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Support local business and join us at the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber's 12th Annual Business to Community Expo & 3rd Expo Job Fair, sponsored by KP International Market. Photo courtesy of Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce

Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova Area Chamber is pleased to announce that over 70 vendor booths and 550 anticipated guests will converge on the Rancho Cordova City Hall North Area parking lot to share information and learn about the fantastic businesses serving our community. The "Job Fair" which is now a critical component of the Expo will be held on Thursday, June 22nd, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Connecting employers to potential employees has been quite successful, and we are taking it to a new level this year.

In collaboration with Los Rios Community College District and the RBEC (Regional Business Education Collaborative), a resume review

workshop, administered by chamber member - Express Professional - will be held onsite. Businesses hiring have been encouraged to register with Los Rios, and students are registering to participate in the workshop and learn more about posted jobs.

Job seekers can register at: www.eventbrite.com/e/job-fair-expo-tickets-628858391377

Guests will easily find hiring vendors with signage on the upper corner of vendor tents. Job seekers can chat with company personnel, learn about open positions, and learn how to apply.

Everything from financial services to health care, hotels, and restaurants to information on energy efficiency and IT rescue services are here in the Rancho Cordova region. Guests can enter contests, pick up information on special events, find out how

to set up an app, collect a giveaway or two, and even have the chance to win some prizes. Area restaurants and caterers will offer an assortment of lunch samplings. Some very cool vehicles will be on display.

There are vendor spaces still available. Contact the Chamber at 916-273-5702 for details or go to <https://form.jotform.com/202087657679167>

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Board of Supervisors Appoints Director of Finance



Chad Rinde, New Director of Finance. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Board of Supervisors at its June 6 meeting concurred with the County Executive's Appointment of Chad Rinde as Director of Finance, effective June 26, 2023.

"Mr. Rinde is exceptionally qualified, and we are very fortunate to appoint him as our Director of Finance," said David Villanueva, Assistant County Executive and Deputy County Executive for Administrative Services. "We believe that his enthusiasm, education and expertise will benefit the County's Department of Finance and the County overall."

Rinde has nearly 15 years of experience working in and around County government, with more than eight of those years working for Yolo County, where he currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer, a position he has held since 2019. During his tenure, Rinde also served as the Interim County Administrator for nine months and Assistant County Administrator for two months to support the transition to the new County Administrator.

Rinde has led Yolo County's budgetary process, been a key contributor to annexations with local cities to promote economic development and performed disaster and business relief efforts during COVID-19 while simultaneously fulfilling all the statutory responsibilities of the office.

In addition to his professional experience, Rinde graduated from Sacramento State with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accountancy. Rinde is also a Certified Public Accountant for the State of California.

He has completed the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Leadership Program, "So you want to be the CAO/CEO,"

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FCUSD Board Votes Yes on Feasibility Study

Story and photos by Margaret Snider

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - After input from the public and both Rancho Cordova and Folsom City Councils, the FCUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to proceed with a feasibility study for the reorganization of the District, at the cost of \$72,500 plus expenses.

The meeting on June 8 was a special joint meeting between FCUSD, the City of Rancho Cordova, and the City of Folsom. "This is the first time that such a meeting of this nature has occurred," said Board president David Reid. "I want to make clear that no action will be taken this evening to separate the District, and if such action were to occur in the future, it would only be taken after significant due diligence in consultation with the leadership and residents of



David Sander, in the middle, holding paper, gives an impassioned plea for changes to the situation of schools in Rancho Cordova. From left are Garrett Gatewood and Siri Pulipati, Rancho Cordova City Council members; Sander; on the right are Rancho mayor Linda Budge and Sarah Koligian, superintendent of FCUSD.

both cities." Rancho Cordova Mayor Linda Budge then went over a little of the history of Rancho and former

considerations of splitting the District. Budge pointed out that there are schools in Rancho where Spanish is the majority

language. "When you get to Cordova High, which is really a polyglot conglomeration, we again are more

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CRPD Unveils W.H. Williamson Park!



Cordova Recreation & Park District Board of Directors, staff and community members celebrate the opening of W.H. Williamson Park. Photo courtesy of CRPD

By Shelby Golden, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - On May 13, 2023, Cordova Recreation & Park District (CRPD), the Williamson Family and the community celebrated the successful completion of a long-awaited neighborhood park!

This new neighborhood park, W.H. Williamson Park, provides residents with a beautiful new public space to enjoy various passive recreational activities. The park was made possible by a generous land donation from the

Williamson Family back in 2011 and CRPD expresses immense gratitude to the Williamson Family for their generous contribution which laid the foundation for this remarkable project. The land donation served as the catalyst for creating a vibrant and engaging public space that will benefit the community for generations to come.

Taking a creative approach, CRPD acted as the general contractor for the project, coordinating multiple construction trades simultaneously to reduce costs and ensure efficient execution. This approach not only

presented additional challenges but also allowed for more control over the project's budget and timeline, resulting in a superior final outcome.

The neighbors of Williamson Park played a vital role in shaping the park's development, actively participating in meetings and collaborating with the CRPD in the planning process. Their valuable input ensured that the park would meet the specific needs and desires of the local community.

W.H. Williamson Park is an inviting urban oasis, providing shade and tranquility to visitors. While the initial phase has been

successfully completed, CRPD continues its efforts to secure funding for the development of the East Parcel, across the street from the current park. Plans for this additional site, approved by the community and CRPD Board of Directors in 2018, include the installation of benches, landscaping, walkways and historical signage highlighting the rich heritage of the Williamson Ranch. As the project progresses, the CRPD encourages residents to stay informed about the latest developments by visiting CRPD.com.

Together, the community and

CRPD are striving to create exceptional recreational spaces that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Cordova Recreation & Park District is one of the largest independent special districts in Northern California serving over 128,00 residents and four school districts in the greater Sacramento area. CRPD provides over 43 parks and recreation facilities, a full-service 18-hole golf course, as well as youth & adult sports, camps, enrichment classes, education programs and special events for the community. ★

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Everything from financial services to health care, hotels, and restaurants to information on energy efficiency and IT rescue services are presented in Rancho Cordova at the Annual Business to Community Expo & Expo Job Fair. Photo courtesy of Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce

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Credit Union, Kaiser Permanente, Rancho Cordova FiberCity, Republic Services, and Turning Point Community Programs, for our annual business to community expo and job fair.

Other sponsors include *Russian American Media*, *Messenger Publishing Group*, *d'primeramano Magazine*, *Ethno FM*, *Afisha Media Group*, and the *Better Business Bureau of Northeast California*.

Here's what participants are saying: "We look forward to the Chamber's Business Expo; it gives us the opportunity to connect with local businesses directly face to face again!" Kristin Holihan, First Northern Bank

"The Chamber Expo is a terrific opportunity to showcase our services and programs

to the business community. We are excited to be out and connecting with folks!" Celia Surridge, *Better Business Bureau of Northeast California*

"I definitely saw an uptick in business from the Expo. I plan to participate every year!" – Greg Fox, Fox Family Heating, Air & Solar

"The Rancho Cordova Business Expo is on my calendar every year. I enjoy checking out the new and returning vendor booths. The Chamber does a great job of promoting business in our community." - Bee Lopez, Explore Rancho Cordova & resident

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FCUSD Board Votes Yes on Feasibility Study

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diverse... We need to make sure we are all on the same page."

Vice Mayor YK Chalamcherla of Folsom said that the population in Folsom increased from 25,000 residents in 2000 to 85,000 now. "So this is the right timing to have an open discussion," Chalamcherla said. "We are not making any decisions here, today is more exploratory."

Superintendent Sarah Koligian introduced Brianna Garcia, vice president of School Services of California, the group that will carry out the study. "We have a very rich history of our Districts, and this process has been approached before in the past," Koligian said.

Garcia gave a presentation that included what a reorganization petition would be made up of, material from the California Department of Education district organization handbook and the nine statutory criteria that must be "substantially" met for petition to go before the State Board of Education and answered questions.

The nine criteria concern (1) Adequate number of pupils; (2) Community identity; (3) Equitable division of property and facilities; (4) Discrimination/segregation; (5) No substantial increase in State costs; (6) Sound educational programs; (7) No substantial increase to school facilities costs; (8) Increased property values; (9) Effect on fiscal status and management.

If after the feasibility study FCUSD decides to continue along the path toward reorganization, Garcia said, "I have seen



Superintendent of FCUSD Sarah Koligian sits next to Board member Kara Lofthouse.

that part going to the State to take somewhere upwards of 3 to 4 years, so this is definitely not going to happen overnight."

Four attendees from the public spoke at the meeting. Heidi Moore, a parent from Anatolia, told how students must be bused into the Elk Grove school district and she would like to see Anatolia brought into a smaller, Rancho District. Jennifer Lane said that reorganization was not an acceptable choice and not feasible for several reasons. Madelaine Sanderson works at Folsom Cordova Community Partnership which is a community partner with the District. "I serve families on both sides within my case load... We cannot get the data we need unless we have (the feasibility study)." Ed Short had experience with a previous attempt at beginning a reorganization process that failed in the past.

David Sander, vice mayor of the City of Rancho Cordova, delivered a passionate address that had much of the audience spellbound. Sander said that on the graded scale of 1 to 10, Riverview STEM has been

the only Rancho school that gets a 9. "Otherwise, the Rancho end of the District, we're talking about has 2s and 3s and 4s," Sander said. "At the Folsom end of the District I think your average is probably 9."

When Sander's son was 6, around 12 years ago, Sander and parents of his son's soccer teammates were at the after-season party at a skating rink. "All these parents are just standing around," Sander detailed, "saying, 'Where's your kid going to go to school next year?' And every single parent on my son's team said, 'Not Rancho Cordova.' 100 percent of them... Something in Rancho Cordova has to be different. Something has to be more like Riverview STEM and less like business as usual... I hope in this process we can do this study and have a really good discussion about what that better way is. Maybe it is two districts. Maybe there are other options. I want to hear those. But what I do know is that I can't just wait for just one more new program or opportunity, we have to find something better for our kids." ★

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5 Over 50 Award Recipients



The 5 Over 50 Award recognizes volunteers in the County who are over the age of 50. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Eighteen people were nominated for Sacramento County's 5 Over 50 Award, which recognizes volunteers in the County who are over the age of 50. During the Tuesday, May 23 Board of Supervisors meeting, Sacramento County's Adult and Aging Commission honored all of them.

Some of the award recipients wanted to share why they volunteer. They also wanted to highlight what they do to help others in Sacramento County.

One of the volunteers who was honored is John Seigal. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Murietta. He also volunteers at the Elk Grove Food Bank and the California State Railroad Museum. John has volunteered over 28,000 hours at the State Railroad Museum since 1999. John says he enjoys staying busy.

"I'm enjoying my life. I get up every morning and I have something to do," he explained.

John says being retired doesn't mean you have to lose your sense of purpose. He encourages older adults to get out and find ways to stay involved in their community.

"When you get to retirement age, what's the purpose in life? To sit around the house all day? No. Choose to volunteer, do what you want to do, and bloom where you're planted. Find out about all of the new things happening. Share your wisdom now that you are older," said John.

Howard Hatch is another award recipient who loves history. He volunteers at the Sacramento History Museum. During the pandemic, he became a TikTok celebrity. Videos of Howard running the old printing press went viral.

Now, he uses the videos to teach people around the world about his volunteer work and Sacramento's history. His fellow volunteer at the museum, Jared Jones, makes the videos. People love watching Howard so much, viewers have donated thousands of dollars to the museum. But Howard says he doesn't volunteer or star in the videos for the fame. He loves running the printing press and teaching younger generations about history.

"I always figure, if you want to know something about what you're doing right now, you need to see where it came from and how it developed," said Howard.

Howard started volunteering at the Sacramento History Museum more than 20 years ago. Right now, he has no intention of slowing down. He plans on creating more videos to continue educating people. Those who have volunteered with Howard say they are thankful for his dedication to the museum and want to recognize Howard for bringing so much attention to the museum.

Award recipient Marilyn Lewis was recognized for her dedication to keeping her community safe. She serves as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator in her Old Foothill Farms neighborhood. She's helped coordinate the community watch efforts for more than 11 years. She also goes out of her way to make new neighbors feel welcome by sending them letters.

"Marilyn is reliable, trustworthy, honest, and extremely loyal to our neighborhood. Our safe community is a testament to her dedication," said Susan Holtgrave, who nominated Marilyn for the 5 Over 50 Award.

Award recipient Ed Stone was a math teacher before he retired. Now, he uses some of those skills to build handrails to help older adults and people with mobility issues. Ed Stone has volunteered at Rebuilding Together Sacramento for 20 years. Rebuilding Together helps vulnerable residents live in safe, healthy, efficient homes and neighborhoods. Fellow volunteers wanted to recognize Ed not just for his work but also for his personality. He is known for being a jokester and cheering up those around him.

Other award recipients include: Daniel Aderholt, Mark Baker, Mark Harrington, Dr. Ali Tucker Lichtenstein, Jayasri Mechineni, Nancy Woo, Sharon Ruffner, Carol Stimaman, Maggie Roehm, Jeanmarie Willbee, Corecia Davis, Wayne Harmer, David Ishikawa, and Teresa Kahl.

Sacramento County's Adult and Aging Commission thanks all of the 5 Over 50 Award recipients for their dedication to making Sacramento County a great place to live. ★

Swimming Olympians Discuss New Book on the Life of Sherm Chavoer



Jeff Float and Debbie Meyer show the overflow crowd their Olympic gold medals. Photo courtesy of NIMBUS Films & Books

From NIMBUS Films & Books

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento region Olympic swimmers discussed book author Bill George's new work, "Victory in the Pool," which chronicles the achievements of swimmers from Sacramento's Arden Hills Swim and Tennis club, and features the legendary U.S. Olympic coach Sherm Chavoer, in a presentation at Sacramento City Library on Saturday, May 13.

George's 45-minute presentation on "Victory in the Pool" helped raise awareness of the great accomplishments of Coach Sherm Chavoer and Sacramento's amazing swimmers with more than 65 people attending the event.

"Victory in the Pool" examines the foundations of the team established by the efforts of the swim pioneer Tak Iseri. Iseri, now in his 90's, was among the first great swimmers produced by U.S. Olympic coach Sherm Chavoer from the famed Arden Hills Swim and Tennis Club in Carmichael, California, founded in 1954.

The featured speakers were:

Bill George - Granite Bay author, film maker and historian. He has

produced seven documentary films about California history, all of which have aired on PBS. His previous book, "Rails, Tales and Trails" chronicles the construction of The Central Pacific Railroad from Sacramento to Reno, one of the greatest engineering accomplishments in history.

Debbie Meyer, 1968 Olympian - first female swimmer to win three individual Gold Medals at the same Games (Mexico City) when she won the 200m, 400m and 800m freestyle events, a unique trifecta that has not been repeated since.

Jeff Float, 1984 Olympian - gold medalist at the 1984 Olympic Games in the 4x200 freestyle relay. 1982 Gold Medalist, World Championships in Guayaduil. 1980 Olympic Qualifier and 1978 Silver Medalist, 400m freestyle at World Championships, Berlin.

Tak Iseri, 1940's Sacramento swim pioneer - Iseri was among the more than 120,000 Japanese-Americans who were interned during World War II. He later swam for Sherm Chavoer and in 1948 won the Pacific Amateur Association Championship. He was a U.S. Masters Swimming Champion in numerous events, 1987-1995. Captain, UC Berkeley Varsity Swim Team ★

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And Another Thing

*“A Father is Someone
you Look up to no Matter
How Tall you Grow”*

By Bob McGarvey

I looked back at what was going on this time last year. The temperature was over 100 degrees and the next day it was going to be even hotter. However, this year we are on the low 80s for the next week. I hope that later in July or August of this year we don't break last years record temperature of 118 degrees. Not too many people enjoyed that.

We have seen some wild life in our neighborhood since we live so close to the American River Parkway, but yesterday our next door neighbor found a snake in her flower covered front yard. It was caught placed in a bucket. Then we were able to look closer to it and confirmed that it was a small rattlesnake. It was about 12 to 14 inches long, and after confirming that it was a rattlesnake it was taken to the American River Parkway and released. A baby rattlesnake was in a picture in the Facebook, and it was on a toy which was floating in a swimming pool. It was just shown to let people know that they are around.

There is TheRanchoCordovaPodcast.org which is fascinating to listen to and in which there are many well known people to Rancho Cordova residents. A few of the people who have participated on the Podcast are City Manager Cyrus Abhar, Mayor Linda Budge, Police Chief Brandon Luke, Sheriff Jim Cooper, Executive Director of the Cordova Community

Council Shelly Blanchard, President and CEO at the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce Diann Rogers, and First Employee of the City of Rancho Cordova Curt Haven. There are many others who are on the that Podcast. I was interviewed a couple of weeks ago as well.

Creators of that Podcast are Charles Lago Executive Producer & Host, Jose Ruiz Executive Producer, Bryce Nicastro Fast-Checking & Research, and Rafael Portillo Editor/Sound Design. They are doing a wonderful job.

All 365 days of the year are something special to or for, either someone's birthday, or Christmas, or Thanksgiving, or Mother's Day, or Father's Day, or...! We all said thank you to our mother or grandmother, etc. and now we will be saying thank you to fathers and grandfathers on Father's Day on Sunday, June 18. There are many quotes about different things like Father's Day, and I have seen some very good ones. Some of the best quotes have unknown authors like this one; "A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow". Some things are hard to say or maybe to write when you are talking to your father on a card on Father's Day. I hope everyone is able say what they want tell their father. Another quote I like from Anne Geddes, "Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad".

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

California Water Rights At Risk As Three Legislative Proposals Advance



By Dan Walters,
CALMatters.org

When California imposed its first-ever regulation on the extraction of water from underground aquifers in 2014, it gave environmental groups a landmark victory in their decades-long effort to overhaul water use laws.

It was also a political setback for farmers, who are California's major water users and have depended on wells to irrigate their crops as increasingly frequent droughts reduce surface water in rivers and reservoirs.

However, while groundwater regulation ended one front in California's never-ending political and legal battles over allocation of water, it merely set the stage for an even bigger conflict over surface water rights, particularly those pre-dating 1914, when the state first began controlling diversions.

Just months after the groundwater regulation's enactment, with drought still gripping the state, the water rights battle was joined when the state Water Resources Control Board attempted to curtail diversions by some pre-1914 rights holders.

The board accused a small water system on the southern edge of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District, of ignoring its curtailment order and

continuing to take water from the Delta for 13 days.

"We are a test case," Byron-Bethany's manager, Rick Gilmore, said at the time. "I think this has become a larger issue. I think the water board wants to use this as a precedent so they can start to gain more control over senior water right users."

An immediate confrontation was averted, but the underlying conflict continued and last year the state court of appeal declared that the board lacked emergency curtailment authority over senior rights holders.

Meanwhile, 2022 saw another clash involving another small water agency that ignored curtailment orders on the Shasta River a few miles south of the Oregon border. The Shasta River Water Association's farmers and ranchers continued to tap the river and later paid small fines.

The court decision and the Shasta River case fired up a long-standing drive by environmental groups to reduce diversions that damage wildlife habitat, contending that pre-1914 rights reflect exploitive and even racist 19th century attitudes incompatible with climate change and 21st century societal mores.

Water rights reformers have pressed the board to aggressively invoke the "public trust doctrine" of California water law and the state constitution's declaration that water use must be reasonable.

Despite its clashes over curtailment orders, the water board has been reluctant to engage in a sweeping political and legal war. It did, however, underwrite research

by UC Berkeley's Center for Law, Energy and the Environment on the powers needed to curtail diversions during droughts.

The resulting report, issued in April, declared that "the state needs to implement curtailments on a regular basis, not only in times of extreme crisis. Routine curtailments already happen in other western states. California cannot afford to remain an outlier."

Not surprisingly, three bills have been introduced in the Legislature to give the water board the authority suggested in the UC Berkeley study, pitting water rights reformers against agricultural and municipal water agencies.

Although advocates contend that the bills would merely give the water board much-needed managerial tools, a coalition of water districts and agricultural groups see them as a prelude to the wholesale abrogation of their water rights. The board could gain the "potential to strip public agencies of water rights that have been used to sustain communities for decades," with decrees of "arbitrary outcomes," they wrote in an opposition letter.

All three measures, Assembly Bill 1337, Assembly Bill 460 and Senate Bill 389, survived initial floor votes but the political battle is just beginning. Their fate could rest in Gov. Gavin Newsom's hands as powerful interests clash over a bedrock issue — who prevails when there's not enough water to meet all demands.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for more than 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV002207

Jared Wayne Lacer has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jared Wayne Lacer to Vanguard Jared Leonhart.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 8, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: May 24, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023
JARED 6-30-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV000906

Semen Pivovarov has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Semen Pivovarov to Simon Pivovarov.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this

court on July 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: May 3, 2023
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2023
SEMEN 7-7-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV002365

Qays Adeeb Abbo Kharbosh has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Qays Adeeb Abbo Kharbosh to Qays Adeeb Abbo.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 31, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: May 25, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2023
QAYS 7-7-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME
#23CV002848

Kristina Marie Di Biase has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kristina Marie Di Biase to Kristina Marie Giachino.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on September 12, 2023, 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 7, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2023
KRISTINA 7-7-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAVERNE M. MCCLENDON
CASE NO. 34-2023-00335687

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Shawn Bennett, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Shawn Bennett 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 July 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 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.

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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: Michael Leon Schreindl, 19964 Riverside Avenue #152, Anderson, CA 96007, 530-209-4527
Publish: Month June 2, 9, 16, 2023
STEVEN 6-16-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHNNIE L. FECHNER
CASE NO. 34-2022-00323267

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

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

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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MARIE 6-30-23

SUMMONS

PUBLICATION FOR: SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
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Publish: June, 9, 16, 23, 2023
WASHINGTON 6-23-2023

City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Planning Commission of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

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APPLICANT: Sunridge Energy, LLC
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ZONING: Limited Commercial (LC)

ENVIRONMENTAL: An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared and circulated pursuant to Article 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

PROJECT PLANNER: Darcy Goulart, Planning Manager

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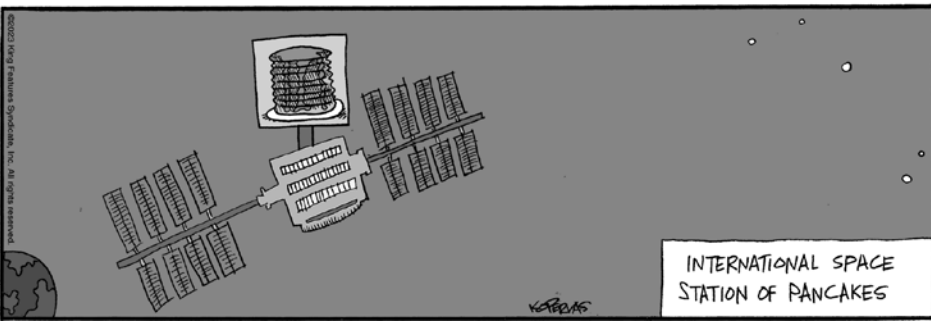


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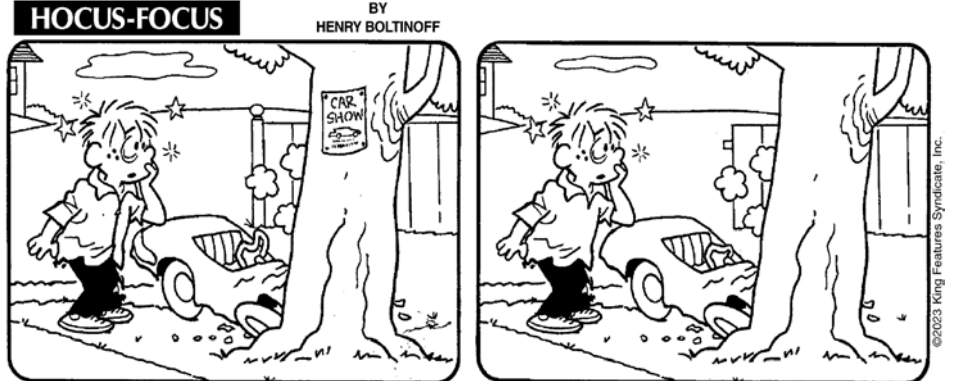


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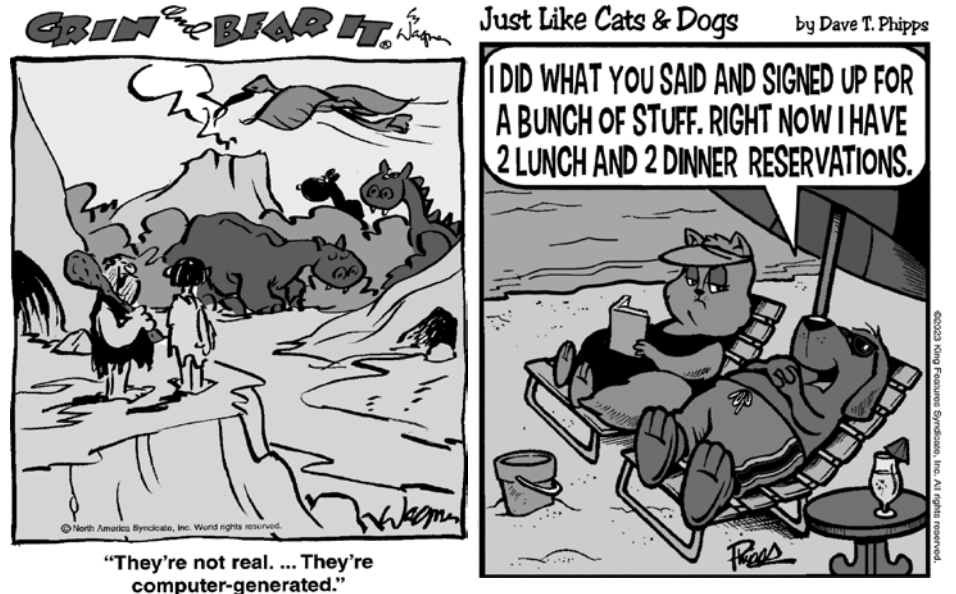


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Bill to Allow Amsterdam-Style Cannabis Cafes Passed by CA State Assembly

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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblymember Matt Haney's (D-San Francisco) bill to allow local California governments to license Amsterdam-style cannabis cafes passed out of the State Assembly with a broad bipartisan support receiving a 64 to 9 vote on June 1, 2023. While cannabis cafes in the Netherlands capitalize on the social experience of cannabis by offering coffee, food, and live music, all of those opportunities are currently illegal under California law. Haney's AB 374 will allow struggling cannabis businesses to diversify away from the marijuana-only "dispensary" model and bring much-needed tourist dollars into empty downtowns.

"Lots of people want to enjoy legal cannabis in the company of others," said Haney. "And many people want to do that while sipping coffee, eating a scone, or listening to music. There's absolutely no good reason from an economic, health, or safety standpoint that the state should make that illegal. If an authorized cannabis retail store wants to also sell a cup of coffee and a sandwich, we should allow cities to make that possible and stop holding back these small businesses."

California is known worldwide as the birthplace of cannabis culture with its early adoption of medical cannabis and its expertise in cultivation. But there's another location that competes with California for the title of the world capital of cannabis: Amsterdam. There are over 700 cannabis cafes that operate across the Netherlands, and over 1 billion dollars is

spent in the cafes every year.

California on the other hand, is still dealing with the unintended consequences of decades of medical marijuana-only policies. California's "dispensaries" have replaced the social aspect of the Amsterdam cannabis scene with pharmacy-like businesses that only allow customers to order cannabis at a counter, purchase nothing else, and then leave.

"California's small cannabis businesses are struggling," said Haney. "Issues like over-saturation, high taxes, and the thriving black market are hurting cannabis businesses who follow the rules and pay taxes." In 2020, California's legal cannabis sales reached \$4 billion, while the state's illicit market sales were projected to have exceeded \$8 billion.

While consuming cannabis on-site at cannabis retailers is technically legal in California, selling non-cannabis-infused products is not. AB 374 is simple because it allows cannabis retailers to diversify their business and move away from the struggling and limited dispensary model by selling non-cannabis-infused foods.

"To be clear, we're not saying that coffee shops should be allowed to sell cannabis," said Assemblymember Matt Haney. "We're saying that cannabis shops should be allowed to sell coffee. It shouldn't be illegal for an existing cannabis business to move away from only selling marijuana and instead have the opportunity to grow, thrive and create jobs by offering coffee or live jazz."

AB 374 will now move to the Senate for approval, before being sent to the governor's desk to be signed. ★

PG&E Wants to Help Customers Recognize Utility Scams and Avoid Falling Victim

PG&E News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - With reports of scams targeting utility customers at an all-time high, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) shares tips with customers to help recognize the signs of a potential scam.

A typical sign of a scam targeting a utility customer includes a caller claiming to be from PG&E and threatening disconnection if immediate payment is not made via a pre-paid debit card or money transfer service like Zelle. As a reminder, PG&E will never send a single notification to a customer within one hour of a service interruption, and we will never ask customers to make payments with a pre-paid debit card, gift card, any form of cryptocurrency, or third-party digital payment mobile applications.

"If you ever receive a call threatening utility disconnection if you do not make immediate payment, hang up the phone and either log into your account on PGE.com or call our customer service number to confirm your account details. Remember, PG&E will never ask for your financial information over the phone or via email, nor will we request payment via pre-paid debit cards or other payment services like Zelle. End the call, end the scam" said Matt Foley, lead customer scam investigator for PG&E.

Based on data collected so far in 2023, scammers are stepping up their efforts to defraud customers. In fact, there have been over 19,000 scam attempts reported by customers to PG&E, and customers have lost nearly \$342,000 in the first four months of 2023 alone. During 2022, PG&E received nearly 23,000 reports from customers who were targeted by scammers impersonating the company, and customers lost approximately \$946,000 in fraudulent payments.

Scammers can be convincing and often target those who are most vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income communities. They also aim their scams at small business owners during busy customer service hours. Another recent emerging scam trend involves scammers targeting real estate agents via their listings, and threatening to shut off power if immediate payment is not made. However, with the right information, customers can learn to detect and report these predatory scams.

Signs Of A Potential Scam

Threat to disconnect: Scammers may

aggressively demand immediate payment for an alleged past due bill.

Request for immediate payment: Scammers may instruct the customer to purchase a prepaid card, then call them back supposedly to make a bill payment.

Request for prepaid card: When the customer calls back, the caller asks the customer for the prepaid card's number, which grants the scammer instant access to the card's funds.

Refund or rebate offers: Scammers may say that your utility company over-billed you and owes you a refund, or that you are entitled to a rebate, and ask you for your personal financial information.

Scammers Impersonating Trusted Phone Numbers: Scammers are now able to create authentic-looking 800 numbers which appear on your phone display. The numbers don't lead back to PG&E if called back, however, so if you have doubts, hang up and call PG&E at 1-833-500-SCAM. If customers ever feel that they are in physical danger, they should call 911.

How Customers Can Protect Themselves

Customers should never purchase a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. PG&E does not specify how customers should make a bill payment and offers a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person.

If a scammer threatens immediate disconnection or shutoff of service without prior notification, customers should hang up the phone, delete the email, or shut the door. Customers with delinquent accounts receive an advance disconnection notification, typically by mail and included with their regular monthly bill.

Signing up for an online account at pge.com is another safeguard. Not only can customers log in to check their balance and payment history, they can also sign up for recurring payments, paperless billing and helpful alerts.

Customers who suspect that they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with one of these scammers, should contact local law enforcement. The Federal Trade Commission's website is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information.

For more information about scams, visit pge.com/scams or <https://consumer.ftc.gov/scams>. ★

Board of Supervisors Appoints Director of Finance

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and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Effective Supervisory Practices course. He is a member of the Yolo County Deferred Compensation Committee, and most recently has served as

the Committee Chair. He is also a Director of the California Cannabis Authority, a Commissioner of the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission, and a coach for the Sacramento Valley Leadership Academy. ★

'Sanctuary State' Governor Upset Migrants Were Sent Here for Sanctuary

By Katy Grimes,
California Globe

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California's sanctuary state Governor Gavin Newsom and Attorney General Rob Bonta were quick to blame Florida Governor Ron DeSantis for Friday's migrant flight into Sacramento, and then accused Florida of "state-sanctioned kidnapping" for transporting migrants from the Texas border to a Sacramento church.

However, when he was still Lieutenant Governor, Newsom proudly declared and reaffirmed California's sanctuary state status after the Trump Justice Department threatened to charge state or local officials who enforced sanctuary policies protecting illegal immigrants.

As California Lieutenant Governor, Newsom issued a warning to the Trump administration a Tweet. "Let me be clear, @realDonaldTrump: California is a sanctuary state. We believe in the power of diversity. We have defied and resisted the xenophobic, hateful policies of your administration at every turn. We will do it again."

And he posted a video on Facebook saying, "California will remain a sanctuary state, and your attempt to intimidate will not stop us."

So which is it Gov. Newsom - is California a Sanctuary State which welcomes illegal immigrants and releases them from custody? Or are you sending them back in disgust?

Is all of this bravado and bluster grandstanding for future Democrat voters? Newsom is clearly running for President, and Bonta has announced he wants to be the next California Governor.

As for the two flights into Sacramento, there still is uncertainty if Gov. Ron DeSantis is actually behind the flights. Thus far, all reports about the illegal immigrant planes appear to be speculation, and DeSantis is mum.

Governors DeSantis and Greg Abbott (Texas) have sent planes with illegal immigrants to sanctuary cities Chicago, New York, and Martha's Vineyard to share in the housing and care of the migrants they claim to want sanctuary for.

Democrat President Joe Biden has called this movement of mostly Latin American migrants "playing politics with people's lives" and said it is inhumane, especially in areas such as New York City, which have services brought to the brink already because of the migrant



So which is it Gov. Newsom - is California a Sanctuary State which welcomes illegal immigrants and releases them from custody? Or are you sending them back in disgust? MPG file photo

influx, the Globe reported Monday.

However, officials from Texas and Florida, including DeSantis, have fired back that "every community in America should be sharing in the burdens."

The federal government has also sent secret flights full of illegal immigrants into Westchester, New York in the middle of the night,

stirring controversy of their own:

Leaked video shows migrants being transported on secret charter flights under the cover of night from southern border states to Westchester, New York.

"The government is betraying the American people," a federal contractor told a Westchester County police officer in

a conversation recorded on the officer's body camera on the tarmac of a Westchester airport on Aug. 13, 2021.

Westchester Police Sgt. Michael Hamborsky asked the contractor hired to transport migrants around the country why: "You know why. Because if this gets out, the government is betraying the American

people," the contractor said.

Gov. Newsom and Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg turned on the rhetoric claiming, "Human trafficking is not only despicable; it's a felony. I urge authorities to investigate how 16 vulnerable people were lured from El Paso, to Sacramento." "Is there anything more cruel than using scared human beings to score cheap political points?"

Both Steinberg and Newsom support open borders, and illegal immigration.

And it isn't human trafficking or kidnapping to take illegals from a non-sanctuary state to a sanctuary state that claims to welcome them.

Rich with irony, Gov. Newsom has been releasing dangerous felons from state prisons, most of whom reoffend or end up living on the streets, addicted to meth and/or heroin.

Perhaps the most ironic Tweet summed up their hypocrisy best: "Lol yes you are not worried about them coming across the dessert and risking their lives but put them on a private jet and send them to your cities, now that's a travesty." ★

Homeless Student Count Grows

By Joe Hong and Erica Yee, CALMatters.org

As the number of unhoused students in California's public schools continues to rise to pre-pandemic levels, experts and educators fear that today's economy paired with the state's unrelenting housing crisis will lead to unprecedented rates of homeless youth.

According to updated data released today by the California Department of Education, there are about 5.9 million students enrolled in public schools this school year, close to 40,000 fewer students than last year or a .7% drop. But the number of students experiencing homelessness increased by 9%, about 16,000, to a total of approximately 187,000 kids.

The overarching cause of homelessness among all Californians is the perennial shortage of affordable housing in the state, according to Angela James, a researcher at UCLA's Center for the Transformation of Schools.

"It's alarming to me, quite frankly," James said. "Housing instability may be deepening in California as a result of the pandemic."

The new data signals a return to pre-pandemic numbers. Last school year, about 2.9% of students qualified as homeless. The percentage is up to 3.2% this year, about the same as it was in 2019-20.

"As a state we have not made the housing and well-being of our population a priority," James said. "Sadly, social policies have not been responsive to the needs of young people and their families."

Experts struggle to explain why homeless numbers dropped during the pandemic. They said students and their families may have been moving around during the early months of quarantine, so they may not have



Does the increase in homeless students indicate a worsening trend? Photo courtesy Sabphoto Dreamstime.com

been counted. Or unhoused students may have just been falling through the cracks.

"In some cases, districts could be getting better at identifying students," said Dion Burns, a senior researcher at the Learning Policy Institute.

Student homelessness rose this year for the first time since 2020. The count includes students living in motels, trailer parks, campgrounds or public spaces.

While statewide numbers indicate a return to pre-pandemic levels, 13 of the 20 largest districts in the state have more students experiencing homelessness now than they did in the 2019-20 school year.

Since 2015, rates of

homelessness were rising gradually up until 2020, when they started dropping steadily. Student homelessness rose this year for the first time since 2020.

The California Department of Education uses a federal definition of homelessness that includes students living in motels, trailer parks, campgrounds or public spaces.

School districts and county offices of education employ liaisons who keep tabs on students and families experiencing homelessness. James said they're often short-handed, so collecting data may have been a challenge, especially during the chaos of 2020 and 2021.

Many unhoused students and

their families have been evicted from their homes, James said. She recalled her own personal trauma of having her family's furniture moved out to their front lawn when they were evicted. With no home, students and their families might go from one temporary shelter to another with no sense of how long they can stay in one place.

"The degree to which that impacts a child cannot be underestimated," James said.

She added that teachers are fortunately better prepared to work with these students than they were in past decades. When a student acts out or even gets violent, a teacher might try

to calm the student instead of resorting to disciplinary actions like detentions or suspensions.

According to the state's new data, the numbers of foster youth, students with disabilities and students from low-income households have all increased by between 2% and 3%.

The rate of decline for overall enrollment shows signs of stabilizing after plummeting in the first years of the pandemic. Kindergarten enrollment took the biggest hit, but is starting to climb back up. Enrollment went from about 71,000 in 2020-21 to about 130,000 this year, but state officials said it's partly due to the state's expansion of transitional kindergarten. ★

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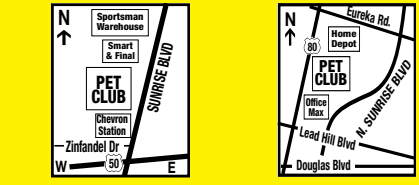
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FOOD COURT NOW OPEN
10971 Olson Drive Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
916.853.8000
Market: 7 Days 8am - 9pm
Food Court: 7 Days 11am - 3:30pm
Korean/Mex/Viet: 7:30pm last call
Chinese/Japanese: 7:00pm last call

NOW OPEN
ENJOY OUR FRESHLY BAKED BREAD & CAKE

FRESH PRODUCE

Rainbow Bell Pepper \$2.79/ea	Hami Melon \$1.29/lb	Whole White Mushroom 8 oz \$1.69/ea	Lemon 3 lbs \$3.99/bag
Green Grape \$2.99/lb	Lime 7/\$1.00	King Oyster Mushroom \$2.29/lb	Golden Kiwi \$1.69/ea

AMERICAN/HISPANIC GROCERY

Momi's 100% Apple Juice 64 Lb \$3.99/ea	Knorr Flavored Bouillions 2 lbs \$7.99/ea	Molina Mexican Vanilla Blend 8.5 Lb \$1.99/ea	C & H Granulated Sugar 4 Lb \$3.79/ea
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ASIAN GROCERY

Dragonfly Rice Vermicelli AAA 2 Lb \$4.99/ea	Sageon Coconut Milk 13.52 Lb \$1.99/ea	JHC Fried Onions 8 oz \$5.99/ea	Datu Puti Vinegar (sarp-ssim) 1 gallon \$7.99/ea	Pantai Thai Tea Mix 16 oz \$4.99/ea
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EUROPEAN GROCERY

INCI Sunflower Oil 5 Liters \$19.99	Sambale Calrose Rice 5 kg \$10.99	Proroga Masa Madras (Inhalation) 900 gr \$4.99	Lafayette Wide Shaves for Cake 50 gr \$2.99	Confiserie Bafelille Ferrero 150 gr \$5.49
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FROZEN & FISH DEPT

Smoked Salmon Fillet lb REG. \$16.99/lb \$9.99/lb	Tornado Potato 5 pcs / 400 g REG. \$8.99/ea \$4.99/ea
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WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS

Beef London Broil & Top Round Roast Pulpe Para Hornear Roast sin hueso \$3.99/lb	Beef T-Bone Steak Filete Chuletón de Ternera \$4.99/lb	Beef Porterhouse Steak Filete Bisise de Ternera \$5.49/lb
Pork Baby Back Ribs (single Pack) Costillas de Cerdo \$2.99/lb	Country Style Pork Loin Ribs - Brns Costillas de Lomo de Cerdo al Estilo Campesino \$2.29/lb	

KOREAN/JAPANESE GROCERY

Product of Korea \$22.99/ea	Nongshim Cup Shrimp Flavor 6 x 2.5 oz \$8.99/ea	Proroga Bn-Top (Midi) 400 g \$6.99/ea	Black Bean & Rice Grain 16 x 100 ml \$9.99/ea	Korona Soyabki 2 Lb \$2.99/ea	Seaweed Seasoned 1 x 2.29 \$2.99/ea
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HOUSEWARES

HAIR DARKENING SHAMPOO REG. \$19.99 19.99	ELECTRIC BBQ GRILL REG. \$39.99 \$39.99
MADE IN KOREA WATERMELON SLICE KATPE REG. \$3.99 3.99	ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (4 CUPS) REG. \$39.99 \$39.99
ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (16 CUPS) REG. \$45.99 \$45.99	ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (10 CUPS) REG. \$49.99 \$49.99

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Snow Ice 3 kinds 5 x 5.41 REG. \$9.99/ea \$5.99/ea

EUROPEAN DELI

Columbus Roast Beef REG. \$12.19 \$12.19	Stuffed Green Olive REG. \$3.59 \$3.59
Columbus Pepper Breast Turkey REG. \$11.49 \$11.49	Mixed Olive Salad REG. \$4.69 \$4.69

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