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## Library to Provide Free Meals to Youth



Teen volunteers help with the Lunch at the Library program. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Public Library

**By Annie Kerr and Mitch Barber**

**RIO LINDA, CA (MPG)** - As another blisteringly hot summer unfolds, library officials make it a priority to provide support to youth while they are out of school and parents are working.

The Rio Linda Public Library, and 13 other libraries in the area, are offering free meals and summer reading programming to youth throughout the summer.

Lunch at the Library provides free meals for young people when school is out for the summer. From June 18 through Aug. 9, meals will be distributed at 14 library locations Tuesdays through Fridays from noon to 1 p.m.

Lunch is available for youth

18 and under who are physically present for free. Meals must be consumed on-site. No registration is required and drop-ins are welcome. Eligibility documentation is not required. Look for signage at the library or meeting room entrance.

"The Sacramento Public Library has been doing this since 2013," said Christie Hamm, youth services director. "Libraries have stepped in to help kids whose families might be stressed. Our meals come with whole grains and fruits and vegetables. So they get a good healthy meal, and we also help them get connected with our different summer reading programs. It's a great time, and a friendly and welcoming place for them to come to."

According to Hamm, all are welcome to enjoy the free lunches and there is no income requirement. The youth are encouraged to come to the library and engage in reading programs, computer and STEAM programs, book groups, and try to win prizes. The programming varies by library branch.

"Lunch is just the beginning of connecting people to other services the library provides," Hamm said.

The lunches are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and programs are funded by the California State Library.

*Lunch will not be served on June 19 and Independence Day (July 4). All libraries will be closed for those holidays. ★*

## Prepare for Boating Hazards

**U.S. National Weather  
Service News Release**

**BUTTE COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Before you go out on the water, check the forecast at your local National Weather Service coastal office. You should also check for the latest National Weather Service buoy observations from the National Data Buoy Center.

You should also make sure your boat has essential, and in cases, required, safety equipment and communications tools.

**Life Jackets**

Before you and your family get out on the water this year, grab a life jacket and "Wear It!" Nearly 85 percent of those who drown while boating were not wearing a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket is one of the most effective and simple life-saving strategies for safe recreational boating. Boaters are required to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on board for every passenger on their vessel.

Today's life jackets are available in a wide variety of shapes, colors, and sizes. They are comfortable, lightweight, and perfect for any boating activity. The most important thing is this: remember to grab a life jacket and "Wear It!" To learn more, visit the National Safe Boating Council online at [www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org).

**Fire Extinguishers**

U. S. Coast Guard approved, marine-type fire extinguishers are required on boats where a fire hazard could be expected from the engines or fuel system. When required, boats less than 26 feet must carry at least one B-I, Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher. Boats 26-40 feet must carry two B-I or one B-II Coast Guard approved fire extinguisher(s). Boats 40-65 feet must carry three B-I or one B-II and one B-I Coast Guard approved extinguishers.

Fire extinguishers are classified by a letter and a number symbol. The letter indicates the type of fire the unit is designed to extinguish, and the number indicates the size of the extinguisher. A type B extinguisher for example is intended to extinguish burning liquids such as gasoline, oil or grease, all of which are common on a boat.

You shouldn't have to travel more than half the length of their boat to get to the fire extinguisher. Check your fire extinguishers at least once a year to

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## Mobile Integrated Health Advances

**By Margaret Snider**

**MATHER, CA (MPG)** - In 2010, Scott Perryman was a firefighter/paramedic for Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District and was also in physician assistant school. With the swine flu pandemic of 2009-2010, he said, the medical system needed changes. By 2014, working with representatives from Cosumnes Fire, Sacramento City Fire, Metro Fire, and each of the health systems, the launch of Mobile Integrated Health seemed closer but progress was slow.

When COVID-19 hit in 2020, "There was a nursing home, their whole second floor was all COVID positive," said Perryman. "They called County Health and said, we're going to send these people, and there were over 10, to the emergency room unless you can do something for us. That would have been 10 ambulances, that would have been 10 isolation rooms. There wasn't the real capacity."

Sacramento County Public Health Officer Olivia Kasirye, M.D., was aware of Mobile Integrated Health and called up the Sac Metro Fire Chief. Within one to two weeks, Mobile Integrated Health was happening.

"We already had the framework; we just needed the red tape to be removed..." Perryman said. "We did thousands, tens of thousands of COVID tests in the most vulnerable

of the population."

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire was quickly joined by Cosumnes Fire and Sacramento City Fire to address the problems.

During the last 20 years in Sacramento County, there has been a 67% increase in 9-1-1 calls and only a 9% increase in population size. Many 9-1-1 calls are for minor issues because patients cannot get an appointment with their primary physician or could not make the trip to an urgent care within their range.

The increase in 9-1-1 calls has often resulted in emergency room ambulance/patient offload delay.

Ambulances and personnel can be tied up for hours waiting for a bed to open, unable to respond to other emergency calls. Mobile Integrated Health takes evaluation and treatment to the patient, when appropriate, instead of taking the patient to the emergency room.

High utilizers of 9-1-1 might only need a lift assist after falling at home but repeated falls can eventually result in injury. Perryman, now battalion chief, tells of an individual who had called 9-1-1 10 times in one month. He was not injured but needed a lift assist because he

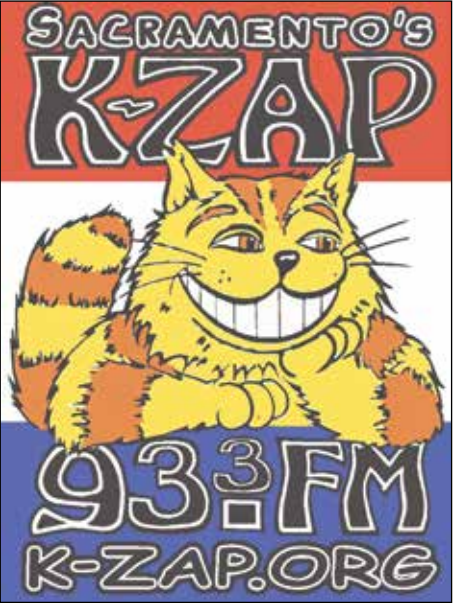
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From left are Firefighter/Paramedic Kendall Weld, Mobile Integrated Health Advanced Provider Kaleigh Byrnes PA-C, and Battalion Chief Scott Perryman, PA. Perryman is at the forefront of the Mobile Integrated Health movement. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District



# Sacramento's K-ZAP Launches '10 to Feed the Kitty' Donation Drive



K-Zap has been a widely beloved radio station in the Sacramento area for many years. Photo courtesy of K-Zap



Peter Rizzo is the promotions director and underwriter at K-ZAP. Photo courtesy of K-ZAP

## K-ZAP News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento's beloved K-ZAP, the all-volunteer LPFM rock/blues radio station broadcasting 24/7 at 93.3 FM in the metro Sacramento area, on the K-ZAP apps and streaming at k-zap.org, launched its "10 To Feed the Kitty" donation drive on June 9.

The station is calling on its listeners to donate just \$10 each to help keep the lights on and the tunes rolling.

Founded by former staff members of the legendary Sacramento radio station KZAP, Dennis Newhall and Tom Cale, K-ZAP has been a staple in the Sacramento community since its return to the airwaves on July 4, 2015. Now, as the station approaches its ninth anniversary, it is looking to the community for support to continue its mission of providing quality rock/blues music to Sacramento and the world.

"We've been rocking Sacramento for nine years now and we want to keep the party going," said Newhall, station general manager and owner. "With the '10 To Feed

the Kitty' campaign, we're asking our listeners to help us reach our goal of raising \$100,000 by July 4. It's a small amount that can make a big difference."

The "10 To Feed the Kitty" donation drive will run from now until July 4. Listeners can donate online at k-zap.org/donate using their credit, debit card or Venmo. In addition to the online campaign, K-ZAP will promote the drive at various events in the community, including the Carmichael Concerts in The Park on June 15 and the Red White & Blue Celebration at La Sierra Community Center on June 29.

"We're not asking for a lot, just \$10 from each of our listeners," said Peter Rizzo, promotions director and underwriter. "We know that a little can go a long way and we're hoping that with the support of our community, we can continue to provide the best rock/blues music to Sacramento and the world."

For more information, contact Newhall at [dnewhall@k-zap.org](mailto:dnewhall@k-zap.org) or Rizzo at [prizzo@k-zap.org](mailto:prizzo@k-zap.org). ★

# Prepare for Boating Hazards



As fun as boating can be, it is also very important to practice it safely. Photo courtesy of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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ensure they are properly charged, stored and are undamaged. Start your boating season with this vital safety check.

**Communications: Cell Phones, Weather Radios and Other Options**

If you have a smart phone, get weather news at [mobile.weather.gov](http://mobile.weather.gov).

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards will sound an alert when the National Weather Service issues a weather advisory. Weather radio is a vital tool for a mariner.

There are many other communications options available to mariners on the U.S. National Weather Service marine site. ★

# Sacramento Native Competes for Team Navy in 2024 Warrior Games



Navy Lt. (ret.) Jarek Neczypor, (second from right), will compete against athletes representing the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, and U.S. Special Operations Command. Photo courtesy of Navy Outreach

## By Alyssa Ross, Navy Installations Command

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A Sacramento native will join more than 250 seriously wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans at the Department of Defense (DOD) Warrior Games Challenge June 21 to 30 at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida.

Navy Lt. (ret.) Jarek Neczypor will be competing against athletes representing the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force, and U.S. Special Operations Command. During the 10 days of competition, Neczypor will compete in cycling, shooting, track, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby.

Hosted by U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command (TRADOC) the DOD organizes an

annual premiere and elite adaptive-sports competition, the Warrior Games. This year is the 14th Anniversary, highlighting the exceptional physical skills and mental toughness of seriously wounded, ill, and injured active-duty and veteran service members.

Though there are medals distributed during Warrior Games, the competition most highly celebrates personal tenacity, perseverance, and the triumph of the spirit.

Neczypor joined the Navy because he wanted to serve his country and travel the world. During his time in service, he was forward deployed and sailed across Asia. After his injuries and throughout his recovery, he was involved with Navy Wounded Warrior.

Neczypor connected with other service members who had similar stories to his own,

building a new community of support for him on his healing journey. In this network, Neczypor and his shipmates have swapped resources related to education, jobs, and veteran-support organizations. These experiences inspired him to attend law school to pursue legal work at Yale's Veterans Legal Services Clinic.

"Through Navy Wounded Warrior, I was able to make new friends and have a community I can rely on, which is unlike any other," said Neczypor. "It also inspires me to be the best version of myself and to help other veterans. The program provided a chance to recover with people who understood. No matter the challenges, we support each other."

For more information about the 2024 DoD Warrior Games Challenge, visit [dodwarriorgames.com](http://dodwarriorgames.com). ★



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# Youth Offered Free RydeFreeRT Cards



Youth from transitional kindergarten through 12th-grade can ride free for the summer with the RydeFreeRT card. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit District

## Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Area youth can enjoy more freedom this summer to get to jobs, shopping centers, restaurants and more via Sacramento Regional Transit District's RydeFreeRT, the fare-free transit program for students/youth.

The cards are valid for transitional kindergarten-ers through 12th-graders.

New RydeFreeRT cards with a valid date of June 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, are now available for students to ride for free the entire SacRT transit network, including Sacramento Regional Transit District fixed-route buses, light rail and SmaRT Ride on-demand micro transit service.

RydeFreeRT is available daily during regular SacRT service hours.

To ride free, students/youth need a valid RydeFreeRT card. Youth who are experiencing homelessness or taking part in foster programs can participate in the program, regardless of their current



Pictured here is the card that can be acquired for youth to ride free. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Regional Transit District

residence or school address.

Students and youth who do not have a RydeFreeRT card can visit Sacramento Regional Transit District's Customer Service and Sales Center at 1225 R St. (adjacent to the 13th Street Station) or a participating Sacramento library. For more information, visit rydefreert.com or call 916-321-BUSS (2877).

Launched in 2019, RydeFreeRT was the first unrestricted youth fare-free ride program in the country, according to Sacramento Regional Transit District. The 265,000 youth living in Sacramento Regional Transit District's service area, from transitional

kindergarten to 12th-grade, including home-schooled students, foster and unhoused youth, can ride all buses and light rail trains for free, all day, any day of the year.

The RydeFreeRT program has helped boost student ridership, which now accounts for nearly 25% of all Sacramento Regional Transit District bus and light rail rides over the last year. In fact, student ridership is on pace to carry 4.2 million youth in Fiscal Year 2024, double what it was in 2019 pre-pandemic.

Note: The RydeFreeRT program does not apply to those over 18 years old that are pursuing their GED. ★

# Johnnie Williams of North Highlands is June's Teacher of the Month



Johnnie Williams of F.C. Joyce Elementary School is June's Teacher of the Month. Photo courtesy of ABC10

## Traci Rockefeller Cusack, T-Rock Communications News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - ABC10, in partnership with SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union and Sacramento State's College of Education, selected Johnnie Williams of F.C. Joyce Elementary School in North Highlands as Teacher of the Month for June.

In place for 20-plus years, Teacher of the Month highlights local teachers making a difference in the lives of their students and families.


Williams is a caring teacher who goes the extra mile to ensure the greatest success for his students, according to the Teacher of the Month organizers. Williams currently teaches math and ELA (English Language Arts) to seventh- and eighth-graders at F.C. Joyce Elementary School in the Twin Rivers Unified School District. He has been at the elementary school for the last seven years. Prior to

his current teaching position, Williams worked for 11 years in special education.

When asked for advice for future teachers, Williams replied, "Really pay attention to how the other teachers around you teach. I've learned so much from so many of my peers. From my mentor teachers to my friends, they have all helped me find what works best for me and I'm forever grateful for that. The other thing is really listen to your kids. I've found my best success with my students by listening to what they really need from me."

Williams will receive \$1,000 from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union as Teacher of the Month and is in the running for ABC10's Esquire IMAX Teacher of the Year contest that includes a \$5,000 prize to be announced next year.

To nominate a local teacher in the greater Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto area for an upcoming Teacher of the Month, visit [www.abc10.com/teacherofthemoth](http://www.abc10.com/teacherofthemoth). ★



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Sac County Caps Initial Water Development Fees

Durheim Joins California Farm Bureau as First Chief Operating Officer

Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento County Water Agency Board of Directors approved a new cap on Initial Water Development Fee Payments required at the Improvement Plan approval stage of the development process. The Development Fee Program pays for water infrastructure projects within the county’s Zone 40 area.

The fees are paid by developers and have been set at \$21,399 per home being built. The Sacramento County Water Agency collects the fee during the development process. The initial payment is 15% of the total fee, with the remainder collected when the building permit is issued.

Zone 40 was formed nearly 40 years ago as a capital development fund. The funds help build new water systems and ensure there is an adequate water supply for development within Zone 40.

Changing this Sacramento County Water Agency section, known as



The cap on fees will bring down the cost of new homes in Sacramento County. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Title 4, allows the water agency discretion to cap the initial payment of 15% to a maximum of \$200,000 per subdivision. Capping the fee will reduce one of the larger upfront costs typically financed by developers and help bring down the cost of building homes in Sacramento County.

The cap can be removed during an annual review if Sacramento County Water Agency finds a potential reduction in cash

flow. Less money would impact the water agency’s ability to plan, design and construct new water supply facilities needed within Zone 40 for future development.

Sacramento County Water Agency has partnered with the Building Industry Association on these changes with a mutual goal of removing the barriers to building cost-effective housing in Sacramento County. ★



Dan Durheim is the California Farm Bureau's new chief operating officer. Photo courtesy California Farm Bureau

California Farm Bureau News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPAG)** - The California Farm Bureau is pleased to announce Dan Durheim as its new chief operating officer. This is a newly created leadership role for the 105-year-old nonprofit organization.

Most recently, Durheim served as associate vice president of sponsor relations for Nationwide Insurance, building strong relationships with state Farm Bureaus, including the California Farm Bureau. He served a nearly 18-year tenure with the American Farm Bureau Federation in varying roles, including executive director of industry affairs, foundation executive director and director of program development. His experience also includes working in leadership positions within the

Minnesota Farm Bureau.

The Board of Directors for the California Farm Bureau selected Durheim for the role of COO from over 1,100 candidates following a comprehensive executive search led by Morrison, a top-tier business consulting firm.

“Dan has been a longtime champion for agriculture and for Farm Bureau, strongly believing in the work of this organization on behalf of farmers and ranchers on the county, state and national level,” said California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglass. “Dan’s deep experience with Farm Bureau, established relationships within the industry, selfless leadership style and focus on strategic service of our members makes him uniquely qualified to serve in this historic position for our organization.”

“I am delighted to join an organization that has such a renowned reputation serving and advocating for the most diversified agriculture industry in the nation,” Durheim said. “California Farm Bureau has a talented team and highly engaged board, all dedicated to advocacy and service of its members. California Farm Bureau’s efforts are instrumental in protecting the farmers and ranchers who make California the No. 1 agriculture state in the nation, and it is an honor to know I can share my experience and talents to continue to advance these incredible contributions.”

The California Farm Bureau works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 26,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of 5.8 million Farm Bureau members. ★

We Must Protect Veterans' Access to Mental Health Treatments



Anthony Principi served as Secretary of Veterans Affairs from 2001-2005. Photo courtesy United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Commentary by Anthony J. Principi

As a nation, we have a sacred duty to support the men and women who put their lives on the line to defend our freedoms. That responsibility doesn't

end when their service does. Once military members return home, we must ensure they have the health care they need to live their best lives -- including treatments for mental health conditions.

Bipartisan majorities

in Congress have made a priority of this issue, notably with their overwhelming support for the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019.

Unfortunately, though, a single provision in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act threatens to undermine this progress. The law is inadvertently discouraging the development of next-generation psychiatric medications that could benefit countless veterans. The good news is that an easy, bipartisan fix is now in the works.

Mental health challenges remain heartbreakingly common among our nation's heroes. Rates of PTSD are higher among veterans than civilians. Sadly, it is estimated that 17 veterans die by suicide every day, and over half of veterans living with mental illness aren't receiving treatment.

These painful statistics

reflect the unique stresses and traumas of military life. Combat exposure, family separation, reintegration into civilian life -- each can take a heavy psychological toll.

Drug researchers have responded to mental illness with an expanding arsenal of treatment options. The United States is currently responsible for about half of all new medications developed worldwide.

But affordability is also an important issue. To address it, the IRA gave Medicare the authority to negotiate with drug makers for lower prices. To help ensure pharmaceutical developers have time to recoup their investment costs, lawmakers wisely granted newly approved medicines a period of exemption from price negotiations.

But oddly, this exemption period isn't the same for all drug types. Under the law, new "large molecule" biologic medicines

are exempt from government price negotiations for 13 years after FDA approval, whereas small-molecule drugs receive only nine years of exemption.

Unsurprisingly, this disparity is already leading drug companies to deprioritize or abandon small-molecule treatments. In a recent survey of over two dozen prominent biopharmaceutical firms, 63% said they plan to shift investment away from small molecules because of the IRA.

This alarming trend could have serious consequences for veterans seeking treatment options for mental illness. Small molecules have a key advantage when it comes to treating mental health conditions: they're tiny enough to cross the blood-brain barrier. That's why small molecules make up virtually all psychiatric medications, from antipsychotics to antidepressants.

The IRA's bias against small molecules will also worsen existing inequities in care access. Small-molecule medications usually come as easy-to-use pills, while biologics typically require injections or IVs administered by a healthcare professional.

Thankfully, a straightforward, bipartisan fix has already emerged. The Ensuring Pathways to Innovative Cures (EPIC) Act would align price negotiation timelines for small molecules and biologics, giving each category 13 years of post-approval protection.

As millions of veterans struggle with mental health or behavioral conditions, we need to protect their access to innovative therapies. That starts with passing the EPIC Act.

Anthony Principi served as Secretary of Veterans Affairs from 2001-2005. This column first appeared in Stars and Stripes. ★

New Measure Eligible for California's November 2024 Ballot

California Secretary of State News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D. announced that an initiative became eligible for the November 5 General Election ballot on June 10.

In order to become eligible for the ballot, the initiative needed 546,651 valid petition signatures, which is equal to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2022 General Election.

A measure can become eligible via random sampling of petition signatures if the sampling projects that the number of valid signatures is greater than 110 percent of the required number. The initiative needed at least 601,317 projected valid signatures to become eligible by random sampling, and it has exceeded that threshold today.

On June 27, the Secretary of State will certify the initiative as qualified for the November 5 General Election ballot, unless it is withdrawn by the proponent prior to certification pursuant to Elections Code section 9604(b).

The Attorney General's official title and summary of the measure is as follows:

ALLOWS FELONY CHARGES AND INCREASES SENTENCES FOR



CERTAIN DRUG AND THEFT CRIMES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs, including fentanyl, and for thefts under \$950—both currently chargeable only as misdemeanors—with two prior drug or two prior theft convictions, as applicable. Defendants who plead guilty to felony drug possession and complete

treatment can have charges dismissed.

Increases sentences for other specified drug and theft crimes.

Increased prison sentences may reduce savings that currently fund mental health and drug treatment programs, K-12 schools, and crime victims; any remaining savings may be used for new felony treatment programs.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased state criminal justice system costs potentially in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually, primarily due to an increase in the state prison population. Some of these costs could be offset by reductions in state spending on local mental health and substance use services, truancy and dropout prevention, and victim services due to requirements in current law. Increased local criminal justice system costs potentially in the tens of millions of dollars annually, primarily due to increased court-related workload and a net increase in the number of people in county jail and under county community supervision. (23-0017A1)

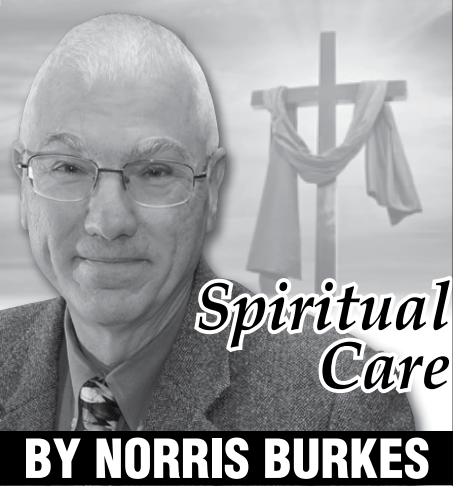
The Secretary of State’s tracking number for this measure is 1959 and the Attorney General’s tracking number is 23-0017A1.

The proponent of the measure is Thomas W. Hiltachk. They can be reached at (916) 442-7757. The address for the proponent is 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For more information about how an initiative qualifies for the ballot in California, visit <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/how-qualify-initiative/> ★



# A Mickey Mouse Prayer



Disneyworld opens a new ride this month to replace the decades-old Splash Mountain attraction. The ride called, Tiana’s Bayou Adventure, is promised to California’s Disneyland by end of the year.

For me, the ride can never match the magic I felt on my first visit to Disneyland decades ago. I’d come to the World of Mouse with my church youth group, led by our volunteer leader, James (JE) Newman.

As we waited for opening gates, JE suggested it might be a good time to voice a prayer of thanks.

I remember his prayer going something like this:

“Dear God, thank you for safe travel today and our wonderful youth group. But most of all thank you for putting Disneyland here just for us! Amen.”

It was a short prayer, but before any of us had time to blink, the other youth sponsor, Mrs. Obenshain, blurted her astonishment. “JE! Why would you say that? God didn’t make Disneyland. Mr. Disney did.”

Knowing JE as we did, we knew to expect a well-thought answer. JE was a Ford auto mechanic who had some practical ideas about God. He didn’t claim to know how this universe worked, but he could easily identify the things that did work.

“Sure he did!” JE insisted. “God created Mr. Disney’s mind, right?”

“Well, yes, but JE, honestly,” declared Mrs. O, “you can’t really conclude that ...”

JE was undeterred. “If God made Mr. Disney’s mind, then God must have created the picture of Disneyland in his

mind long before Mr. Disney could draw it, right?”

“But JE . . .” Mrs. O. was wavering. “Look,” JE said in his Oklahoma twang, “don’t the Bible say, ‘All good things come from God?’”

Mrs. O. was slack-jawed, so JE continued. “And ain’t Disneyland a good thing?”

Deterred by logic too simple to be wrong, Mrs. O. simply muttered something like, “Well, I guess so.”

I remember JE’s theology largely because I’ve heard it from a lot of patients over the years. They spoke with assurance that God made a certain hospital just for them. Or they believed that God placed a certain doctor or medicine to specifically help them.

I once heard a father tell me how a surgeon was going to reach into the center of his 2-year-old daughter’s brain and pull out a tumor.

And this was his theology: “God put this surgeon here for my daughter.”

His declaration, like JE’s, sounded at first more self-centered than God-centered.

Yet maybe not.

What I found astounding about both men was how they relied on an innate understanding of the works of God. Neither had graduated from a theological or philosophical school, yet they easily identified “goodness” as one of the most important attributes of God.

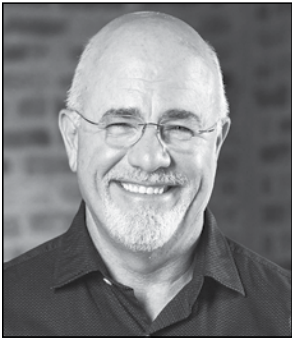
The father didn’t need to be a philosopher to acknowledge his good fortune at finding such a talented surgeon. Neither did JE have to be a Bible professor to recognize that Disneyland might provide one of many tools he could use to mentor and instruct our youth group in God’s ways.

We often search far and wide to understand God. We read so much and attend every sort of lecture. Yet, I believe most of the time God continues to manifest his goodness in those people and things he’s placed directly in our paths.

In the end, Mrs. O. couldn’t refute JE’s theology.

Finally, she managed to mumble, “Do you have our tickets, JE?”

Her request signaled the end of the theological debate, and we rushed to get in line for Splash Mountain. For like JE, we all knew goodness when we saw it. ★



## There’s Nothing Passive About Real Estate

Dear Dave,

We sold our rental property recently. When we bought it, we thought it would be a good source of passive income. But owning it wasn’t passive at all. It got to the point where the work and hassle became too much. We have \$240,000 from the sale, and we’re debt-free except for our home. We owe \$140,000 on our house, and could pay it off instantly, but part of me wants to invest the proceeds from the sale of the rental property. Is it better to become completely debt-free at this point, or should we invest it so we can have even more money for retirement?

– Anthony

Dear Anthony

You mean you had to actively manage your rental property? Listen, anyone who tells you real estate is passive income is full of crap. It’s a natural extension of the garbage people spout about how it’s okay to go into debt to buy real estate,

## Dave Ramsey Says

because the renter is making your payments. No, it’s your payment. And when the renter doesn’t pay, or it sits empty, guess what? You have to pay it.

If you want passive income, buy an S&P 500 index fund. Set it and forget it. You won’t have to fix a leaky roof, replace worn out appliances or try to collect from dead-beat tenants. Real estate is a great way to invest, if you do it the right way. I love it. It’s anything but passive, though.

Let me ask you this about your situation. If you had a paid-for house, would you borrow \$140,000 against it to invest? Of course not. It’s pretty much the same thing, and that would be dumb. Pay off your home, brother. Just pay it off. You’ll be debt-free, and you’ll still have six figures to invest.

I love that you’re thinking about the future, Anthony. And I know the compound interest you’re visualizing down the road is really tempting. Your compound interest calculator will tell you some amazing things, but what it’s leaving out is risk. It also can’t tell you about the carefree way you’ll walk, and how it’ll feel like a huge weight has been lifted off your shoulders when you don’t have a house payment. You’ll be able to live life on

your terms, and all the decisions you make will come from a completely different point of view—one that isn’t burdened by the weight of bankers hovering around, waiting for you to give them what’s theirs.

The borrower is always a slave to the lender. Think about it. Only one implication of slavery is mathematical. All the rest are spiritual, physical, relational, emotional and mental. Being debt-free changes your life from the inside-out. Not only does it make your life better, but it allows you to give with incredibly generosity, and be an agent for positive change in the lives of others.

Pay off the house!

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.* ★

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# Social Security Matters

## I'm Already Collecting Social Security - How Will My WEP Reduction be Calculated?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I don't understand exactly how the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) works for my situation. I turned 62 in 2017 and am currently still working in a "non-covered" job, not paying into Social Security, but from which I will get a government pension when I retire. I began collecting Social Security at my full retirement age in 2021 and am now collecting \$1507 per month thanks to the cost of living adjustments since I started. Will my Social Security benefit be reduced by \$587 if I retire this year?

**Signed: Confused by WEP**

**Dear Confused:** You're certainly not alone to be confused by WEP, and your situation is somewhat special because you started your "non-covered" government pension. And, unfortunately, most tools and charts which suggest how much WEP will reduce your Social Security benefit don't accommodate that nuance very well.

In your case, when you claimed Social Security at your full retirement age (FRA), you were awarded the full benefit you were entitled to, unreduced by WEP because you were not yet

collecting your non-covered government pension. You were able to collect your full SS amount and receive each year's full cost of living adjustments (COLA) to those higher amounts. What actually happens is that each person's Primary Insurance Amount (PIA) is first determined at age 62, and Social Security applies an annually awarded COLA to their PIA (primary insurance amount), even if they're not yet receiving benefits. You received your full PIA, including COLA, because you claimed at your full retirement age. But when you start collecting your pension from your non-covered government job, the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) will kick in and reduce your Social Security benefit.

The amount of WEP reduction depends on how many years you had contributed to Social Security from "substantial" earnings but, with 20 or fewer years, the maximum WEP reduction is determined by the year you turn 62 and doesn't change. Since you turned 62 in 2017, your maximum WEP reduction, according to Social Security's process, is \$442.50 – lower than the \$587 you suspect.

Nevertheless, due to the way Social Security calculates the WEP reduction, the reduction from your current amount will seem larger than the WEP maximum. And that's because of the way Social Security applies the WEP reduction to your benefit. They start by first removing all cost-of-living increases since you were 62 from your primary insurance amount (PIA). They will then take your PIA (sans COLA) and subtract \$442.50

(if you have more than 20 years of substantial SS-covered earnings they will subtract less), and then they will reapply all the cost-of-living increases since you were 62 to your WEP-reduced PIA. What just happened, in effect, is that your previous (pre-WEP) COLA increases were removed from your PIA, and those same COLA percentages were reapplied to your smaller WEP-reduced PIA, to arrive at your new monthly benefit amount under the Windfall Elimination Provision. And that new amount will be lower than your previous SS benefit amount by more than the published maximum WEP reduction for the year you turned 62.

A word of caution: Timely notification to Social Security of your non-covered pension is very important. As soon as you receive your non-covered pension award letter, deliver it to your local Social Security office and request a WEP recalculation of your SS retirement benefit. The WEP recalculation will likely take months to process, during which time you will continue to receive your higher non-WEP SS benefit. That means you will be overpaid for the period between when your non-covered pension started and the month your new WEP SS payment began, and that overpayment must be refunded to Social Security.

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# California Restaurants Now Want an Exemption from the State's New Hidden Fees Law



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

In "1984," George Orwell's novel about a dystopian future, he describes "newspeak," a propagandistic language of euphemisms and inversions used by officialdom to mask the reality of their meaning.

We got a dose of California-style newspeak last week when state Sen. Bill Dodd, a Napa Democrat, introduced Senate Bill 1524. It would exempt restaurants from his previous legislation, SB 478, which requires businesses to fully include extra fees in their prices, rather than tacking them on after services or goods have been delivered.

Dodd declared his proposed new legislation would "enhance consumer protection" for restaurant patrons by "clarifying state law" on how fees and other service charges should be disclosed.

"Restaurant customers shouldn't be surprised when they get their checks by a slew of extra charges they were not expecting," Dodd said. "Many restaurants are up-front with their business practices but too many aren't, necessitating action."

In fact, Dodd's original legislation, passed last year and due to take effect on July 1, was aimed at eliminating "a slew of extra charges" on restaurant bills and other consumer transactions. But SB 1524 would

reduce consumer protection by allowing restaurants to avoid full disclosure of their prices by burying the notices of extra fees within their menus, where customers are least likely to notice them.

The deceptive descriptions of Dodd's new legislation accompany assertions by bill sponsors in the restaurant industry and their unions that if surcharges are included in food prices, they would somehow lead to pay reductions.

"Cutting the pay of banquet servers and ballpark workers was never the intention of SB 478, as the bill's authors have made clear," said Mario Yedidia, western political director for UNITE HERE, a union that represents some food service workers.

"This will enable restaurants to continue to support increased pay equity and to make contributions to worker health care and other employee benefits," added Matthew Sutton, senior vice president of the California Restaurant Association.

There is absolutely nothing in the current law that prevents restaurants from raising their prices as much as they desire to increase their workers' pay and benefits. That's simply business as usual throughout the economy.

Nor is requiring restaurants and other businesses to list their full prices before consumers decide whether to make transactions such a novel idea.

Take, for instance, gasoline prices.

If you pay \$5 for a gallon of gas, it includes about \$1.50 in state and federal taxes and other surcharges. The full prices are displayed on signs and on the gas

pumps themselves. Gas stations cannot advertise fuel for \$3.50 and then tack on the extra fees and taxes after you've already filled your tank.

Before you buy a house and take on a mortgage, state law requires you to be informed of transaction fees before signing the final papers. Same applies for buying a new car.

When SB 478 was going through the Legislature last year, somehow those in the restaurant business assumed that it would not compel them to list full prices in their menus, even though there was nothing in the bill itself to support that assumption.

Uncertainty about SB 478's effect on restaurants led Attorney General Rob Bonta to declare recently that they would be subject to the new law, generating a strong backlash from those in the industry and pressure on Dodd and other legislators to grant an exemption.

We shouldn't be fooled by the newspeak descriptions of SB 1524. It does not "enhance consumer protection." It would purposely undermine consumer protection by allowing restaurants to resume their bait-and-switch tactics – giving patrons menu prices that don't fully reflect what their final bills will be.

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# Mobile Integrated Health Advances

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"We found out he falls during this time of day and this time of night," Perryman said. "We just provided him with a bedside urinal, so all he had to do was just roll to the side, and not at 3 in the morning fall out of bed because he can't find his glasses and it's dark because he turned off the light and he trips over the rug that he will not get rid of because it's his favorite rug."

Virginia Wilson of Antelope was a repeat caller. She lived with her son in a second-floor apartment with no elevator.

"I'm in a wheelchair and I was on the second floor and I had to call (9-1-1) to come and get me and carry me down the stairs," Wilson said. "The little bus, paramedic, came and got me and took me to the doctor...Then I had to call when I came home and (the responders) had to put me back up the stairs."

Her son has multiple sclerosis and is also in a wheelchair. Metro Fire and congressional candidate Christine Bish worked with Wilson and apartment management to help her get a first-floor apartment.

Elizabeth Rhose of North Highlands presented with another type of 9-1-1 call. She recently tried to intervene when she saw two dogs fighting and had an injury to her arm. Metro Fire responded to her 9-1-1 call and called the Mobile Integrated Health team.

"MIH just came in my apartment," Rhose said. "I didn't have to sit for six hours in the waiting room, waiting to be stitched up, in constant pain ...They were done within an hour or two and they just left. They even ordered my medication for me and had it delivered."

Challenges in the 9-1-1 system include an increase in opioid overdoses and calls for behavioral health issues. With Mobile Integrated Health, quick delivery of Narcan directly to the patient can save lives. Behavioral health patients can get to the correct place the first time, not preceded by a long emergency room wait.

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Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
PROGRESS 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04299 Home Care Plumbing, Inc, 11584 Linday Way, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Home Care Plumbing" 11584 Linday Way, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 3, 2024

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
HOME 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04250 Uyen Vo, 821 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Uvglamorous/UVO Beauty" 821 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 30, 2024

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
UVGLAMOROUS 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04441 Robert N. Opfer, 4825 Savant Drive Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Integrated Doors and Locks" 4825 Savant Drive Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 6, 2024

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04237 Cornerstone Funding Inc, 525 Morse Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cornerstone Capital" 525 Morse Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 30, 2024

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
CORNERSTONE 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04160 Advanced Machine Group, LLC, 2205 Brunton Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Apex Auto Group" 1564 Santa Ana Avenue Unit 100, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 28, 2024

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-03697 Singh44 LLC, 725 Falmouth Court, Roseville, CA 95747 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nation's Giant Hamburgers" 5450 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 9, 2024

Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
NATIONS 7-5-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04269 Aurae Furniture, 805 Hackberry Avenue, Modesto, CA 95354 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bedroom & Sofa Discounters/Sunrise Furniture Discounters" 2690 Sunrise Boulevard #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 31, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
BEDROOM 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04340 Elizabeth Higgins, 6717 Kate Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Spring Line Press" 6717 Kate Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 4, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
SPRING 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04444 Javier Mendoza Pichardo, 2309 Moraine Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Sierra Green Maintenance & Landscaping" 2309 Moraine Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 6, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
SIERRA 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04387 Mark Tingley, 3236 Fitzgerald #G, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Typelike Bods & Rods" 3236 Fitzgerald #G, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 5, 2024

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TYPELIKE 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04316 Ang Jin, 6045 Hazel Avenue Unit 4, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lishuitang TCM Clinic" 6045 Hazel Avenue Unit 4, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 3, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
LISHUITANG 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04074 Hailey Elizabeth Ballew, 5912

Ashworth Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Beyond Business Co" 5912 Ashworth Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 23, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
BEYOND 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04535 Phelecia Anne Curtis, 6633 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Courage Careers" 6633 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 11, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
COURAGE 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04040 Joga Singh, 7547 Watt Avenue Suite 1, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "SR Food Store" 7547 Watt Avenue Suite 1, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 22, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
SR 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04642 Jason Billington, 2507 Queenwood Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CTE Trades Consultant/CTE Support Advisor" 2507 Queenwood Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 13, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
CTE 7-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04425 California Good Xchange, 2526 Amelia Earhart Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CGX" 2526 Amelia Earhart Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 5, 2024

Publish: June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 2024  
CGX 7-12-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV009845

Taqwaallah Hasnawi has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Taqwaallah Hasnawi to Nancy Aram.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 18, 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: May 20, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024  
HASNAWI 6-21-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV009907

Alaa Abdulfatah Shatat has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alaa Abdulfatah Shatat to Ayla Shatat.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 18, 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: May 20, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: May 31, June 7, 14, 21, 2024  
SHATAT 6-21-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV009220

Cong Danh Pham has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cong Danh Pham to James Cong Danh Pham.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 13, 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: May 10, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024  
PHAM 6-28-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV008290

Kavita Devi and Daniel Chand have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Hridhaan Chand to Ethan Chand.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court July 31, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street,

Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: April 25, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024  
CHAND 6-28-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#34-2022-00326934

Melanie Ann Anderson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Melanie Ann Anderson to Melanie Ann Bazile.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 27, 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: May 29, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024  
ANDERSON 6-28-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV009232

Anh Dung Tran and Thi Kim Huong Le have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Anh Dung Tran to Dung Anh Tran and Thi Kim Huong Le to Huong Thi Kim Le.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 11, 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: May 10, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024  
TRAN 6-28-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV009902

Gurmukh Singh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gurmukh Singh to Gurmukh Singh Nagra.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 18, 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: May 17, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024  
SINGH 6-28-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV010203

Neville Ricardo Ferron has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Neville Ricardo Ferron to Neville Ricardo Fearon.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 19, 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: May 22, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024  
FERRON 6-28-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV010744

Victoria Dianne Facino has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Victoria Dianne Facino to Victoria Dianne Glass.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 27, 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: June 3, 2024  
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
FACINO 7-5-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
CHANGE OF NAME  
#24CV010691

Tamika Nashae Bledsoe has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tamika Nashae Bledsoe to Mika Nashae Bledsoe.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 26, 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: May 31, 2024  
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 2024  
BLED SOE 7-5-24

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COMICS & PUZZLES

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I WAS ONCE IN THE KLEPTOMANIAC OLYMPICS.

HOW DID YOU DO?

I TOOK THE BRONZE, SILVER, AND GOLD.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

I DON'T BELIEVE IT. FIRST I GET IN TROUBLE FOR NOT CLEANING MY ROOM.

NOW I'M GROUNDED FOR TRACKING MUD IN ALL OVER OUR NEW CARPET.

IT'S LIKE I SPEND MY LIFE IN THE DOGHOUSE!

OH, CRY ME A RIVER. TRY DOING IT IN A PIGPEN.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

I JUST FLEW IN FROM PADUCAH AND BOY ARE MY ARMS TIRED.

PROP COMIC

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

IS THIS TOO HEAVY FOR JUST ONE STAMP?

I RUNNO. ASK BONNIE

I CAN'T TELL. TRY HUGO

I RUNNO

IS THIS TOO HEAVY FOR JUST ONE STAMP?

BETTER GO ASK JULIAN

YOU GOT SO MUCH DIRTY PAINT, JELLY AND GLOP ALL OVER IT, YOU'LL NEED TWO STAMPS

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY FOLKLOD

BILL, BILL, FINAL NOTICE, BILL...

I GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO.

LAINING AROUND THE BEACH ISN'T GONNA HELP.

YEAH, BUT WE WON'T BE ANY LESS BROKE IF WE'RE BROKE AND SAD.

WHAT'S WRONG, ALICE?

IT'S HER FIRST TIME WEARING A BIKINI SO SHE'S A LIL SELF-CONSCIOUS.

I THINK YOU LOOK CUTE, ALICE.

THEN YA NEED TO GET YOUR EYES CHECKED!

! HEY! WATCH IT!

I CAN'T HELP BUT WATCH IT! LOOK AT HOW UGLY IT IS!

WHY ARE YOU BEING A JERK?

WHY IS YOUR FRIEND BEING UGLY IN PUBLIC?

CALM DOWN, I'M JUST JOKING.

YOUR FRIEND SHOULD TAKE A JOKE WITHOUT HER FEELINGS GETTING HURT.

TRUST ME, CURLY. IF ANYTHING IS ABOUT TO HURT, IT'S NOT ALICE'S FEELINGS.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Door is larger. 2. Tatoo is taller. 3. Punching bag is missing.

4. What is larger. 5. Man is taller. 6. Middle rope is missing.

GRIN & BLAIR IT

by Dave T. Phipps

FANCY PARTY, HUH? MY WIFE TOLD ME I CAN HAVE ALL THE HORS D'OEUVRES I WANT AS LONG AS I STOP DOING THE JAMES BOND POSE IN PUBLIC.

ACAI TAILOR LACE  
CORN AWLS LOGON  
EMIT VIOL AYAH S  
BARBECUE TARO  
OARED BEL  
FEASTS TAXICAB  
ILL HERNIA SOMA  
FIEFS EYE ATLAS  
TORI SACRED OTT  
YTTRIUM MEANIE  
ESP SWEPT  
BAWL THIRTEEN  
CANOE RING ODIN  
ABORT ONCE UGLI  
PUNK WEE TEEM

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CLUES

ACROSS  
1. South American palm berry  
5. Chi preceder  
8. Tatted cloth  
12. \*"Knee high in July?"  
13. Hole-making tools  
14. Sign in (2 words)  
15. Discharge  
16. Violin's Renaissance predecessor  
17. Nursemaid in India, pl.  
18. \*On the grill on the 4th?  
20. Tropical tuber  
21. Propelled like Argo  
22. "Fresh Prince of -Air"  
23. \*#18 Across, picnics and such  
26. Yellow ride  
30. Not well  
31. Heavy lifting injury  
34. "Brave New World" drug  
35. Feudal estates  
37. Storm center  
38. Rand McNally book  
39. Singer-songwriter Amos  
40. Deserving veneration  
42. Giant "Master Melvin"  
43. Y on Periodic Table  
45. Unkind one, slangily  
47. Clairvoyant's gift, acr.  
48. "\_\_\_\_ under the rug"  
50. Cry like a baby  
52. \*Number of stripes on Old Glory  
55. Birch bark vessel  
56. Object of Frodo's obsession  
57. Norse war god  
59. Cut mission short  
60. Fairy tale beginning  
61. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid  
62. MTV's "\_\_\_\_ d" (2003-2015)  
63. Like Willie Winkie  
64. "Team" homophone

DOWN  
1. Fighter pilot  
2. Toothy groomer  
3. Operatic solo  
4. Openings  
5. Between once and thrice  
6. Viva voce  
7. Maroon's home  
8. \*As opposed to Patriot  
9. Lab culture  
10. Type of salmon  
11. Short for ensign  
13. Not sympathetic  
14. Potentially allergenic glove material  
19. Tubs  
22. Farm cry  
23. \*Number of stars on Old Glory  
24. "The Waste Land" poet  
25. Heads-up  
26. Wedding cake layer  
27. 2-dotted mark  
28. Stradivari competitor  
29. Moistens, as in a turkey  
32. 500 sheets  
33. \*Largest Fourth of July pyrotechnics display loc.  
36. \*Celebratory combustible  
38. Highly skilled

40. Break bread  
41. Come into view  
44. Even smaller than #7 Down  
46. Dined elsewhere (2 words)  
48. Use a shoe polish  
49. Grimace in pain  
50. Hindu Mr.  
51. Before long, to Shake-speare  
52. Think, arch.  
53. Part of a seat  
54. World's longest river  
55. Upper limit  
58. Jodie Foster's "\_\_\_\_'s Island"

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# Fighting Through Homelessness to Housing

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Keri and Sandra look fondly at each other with a bond forged by two people who have shown up for each other during some hard times. Sandra went through other case managers but somehow when she met Keri, she knew that Keri would be the one to help her change her life.

“She loves her clients; you can just tell,” Sandra said. “And she always tells the truth. I appreciate that.” Keri lowers her head in acknowledgment; it’s true, she does love her clients. But she’s quick to return the compliment: “Sandra always showed up. She always does the work. She is on it.”

The mutual respect they have for one another might seem trivial but it isn’t. Missed connections and opportunities are the top reasons folks don’t get housed. Lost paperwork, lost phones, lost and broken relationships.

Keri is a Community Health Worker with Community Health Works (CoHeWo) – an outreach organization contracted by Sacramento County to do encampment outreach in the parkway, unincorporated county and with the multi-disciplinary teams in the City of Sacramento. CoHeWo outreach staff provide support and services ranging from helping to get an I.D. to rehousing, furnishing a new apartment or helping with a deposit. But more than anything, CoHeWo staff relentlessly show up with compassion and a drive to make a difference in the

lives of their clients. Sandra lost her job driving for Lyft at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. After 20 years as a security guard, she decided to make a change to a job that allowed her to set her own hours and income, and also pay for an apartment and a steady rotation of leased cars. When the pandemic hit, Lyft fired her. She sued for wrongful termination but the case was tied up for years. Her income vanished. Her ability to pay for her apartment and car: gone. She lost her home and her car within a matter of months and had very little money to live on. Sandra spent a few weeks on her daughter’s couch but the strained relationship wore out her welcome faster than expected.

Sandra bounced around between living in a tent on the river and near Township 9, living in the City Safe Ground, and eventually living in her car after winning her wrongful termination suit. She went through and graduated from several programs, including Salvation Army, Women’s Empowerment and Mather Community Campus.

“Being homeless is a fight, every day,” Sandra said. “People slashed my tent and stole my stuff. I try to keep to myself; I don’t want trouble. It is dangerous out here as a woman alone.”

One day, a border collie dog jumped into the back of her car. The dog refused to get out and had no collar. Sandra took her to the nearest vet to scan her for a chip. With no chip detected and a seemingly instant bond, Sandra decided to

keep her and name her Lady. Sandra scheduled her for spay surgery but Lady got pregnant before that day came. Sandra was able to rehome all the puppies, except one: a spirited, split-nosed mix that stole

looked for places to get shelter but Sandra’s situation proved difficult. Because of her two big dogs, Sandra’s options were very limited. While some shelters now accept pets, pets have histori-



**Sandra finds lots of happiness through her canine companions.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

her heart and captured the attention of everyone he met! Lucky became quite an attraction. His nasal cavities formed independently, creating a very unique look.

When Keri took over Sandra’s case, Sandra knew that somehow, this community health worker was different. She would be the one to get her into housing. Keri and Sandra

cally been a huge barrier to people getting shelter. Sacramento County has been working to change those restrictions with its Safe Stay shelter model that allows people to shelter, with their pets, in individual units. No one should have to choose between the safety of shelter and their pet.

Keri worked with Sandra for nearly six months

before she was able to get her a referral into the Wong Center, now known as Mutual Housing’s project “The Boulevard.” The Boulevard is an affordable housing project with 127 units, 50 of them funded by the Sacramento County Division of Behavioral Health to be used as Permanent Supportive Housing for clients exiting homelessness who also have behavioral health challenges. Applications can be extremely competitive, given the incredible need for affordable housing in the region.

Keri and Sandra worked tirelessly to get all the documents Sandra needed to qualify for her apartment: financial receipts, EBT documentation and chime receipts. She was able to get into the lottery system for a unit.

“Getting an affordable housing unit requires so much work. You have to jump through a lot of hoops. So many people don’t want to do it but I was willing to. I did the work. That is why I got in. I met so many people out on the river who really just want winter housing. But I was desperate for permanent housing.”

On March 19, 2024, Sandra, Lady and Lucky moved into their brand-new apartment at The Boulevard. The County’s contract with CoHeWo paid for furniture, towels, a microwave and cleaning supplies to get her started.

“I know I am lucky to be here but I also know I earned this,” Sandra said. “I did the work I needed to do. I showed up. I checked in every week. I never gave up. And I had Keri. She

helped me so much.”

Sandra is the supervisor of the Garden Club at the Boulevard. She is responsible for making sure the garden is watered and the children stay out of it. At night, she volunteers her time as their security guard. She hopes that she will one day have another paid job doing what she enjoys. Sandra loves to draw, paint and make jewelry. Making skull jewelry is her favorite design. Everyone loves Lady and Lucky. Lucky, with his bizarre nose, is a great conversation starter.

Sandra lives a pretty quiet life. While she gets along with everyone, she still spends most of her time alone with her dogs and stays out of trouble: “I recognize a lot of people here from out on the streets. I am always thinking like a security guard.”

For now, Sandra can stay at The Boulevard but one of her main barriers to long-term housing is that she doesn’t have any source of income. Focused on stabilizing her life, with a strong emphasis on her health, is her number one priority. Sandra has had various forms of cancer for more than 30 years. Sandra is a survivor but she knows the clock is ticking. Establishing a healthcare provider through CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM) will get her the help she needs. Sandra’s referral has been approved and she is just waiting for a primary care provider to be assigned.

“I’m positive God still has a plan for me,” Sandra said. “I am not through yet.” ★

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