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Stand on a pair of outlined footprints in front of the mural and look down into the 3-D mural. You might imagine that you're about to fall through the sidewalk into a secret world which the artist Julio Jimenez has created, with red and yellow flowers and busy black and yellow bumblebees and fanciful butterflies flying up to greet you. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

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CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - A colorful new 3-D immersive sidewalk mural depicting a magical "secret garden" has been completed in the Marketplace at Birdcage shopping plaza in Citrus Heights.

The work by Los Angeles artist Julio Jimenez was commissioned by the plaza's property management company, the Gerrity Group of Littleton, Colorado, in coordination with the Sunrise MarketPlace Business District (SMP).

Two large additional bright floral wall murals on the exterior walls of the Ulta Beauty store also have been completed. These murals were painted by Sacramento artist Brandon Alexander, who also painted the mural on the

backside of Pet Food Express, said Monika Foley, Gerrity Group vice president of placemaking.

"We are so excited about our newest additions to the center, including the 3-D immersive sidewalk mural which Julio has painted," Foley said.

When you stand on a pair of outlined footprints in front of the 3-D mural and look down, you might imagine that you're about to enter a secret world that Jimenez has created with red and yellow flowers and busy black and yellow bumblebees and fanciful butterflies flying up to greet you.

From the opposite side, a set of stairs seem to invite the curious to step down into the work.

New signs placed between Verizon and Bath and Body Works guide shoppers to enter the walkway toward the

new sidewalk mural.

"We wanted to add a fun element for the community and for our guests to explore at the center in an immersive way," Foley said. "The goal of the mural program in the Market Place at Birdcage is to connect the center to the community."

Jimenez also created a series of smaller colorful 3-D paintings depicting flowers, butterflies and bumblebees between the buildings which lead to his larger secret garden mural on the main sidewalk across from Citrus Heights Modern Dentistry, facing Chuze Fitness and Old Navy.

"They are the sort of 'breadcrumbs' that lead to the larger mural which I painted," he said.

Much of Jimenez' work is in colored
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Council Vacancy Holds Until After Election

By Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - The first action at the Sept. 11 Citrus Heights City Council meeting was for council members to fill the seat recently vacated by former Mayor Bret Daniels.

Councilmember Tim Schaefer nominated Vice-Mayor Jayna Karpinski-Costa to serve as the new mayor and Councilmember MariJane Lopez-Taff to serve as vice-mayor. Councilmember Porsche Middleton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Bret Daniel's resignation, which was effective Aug. 31, also left a vacancy on City Council for District 1. The vacancy can be addressed by appointing someone to fill the seat or by holding a special election. Since there is already a general election coming up this November, in which the council seats for districts 1 and 3 will be up for election, City Council also had the option of holding the vacancy until after the election when a newly-elected member would take that seat.

During Public Comment, Citrus Heights resident and former councilmember Al Fox urged City Council to hold the vacancy until after the election. Fox said that the four remaining councilmembers are capable of finding consensus and governing the city, and that staff time of bringing on an appointee for such a short time would not be worth the effort. The focus now should not be on training an appointee, Fox said, but on the campaigns of the new council candidates.

City Councilmembers agreed and voted unanimously to hold the vacancy until after the November election.

Councilmembers then considered updates to the zoning code, a process undertaken each year to clarify existing standards and ensure compliance with current state laws. This year, the most significant change was a proposal to eliminate duplicative processes in the review of applications for alcohol sales. Any business requesting to sell alcohol must obtain a license from California's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC).

In that review process, Alcoholic Beverage Control considers an applicant's proximity to
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Sac Metro Fire Prepared to Help More Calls

Story and photo
by Annie Kerr

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Metro Fire is preparing to meet an increase of calls for help through its innovative Mobile Integrated Health.

That's according to Sacramento Metro Fire Chief Adam House and Battalion Chief Scott Perryman speaking at the Sept. 5 Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch meeting attended by area community members.

House is a Sacramento native and graduated from Cordova High School in 1987. He has a 36-year tenure in public service, including four years in the Army serving as a firefighter. In 2000, he joined Sacramento Metro Fire and was named fire chief in August 2023.

House began his speech by saying, "I couldn't be



From left, Battalion Chief Scott Perryman, Metro Fire Department Director Cindy Saylor and Metro Fire Chief Adam House attended the Sept. 5 Lunch Bunch.

more proud to say I am a Sacramento native." Calling Metro Fire a "fine organization," he provided a background of the fire

department, the work they do and the advancements they are making toward providing 24/7 safety for all Sacramento residents.

According to House, Sacramento Metro Fire is the seventh largest fire department in the state of
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chalk, and his 10 by 20-foot 3-D garden mural was painted with aerosol spray cans in Birdcage and is one of his largest permanent painted works.

A complete gallery of Jimenez' sidewalk paintings in the MarketPlace at Birdcage can be seen at <https://sunrisemarketplace.com/art/murals/julio-jiminez>.

"I invite everyone to pause before each smaller sidewalk mural and fully immerse themselves in each," Jimenez said.

It's easy to see how the suggested movement of the yellow and black bumblebees that Jimenez has painted quickly catches your eye in each of his individual smaller murals. Some of the butterflies look as if they are about to alight on the individual flower petals beneath them.

Benches placed around Jimenez' featured sidewalk mural also invite the public to enjoy his work as they pause in their shopping. Footprints placed at the head of the mural invite visitors how best to take a "selfie" to capture its multi-dimension effects.

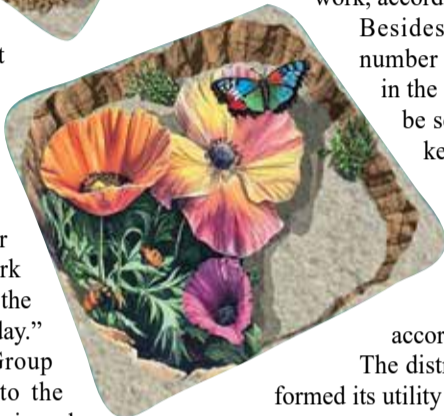
"The orientation of the mural takes into account the alignment of the sun as it travels," Jimenez explained. "Your visual perspective of the work will change with the height of the sun in the sky and the time of day."

Foley said that Gerrity Group wanted to bring awareness to the many talented artists in California and showcase their work, while adding color and beautification in Birdcage.

"We've enjoyed working with executive director Kathilynn Carpenter and her team at Sunrise MarketPlace to bring more awareness to MarketPlace at Birdcage," Foley said.

In 2021, Sunrise MarketPlace worked with Wide Open Walls, an annual Sacramento mural event to bring more murals to buildings in the district.

There are currently eight murals from seven artists completed throughout the Sunrise MarketPlace Shopping District. Each



work of art was custom designed and painted by the participating artist, Carpenter said.

The district encompasses a collection of more than 400 stores, restaurants and services in the Sunrise/Greenback business corridor.

"While we (Gerrity Group) are not planning to add any other murals at the property at this time, we will re-visit this opportunity to do so in Citrus Heights with Kathilynn Carpenter in 2025," Foley said.

The public is invited to learn more about the individual murals in the Sunrise MarketPlace District and the background of each artist who created them on the weblink, "Murals in the MarketPlace," at sunrisemarketplace.com/art/murals/art-work, according to Carpenter.

Besides the substantial number of mural projects in the district, which can be seen at sunrisemarketplace.com/art, there's also a special collection of "Masterpieces in the MarketPlace," according to Carpenter.

The district has also transformed its utility service boxes into art-wrapped showcases with works by prominent world-renowned artists.

A variety of iconic works showcase 19th century, Japanese woodblock, impressionism, abstract and local contemporary art. The project includes artists such as Van Gogh, Degas and Renoir. Utilizing SMUD's Transformer Box Wrap Program to enhance the aesthetic environment and deter graffiti, Sunrise MarketPlace was the first to develop a themed art installation of this scale, Carpenter said. ★

Above: Works guide shoppers to enter the walkway toward the new sidewalk mural painted by artist Julio Jiminez. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

Sac Metro Fire Prepared to Help More Calls

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California.

"In the last 10 years, our call volume has doubled," he said.

In fact, House stated that in 2023, the fire department received more than 100,000 calls to 911. The department is expecting 110,000 calls by the end of 2024.

"So, we have to look at doing other things, having other capabilities and providing additional services because today's population demands that," House said. "We have to evolve. We have to have a higher degree of capability."

House emphasized that Sac Metro Fire must adapt to the growing demand of its services, predominantly concerning the fentanyl, mental health and homelessness crises. Those issues must now be addressed.

"I've made it a priority to get involved with every single player in Sacramento County and ask, 'How do we think outside the box and get our resources together so we're not working on islands?'" House said. "We're collaborating like never before, and with the help of Supervisors Rich Desmond and Sue Frost, we've been able to exercise outside the normal funds of the fire department to get additional funding to incorporate help into the sensitive areas of today's communities," he said.

The result: Mobile Integrated Health, which is the first of its kind in the nation.

The premise behind the program is to make the emergency process easier, quicker and more affordable for all parties involved. Or, in House's words, "Getting the right resource to the right call to have the right outcome to get them (the caller) to the right place."

"You should be proud of your fire department," House concluded.

The fire chief then introduced Battalion Chief Perryman to elaborate on the program, saying, "As firefighters, we need to be good human beings first. This (Perryman) is a good human being all the way around."

Perryman began his career in 2002 as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) and paramedic before joining Metro Fire in 2006 as a firefighter, according to Magnani. He was promoted to captain in 2013 and then battalion chief in 2022.

Perryman spoke further about the Mobile Integrated Health program, which was his creation.

"I'm really passionate about this project I've been working on because it affects so much," Perryman said.

First, not every medical issue calls for a trip to the ER, according to Perryman. By utilizing Mobile Integrated Health, an on-scene nurse practitioner/physician's assistant can treat, diagnose, write medications and communicate with the patient's primary care provider, therefore saving both the first responder and the patient a lengthy (and oftentimes unnecessary) ER visit. This also allows officers to spend more time patrolling the streets rather than waiting in the ER with someone, which they do any time they use a taser on someone.

Perryman shared several stories of 911 callers that were repeatedly sent to the ER but found no solutions for their issues until the Mobile Integrated Health professionals were able to "go in and dig and find out what's going on."

"The person's care is elevated," Perryman said about Mobile Integrated Health.

"Think of the bills," Perryman said, referring to the price of an ambulance, an ER visit, medications and more. Mobile Integrated Health is saving not only patients', but insurance companies' money, as well.

According to Perryman, the program is currently funded by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and grant money, with funds to open another unit in South Sacramento. The existing one is located in North Sacramento.

The next step for Mobile Integrated Health would be the signing of SB1180, a bill awaiting Governor Newsom's signature that would allow Mobile Integrated Health to bill for its services. According to Perryman, Mobile Integrated Health can currently only charge for the equivalent of a physician's visit, which ranges from \$100 to \$150. Perryman emphasized that Mobile Integrated Health is "not here to make money" and they just want to "cover their costs."

House joined Perryman to reiterate a few final points, and ended by saying, "We have to be adaptable visionaries that just can't sit around on our heels and say all we do is fight fires. We have to be better than that."

For more information about Sacramento Metro Fire, visit <https://metrofire.ca.gov>. ★

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Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Hosts NICU Reunion

By Ormella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - In celebration of NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) Awareness Month, Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Medical Center will hold its annual NICU reunion from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at Rusch Park, 7801 Auburn Blvd.

The event will bring together NICU families and staff for a day of reconnecting and festivities.

The reunion will feature food, games, face painting, shaved ice and more, including a fire truck and the hospital's new NICU ambulance for children to explore. Approximately 30 to 50 families and NICU team members are expected to attend.

"Our annual NICU Reunion is a heartwarming celebration that brings together our resilient graduates and the dedicated care team who supported them through their earliest days," said Holly Garrett,

BSN, RNC-NIC, C-NNIC and C-ELBW from Dignity Health Mercy San Juan Medical Center. "This event not only honors the strength of these remarkable children and their families but also reinforces the special bond formed during their NICU stay. It's a day of smiles, sharing stories and renewed connections that remind us all of the profound impact of compassionate care."

Patients and doctors will share their stories during the reunion, including a particularly heartwarming story. Ashleigh, born at 28 weeks and weighing just over two pounds, spent nine weeks in the NICU. Her mother, Bri, a teenage mom at the time, was supported by dedicated staff. Inspired by her experience, Bri has been a NICU RN for 27 years. Despite being diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Ashleigh has overcome significant challenges and is now pursuing a veterinary medicine degree and a Ph.D. at UC Davis. ★

Bubbles Galore at Birdcage Bubble Bash



Children enjoyed the abundance of bubbles at Saturday's event. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

By Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On Saturday, Sept. 14, a portion of Marketplace at Birdcage just behind Jamba Juice was transformed into a puffy white bubble wonderland as young and old enjoyed a great burst of fun at Bubble Bash.

It was a blast for all ages, young and old, who danced, giggled and just enjoyed a bit of foam frenzy as two cannons manned by Bubble Maniacs staff shot arcs of bubbles high above them.

The free event also featured face painting, bubble stations, foam zones and special bubble performances.

Marketplace at Birdcage is at 5975 Birdcage Centre Lane, Citrus Heights. For more information, go online to marketplaceat-birdcage.com. ★



Residents young and old partook in the Bubble Bash. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan



The parking lot was transformed into a bubble lover's paradise. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

Bera's Office Returns Over \$19 Million to Sacramento County Residents

Office of Representative Ami Bera News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On Sept. 12, U.S. Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (CA-06) announced that his office has now recovered more than \$19 million in federal casework dollars to residents of California's 6th Congressional District.

Since taking office in 2013, Representative Bera's dedicated team of caseworkers have successfully resolved over 29,900 cases for constituents, resulting in the return of over \$19 million dollars in federal benefits. These funds have been secured by assisting constituents in retrieving their backlogged veterans' benefits, expediting delayed tax refunds, resolving issues with Social Security and Medicare payments, and more.

"I am honored to share that my office

has facilitated the return of over \$19 million in owed benefits for the hard-working residents of California's 6th Congressional District," said Representative Ami Bera. "Our commitment remains unwavering in serving the people of Sacramento County, whether it be expediting stalled tax refunds, addressing delays in Medicare and Social Security payments for seniors, or assisting veterans with backlogged VA benefits. Should you or your neighbors require assistance in recovering your rightfully earned federal benefits or need assistance with a federal agency, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office."

Constituents seeking assistance are encouraged to visit Congressman Bera's website at bera.house.gov/casework or contact his office directly at (916) 635-0505. ★



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Social Security Matters

About Widow's Benefits vs. Benefits from my Ex-spouse



By Russell Gloor,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: In November I will be 60 and eligible for widow's benefits. My late husband's Social Security was approximately \$2,300 when he passed around 7 years ago. FYI, my ex-husband is still working and will probably receive the highest SS when he retires in about 5 years (we were married for more than 10 years). Either of these is more than my own Social Security will be, so how does this work? Will this turn into my Social Security? Can I start on one and switch to the other later? **Signed: Wondering Widow**

Dear Wondering Widow: Provided you have not remarried before age 60, you have a choice which benefit to receive – either your deceased husband's benefit as his surviving spouse, or your ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband while he is still living. Taking your survivor benefit from your deceased husband will likely be best because it is based on 100% of his SS amount when he died, whereas your ex-spouse

benefit from your living ex-husband is based on 50% of his FRA entitlement. To get an ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband (which you can't get until you are 62), your own SS retirement benefit would need to be less than 50% of your ex's FRA entitlement.

As you know, you will be eligible for survivor (widow's) benefits from your deceased husband when you are 60 but be aware that by taking your survivor benefit at 60, it will be reduced for early claiming. Rather than 100% of your husband's SS benefit, at age 60 you will get about 71.5%. Your surviving spouse benefit reaches maximum at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67 and will grow to that point but will be reduced if taken prior to that.

Also, if you are working, Social Security's "earnings test" will apply until you reach your full retirement age, so your plans for working may influence your decision on when to claim your widow's benefit. If you exceed the earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024; it changes annually), Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" by withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied, which means you would go some number of months without benefits. And, if you substantially exceed the earnings limit you may even be temporarily ineligible for any

SS benefits (until you earn less or reach your FRA - the earnings test goes away at your FRA).

If you claim your surviving spouse benefits from your deceased husband first, and your ex-husband later dies, you do have the option to switch to the higher survivor benefit from your ex-husband. In effect, if both husbands are deceased, you have a choice which benefit to take (and, obviously, you'd chose the higher of the two).

None of this, however, happens automatically. To claim your surviving spouse benefit you will need to contact Social Security directly at 1.800.772.1213 (or call your local SS office) to make an appointment to apply for widow's benefits.

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Public Meeting Will Discuss Possibly Combining Water Districts

By Original Communications

SACRAMENTO AREA, CA (MPG) - The public is invited to an important community event co-hosted by the Sacramento Suburban Water District and the Del Paso Manor Water District on Tuesday, Sept. 24 to discuss a possible combination of the two water districts.

The Sept. 24 meeting, from 6 to 8 p.m., will cover the reasons for combining the districts, the latest developments, and provide an opportunity for customers to ask questions. Complete details are available at sswd.org and delpasomanorwd.org.

The Sept. 24 public meeting will be at the Mission Avenue Elementary School

Multipurpose Room at 2925 Mission Ave., Carmichael.

In addition, the public is invited to attend Sacramento Suburban Water District's fifth annual open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26 at 3701 Marconi Ave., Sacramento. Customers can chat with Sacramento Suburban Water District staff, management and board members, learn about planned improvements to the water system, find out about water-wise rebates, and be entered to win a weather-based sprinkler timer.

More details on the Sept. 26 open house are available at Sacramento Suburban Water District's website at sswd.org. ★



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California Schools Face Twin Perils: Chronic Absenteeism and Declining Enrollment



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California's public schools have a numbers problem — and it's not just that their students don't score very highly in national tests of mathematics ability.

Their other numbers problem is the financial squeeze posed by declining enrollment, especially in large urban districts, compounded by apparently growing levels of chronic absenteeism, or truancy.

"Thirty percent of California public school students were chronically absent from school in 2021-22 — a near tripling of the percentage in 2018-19," the Public Policy Institute of California declared in a recent report. "Although we do not know if this stark increase in chronic absenteeism, defined as missing at least 10% of the school year or at least 18 days, will continue, the data from last year raises concerns about the pace of students' learning recovery after the educational setbacks of the COVID-19 pandemic."

California is one of just seven states that base state financial support of local school systems on attendance, rather than enrollment, so the declines in enrollment and attendance comprise a double financial whammy, one of the reasons many school districts are facing budget deficits.

Enrollment is an immutable effect of demographic change,

both the out-migration of young families to other states and lower birth rates. Chronic truancy, on the other hand, first became notable during the COVID-19 pandemic, when schools were closed for months and many students were unable to keep up with studies via the internet.

Another report from the Public Policy Institute of California found that "schools with greater increases in chronic absenteeism saw steeper drops in proficiency rates on the Smarter Balanced (SBAC) English and math tests, when comparing pre-pandemic levels (2018-19) to 2021-22."

During the pandemic, the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom temporarily deviated from basing state aid on attendance, given the massive dislocation of school closures. The situation also reinvigorated an old debate over whether using attendance is outmoded and California should shift to an enrollment-based system.

Policy Analysis for California Education, a think tank maintained by the state's major universities, chimed in with its own take on the issue, to wit: "We find that about 90 percent of districts would receive more funding under an enrollment-based formula than they would under the current ADA-based system, with the biggest boost going to high school districts and districts with more low-income, English learner, and foster youth students."

ADA refers to average daily attendance.

The analysis estimated that switching to enrollment would cost about \$3.4 billion a year, since truant students would still qualify their schools for aid. It cautioned, however, that while "switching

from attendance to enrollment may help districts gain greater fiscal stability and may shift more resources to school districts with greater student needs," on the other hand, "the current system includes a fiscal incentive that, most agree, encourages higher attendance, even if that attendance definition is relatively weak."

In other words, switching to enrollment would take schools off the hook in battling truancy.

Last year, Anthony Portantino, a Democratic state senator from Glendale, introduced legislation, backed by the public education establishment, including state schools Supt. Tony Thurmond, to make the change.

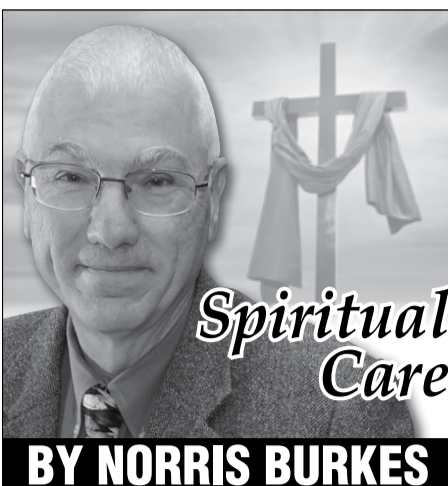
"Enrollment-based funding ensures that California schools are funded more equitably and have greater financial stability and predictability," Portantino said.

However, with the state facing chronic budget deficits of its own and barely able to supply schools with their constitutionally mandated levels of money, Senate Bill 98 faltered. It eventually morphed into merely an instruction to the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Legislature's budget advisor, to study the effects of changing to an enrollment-based system and report on it by Jan. 1, 2026.

That's known in political circles as kicking the can down the road, a time-dishonored way for officials to avoid making decisions.

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Chaplain Rewrites Ten Commandments



BY NORRIS BURKES

"Why did God have to make his Ten Commandments so negative?" I asked my wife as I drove her to the airport for her flight to St. Louis.

"Pardon me?" she replied.

My non sequiturs confuse most people, but Becky plays along.

"When we were raising kids, you taught me to use affirming directions rather than negative ones," I said.

"For example, you suggested I not say, 'Don't run,' but instead say, 'Please Walk.' We also replaced, 'Don't yell,' with, 'Use your inside voice.'"

Becky seemed pleased that I remembered her advice and allowed me a bit more latitude to express my thoughts.

"God should have been more affirming with his commandments."

"You think you can do better?" she asked.

"Maybe. I'll write a positive list and ask my readers what they think."

"You do that, but in the meantime, I think I'll be safer in St. Louis," she said as we pulled up to the terminal for our curbside kiss.

I went home and checked my yard for an inspirational burning bush but found none.

Just a lot of dry shrubs.

But fortunately, I did have an iPad. So, I sat down to wordsmith the commandments into something short and easy for all faiths to understand.

"You shall have no other gods before Me."

In my new-and-improved version, God would say, "I'm the only one." The declaration worked well for Tigger in "Winnie the Pooh" when he said, "The wonderful thing about Tiggers is I'm the only one."

"You shall make no idols."

"Stay focused on Me" might have

made a more optimistic rewrite for God's idea of discouraging theological adultery.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

"I'm God, not Santa," is my paraphrase for God.

The original intention wasn't to forbid swearing but to dissuade folks who vainly used God's name to force him to grant their whims. See my past columns on this commandment.

"Keep the Sabbath day holy" is positively worded, but I think God would be OK to add, "Find holiness in all your days."

"Honor your father and your mother" is sufficiently upbeat, so I probably needn't add, "and pay for your parents' cruise."

"You shall not murder."

"Make life matter." Respect each life as if it were all lives. And respect all life as if it were one life.

"You shall not commit adultery."

"Dance with the one that brought you." I can almost hear God humming Shania Twain's song of that title,

"Don't let the green grass fool you

Don't let the moon get to you

Dance with the one that brought you and you can't go wrong."

"You shall not steal."

"Give with all your heart to those in need" may honor God's intention here.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

"Find truth and nurture it." Share it with the powerful and the powerless.

"You shall not covet."

"Yearn for all things that will help others." Desire only what helps your neighbor, your partner, your family and our world.

A few days later, I emailed Becky the column proof so she could suggest changes. Her comments didn't come until I returned to the airport a week later to pick her up.

"How was your flight?" I asked.

"Good," she said, "but I'm not sure that column is going to fly with your readers."

"What makes you say that?" I asked.

She smiled before answering. "As usual, when you are quoting me, you often break the 'false witness' commandment."

"I prefer the more positive way to describe those quotes — 'creative attribution.'"

"I'm really not sure I should be leaving you alone again," she added.

I smiled. Mission accomplished. ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



As I begin this column, I'm sobered by the recent happenings in our country. Without question, as I think about the upcoming NBA season, I find a sense of gratitude that within minutes of my home I have the privilege of witnessing 41 professional basketball games, that temporarily remove me from the vagaries of day-to-day life.

Unfortunately, another assassination attempt was made on the life of one of our political candidates running for the highest position in the land. An attempt that should give every American pause, and if anything should unite us all in the contempt for an action that has no place in our country.

As a people and a nation, we can celebrate the sports teams we love with fervor, but let's stop for just a moment, and come together with the overriding thought that our differences should be carried out at the ballot box. Let your voice be heard in the way that our forefathers intended, and on November 5th be that American that proudly helps America decide who should be the next commander in chief of this nation.

By now you know how thrilled I am to have DeMar DeRozan as a part of the Kings family, and I have little doubt that this most capable all-star will help the Kings reach the next level they've been seeking. But more than DeMar's ability on the hardwood, I'm heartened by the many NBA players that have commented on his leadership abilities and the harmony he brings to the locker room. There is no question, that just as I have celebrated the leadership of De'Aaron Fox, Domantas Sabonis, and Malik Monk, the Kings have added one more valued role model that young players can appreciate.

As the preseason approaches, I at times feel like a young boy waiting for Christmas, but just as you do, I have to rise each morning and brave the storms of the day.

The Sacramento Kings provide a moment in time that I can completely escape from the stresses and responsibilities that life brings, and a time when I can sit next to a fellow Kings fan, and not even care what his or her political leanings may be.

I have been high on Kings GM Monte McNair, and I couldn't begin to tell you whether he's a democrat, a republican, or an independent. What I appreciate is his dedication to hard work, albeit with a stoic disposition, and his ability to a steadiness that brings with it a confidence that I have gradually grown to appreciate. Monte has proven to me, that like so much I've seen in our political arena, he will not fall victim to a knee jerk reaction in the Kings arena.

Most importantly, I recognize leadership. Monte McNair isn't just responsible for framing the team we witness on the floor each night, he's given the charge of managing basketball operations in general, and that includes putting the right coaches in place.

Welcome Riccardo Fois and Jim Moran to the Sacramento Kings coaching family. Both men come with a litany of NBA coaching experience, and with the departure of much acclaimed Jordi Fernandez who is now the head coach of the Brooklyn Nets, these men add capable talent to the coaching ranks.

Yes, the Sacramento Kings do more for our community than just play basketball, and for fans like myself, they will always bring a moment in time that I can spend time with my family, and escape to a place of pure entertainment.

I have commented in this column in the past that one of most compelling reasons I am such a die-hard fan of the Kings rests in the pure pleasure they have in playing together. Their camaraderie as a team is obvious and contagious.

It's entirely possible that the team as you assembled today may very well start the season, but it's just as possible that our GM will find a diamond in the rough. Although I'm not against adding a power forward to the lineup, I'm just as curious to see what we have right now.

The preseason will bring some answers for coach Brown and the Sacramento Kings fans as well.

So, I say to this splendiferous team we call the Sacramento Kings, bring it on!!

If you have comments, please send them to vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. All the best Kings fans!! ★



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Certified Guard Inc., 1610 Aimwell avenue, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Certified Guard Security Solutions/Certified Guard" 1610 Aimwell avenue, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 9, 2024
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
CERTIFIED 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-06577
Caryn Conway, 6468 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Magnolia Antiques And Home Interiors" 6468 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 26, 2024
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
MAGNOLIA 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-06870
Cynthia Ambrose, 9157 Summer Holly Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "House to Closets" 9157 Summer Holly Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 9, 2024
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
HOUSE 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-06237
Green Vintage LLC, 6074 Garden Towne Way, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "APIX/GVP Studios" 2114 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 14, 2024
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
APIX 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-06915
Anastasiya Khorovets, 4930 Hemlock Street, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Body Massage" 1446 Ethan Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 10, 2024
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
BODY 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-07038
Jon Berkley Management, Inc.,

1721 Eastern Avenue, Suite #7, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Berkley Management" 1721 Eastern Avenue, #7, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2024
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
BERKLEY 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2024-07055
Hayk Inc, 7608 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Fix Auto Colage Town - Sacramento" 7608 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2024
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
TOWN 10-11-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016269

Anandi Sushant Shirodkar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Anandi Shushant Shirodkar to Aanandi Shirodkar.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 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: August 19, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
SHIRODKAR 9-20-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016383

Dylan Douglas Nester-Carlson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dylan Douglas Nester-Carlson to Dylan Dougla Nester.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 3, 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: August 20, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
NESTER 9-20-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016508

Antonio Mendoza has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Noah Gael Mata Juarez to Noah Gael Mendoza.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 4, 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: August 21, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
MENDOZA 9-20-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016372

Viacheslav Zinevych has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Viacheslav Zinevych to Slava Zinevych.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 3, 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: August 20, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
ZINEVYCH 9-20-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016379

Mahjabin Parwani has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mahjabin Parwani to Maryam Haidari.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 31, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: August 20, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
PARWANI 9-20-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV015901

Zaurbek Eduardovich Dzardanov has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Zaurbek Eduardovich Dzardanov to Zaur Zardanov.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 20, 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: August 9, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
DZARDANOV 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV017039

Jimiai Peter Weber has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jimiai Peter Weber to Jimiai Peter Ajikaia.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 17, 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: August 28, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
JIMIAI 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV015936

Sale Taueva has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sale Taueva aka Sale Favor Sr. Taueva to Favor Figota Salemanesa Taueva and Latimer Favor Taueva to Favor Latimer Sua Taueva.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 17, 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: August 12, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
TAUEVA 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016673

Natividad Magallon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Natividad Magallon to Nati Magallon.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 2, 2025, 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: August 26, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
MAGALLON 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV015603

Emily Nikitchuk has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Emily Nikitchuk to Emily Julie Kurlenko.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 10, 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: August 6, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
NIKITCHUK 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016948

Patrick Stuart McLaughlin has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Patrick Stuart McLaughlin to Patrick Jet Ruch and Katherine Amanda Brewer to Katherine Amanda Brewer Ruch.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 8, 2025, 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: August 27, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
MCLAUGHLIN 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV017285

Javier Edward Fierro has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Javier Edward Fierro to Javier Edward Angel.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 19, 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: August 30, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
ANGEL 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016275

Sara Jean Howell has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sara Jean Howell to Sara Jean Navarro.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 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: August 19, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
HOWELL 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV016714

Alexander Mark Najera has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alexander Mark Najera to Alexander Landeros.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 2, 2025, 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: August 23, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
LANDEROS 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV009095

Guadalupe Medina Acosta has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Veronica Ainhoa Corza Avalos to Veronica Ainhoa Acosta Avalos.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 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: July 19, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
ACOSTA 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV017265

Melissa Leah DeKellis has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Melissa Leah DeKellis to Melissa Aleeya.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 14, 2025, 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: August 28, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024
ALEEYA 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV015848

Mario Vincent Najera has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mario Vincent Najera to Mario Vincent Landeros.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 20, 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: August 9, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
LANDEROS 10-11-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV017635

Red Moreen Figueroa Cahutay has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Red Moreen Figueroa Cahutay to Red Moreen Cabrales Figueroa.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: September 5, 2024
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024
FIGUEROA 10-11-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#24CV015860

Danke Lee Stroup has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Danke Lee Stroup to Ducky Lee

D'Onofrio.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 12, 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: August 9, 2024
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11
DUCKY 10-11-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN MARTIN BROWN JR. CASE NO. 24PR002467

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of John Martin Brown Jr.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Matthew Brown, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Matthew Brown 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 September 26, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file

CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that on **October 9, 2024, at 6:00 PM**, or as soon as the matter may be heard, the **City Council of the City of Citrus Heights** will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following action items related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program:

- 1) Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Update**
- 2) Draft 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan and Funding Allocations**

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comment on the draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan and Funding Allocations, and to continue final action by Citrus Heights City Council at the October 23 City Council meeting.

The draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan is a 5-year planning document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and outlines the City's needs and priorities for federal CDBG funding. The overall goal of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities.

In addition to the draft 5-year Consolidated Plan, the proposed draft 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan outlines the City's proposed use of CDBG funds for the 2025 CDBG program year (January – December 2025). Since this notice, HUD has not announced 2025 CDBG awards; however, for planning purposes, the City anticipates it will be awarded \$600,000 in 2025 CDBG funds. The draft 2025 Annual Action Plan will allocate estimated award to eligible public service activities, public infrastructure (capital improvements), and planning and administration activities. The activities allocated funds in the City's draft 2025 Annual Action Plan must align with the goals and priorities outlined in the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. The proposed activities are described in the draft 2025 Annual Action Plan including the location and planned beneficiaries for each activity.

The publication of this notice is one of the City's activities to fulfill citizen participation requirements. Federal CDBG program regulations require jurisdictions that receive CDBG funds to provide the public with reasonable access to CDBG program documents and provide the opportunity to comment on the planned use of funds.

If you wish to address the Council during the meeting, please fill out a Speaker Identification Sheet and give it to the City Clerk. The Mayor has the discretion to lengthen or shorten the allotted times.

Alternatively, you may submit your comment by 4:00 p.m. on the meeting day by completing an online Speaker Card at <https://www.citrusheights.net/FormCenter/City-Council-Meetings-Speaker-Card-30>.

Written public comments shall be limited to 250 words or less. Each comment will be read aloud by the City Clerk.

The draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and draft 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan will be available for public review beginning Tuesday, September 24, at the following locations:

- Citrus Heights, City Hall, 6360 Fountain Square Drive
- Sylvan Oaks Library, 6700 Auburn Boulevard
- Citrus Heights webpage, <https://www.citrusheights.net/380/Community-Development-Block-Grant>.

The public review and comment period will begin Tuesday, September 24, and end Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 8:00 AM. In addition to speaking at the public hearing, comments can be submitted by mail to Nicole Piva, Housing & Human Services Program Coordinator, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, or by phone/email: 916-727-4752 or npiva@citrusheights.net.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need the document in an alternate format or special assistance to participate in this meeting, please get in touch with the ADA Coordinator at 916-725-2448. Notification 48 hours before the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. TTY/TDD users with questions or comments can call the California Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1. Translators will also be provided for people with limited English-speaking proficiency when requests are made at least five working days before a hearing.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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 tele-

phone number of the Petitioner is: Matthew Brown, 1460 65th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822; 916-224-5378
 Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 2024
 BROWN 9-20-24

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 FILE NO. FBNF2021-00008
 The following person(s) has/have

abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: JMR Concrete Construction, 7213 Kari Ann Circle, Sacramento, CA 95824.
 Jesus Morones Romo, 7213 Kari Ann Circle, Sacramento, CA 95824.
 The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 1/4/2021 in the County of Sacramento.
 Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 8/12/2024.
 Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024
 JMR 9-20-24

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 FILE NO. FBNF2020-03170
 The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: Storming the Castle, 1000 Fulton Avenue, APT 42, Sacramento, CA 95825.
 Neil Randall, 1000 Fulton Avenue, Apartment 42, Sacramento, CA 95825.
 The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on 5/14/2020 in the County of

Sacramento.
 Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: 8/2/2024.
 Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024
 STORMING 9-27-24

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**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
 NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS AMENDING CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE III OF THE CITRUS HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CAMPING

The foregoing is a summary of an ordinance proposed to be adopted by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at its meeting of **September 25, 2024**.

The purpose of this article is to maintain public and private property, whether paved or unpaved, within the city in a clean, sanitary and accessible condition and to adequately protect the health, safety and public welfare of the community from the hazards associated with unpermitted or unauthorized camping, while recognizing that, subject to reasonable conditions, camping and camp facilities associated with special events can be beneficial to the cultural and educational climate in the city. The public property, including but not limited to streets, sidewalks or walkways, within the city should be readily accessible, available and free from obstruction to all residents and the public at large. The use of these areas for camping purposes or storage of personal property interferes with the rights of others to use these areas for which they were intended. Such activity can jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of others in such a way that adversely impacts neighborhoods, public and private property and general welfare of the city. Camping on private property without the express written consent of the record owner(s) and proper sanitary measures can adversely affect the rights of property owners as well as jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The full text of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, (916) 727-4704 or www.citrusheights.net.

Amy Van
 City Clerk

Citrus Heights Messenger 9-20-2024

**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
 NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 106 OF THE CITRUS HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE (ZONING CODE SECTION)

The foregoing is a summary of an ordinance proposed to be adopted by the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights at its meeting of **September 25, 2024**.

On occasion, refinements to the Zoning Code are necessary to clarify existing standards, implement new ones, reflect changes in law, and address changing business types and their activities. Staff proposed to modify various sections of the Zoning Code to implement necessary refinements. The updates include revisions to sections pertaining to parking and alcohol beverage sales.

The full text of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's Office, 6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, (916) 727-4704 or www.citrusheights.net.

Amy Van
 City Clerk

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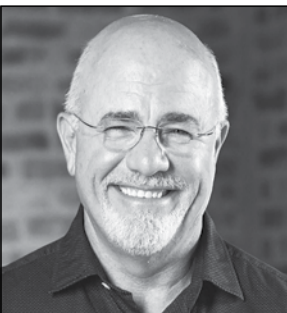
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The hard reality is that bankruptcy's not going to solve anything if she's got a heart problem. By "heart problem," I mean if she buys things thinking stuff will make her happy and living way beyond her means in the process. Lots of folks mistakenly think they are where they live or what they drive. Those are the kinds of heart problems I'm talking about. And it's the way I was years ago before going broke knocked some sense into me. It wasn't until then I realized I had to make some serious changes in my life.

Don't get me wrong. What I've just said doesn't mean this lady's a bad person. It just means she's got some growing up to do. And all the money matters aside, you don't just up and quit your job without a solid plan in place unless there's a serious matter of principle at stake, or you're the victim of abuse or harassment. Leaving one job for another is fine. But the idea of suddenly deciding you

just don't like something, then walking away from it when you've got a bunch of financial obligations, is just plain irresponsible. You don't jump off the dock until the boat arrives!

Again, I don't know all the details behind her finances, but chances are she's not bankrupt. There are some character issues in all this that need to be addressed, though. If it were me, I'd suggest she spend some time seeing a good financial counselor—one with the heart of a teacher. Then, you can act as her support system to help keep her on track, and encourage her to keep moving forward toward getting control of her money.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. 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. ★

Dear Dave,

I'm pretty responsible with finances, but my girlfriend is in a bad situation with her money and her career. She has a huge car payment, and lots of credit card debt. On top of this, it takes almost 40% of what she brings home each month just to pay rent, and she quit her job because she decided she didn't like it anymore. She's been floating lots of ideas, like filing bankruptcy or moving in with me. She thinks us living together will help her learn to be more responsible with her finances. I'm concerned that if she can't handle her finances on her own, what will happen if we move in together? Your advice would be appreciated.

— Dan

Dear Dan,

I can't say if she's technically bankrupt at this point. But for starters, she definitely needs to sell the car and find a cheaper place to live. I'm also not



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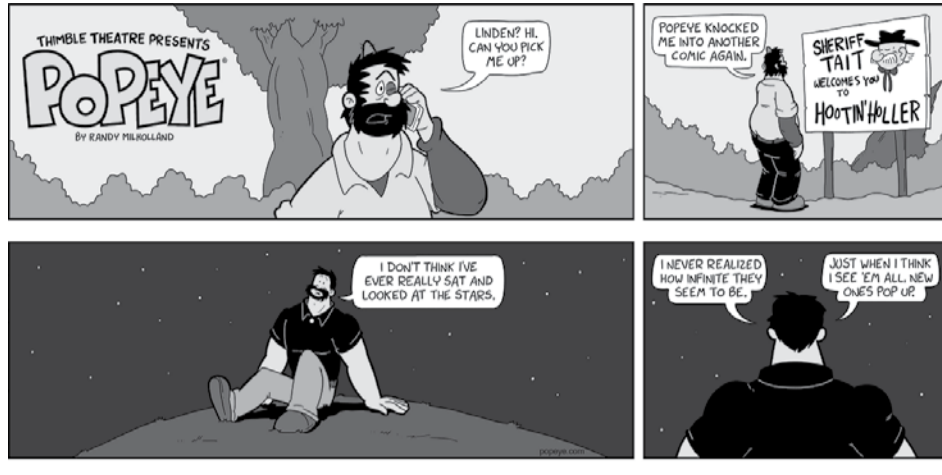
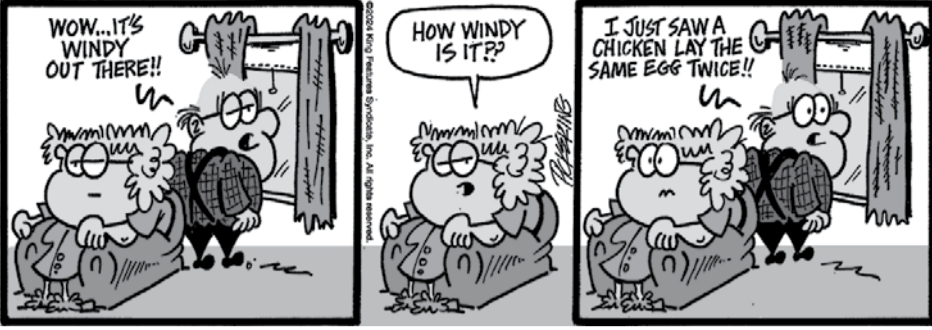
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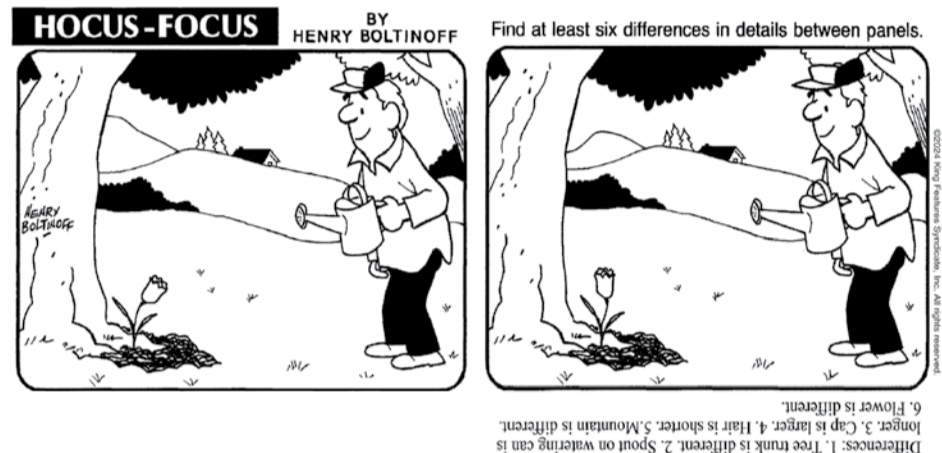
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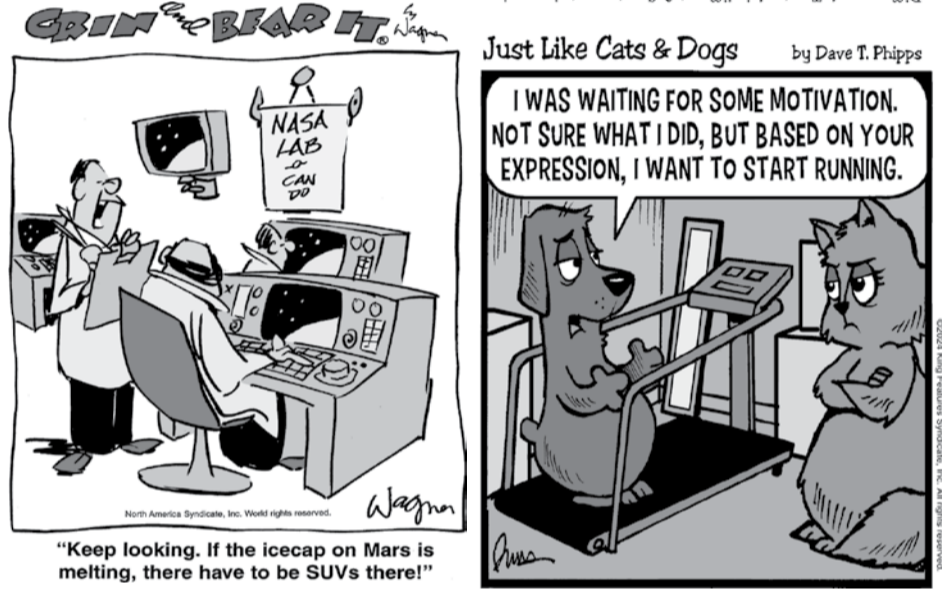
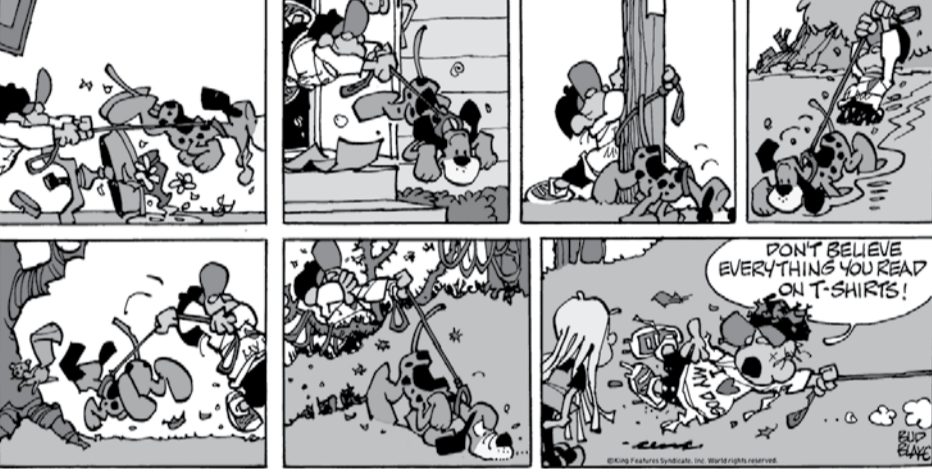
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Council Vacancy Holds Until After Election

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areas such as schools, parks and churches, and also looks at police records and the potential for public nuisance.

If a proposed business is located in an area considered by ABC to be over-concentrated with existing alcohol sale licenses, the applicant must request a Letter of Public Convenience and Necessity (PCN) from the City Council.

Additionally, under the current code, the applicant must also obtain a use permit from the Citrus Heights Planning Commission. So many applicants must go through at least two reviews, with many requiring all three.

Staff found that these various reviews are duplicative and repetitive, and the time and cost needed to navigate the process could discourage new businesses. The proposed amendment would remove the requirement for a use permit, if the new business had standard operational hours (closing by 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday). But non-standard operations would still require a use permit through the Planning Commission.

Under this change, new

businesses in under-concentrated areas would only need to undergo Alcoholic Beverage Control review for licensing, and any in over-concentrated areas would then apply to the City Council for a Letter of Public Convenience and Necessity. The city retains its ability to protest any license application submitted to Alcoholic Beverage Control.

During the public hearing, Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sheri Merrick said she supported the change: "It will help our business community immensely."

The city also received a letter of support from Sunrise MarketPlace Business Improvement District Executive Director Kathlynn Carpenter.

Mayor Karpinski-Costa said, "We don't want to be known as the city with more red tape than we need to have," and City Council voted unanimously to approve the zoning code updates, including the change to alcohol sale application review.

Council next considered an Economic Development Support Fund request from the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce for a \$25,000 grant. The city's Economic Development Support Fund provides grants and

sponsorships to business associations, businesses and other organizations to support economic development within Citrus Heights.

The Chamber of Commerce requested \$10,000 for the annual Chairman's Circle sponsorship (which the city has sponsored since 2012), \$7,000 for the annual cost to rent the Citrus Heights Community Center to host monthly chamber luncheons and \$8,000 to support relocating its office to a more central location within the city.

City Council voted unanimously to approve the total funding request of \$25,000 for the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce.

The Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) brought back the updated nuisance camping ordinance. At the last meeting, City Council voted to approve it but with an exception for passenger vehicles to ensure people living out of their cars would be able to find somewhere safe to sleep. Before the change went into effect, the Citrus Heights Police Department wanted to offer some additional information.

According to the Citrus Heights Police Department, the updated ordinance against nuisance

camping would increase public safety, reduce blight and bring the city's ordinance in line with recent legal updates at the state level. But creating an exception for passenger vehicles would limit officers' enforcement ability in cases of nuisance camping, particularly because there is a broad definition for passenger vehicles that can include RVs, motorhomes, vans, trucks, cars and any non-commercial vehicle that carries passengers. Citrus Heights would also be the only city in the region that would have a specific exception for vehicle camping.

During the meeting's Public Comment, several members of the public asked the council to maintain the exception for passenger vehicles, since there are limited housing options for homeless people and a car might be the last safe space available to them.

One resident cautioned that as the only city in the region with such an exception, it could encourage people from other areas to come to Citrus Heights to take advantage of the loophole for vehicle camping.

Citrus Heights Police Department Chief Alex Turcotte affirmed that the ordinance is not a mandate that officers must

enforce, just a tool that gives them the ability to use their discretion on a case-by-case basis. Turcotte said that Citrus Heights Police officers have compassion for the homeless population and work with partner agencies to refer people to supportive services. Turcotte said they must balance that compassion with "the rights of the other citizens" to enjoy the city, access services and maintain their properties.

Councilmember Middleton said it was a difficult decision but she had faith that the Citrus Heights Police Department will "find that balance."

Karpinski-Costa agreed and said, "I trust the police department."

Councilmember Schaefer said he did not want to exclude motorhomes. Since those are included in the passenger vehicle definition, Schaefer made a motion to update the ordinance to remove the passenger vehicle exclusion. City Council voted unanimously to approve the nuisance camping ordinance as originally presented, without the exclusion for passenger vehicles.

The next Citrus Heights City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 25 at City Hall, 6360 Fountain Square Drive. ★

Critical Need: Citrus Heights Community Blood Drive

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Citrus Heights News Release

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - On Thursday, Sept. 26 from 2:30 to 5:45 p.m., Citrus Heights area residents can help meet an immediate need for blood donations as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts one of its quarterly blood drives.

While the church located at 7009 Van Maren Lane in Citrus Heights hosts blood drives quarterly in March, June, September and December,

organizers hope to also help supply the current critical need for blood donations.

Thirty-thousand blood donations are needed every day to support patients in hospitals across the United States, according to the Vitalant website, and donations run short over the summer.

The church's blood drive organizer, Mike Petterborg, encourages donors to check Vitalant's website at vitalant.org prior to signing up to ensure they are qualified to donate.

"Last June, many people answered the call to donate but unfortunately,

many did not meet the health qualifications," Petterborg said.

Whole blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be in good general health, bring a photo I.D. and, if a minor, have a signed parental consent form that is available at Vitalant.org.

Community organizations and businesses with a physical location can also help meet the need by hosting additional blood drives. Those interested can contact www.vitalant.org/host-a-blood-drive.

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Please bring new or gently used bras to the event. We are working with Hanes in Folsom, CA for distribution. The donated bras will serve different areas: they will help homeless youth in the Sacramento area and young teens in Kenya, Africa. At this event, we will be educating our guests on human trafficking in our area. There will be a special Q&A with Kristi after she speaks. Make all payments using Cash App. **NO REFUNDS.**

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