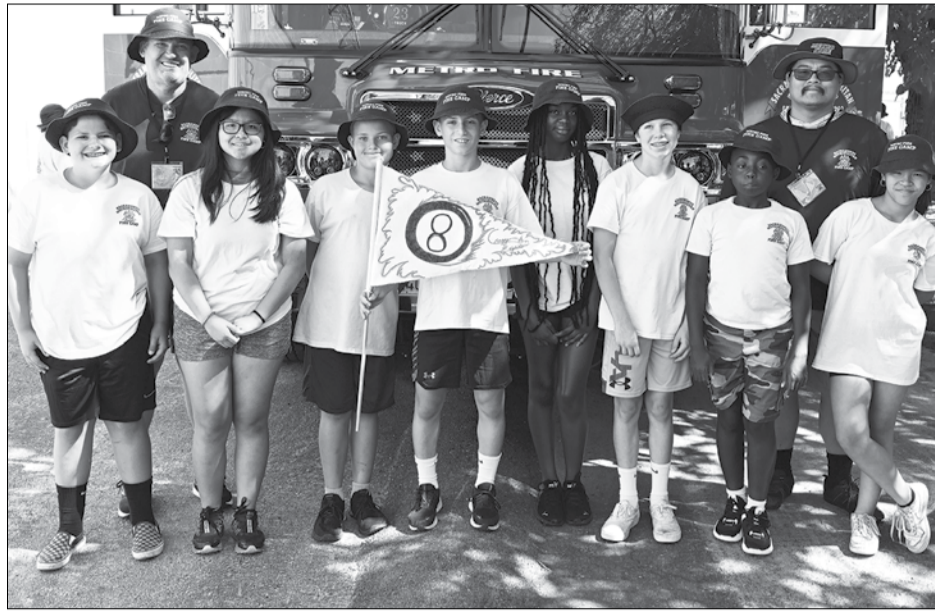
**Dr. Universe: What would happen to female honey bees if male bees didn't exist? – Emmie, 12, Arizona**

Dear Emmie,  
When I want something sweet, I pull out a jar of honey made by my bee friends at Washington State University. I talked about your question with one of the insect scientists there, Rae Olsson. They told me a honey bee colony includes one female queen, many female workers and, depending on the time of year, some male drones. Workers have lots of jobs. They gather nectar and pollen. They take care of each other, the queen and the baby bees. A drone's only job is to mate with a queen from another colony. The queen's only job is to make more bees. A mated queen stores sperm cells from male bees in a little pouch. Then, she can decide whether to lay female eggs or male eggs. Eggs fertilized with sperm become female bees. Unfertilized eggs become male bees. It works that way because bees and their relatives are haplodiploid. Most animals—including humans like you and cats like me—are diploid. That means we have "double" copies of our genes. Genes are like DNA instructions your cells use. Some of your genes influence the traits that make you, you. Like your eye color or how shy you are. A diploid animal has two copies of its genes because it comes from a fertilized egg. It gets one copy from the egg cell and one copy from the sperm cell. Female bees are diploid with two copies of their genes, too. But male bees only have one copy of their genes. They're haploid. So, if something wiped out all the male honey bees, queens could just lay more male eggs. If those new drones matured in time to mate with the new queens, everything would be fine.

If male bees didn't exist at all—like the idea of male bees vanished or there wasn't time for new male eggs to mature—queen bees wouldn't be able to lay fertilized eggs. That means no new workers and no new queens. "The workers are like 98% of the hive," Olsson said. "So, within a pretty short period of time there would be no female honey bees to take care of the colony." But cape honey bees in South Africa have a cheat code for emergencies that could save them—even if male bees were gone forever. If the queen bee dies, the workers can lay unfertilized eggs that become female bees instead of male bees. Thanks to a quirk in the cape honey bees' egg-making process, the egg cell contains two sets of genes instead of one set. The new bees are clones, or exact copies of the worker bee. "They could have whole lines of just female bees without males," Olsson said. "But they're losing out on the genetic trait changes that might happen with fertilized eggs." The reason animals fertilize their eggs is to mix up the genes. It's like shuffling a deck of cards. You probably aren't going to get the exact same cards you had before you shuffled. When every animal in a group has a different mix of genes, the group can adapt better to changes in their environment. There's probably someone in the group who can survive whatever life throws at them. Still, making cloned workers is a pretty sweet way cape honey bees already adapted. You could say it's their plan bee. Sincerely,

Dr. Universe

# Metro Fire's FIRE CAMP Opens



On day one, campers will be organized into "strike teams," which consist of eight campers who are mentored and supervised by two professional firefighters. Photos courtesy of Metro Fire

## Metro Fire News Release

### SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- FIRE CAMP is an excellent opportunity for our firefighters to help 11, 12 and 13-year-old kids build a sense of teamwork and responsibility while learning what it's like to be a firefighter for Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. On day one, campers will be organized into "strike teams," which consist of eight campers who are mentored and supervised by two professional firefighters. As the week progresses, the teams take on a character of their own as they learn about the job of a firefighter and experience the following:  
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-Climbing a 105-foot aerial ladder truck  
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Campers will put out a fire with a fire extinguisher at FIRE CAMP. Photo courtesy of Metro Fire

traditional bucket brigade and hand pumper crew skills  
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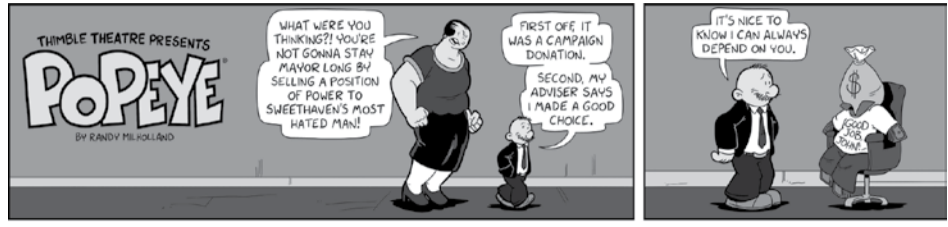
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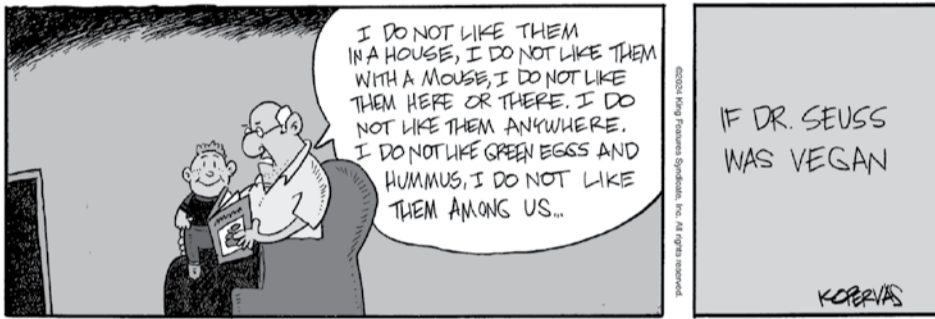
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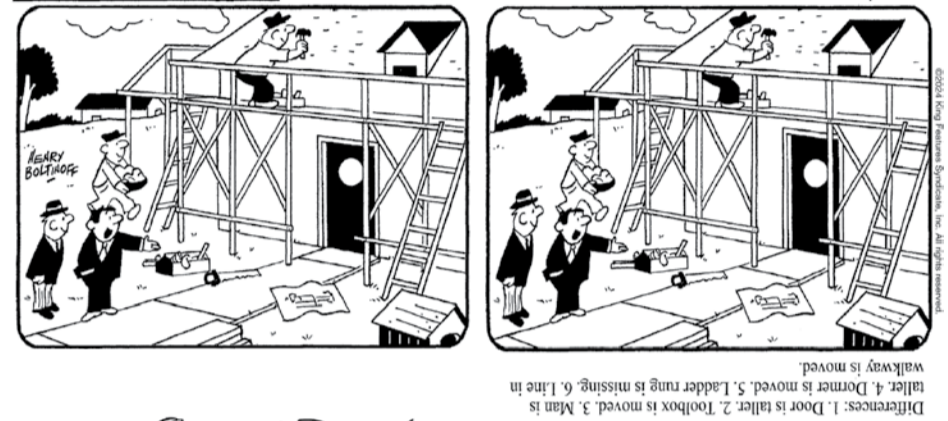
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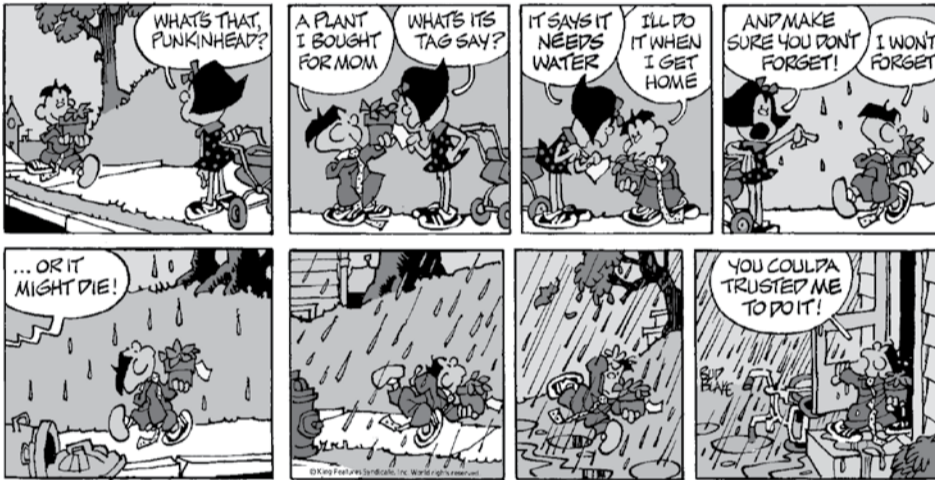
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by Bud Blake



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- Parting words
- Broadcasting acronym
- Taj Mahal city
- Ernest, to mommy
- "Fat chance!"
- Fits of shivering
- Rundown
- Historical period
- "... its weight in gold"
- \*Namesake of famous pact signed in 1955
- \*\*"The City of a Hundred Spires"
- Financial assistance
- Bird's groomer
- Pod nugget
- Fountain order
- Duck dish a certain way
- Picture on a coat
- Feline vibration
- Stocking fiber
- Stink to high heaven
- Cocoyam, pl.
- Pelvic bones
- Frost over (2 words)
- Stew bean
- Sleeveless garment
- Predicament
- Snakelike fish
- Hi-... monitor
- Toothy wheel
- \*Street, in capital city in #38 Down
- \*On the Danube
- \*On the Thames
- \*Virtue, in Italian
- \*Street, in capital city in #25 Down
- Dashboard instruments
- Beside, archaic
- Geological Society of America
- Type of heron
- Parks or Luxemburg
- Pecking mother
- Like oboe's sound

**DOWN**

- "... the land of the free ..."
- Cold one
- Peruvian Empire
- Miss America topper
- Blood infection
- Prepare to swallow
- \*Dublin's cultural quarter neighborhood, "Temple ..."
- Parallelogram, e.g.
- All excited
- Spiritual leader
- Network of nerves
- Certain something in a tray
- Rouse
- Take puppy from a pound
- "Hamilton: An American Musical" singing style
- Great ... Reef
- \*On the Seine
- Not slouching
- Arabian chieftain
- Like Roman god Janus
- \*Also the most populous city in Ukraine
- More ill
- Neil Diamond's "Beautiful ..."
- Annoying tiny biters
- Arctic jaeger
- \*Located in boot-shaped country
- Sound of artillery
- Kind of hickory nut
- Jack's inferior
- Like a Grammy nominee
- Frustration, in print
- "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush," e.g.
- Source of veritas
- Wraths
- Volcano in Sicily
- Ground beef description
- Fairytale giant
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# California Insurance Market 'In Chaos'



Here are the remains of a burned home in Berryessa Highlands on Sept. 21, 2020. Photo by Anne Wernikoff for CalMatters

By Levi Sumagaysay  
CALMatters.org

With more California homeowners just discovering their insurance policies are getting canceled — and hundreds of thousands of others stuck with a pricey option of last resort — state Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's efforts to fix the home insurance market can't come quickly enough.

Lara has introduced two main regulations, with more to come. The first, unveiled last month, aims to streamline rate reviews. State law gives the Insurance Department the power to approve or deny insurers' requests to raise premiums. Insurance companies complain the process has been holding up the increases they seek as a result of what they say are increased costs due to rising climate-change risks and inflation.

The second regulation will let insurers use catastrophe modeling — which combines historical data with projected risk and losses — along with other factors when setting their premiums. California is the last state to allow for catastrophe modeling.

"We're undertaking the state's largest insurance reform," Lara said during a press conference earlier this month. "We can no longer look solely to the past to guide us to the future."

He said catastrophe modeling will lead to "more reliable rates," "greater insurance availability" and "safer communities," because he said it would further encourage and reward wildfire mitigation by homeowners and communities. Insurance Department spokesperson Michael Soller said success will mean fewer homeowners needing to turn to the FAIR Plan, the state-mandated insurer of last resort.

Insurance trade groups, which stand to benefit most from the new regulations, agree with Lara's support for catastrophe modeling and support his so-called sustainable insurance strategy. So do fire chiefs, to an extent. But almost everyone else — homeowners, consumer groups and former insurance commissioners — has lingering concerns.

U.S. Rep. John Garamendi, a Democrat representing parts of Solano and Contra Costa counties, had two stints as state insurance commissioner in the mid-1990s and early 2000s. He says the insurance market is "in chaos" — and that Lara should be holding public hearings and demanding insurance company executives testify to explain to Californians why

their premiums are rising.

"One of the critical things a commissioner does is to analyze the market and provide the public with information," Garamendi said in an interview with CalMatters. "(Lara) didn't use his power to control the industry and second, to inform Californians."

The criticism drew a retort from Soller: "Commissioner Lara is fixing decades-long neglected issues that have led to this crisis. He is focused on safeguarding the integrity of the state's insurance market, not second-guessing from predecessors who had their chance and failed to act."

Dave Winnacker, chief of the East Bay's Moraga-Orinda Fire District, said the upsides of catastrophe modeling include being able to credit what homeowners, communities and governments do to lessen wildfire risk. That includes being able to account for the numbers and proximity of firefighters in certain areas, Winnacker said.

"Depending on where you are in a state, and that's tied to population density, the number of firefighters available could affect the outcome (of a wildfire)," he said, adding that catastrophe models should reflect that.

He also said he and other fire chiefs are working to make sure the interests of consumers, fire professionals, insurers and the state are aligned. Insurers may not know what homeowners, communities and local fire departments are doing to reduce wildfire risk. One idea: a database to share that information.

"There is no future in which we can price our way out of this crisis with just premiums," Winnacker said, adding that everyone needs to work together.

Dave Jones, the state insurance commissioner for eight years before Lara took over in 2019, said he is "trying to avoid looking over the shoulder of my successor."

Jones is now director of the Climate Risk Initiative Center for Law, Energy & the Environment at UC Berkeley School of Law. He said it is good for consumers that the catastrophe-modeling regulation could take forest management into consideration. But he said he's not sure Lara's actions will be sufficient.

Before the end of the year, Lara is also expected to issue a regulation that will allow insurers to factor reinsurance costs into their rates. Reinsurance is insurance for insurance companies in the event of large payouts. That plus the other new regulations may "help in the short to mid term," giving insurance companies the ability to raise



State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara speaks during a press conference with Los Angeles labor leaders and advocates in Commerce on Sept. 26, 2022. Photo by Alisha Jucevic for CalMatters

premiums, Jones told CalMatters.

But he said those actions may "ultimately be overwhelmed by our failure to stop the fossil-fuel industry, which is contributing to rising temperatures" and therefore insurance losses.

Jones also pointed out that Florida has long allowed insurers to use catastrophe modeling and has let them factor in reinsurance costs in their rates — yet its insurance market is in worse shape than California's.

"Florida has done what insurers are asking for," Jones said. Yet "Florida's rates are three or four times the national average."

Mark Friedlander, spokesperson for the Insurance Information Institute, an industry group, confirmed that the group estimates that Florida's average home insurance premium was \$6,000, or three-and-a-half times the national average, in 2023.

In addition, Jones said Florida's version of California's last-resort FAIR Plan — called the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. because it's funded with a surcharge on policyholders — has more than 1 million policies. California's growing FAIR Plan, run by a pool of insurers, has 373,000 policies, its president told state lawmakers recently.

"That raises the question," Jones said. "Giving insurers (higher rates) and shifting the burden to all Californians... whether that's going to be enough in the face of growing background risk associated with climate change."

Meanwhile, last week State Farm said that it is not renewing policies for 30,000 California homeowners, as well as refusing to cover all commercial

apartments by not renewing 42,000 of those policies.

This is happening despite California approving State Farm's requests to levy double-digit premium increases last year.

"One of our roles as the insurance regulator is to hold insurance companies accountable for their words and deeds," said Soller, the Insurance Department spokesperson. "State Farm General's decision... raises serious questions about its financial situation — questions the company must answer to regulators."

State Farm spokesperson Sevag Sarkissian would not comment beyond the statement the company put on its website last week, which read in part: "This decision was not made lightly and only after careful analysis of State Farm General's financial health, which continues to be impacted by inflation, catastrophe exposure, reinsurance costs, and the limitations of working within decades-old insurance regulations."

Sarkissian also referred CalMatters to the Personal Insurance Federation of California, which counts State Farm as a member. The industry group's president, Rex Frazier, said in an email last week that allowing insurers to use catastrophe modeling would help with insurance availability. Yet in its statement, State Farm acknowledged the actions Lara is taking to try to fix the insurance availability and affordability crisis in California, even as it announced its decision not to renew tens of thousands of homeowners.

Joyce Kaufman, a retiree in June Lake in Mono County,

recently got a notice of non-renewal for her homeowners insurance with Farmers, which she said she and her husband were dreading but expecting.

"I'm not really sure what the state's trying to do, both at the commissioner and legislative level," Kaufman said. And losing the ability to renew her policy is affecting her other insurance needs, she said. As her broker helps look for an alternative, her auto premium is now going up about \$300 a year because it will no longer be bundled with home insurance.

As the new regulations give insurance companies what they had asked for, one part of Lara's strategy — which he first laid out last year after an executive order by the governor — is conspicuously missing. Lara had said insurance companies would be required "to commit to writing at least 85 percent of their statewide market share in wildfire-distressed underserved areas."

That provision is nowhere in the text of Lara's unveiled regulations so far — an omission not lost on consumer groups or former commissioner Jones.

"Where is that 85 percent?" asked Carmen Balber, executive director of Consumer Watchdog. Soller, the Insurance Department's spokesperson, said that part of the commissioner's strategy is coming.

Balber also said she is concerned that the catastrophe-modeling regulation "appears to not comply with the transparency requirements of Prop. 103," the voter-approved law that regulates the insurance industry.

According to the text of the regulation on catastrophe modeling, the public will be able to take part in reviewing catastrophe models before they're deemed acceptable. But anyone who helps review the models will be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement.

"If a big chunk of your insurance rate is behind a 'black box,' then that's not what the voters passed," when they passed Proposition 103 in 1988, Balber said. "At the end of the day, if the commissioner passes something that hides something behind closed doors, we'll have to consider challenging it."

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# Fix Prop 47

By John McGinness

On the general election ballot in 2014 California voters were given the opportunity to vote for Proposition 47, the so-called Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act.

For those of us who took the time to read the text of the proposition, it was clear that nothing in this law would make schools or neighborhoods safer. On the contrary, the proposition was fraught with damaging ideas. Crimes such as possession and use of dangerous drugs would be reduced from felonies to misdemeanors. Possession of the so-called date rape drug would be an offense that would warrant no jail time whatsoever. Possession of methamphetamine would also be reduced to a mere misdemeanor, those possessing it could claim it was for personal use, regardless of the quantity, and no time in custody would follow. In recent history, very few people had been forced to serious time in custody for mere possession of illicit drugs. However, the threat of incarceration would often be the impetus for defendants to go to drug court, where they would stipulate to their guilt and be forced into treatment to put them on a path to a much better life. The success of drug court was very impressive. We did not see droves of people occupying the streets, parks and sidewalks of our communities looking like

the walking dead, while discarding human waste and dirty hypodermic needles on the playgrounds and streets of cities and towns throughout the state.

The loss of the ability to file felony charges in these cases would foreseeably evaporate the participation in drug court, because the incentive to do so would be lost by removing the criminal justice-imposed consequences for such offenses.

Similarly, changes that would eliminate real consequences for serial theft were a part of this horribly ill-conceived proposition. Previously, repeat thieves would be subject to jail time felony consequences. The criminal element generally knew of the consequences of California Penal Code Section 666 that would make even petty theft with a prior a potential felony that could result in time in-custody for repeat cases of theft, reducing the incidents of repeat theft. All the penalty enhancements for repeat theft cases would be eliminated by the passage of this proposition.

It was abundantly foreseeable – if this proposition passed it would incentivize chronic dangerous drug abuse, and serial theft. Retailers would have a difficult time staying in business, their incentive to cooperate with the criminal justice system would go by the wayside, because liability risks of stopping thieves would simply become greater than the benefit



John McGinness. Courtesy photo

to be realized from a system that would not punish offenders.

Similarly, drug addiction as the result of chronic drug abuse would skyrocket. The quality of life would be profoundly diminished in urban, suburban, and even rural parts of California.

All of this would be abundantly clear to those who took the time and effort to read the proposition, and realize the devastating consequences that would follow if this concept became law.

Regrettably, the good people of California had faith in those they had elected to represent their best interest in state government. Voters were

very people who had been entrusted with their vote.

Consider the ubiquitous tents in public places; the sickly pathetic souls wandering about in a daze; and the areas lost for use by law abiding, tax paying citizens because of fear for their safety and concerns for their health posed by those who have ravaged their own bodies by chronic drug abuse. Consider relentless images of smash and grab retail thefts that have forced long-time successful businesses to flee the state, because they cannot endure the current conditions.

Retail and cargo theft have exploded in California. Drug addiction and homelessness have become a humanitarian crisis. The consequences are impacting public safety and the quality of life of all Californians.

Members of the California legislature have promised to fix the problem, as have members of the state's executive branch. Do not be fooled into believing these false promises. This mess was created by well-intended voters who were lied to. Proposition 47 is a law that was created by the voters, ONLY the voters can amend it.

There is good news, the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act is very likely to qualify for the November ballot and will give the voters an opportunity to ameliorate the adverse consequences of

Proposition 47. There is still an opportunity to sign the petition to ensure the voters have a legitimate choice this year.

This effort will reclassify theft with two or more prior convictions as jail-eligible felonies, add new laws to address "smash and grab" thefts, add Fentanyl to the list of hard drugs resulting in felony prison time, and provide addiction and mental health services for treatment-mandated felony charges.

Some have asserted that enforcing laws and imposing consequences on offenders represents a lack of compassion. Who do you love that you want to see sleeping on a cold Sacramento sidewalk on a January night with temperatures in the teens, or conversely baking in the summer sun in triple digit heat? Who honestly believes that a young offender who begins to steal, and is not persuaded away from that behavior by predictable consequences for their actions will live a richer, fuller life?

Compassion demands providing the resources and impetus for change.

To sign the petition, or learn more, visit <https://casafecommunities.com>.

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