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# Smokey's Allies to Save Forests



National Forest Service mascot Smokey Bear greets members of AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps' Forest Corps. VIPs include, in the front row from left, AmeriCorps Director Tanya Gipson-Nahman, U.S. Forest Service forester Liz Berger, AmeriCorps CEO Michael D. Smith, Smokey Bear, Congressman Ami Bera, AmeriCorps National Director Ken Goodson and Forest Corps team leader Veronica DeHart.

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Shovel in hand, National Forest Service mascot Smokey Bear last week welcomed inductees of a new Federal Agency established to help protect and manage US forests.

The ceremony at AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps' Pacific Region campus, McClellan, expanded the American Climate Corps by 80 new members. Recruited from 50 states, the 18- to 26-year-olds serve an AmeriCorps offshoot called Forest Corps.

The program was established by a \$15 million venture between AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps and the U.S. Forest



AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps National Director Ken Goodson and Forest Corps program manager Nicolette Ledbury cozy up with Smokey Bear.

Service. More than 800 young people applied to take part. The successful 80 will earn transportation. clothing, a living allowance and health benefits.

Over 10 months, members will each contribute about 1,700 hours in activity aimed at countering the wildfire crisis in 192 million acres overseen by the Forest Service.

"You could choose to work less hard than what you are about to do," AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps CEO Michael D. Smith told inductees. "But a life of service is a gift that keeps on giving back. This program is a tangible way to make a difference in the fight to mitigate the effects of climate change. Service is not easy; it takes courage and determination. Seeing you today gives me hope for the future of this country."

The Forest Corps' inaugural teams trained six weeks on the McClellan campus and at the Forest Service's Wildland Fire Training Center. They will serve in Idaho, California, Oregon and Utah planting trees, helping fight fires and in the conservation of Forest Service infrastructure and natural resources.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps is a federal agency for national service and volunteerism. Learn about its programs at AmeriCorps.

### **UC Davis Health Breaks Ground On** 14-Story **California** Tower

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - UC Davis Health hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the medical center's California Tower on July 22. The expansion project includes a 14-story hospital tower and five-story pavilion that will deliver superior care for Northern Californians and adapt to meet the evolving needs of the community.

"The addition of the California Tower to UC Davis Medical Center is a testament to our innovative forward thinking across our health system and main campus," said UC Davis Chancellor Gary S. May. "This project will position our researchers, students, faculty and staff to meet and adapt to regional health care needs for the next 50 years."

May spoke in the construction zone to an energized audience of UC Regents, university leaders, elected officials, project collaborators, and construction and facilities management workers.

#### California Tower Construction

Approved by the UC Board of Regents in January 2022, the California Tower will be part of the region's most advanced medical center. The new hospital and pavilion will be in addition to the medical center's existing University and Davis Towers.

The new tower will add nearly one million square feet of space to the eastern side of the existing medical center. It will include new operating rooms, an imaging center, leading edge facilities for pharmacy and burn care units, and about 334 private rooms for patients.

More than 250 of the rooms are being designed for greater flexibility in the event of a patient surge such as a pandemic, massive wildfire or other disaster. These will easily convert into intensive-care-unit rooms with air isolation to treat patients of any level of hospitalization.

"With the California Tower, we are building a new paradigm of patient care, centered around how a health system can deliver tomorrow's health care today," said David Lubarsky, CEO of UC Davis Health. "We are building into this new tower some of the lessons we learned from the recent pandemic. As an example, three out of four of the rooms in this new tower Continued on page 3

# **Business Award Given for Restaurant**

Story and photos by Susan Maxwell SkInner

#### CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG)

Carmichael restaurateur Ismael Pantoja has received a "Small Business of the Month" award from Assemblyman Josh Hoover.

Recognition comes on the eve of 19th anniversary celebrations for Pantoja's two-restaurant operation.

Mexican American Pantoja, 53, runs Rev Azteca and Cantina Azteca eateries, both on Fair Oaks Boulevard. The two enterprises together employ 37 workers.

The owner, staff and Carmichael Chamber of Commerce directors welcomed the legislator during his whistle-stop visit last week. Hoover's framed resolution, now

proudly displayed in the

Cantina lobby, recognizes



Assemblyman Josh Hoover, center, presents a resolution to Azteca Cantina owner Ismael Pantoja. The award recognizes Pantoja's' operation as Small Business of the Month. Carmichael Chamber of Commerce friends join the celebration.

commitment to service and community.

"People like Ismael make my district a better place," said the assemblyman. "It's challenging to run a small business and

he's doing an incredible

Hoover applauded innovations beyond authentic Mexican cuisine. Mariachi

hour follows. Alternating Wednesdays bring trivia contests.

The Cantina kitchen offers vegan options, plus American burgers musicians serenade Continued on page 3

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# PAWS Mobile Clinic: Lifeline for Pets of Unhoused

Sacramento County News Release

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)

- Sacramento County's Bradshaw Animal Shelter and its dedicated team are making remarkable strides in improving the lives of pets and their unhoused owners. Through the innovative Pet Aid & Wellness Services (PAWS) Mobile Clinic, led by veterinarian Dr. Cynthia Metcalf, and an extensive network of community partners, they are providing much-needed veterinary care, resources and support to a vulnerable population that needs it most.

Recently, Pet Aid & Wellness Services received a generous \$100,000 grant from UC Davis California for All Animals. This funding is specifically aimed at enhancing access to veterinary care for pets of the unhoused, covering critical resources that will significantly enhance the program's reach and services.



Pet Aid & Wellness Services (PAWS) Mobile Clinic has made an effort to care for the pets of the unhoused. Pho courtesy of Sacramento County



The Pet Aid & Wellness Services Mobile Clinic is a full-service veterinary clinic on wheels. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

To ensure unhoused pet owners and their furry friends receive the care they deserve, a collaborative effort called the Compassionate Pet Care Alliance (CPCA) was created. Established in September 2023, the Compassionate Pet Care Alliance brings together various organizations working with the pets of the unhoused in Sacramento County. Members include PAWS (Bradshaw Animal Shelter), Front Street's Homeless Outreach and Assistance Program (HOAP), Sacramento SPCA Elica Health

Carmichael Parks Foundation Public Charity 501(c)(3) - Tax ID 26-4274059 Services, Animals of the Homeless, Mercer Veterinary Clinic, 4R Friends and Street Dog Coalition. Meeting bi-monthly, these groups share resources, tackle challenges and support each other's missions. The collaboration has been invaluable, leveraging each organization's unique strengths.

With summer in full swing, Pet Aid & Wellness Services, along with the Homeless Outreach and Assistance Program and Sacramento SPCA, has shifted its focus to spay/neuter services to address the surge in puppy



Their efforts not only save lives but also foster a sense of compassion and unity within Sacramento County. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

and kitten populations. "PAWS has a waitlist for these procedures and is fully booked for July underscoring the high demand for these critical services," said Dr. Metcalf.

"A touching example of PAWS' impact is the story of Bellamy, a six-year-old neutered male cat suffering from severe oral pain due to stomatitis," explained Dr. Metcalf. Initially treated with pain management and antibiotics by Pet Aid & Wellness

Services, Bellamy was later referred to Mercy Pet Hospital for a full mouth extraction thanks to the Cal 4 Animals Grant. Today, Bellamy is thriving, much to the relief and gratitude of his owner, Elizabeth Osgood.

"Bellamy came to be with me two and a half years ago after being taken to the shelter (Happy Tails) as a kitten where he spent the next three and a half years before I met him," said Bellamy's owner Elizabeth. "We connected right away. Though he was really shy for a long time, we've become very close. His favorite things are kisses and walks in nature at sunrise, and he's such an amazing friend who brings me so much comfort and strength."

Elizabeth, who has been unhoused for more than a year, shared how Pet Aid & Wellness Services has been a lifeline for her and Bellamy. Despite her challenges, she continues to support herself by teaching online English lessons and remains devoted to Bellamy, her loyal companion.

Pet Aid & Wellness Services' success and success stories like Bellamy's wouldn't be possible without partners like California for All Animals and Mercy Pet Hospital. These collaborations have been pivotal in extending the clinic's reach and effectiveness.

In partnership with the Department of Homeless Services and Housing, Pet Aid & Wellness Services also distributes water to the unhoused and their pets, ensuring hydration and well-being during Sacramento's hot summer months. Water for pet owners is available at all Pet Aid & Wellness Services mobile events. This initiative will continue throughout the next year.

The Bradshaw Animal Shelter and the Pet Aid & Wellness Services team continue to inspire and uplift the community through their unwavering dedication to animal welfare and support for the unhoused. Their efforts not only save lives but also foster a sense of compassion and unity within Sacramento County.

The Pet Aid & Wellness Services Mobile Clinic is a full-service veterinary clinic on wheels, serving the pets of unhoused owners across Sacramento County. The clinic offers spay/neuter services, medical treatments, vaccinations, microchipping and pet supplies. For more information and a calendar of upcoming clinics and locations, visit the Pet Aid & Wellness Services Mobile Clinic website or call (916) 876-5215.





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# **UC Davis Health Breaks Ground** On 14-Story California Tower



UC Davis representatives celebrate at the July 22 ceremony for the California Tower, expected to be ready in 2030. Photo courtesy of UC Davis

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can be easily converted to fully functional ICUs if needed, tripling our ICU capacity."

When the California Tower is open for patients in 2030, Lubarsky added, it will continue the hospital's 150-year legacy of "caring for those who need it most, delivering superior patient outcomes while becoming more sustainable, and keeping our focus on improving health outcomes and equity.'

The \$3.74 billion tower will replace parts of the hospital that must close due to state seismic regulations. Hospitals across California are in the process of upgrading their existing facilities or constructing new buildings that can withstand major

The current, 646-bed hospital, the largest in the Sacramento region, will have a total of 675 to 700 inpatient beds when the project is expected to be completed in

#### **Supporting the Community**

The California Tower project is expected to create hundreds of construction jobs and thousands of new health care positions for the surrounding community. It's one of many benefits of being home to an anchor institution such as UC Davis Medical Center.

Anchor institutions are place-based, mission-driven entities such as universities and hospitals that leverage economic power alongside human and intellectual resources to improve the long-term health and social welfare of surrounding communities.

"The hospital tower we're breaking ground on today represents another pivotal investment in our city by UC Davis." said Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg. "Both this tower and the new Aggie Square innovation campus will create thousands of new, high-quality jobs and expand our ability to meet the health care needs of our residents."

UC Davis Health plans to help fuel the economic health and overall wellbeing of the neighborhoods surrounding its Sacramento campus by hiring and developing local workforce talent, purchasing more goods and services from local vendors, investing in local projects that support vulnerable communities and engaging employees to volunteer in local neighborhoods.

"This project further harnesses the advantages of UC Davis Medical Center being Sacramento's No. 1 hospital and delivering nationally-ranked care," Lubarsky said. "UC Davis Health is Sacramento County's second-largest employer and we're making sure we are bringing not only health care but jobs and community wealth-building to our surrounding neighborhoods."

"I am so grateful for the collaborative planning effort that has spanned years and required so much hard work and coordination to bring us to this point of breaking ground for this new hospital tower," Lubarsky said.

Learn more about the California Tower project by visiting the Vision 2030 website at https://health.ucdavis.edu/facilities/ vision-2030.

# **UC Regents Approve New** Student Housing at UC Davis



Pictured here is a rendering of what the new student housing building will look like. Photo courtesy of Katherine E Kerlin

By BreAnda Northcutt

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - UC Davis will break ground on a new residence hall next spring in the Segundo area, following approval this week by the UC Board of Regents. The \$100 million project aims to address the growing demand for on-campus housing and commitments the campus has made with the city of Davis.

The new complex, tentatively titled the "Segundo Infill Project," will span 118,000 square feet and feature 206 rooms, accommodating 494 students in double and triple occupancy configurations. The residence hall will stand five stories tall, offering students modern amenities, study nooks, social spaces and 600 bike spaces.

The university considered building higher than five floors, but in California, buildings six stories or higher fall under different building codes and incur significantly higher costs. Opting for a five-story structure helps manage expenses and ensure housing remains affordable, while still providing needed supply. The residence hall will feature a concrete podium and steel frame, ensuring durability, longevity and a quieter

living environment. Constructed on what are currently parking lots 22 and 16, the site will also transform its surroundings; parking will be restored in lot 16 after construction is completed.

"The UC Davis campus has added 6,500 beds since 2017 to meet demand given undergraduate housing guarantees and enrollment growth and to make progress toward Long-Range Development Plan goals and MOU commitments with the city of Davis," Chancellor Gary S. May said before the Board of Regents meeting. "We are pleased that the regents have approved this item so that UC Davis can continue to make considerable progress toward these important housing commitments and goals."

As of fall 2023, UC Davis provides on-campus housing for 38% of Davis-based undergraduate and graduate students. The new residence hall will help the university move closer to its goal of housing 48% of its Davis-based students on campus, as outlined in the Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP) and the Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) with the city of The entire project will be 100% electric and will aim for a minimum LEED Gold certification, with a goal of obtaining LEED

The residence hall is expected to be ready for occupancy by the fall quarter

### **Business Award Given for Restaurant**

and sandwiches. A weekday happy hour discounts drinks and appetizers. The

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Pantoja family's Cinco de Mayo festival is shared with the whole community. "We've had to think out-

side the box," noted the businessman. "The pandemic was a terrible time for us. Thank God, we're still here and business is slowly coming back. This award makes us feel appreciated."

Assemblyman Hoover started his monthly award program in 2022 to highlight merchant entrepreneurism. Winners receive framed resolutions and promotion via district newsletters.

Anyone can nominate candidates. Businesses should be within the

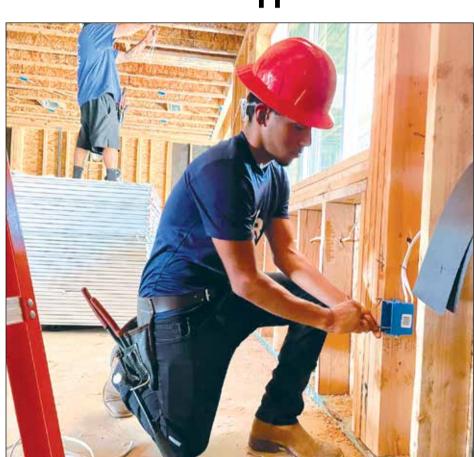


Assemblyman Josh Hoover, left, presents a resolution to restaurant owner Ismael Pantoja. The award recognizes Pantoja's operation as Small Business of the Month.

Seventh Assembly District, which includes Carmichael and other unincorporated

communities. Contact Hoover via his website at www.AD07@asmrc.org. ★

# **Foundation Gives Graduates Construction Opportunities**



Julian Aguilar works on an electrical installation at a Taylor Morrison home in the Vineyard neighborhood in Sacramento County. Photo courtesy of The Write Stuff Communications

#### The Write Stuff Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Julian Aguilar has wanted to be a construction worker for a long time; he just didn't know what trade he wanted to pursue.

To learn more, Aguilar, 18, participated in a four-week hands-on construction internship last summer between his junior and senior year at Casa Roble High School in Orangevale. The program, sponsored by the North State Building Industry Foundation, exposed him to a wide range of building trades. This year, for the first time, selected interns from last year were invited to come back for another session to see if they were ready for job offers.

Aguilar jumped at the opportunity.

"The program exposed me to everything, and it's helped me find what trade I want to be in," Aguilar said during a break at the new home community under construction in the Vineyard area of Sacramento County. "At first when I got into the program, I wanted to be a framer, then I wanted to be an HVAC worker. And now, I want to be an electrician."

At the conclusion of the internship, he got his wish. He's been hired by Republic Electric and will begin work on July 30.

According to Shaun Ruddy, vice president of field operations for homebuilder Taylor Morrison, the senior interns worked hard. "You can see the effort they're putting

in," Ruddy said. "They're trying to prove themselves to the trades like, 'Hey, hire me when this four-week period's done." Aguilar was one of 52 Sacramento-area

high school students participating in a program this summer that demonstrates there are good careers that don't require them to go to college and incur large amounts of

"This is a career you can do without going into debt, going into college very easily and making \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year in an entry-level position," said Foundation Executive Director Jennifer

Poff. "If you love to work with your hands

and you love seeing something come

together, figure out piece by piece how it

comes together, then this is a great career

for you. And you don't have to worry

about incurring college debt in order to get a degree to do something when you can do this right out of high school."

Ruddy agreed.

"We tell them, if you're not interested in college, that's OK, you can make a good living, you can support your family. We brought in representatives from the trades to talk about their story of like, 'Hey, I don't have a degree, you know? Now after 15 years, I'm the foreman of this company making six figures, making a good living. I have a boat. I have a house. I have my big truck," he said.

Ruddy said it is crucial that the homebuilding industry recruits new workers, and soon.

"It's important for us to keep the workforce in place. In the next five to 10 years, this workforce is aging out. For this next generation, it's a great career to have. You can come into the workforce right out of high school, be trained at your career, something you can be proud of. Building the American dream is what we've always thought this was. And it's something these kids coming out of high school can be successful at and move up in the world."

Students participating this year came from the Sacramento City, Twin Rivers, Natomas, Elk Grove and San Juan unified school districts. Besides Taylor Morrison, Lennar, Toll Brothers and USA Properties offered internships in several developments around the region.

Aguilar said the hands-on internship was a great experience.

"Honestly, I think this program is great because it exposes you to every trade. Maybe you want to work in an office, maybe you want to do paperwork, but the program gives you a glimpse of everything you would do, all hands-on. I think anyone that's able to take advantage of this program should absolutely take it, because it's phenomenal, man. Love it," he said.

Fortunately, the program is likely to continue into its eighth year as well, Ruddy said.

"As long as I'm here, we'll definitely keep participating," he said.

Applications for the 2025 internship program will be available early next year. For more information about the program, visit https://bit.ly/4cWjTAX.

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# Flights to Freedom



Assemblyman Josh Hoover, his team, and Sacramento Regional Transit District are at the Watt/1-80 Transit Center Improvement Project. Courtesy photo of Assemblyman Josh Hoover

#### Office of Assemblyman Josh Hoover News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - It's hard to put into words my thoughts about the assassination attempt that occurred (two weeks ago). It was not just an attack on a former president, but on our nation and our American values as well. I was grateful to see leaders from across the ideological spectrum denounce this shameful act of political violence.

Today, and every day – before anything else – we are all Americans. We cannot allow our differences to blind us from that fact.

We have no choice but to collectively turn down the rhetoric in this age of hyper-partisanship and remember that our fellow Americans are more than just political rivals. We are bound together in, as George Washington once called it, the "last great experiment for promoting human happiness in civil society."

I am thankful that President Trump is safe, and my prayers are with the families whose loved ones were lost or critically injured.

This month, the U.S. Department of Transportation granted \$25 million to the Capital SouthEast Connector for the Grant Line Road Safety Improvements Project via the RAISE grant program. I strongly support this project and the benefits it will bring to our region.

This funding will facilitate the transformation of 3.6 miles of Grant Line Road into a four-lane divided complete street corridor, featuring a separated Class I bike path in Rancho Cordova and Sacramento County. The project aims to link existing bike and pedestrian routes at both ends of the corridor.

The Capital SouthEast Connector will

link the communities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Folsom and El Dorado Hills via a 34-mile expressway, designed to improve road safety and shorten travel times in a congested part of the Sacramento area's transportation system that is prone to accidents and flooding.

Last week, my team had the pleasure of welcoming local members from the California Assisted Living Association (CALA) to our office as part of their District Day. It was an enriching experience to hear firsthand about their dedication and tireless advocacy for older adults in our district. Their commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our senior citizens is truly commendable. We are grateful for their ongoing efforts and look forward to continued collaboration to support and uplift our elderly community.

My team joined the Sacramento Regional Transit District for the groundbreaking event of the Watt/I-80 Transit Center Improvement Project. This project includes widening of the Watt Avenue Bridge, construction of an open-air stairwell linking Watt Avenue and the transit center, a new bus/pedestrian plaza, improvements to the I-80 on-ramps, and upgrades to the portion of the transit center located beneath Watt Avenue. Collectively, these implements will help attract more riders, accommodate additional bus service from other regional operators, and enhance the overall safety of the transit center.

Josh Hoover represents Assembly District 7, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale, and Rosemont.

# PRIDE Industries' National Hire a Veteran Day a Big Success



The career fair event put on by PRIDE Industries for the National Hire a Veteran Day on July 25 was successful, according to organizers. Photo courtesy PRIDE Industries

#### By Ornella Rossi

#### CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)

- PRIDE Industries celebrated National Hire a Veteran Day on July 25, with a special recruiting event at their Career Hub, located at 7011 Sylvan Road. Running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the event connected military veterans with job opportunities across a broad spectrum of roles.

The event was highlighted by a significant milestone: a signing ceremony marking a new partnership with the U.S. Army through the Partnership for Your Success (PaYS) Program. The program provides soldiers with employment opportunities as they transition from military to civilian life. The signing ceremony underscored PRIDE Industries' commitment to helping military veterans, regardless of their abilities, find meaningful employment.

"We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to PRIDE Industries as a new Partnership for Your Success partner," said Antonio Johnson Jr., Partnership for Your Success program manager. "The U.S. Army is a reliable recruitment source for businesses with an endless pool of qualified talent, and we're pleased that PRIDE Industries is committed to helping soldiers find employment after military service."

PRIDE Industries
President and CEO
Jeff Dern echoed this
sentiment.

"We recognize the immense value that veterans bring to our workforce," Dern said. "Their experience serving our country instills in them a strong work ethic, adaptability, and leadership skills that are highly sought after in the civilian job market. We are honored to partner with the U.S. Army





Captain Saif S. Hassan and Tim Young, Vice President of Talent Management, hold a sword as they cut the cake to commemorate the new partnership with the U.S. Army. Photo courtesy PRIDE Industries

through the Partnership for Your Success Program and look forward to providing meaningful employment opportunities to even more veterans."

The event was part of a broader initiative involving job fairs held across multiple locations, including Citrus Heights, Sacramento, Los Angeles and Texas.

"Hundreds of veterans registered and over 100 veterans attended across the four job fairs," public relations director Kat Maudru reported.

Veterans had the opportunity to explore and interview for positions spanning administration, supervision, driving, landscaping, custodial services, job coaching, supply chain management and more.

The Department of Labor reports that about 200,000 military personnel annually transition from active duty, bringing with them a valuable set of skills and attributes

gained through their service, including dedication, teamwork, effective communication and a strong work ethic, all highly prized by employers.

"PRIDE Industries recognizes that the experience veterans gain serving our country makes them valuable employees," Maudru said. "The company currently employs hundreds of veterans in all areas of the organization and has provided support and services to thousands more in the form of job coaching, vocational instruction and employment placement assistance."

Maudru also noted the diversity of the attendees' reasons for seeking employment. "One person was there because they needed a job due to an impending job loss, while others were looking for part-time work. Different reasons for wanting a job come to show that everybody has a story," Maudru said.



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# Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



If there are any Kings fans left that have any doubts about the veracity of talent and basketball savvy as it relates to the Sacramento Kings general manager Monte McNair, it should be put to rest once and

McNair has shown acumen beyond his years, as he embraces the competitive arena of trades and acquisitions with the senior GMs of the NBA.

Time and again, McNair has passed on trades that would have been a band-aid solution, while waiting for a better opportunity has proven invaluable to the team we see represented today.

There are undoubtedly trade opportunities that the fans will never know about, but take it from this writer, McNair has shown a level of patience that is rarely seen in young GMs.

The resigning of Malik Monk will probably fly under the radar for the casual fan, but make no mistake about it, locking up Monk for the next three years was a real feather in Monte McNair's cap.

When multiple high-priced and acclaimed free agents were signed by other teams, fans waited and scratched their heads, wondering why the Kings weren't in the mix.

Finally, when the naysayers had all but given up, came the signing of DeMar DeRozan, perhaps one of the top three free agent players available in this off-season.

Only time will tell what the resigning of Monk, and acquisition of DeRozan will do for the Kings, but hold onto your seats Kings fans, because the Kings GM is not done yet.

Just last week the Kings acquired 24-yearold big man Orlando Robinson who was recently released by the Miami Heat. On the surface this would appear to be a tepid acquisition at best, but at 6'10" this undrafted young man out of Fresno State deserves a closer look.

I reached out to a 40-year alum and booster from Fresno State, and this is the response I received after asking what we should expect from Orlando:

"He is great! A 6'10" true four. Could easily be a 20/10 guy with playing time. I have visited with him a few times. No behavior trouble. He is an essential-type player in today's NBA...who for a reasonable price is good."

These comments from a true basketball aficionado should at the very least raise some eyebrows and give Kings fans a reason to pay attention to Mr. Robinson.

Robinson played sparingly for the Miami Heat, but when he did play, he was productive, and I for one will be paying close attention to his progress in the preseason.

The signing of Robinson, for me, simply points out the fact that Monte McNair is scouring the league and beyond, to find another big man to complement Domantas Sabonis.

There remain several power forwards on the free-agent market, and I am confident that just as McNair was able to attract DeMar DeRozan, he will find the Kings the elusive big man they've been looking for.

Drew Timme impressed me with his summer league play, and at 6'10" he may yet impress the Kings front office. It would not surprise me to hear that Timme receives an invite to training camp. The current team as it's assembled, bar-

ing any additions, will be a high-octane machine that will literally wear the competition down. Older teams will put Sacramento on the calendar as a place they would least like to play.

In the past teams have put a W on the calendar when looking at Sacramento, but those days are gone.

This season's ticket will be a coveted one, and don't look for any empty seats this year.

If you're not excited yet, please check and make sure you have a pulse. This team is going to amaze you, with lightning quick De'Aaron Fox, and Mr. double-double and triple-double Domantas Sabonis just reaching the prime of their careers.

Give Sabonis just a little more help on the boards, and it's anyone's guess how far this team can go. Fans are looking at a bonafide playoff team, and on the surface this squad could easily surpass the totals of two years ago when the Kings reached the playoffs for the first time in seventeen years.

Cross your fingers Kings fans, because this writer believes Monte McNair has yet another rabbit in his hat!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com



**Dave Ramsey** 

Dear Dave,

I'm beginning to feel some bitterness and resentment towards my parents for their recent decisions and financial irresponsibility. Fifteen years ago, while I was still in school, they left good-paying jobs to enter the ministry. They both took pay cuts when they made this decision, and they've been regularly asking for money for living expenses from my husband and I ever since. Sometimes, they even try to make us feel guilty if we can't give them the amount they ask for. My mom, especially, constantly brings up their call to the ministry, adding that we should want to help them. We believe in their calling, but we also feel they knew they would have to live on less money, and they're being irresponsible with the money they make. What should we do?

Abigail

Dear Abigail

What I'm hearing is giv-

### **Dave Ramsey Says**

#### Right Heart, Wrong Actions

ing money to your parents isn't necessarily a financial hardship for you and your husband, but that by consistently giving or loaning your parents money you're losing respect for them. This is not a healthy situation. Your relationship has become strained, and that's a tough thing for anyone to deal with-especially in a parent-child scenario.

Make no mistake, going into the ministry with the right heart is an admirable thing. However, in the Bible, Paul made tents while he conducted his ministry. I'm paraphrasing, of course, but his line was to the effect of, "If you don't work, you don't eat." He had a job. So, I don't think suggesting your folks think about working outside the ministry while trying to do God's work is unfair in a situation like this.

I'm sure your mom is a good person, but no one should do this to their child. On top of it all, she sounds like a travel agent for guilt trips—like she's working you over while implying it's all really for God. That's not only toxic, it's just plain wrong.

It's going to be hard to

unravel it all and turn this into a respectable situation where they're not constantly asking for money, and you're not feeling pressure and falling victim to the guilty feelings that enable this behavior. I hope all of you will consider sitting down with a reasonable, objective third party and talking things through. I also hope you'll take some time to read a book called Boundaries by Dr. Henry Cloud. It will open your eyes to a few things.

God bless you and your family, Abigail.

- Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eighttime 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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California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - During the second of California's two free fishing days in 2024, which will be on Aug. 31, the public can fish throughout the Golden State without a fishing license.

For those new to fishing, this is an opportunity to explore a rewarding and exciting new hobby. For licensed anglers, this is an opportunity to introduce or reintroduce someone else to the joys of becoming an angler. Free fishing days are also a perfect time for former anglers to return and reconnect to the activity.

Those interested in fishing California's lakes, streams and rivers can find information about inland fishing locations and species on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website at wildlife. ca.gov/Fishing/Inland. Information is also available about year-round free fishing opportunities found on specific piers, jetties and breakwaters along the coast. Other helpful tools for anglers include the fish planting schedule, fishing guide and Recruit, Retain, Reactivate (R3) Program resources at wildlife.ca.gov/ r3#54518718-fishing.

A variety of offerings is also available from California Department of Fish and

Wildlife's Fishing in the City program, which focuses on teaching Californians how and where to fish in metropolitan areas. General information about the Fishing in the City program can be found on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website at wildlife.ca.gov/ fishing-in-the-city.

Children 15 and younger can fish for free every day of the year in California but Free Fishing Days offer a time when families and friends can experience the hobby together for free.

All fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, report card requirements, fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect. California Department of Fish and Wildlife encourages potential anglers to check rules and regulations for each water they plan to fish at wildlife.ca.gov/regulations.

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## **Eye-Popping Construction Costs Intensify** California's Chronic Housing Shortage



By Dan Walters. CALMatters.org

It's not hyperbole to declare that California's most serious economic, social and political issue is its chronic shortage of housing, particularly for families in the lower

income brackets. As the yawning gap between demand and supply, especially in urban areas, pushes costs upward, it drags down the economy by discouraging investment in job-creating businesses; it drives employers and their workers to other states where they can afford housing; it fuels the nation's highest level of functional poverty and it's the major factor in California's worstin-the-nation homelessness.

The state has pushed local governments to reduce impediments to housing construction, setting a goal of 2.5 million new units over the current eight-year planning cycle, or an average of more than 300,000 units a year, "and no less than one million of those homes must meet the needs of lower-income households."

At best, California's private and public housing developers are meeting a third of that goal, and the recent trend is downward. The state budget notes that in 2023 residential permits declined by 2.9% from 2022 to about 110,000 permit-

while single-family housing construction will probably pick up this year, multifamily units are expected to contract 5.5%, the largest annual decline since 2020.

The budget cites high interest rates, imposed by the Federal Reserve to combat inflation, as a major factor in the state's stagnant housing picture. But inflation itself — the rising costs of building materials and construction labor — also is a problem, as is the tangle of red tape that projects must endure.

A project now underway in downtown Sacramento, just a couple blocks from the state Capitol, illustrates how high development costs affect supply. The decrepit Sequoia Hotel, originally built in 1906, is being transformed into 88 tiny units of housing — 150 square feet each — for homeless people, at a total cost of \$50.1 million, with most of the money coming from the state. That's nearly \$600,000 per unit, more than enough to buy a detached single-family home in one of Sacramento's middle-class neighborhoods, and close to \$4,000 a square foot.

Sacramento is by no means an isolated example of the eye-popping costs of building housing for low-income Californians.

A similar project in downtown San Francisco, converting a fire-damaged building into 35 low-rent apartments, is costing a million dollars a unit, the San Francisco Chronicle revealed this week.

"Just five years ago, the cost to build affordable housing in San Francisco was only about \$740,000 a unit, according to the Bay

Institute. But these days units are clocking in at \$1 million or even higher, prompting the question of what can be done to bring down costs," the Chronicle reported.

What indeed?

Governmental projects, such as those in Sacramento and San Francisco, tend to have the highest costs because they must include all sorts of mandates, such as union-scale labor, and they depend on a pastiche of financing sources.

Private projects that needn't follow those mandates can be done much less expensively, particularly if they consist of modules that have been assembled in factories and then joined together on the site. However, construction unions bitterly oppose such innovations and flex their political muscles to minimize their use.

A new \$50 million housing fund created by Apple and private philanthropists will only finance projects that meet strict cost limits — less than \$550,000 for studios and less than \$700,000 for larger units. That's still a lot of money, but it's a step in the right direction.

California will never solve its housing crisis if it doesn't get more — much more — bang for its bucks.

Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. He began covering California politics in 1975, just as Jerry Brown began his first stint as governor, and began writing

## **Social Security Matters**

### I was Self-Employed and Don't Have **Enough Credits for Social Security**



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: For a thirty-year period, I was making a living as an independent contractor and freelancer. I was working on behalf of myself. Thus, I was only paying state and federal taxes when applied. Due to changes in the employment landscape, I wish to apply for benefits at age sixty-four, as receiving said SS benefits would serve as supplemental income to what I would be receiving from outside sources.

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For self-employed individuals, SECA SS tax is paid when you file your federal income tax return - you pay into Social Security when filing your annual Self-Employment income tax return (the self-employed must pay both the employee and the employer portion of Social Security tax). If you did not file an income tax return for each year over your lifetime you were self-employed, you didn't earn any SS credits for that year. You pay SECA tax on your NET earnings from self-employment (after all business expenses are deducted).

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Bloo Investments, Inc, 4541 Woodhawk Way, Antelope, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Melas Auto Sales" 2519 Él Camino Avenue Suite 101, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 3, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 **MELAS** 8-9-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04834

Fair Oaks Village Enhancement Committee, PO Box 1251, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "FOVEC" 4200 Temescal Street, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 24, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-04488 Dena Shulruff. 5529 Rubion Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the

"The Body Apothecary" 4088

Business Name(s)

Fictitious

Bridge Street, Fair Oaks Suite 7, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 10, Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05230 Tom Nunes and Jeffrey Lenhart, 2100 Watt Avenue #155, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Help-U-Sell Real Estate" 2100 Watt Avenue #155, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04591 Eduard Salamatov, 4425 Winje Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Name(s) Business Concrete Design" 4425 Winje Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 12, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024

8-9-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-04657 Bowinkle's Drive Thru Inc, 912 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bowinkle's Drive Thru" 912 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, CA 95673, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 13, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 BOWINKLES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05261 Sukhminder Singh Gill and Jasbir Kaur Gill 3708 Marconi Avenue Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Circle of Friends" 3708 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024

STATEMENT FBNF2024-04687 Dmitriy Ozeruga, 7047 Cross Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Simplified Business Solutions" Cross Drive, Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 14, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 8-9-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05326 Colleen E Clark and Karri L Biehle, 6330 Sunrise Boulevard #1032, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 'The Practitioner's Post" 6330 Sunrise Boulevard #1032, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 10, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 PRACTITIONERS 8-9-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-04500 Navia USA, LLC, 822 E Devon Avenue Unit D, Bartlett, IL 60103 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DNA Logistics, LLC" 822 É Devon Avenue Unit D, Bartlett, IL 60103. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 10, Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 8-9-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04631 Isabel Diego, 3612 Husch Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Las Michoacanas" 10491 Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 12, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05315

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Advantage 1 Restaurant Services LLC, 3324 Monier Circle Suite 4, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Renegade Restaurant Services and Design" 3324 Monier Circle Suite 4, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 10, 2024 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 RENEGADE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-03882 Kita Locks Inc, 6923 Escallonia Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kita Locks" 6923 Escallonia Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed County May 15, 2024

with the Clerk of Sacramento Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 8-9-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05202

Pakwan Curry LLC, 2989 Club Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Desi Curry" 3290 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 5, 2024

Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 DESI FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05000 Annuel Holdings, Inc., 10940 White Rock Road Suite 210

8-16-24 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - #4265, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Private Label Supplement/StartUpTakeOff"

10940 White Rock Road Suite

210 2nd Floor - #4265, Rancho

Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with

the Clerk of Sacramento County June 28, 2024 Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 PRIVATE 8-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05445 Avand Prime LLC, 5437 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Avand Prime" 5437 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 16, Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024

AVAND 8-16-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-04931 Victor Ramirez Mirazo, 8343 Lemberger Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "Green Name(s) Landscapes" 8343 Lemberger 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 27, Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05501 William Jackson, 5801 Sutter Avenue #215, Carmichael, CA

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95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Drone1776/Drone1776.com" 5801 Sutter Avenue #215, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 17, 2024 Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 DRONE 8-16-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-04732 Aidanek Ruslanbekova, 2263 Northrop Avenue Apt 97, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious "Mosaic Business Name(s) Photobooth" Northrop 2263 Avenue Apt 97, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18, 2024 Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 MOSAIC

8-16-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05309 Michelle Denise Walker, 3832 12th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sharing and Caring" 4955 Marconi Avenue Suite A, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 9, 2024 Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05363 Fyock Enterprises LLC, 4420 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Big Dogs & Spuds" Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 11, 2024 Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05284 McIntvre. 176 Bittercreek Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mignonette" 176 Bittercreek Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 9, 2024 Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 MIGNONETTE 8-16-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05553 Keith Lewis Poteat, 8112 Glen Creek Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Poteat Plumbing" 8112 Glen Creek Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 18, Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 POTEAT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05125 Emergy Group LLC, 1900 Point West Way Suite 268, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Complete Business Services" 1900 Point West Way Suite 268, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 2, 2024 Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 COMPLETE 8-16-2 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05590

Sean Buchanan, 6740 Sutter Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sutterscape Designs" 6740 Sutter Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 19, Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 SUTTERSCAPE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05452 Mark A. Delgado Inc., 86 Primrose Way, Sacramento, CA

95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dara Delgado Home Loans" 86 Primrose Way, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 16, 2024 Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 DARA 8-16-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05399

Joshua James Fitzpatrick, 5343 Moody Lane, Carmichael, CA

95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "HD Window Cleaning Services" 5343 Moody Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 12, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 8-23-24 HD

Margarito Perez Robles, 5331 Kohler Road, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Page's Fountains & Water Gardens" 5331 Kohler Road Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05545

with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 18, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 8-23-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05014 Sheldon Heights Holdings. 10095 Sheldon Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lucky Bubbles Laundry" 3901 Madison Avenue Suite 25, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 28, 2024

Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 LUCKY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05709 Pull Up Plate, 6109 Oak Green Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pull Up Plate Café/P.U.P Cafe" 2912 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 24, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

8-23-24 PULL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05234 Coronel's Ventures LLC, 99 S Almaden Boulevard Suite 600 San Jose, CA 95113 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Corone 2108 North Street Expedite" Suite 8586. Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 8, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 CORONEL 8-23-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05345 Alexandra Miriam Jansen, 6330 Sunrise Boulevard #1024, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Therapy With Xandra" 6330 Sunrise Boulevard #1024, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 11, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 THERAPY 8-23-24

STATEMENT FBNF2024-05628 Eva M. Segal and Jonathan Segal, 11406 Forty Niner Circle, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 'Salon Aprima" 5200 Sunrisé Boulevard Suite 100, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 22 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

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STATEMENT FBNF2024-04740 John Lawson Vincent, 7732 Court, Citrus Heights, Ziebell CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nor Cal Shade" 7732 Ziebell Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 20, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 NORCAL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05588

Jon Schwarz, 1000 San Ramon Way, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RMS Enterprises" 1000 San Ramon Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 19, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 8-23-24 RMS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05666

Stepanov, Annadale Lane #4, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Smart Tech Service" 3831 Annadale Lane #4, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 23, 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05700 Enterprises

4925 Mack Road Apt #176 Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Clothes & Craft Co" 4925 Mack Road Apt #176, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 24, Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 CLOTHES 8-23-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-05683 Bobby G. Kerr, 6309 Landis

Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the

Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bob's Skate Supply" 63Ò9 Landis Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 24 2024 Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 **BOBS** 8-23-24 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV012680 Cassandra Shaunte

Diaz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olivia Ann McKinney-

Diaz to Olivia Ann Diaz.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 24, 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: June 26, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024 SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV013010 Stanley James Parker has filed

a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Stanley James Parker to TySean Lamonta McDaniel. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: July 1, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 2024 **PARKER** 8-2-24 SUPERIOR COURT OF

**CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV013812 Jaren Dale Rose has filed a pe-

tition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jaren Dale Rose to Jeren Dale Rose IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on October 9, 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: July 11, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #24CV013309

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Walter Hughes Jr. has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Walter Hughes Jr. to Maurice Walter

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 5, 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: July 5, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2024 8-9-24 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV012873 Fazel Ahmad Gul Ahmad has filed a petition with this court for

a decree changing the name(s) of Fazel Ahmad Gul Ahmad to Fazel Ahmad Ahmadzai. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on October 24, 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: June 26, 2024 Richard K. Suevoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024

CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #24CV013614 Bibi Nadya Taghai has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Bibi Nadya Taghai to Nadia

SUPERIOR COURT OF

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Rahmani. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 6 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: July 1, 2024 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 2024 TAGHAI 8-16-24

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

#24CV014932 Josselyn P. Nelson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alondra Monserrath Perdomo to

Alondra Monserrath Nelson. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 30, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street,

not be granted.

Dated: July 26, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 8-23-24

7144 Fair Oaks Blvd #5 Carmichael, CA 95608

NELSON SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

**CHANGE OF NAME** #34-2019-00252673-PR-GP-FRC Raitavea Casey has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Za'ryah Marie Jael Mcdaniel to Za'ryah

IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-en-

Marie Casey.

titled matter appear before this court on August 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 129, located at 3341 Power Inn Road Sacramento, CA 95826, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: June 27, 2024

James E. McFetridge, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 8-23-24 CASEY SUPERIOR COURT OF

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #24CV014388 Mae Joy Castaneda has filed a petition with this court for a

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decree changing the name(s) Heaven Reese Manipon Obille to Heaven Reese Obille Castaneda. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 10, 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: July 19, 2024 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024 8-23-24 Castaneda

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DIOLINDA MOGINIE CASE NO. 24PR001974

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michele Miesner, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Michele Miesner 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 August 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Zoom Telepresence: https:// saccourt-ca-gov.zoomgov.com/

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-

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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 de-

ceased, 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 in-

terested in the estate, you may

file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and ap praisal 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: David R. Morris, Esq., 5137 Golden Foothill

Parkway, Suite 110, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 916-789-9810 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 2024 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

FRED A. BIGLER CASE NO. 24PR001931 of and persons who may be oth-

Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the pe-To all heirs, beneficiaries, credtition for Change of Name should itors, and contingent creditors

# New California Law Aims to Address Teacher Shortage

California Commission on **Teacher Credentialing News** 

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing is optimistic that a new state law intended to address the teacher shortage will help eliminate barriers to the profession and attract more prospective educators

into classrooms.

Senate Bill 153, signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 29, and effective immediately, allows for a qualifying bachelor's degree or higher in any subject to be all that is needed for an individual to demonstrate basic skills required for admission to most teacher preparation programs.

This means that if an applicant holds a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, teacher preparation programs will no longer need to verify demonstrated competence in reading, writing, and mathematics through any other options, including passing the California Basic Skills Examination for Teachers (CBEST) or performing a transcript review.

"This change in state educator preparation policy represents a major shift that will benefit the vast majority of prospective educators in California," said Mary Vixie Sandy, executive director, California Commission on Teacher

"Now is a great time for anyone with a qualifying bachelor's degree or higher who has considered teaching to take the next step to pursue their passion for education and apply to one of the state's many accredited teacher preparation programs."

The Commission's recent teacher supply annual report to the Legislature tracked an 11.2 % yearover-year decrease in the number of new teaching credentials issued between 2021-22 and 2022-23. In the most recent 2022-23 fiscal year data, there were 14,636 new teaching credentials issued compared to 16,484 the previous year.

"The CSU greatly appreciates the state's decision to recognize the bachelor's degree as demonstration of basic skills competence for educator credentials," said Commissioner Shireen Pavri, assistant vice chancellor of the Educator and Leadership Program at California State University.

"We believe this is exactly the right move toward reducing barriers for those considering teaching, counseling, and other education professions in California."

The State of California has provided approximately \$1.6 billion since 2016-17 to address the teacher shortage.

The 2022-23 state budget funded eight career counselors staffed at the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to provide one-onone assistance to anyone interested in becoming an educator.

These experienced staff members serve as career guidance counselors, credential experts, subject matter experts, and resource specialists for individuals seeking to make the transition into a PK-12 educational career.

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing offers the following resources for those interested in pursuing a teaching credential:

Roadmap to Teaching

Career Counselor Appointment

Approved Teacher Preparation

Funding Your Future in Teaching For additional information on how to become an educator in California, contact credentials@

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

erwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Fred A. Bigler. 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.

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

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.

hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows August 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior of California, County Court 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 generpersonal repre58(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: Altha Bogan, 7558 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621;

916-239-5574 Publish: July 19, 26, August 2, 2024 **BIGLER** 8-2-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILBERT ADOLF CALHOUN SR CASE NO. 24PR001221

To all heirs, beneficiaries, credi-

tors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Wilbert Adolf Calhoun Sr. A Petition for Probate has been

filed by Angela Calhoun, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Angela Calhoun 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 fol-

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

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#### **SUMMONS**

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO): 24WHFL00196

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By: Clerk of Court S. Prasad, Deputy STANDARD FAMILY LAW

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FILE NO. FBNF2021-09572 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Complete Business Services, 1900 Point West Way Suite 268,

Sacramento, CA 95815. Grigori K Ivanoff, 3731 Scott San Francisco, Street, 94123.

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replacement contract. This contract is for District signage replacement services of MORPD's 3 facilities and 15 parks. Specifications and bid packets will be available on the District's website www.MORPD.com and at the mandatory Job walk on August 5, 2024. This is a public works contract subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal, nor be

awarded a contract for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to labor code section 1725.5. The mandatory job walk will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024, from 9:00am to 10:00am starting at the District office located at 3344 Mission Avenue Carmichael, CA 95608. Bids

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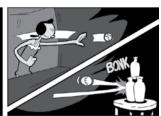














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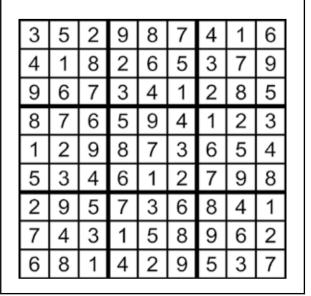




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# American River College's MESA Helps Students Succeed

By Li Khan CALMatters.org

Alina Kralya tinkers with a microcontroller for one of her computer science projects at American River College (in Sacramento). Nearby, a group of other first-generation college students sit in green and blue chairs, chatting about their math homework. It's a typical scene at this community college space for students in the Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement program, called MESA.

Two years ago, Kralya was in her first year at an engineering university in Ukraine when the Russian invasion and the subsequent war uprooted her family. After moving around Eastern Europe, they sought refuge in sunny Sacramento with \$300 in their pockets.

Between language barriers, a brand new academic system and trying to make sense of trigonometry, it hasn't been an easy journey for the 20-year-old, who dreams of going into robotics. When she needs tutoring or just a quiet place to study away from her younger siblings, she comes to the MESA center.

She's still buzzing with excitement about a recent conference for female engineers she attended in San Jose. The program covered her entrance fee and transportation costs, and staff helped her set up her LinkedIn profile for the event. "Listening to all those successful ladies in STEM, oh my gosh, it was so nice," she said.

California allotted millions of dollars in 2022 to create the same program at community colleges across the state. Currently, 91 out of 115 campuses have programs established, with three more set to create one next year. The state hopes the expansion will reduce barriers to STEM jobs for "underserved and underrepresented" students. As the initiative rolls out statewide, questions remain about how long the funding will last, and how the programs can track how well they're

To enroll in the program, students must be both low-income and a first-generation college student. The students' parents can't hold a bachelor's degree in any country to meet the first-generation requirement.

Less than one in five community college students in California who want to transfer to a university succeed in doing so within four years, according to a report from the Public Policy Institute of California. For Black and Latino students, transfer pathways are even weaker: 13% for Black students and 16% for Latinos.

Beyond bolstering transfer rates, the goals for MESA include increasing representation of Blacks, Latinos, and Native Americans in STEM industries. In 2021, 9% of STEM workers nationwide were Black, while 15% were Hispanic or Latino, according to a report from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics.

"The community needs people to be in these positions as doctors, as scientists, as engineers, as computer scientists who actually understand the community that is being served," said Edrina Rashidi, the officer of advocacy for the Community College Association of MESA Directors, who recently lobbied for more legislative support for the programs.

Students in the program have access to a range of support, such as tutoring, academic counseling and help finding internships or scholarships. The physical centers offer computer equipment, textbooks and a place to study. Program directors work closely with students to connect them to resources.

As of fall 2023, 4,279 students were enrolled at a MESA program on their campus, according to state data.

#### **State Funds Expansion of MESA Programs Systemwide**

Four years ago, MESA programs had a \$2.5 million statewide budget. After lobbying efforts from the MESA directors association, the program now has a \$39.4 million statewide budget and was written into the California Education Code. Over 50 colleges have taken advantage of the funds in the last two years, nearly tripling the number of programs from 34 to 94.



Students discuss their work in class at the MESA center at American River College on April 25. Photo by Cristian Gonzalez for CalMatters

Each college received a total of \$428,576 for the 2022-23 school year, in the form of a grant from the state. This past year and every year through 2027 they'll get at least \$280,000 each. However, the state chancellor's office expects colleges to eventually start covering some of the costs, so that the programs can stay affoat if the state money disappears, according to the statewide MESA project monitor Stephanie Ricks-Albert.

his job so he can take classes full time, but he really enjoys breaking down difficult concepts for his fellow classmates, and it's even made him consider a career in education.

Samuel Morrison, the college's interim MESA project lead, explained that the cost of living is one the biggest challenges for the low-income students he serves. He helps connect them to scholarships and internships, as the programs are required to do. One cre-

Barbie Schmitt chats with interim MESA project lead Samuel Morrison in the MESA center at American River College on April 25. Photo by Cristian Gonzalez for CalMatters

The state grants will be up for renewal in 2027. Rashidi said more legislation is being written that could establish a minimum funding level, to guarantee stable funding for the programs.

The program also exists in different forms across the state and nation. In California, many universities and high schools have MESA programs or clubs that are overseen by the UC Office of the President with a budget of about \$7 million.

#### **Inside a MESA Program**

Computers, STEM textbooks, whiteboards, a free-to-use printer and a coffee machine occupy the MESA center at American River College, housed on the first floor of the sleek new Diane Bryant STEM Innovation Center. A line of university pennants hangs from one wall; on another, three astronauts smile from a poster that reads, "FROM MESA TO NASA."

Over 200 students have access to this space. It's where tutors like Marco Alaniz, who is also a MESA student studying computer science, can often be found. He's had a love for programming since his mom bought him a computer as a little kid, but he struggled when he started college the first time over 20 years ago, and ultimately dropped out.

"I just wasn't prepared," Alaniz said. Because his parents never went to college, they didn't have the experience to help him navigate school or teach him time management habits. "So really, growing up, I was kind of on my own on that, just kind of figuring things out."

After about 15 years of working odd jobs to pay the bills, Alaniz enrolled in American River College in 2019 in Sacramento to give his computer science degree another shot. For the past year, he has tutored MESA students. It doesn't pay enough for him to quit ative way the college has found to financially assist its students is to create paid projects with faculty mentorship and research opportunities students can apply for.

"So students are finding, OK, this is a stipend that I can use to pay for gas to get to school, or I can use to supplement food costs," Morrison said.

Still, the college lacks a designated MESA academic counselor. Kralya, the Ukrainian student, explained that the general counselors she's seen are not always familiar with STEM-specific transfer programs, which can differ between universities. Adding financial aid to the mix makes things even more complicated; Kralya and Alaniz both had to declare multiple majors to get certain transfer requirements covered by financial aid.

"That's why we have to find a really good counselor who can tell us this, because this information is not listed anywhere," Kralya said.

The state requires the programs to have designated counselors, but getting an in-house counselor can be a lengthy and complicated process, Morrison said. He hopes to have one on board by the spring of 2025.

Students can also sign up for field trips, which include conferences and college tours. Students this semester visited the Sacramento State University planetarium, attended the Women in Engineering conference in San Jose, and toured UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz.

At programs across the state, students who are either low-income or first-generation, but not both, can still access certain resources, such as tutoring and counseling, but can't go on field trips or receive paid research opportunities. There are currently 1,345 of them enrolled systemwide, called ASEM students, or "Friends of MESA" at

some colleges.

#### **Growing Pains as Programs Roll Out Systemwide**

Two years after new funding opened the doors for more programs, many still need to hire staff, find the required minimum 500 square feet of space to house the center, or recruit students to officially get off the ground. Just hiring a program director to lead the

program can be a lengthy process. A year and a half after receiving its grant, the program at Laney College in Oakland is still without a director. The college's dean of math and sciences, Inger Stark, appointed math instructor Kyla Oh as the program's faculty lead for the program in the interim. "It has definitely slowed us down,"

said Stark. The bulk of the work falls on Oh, who teaches fewer credits so that she has time to focus on the program. Stark squeezes the administrative side of the program into her workday as a dean.

Right now, the state money covers the entire program, which launched in April with an initial cohort of 14 students. Stark is determined to ensure the program stays afloat through any changes in the funding, but she's spent enough time in her community college district to have seen many "beautiful initiatives" get weeded out.

"It is heartbreaking," she said. "A huge amount of work can fall on the ground."

#### The Need for More Granular **Program Data**

Tracking MESA programs in a comprehensive way is not easy. Some basic data is available through public dashboards, but directors want easy access to more in-depth information about their programs to help make sure they're meeting their goals.

"We actually have no way of measuring our success, still, with the Chancellor's Office," said Rashidi, the lead advocate for MESA directors.

Basic information, such as the total number of MESA students in the system, is available through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office public data tool, DataMart. However, that information isn't broken down by race, gender or major. Granular data could give program directors the ability to quickly check if their efforts to reach students from underserved backgrounds are working.

Limited information on MESA student success is publicly available. Of the MESA students who first attempted to complete a transfer-level math course in the 2021-22 school year, 79% passed within one year, compared to a 54% completion rate for the general student body, according to the Transfer-Level English and Math Completion Dashboard.

CalMatters requested MESA transfer statistics and racial data from the Chancellor's Office. According to the data, about 62% of MESA students were Hispanic or Latino as of December 2023, while 4% were Black.

To count transfers, the Chancellor's Office counted students who were in MESA in one school year, and then enrolled at a university the next year. By this metric, MESA programs collectively transferred 1,010 students after the 2021-22 school year, including 563 Hispanic or Latino students and 23 Black students.

Nearly half of MESA students enroll at a university within four years of taking their first community college class, as of 2017, the most recent year complete data is available. Students were considered to be MESA students if they participated in the program at any point during their first three years in the community college system.

The Chancellor's Office will analyze the status of the programs at the end of the current grant cycle, and the results could affect how much money programs will receive in the future, according to an emailed statement from Melissa Villarin, a spokesperson for California Community Colleges. Any additional funding would be based on "program and campus metrics," according to the statement.

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### Director Nancy Bargmann to Retire from California Department of Developmental Services

California Department of Developmental Services

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) announces that after 40 years of serving Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), Director Nancy Bargmann will retire effective Sept. 6.

Director Bargmann's career is marked by her commitment to improving the quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through advocacy, innovation, and collaboration. During her eight-year tenure as Director, the department has closed all developmental centers and developed and implemented numerous initiatives to enhance services and supports

that foster inclusivity and choice for more than 440,000 persons served and their families. This includes but is not limited to the Safety Net Program, Self-Determination Program, Direct Support Professional (DSP) Workforce Initiatives, and the Service Access and Equity Grant Program. Bargmann's focus on strengthening relationships with self-advocates and families, regional centers, advocacy groups, and service providers to advance service-delivery, improve service access for diverse communities, and reach more individuals and families has laid a strong foundation for the department's continued progress in the years to come.

"Under Director Bargmann's leadership, more people with intellectual and developmental disabilities statewide are now able

to make meaningful decisions about where they want to live, work and enjoy their communities," said California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS) Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. "I'm grateful for her years of dedicated service and guiding the department to create more equitable and accessible

opportunities for all Californians." Nancy Bargmann began her career as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) in 1984. She went on to hold several positions and leadership roles at regional centers, service providers, and the State, including as associate executive director at San Gabriel/ Pomona Regional Center and deputy direc-

tor of the Community Services Division at

the Department of Developmental Services.

Bargmann was appointed Director of the

Department of Developmental Services on March 4, 2016, by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. and reappointed in 2020 by Governor Gavin Newsom.

"It has been an incredible privilege to serve Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities and an honor to work alongside so many dedicated professionals and advocates," said Director Bargmann. "I am very proud of what we have accomplished together, and I look forward to seeing how DDS will continue to advance its mission and vision so that every person with I/DD can live the life they choose."

Bargmann is looking forward to spending time with loved ones and pursuing personal interests while enjoying her retirement. \*

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