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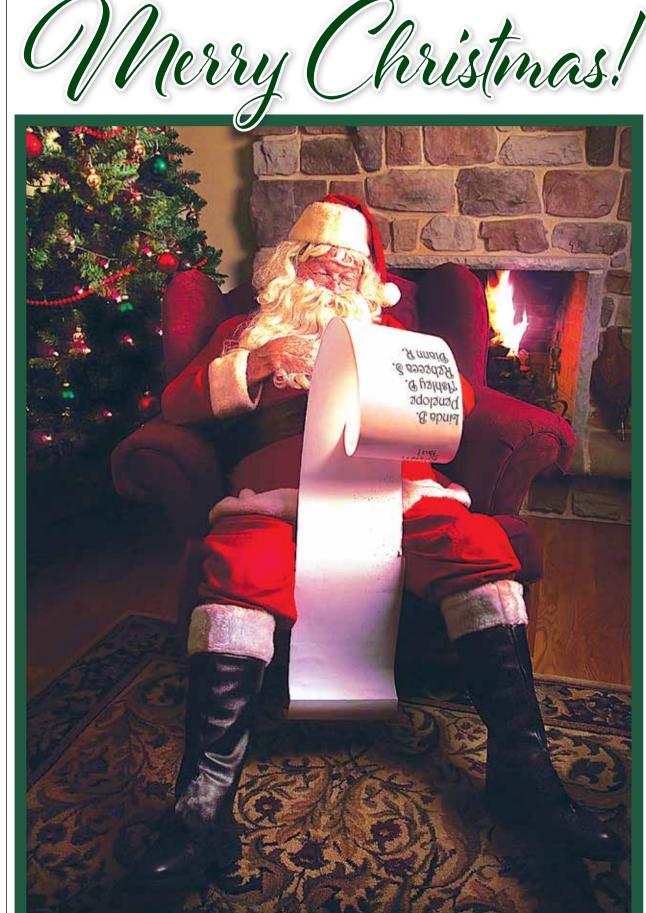


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### Festive Delights at CRPD's Breakfast with Santa

By Patrick Owen, Cordova Recreation & Park District

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA -Every year, the Cordova Recreation & Park District (CRPD) is honored to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus for a breakfast with the community at their Neil Orchard Senior Activities Center (Center) on December 2. Despite it being the busiest time of year, Santa and Mrs. Claus always make sure to take time to welcome families, take pictures with children and make note of all their holiday wishes. This year was no exception, and it may have been the busiest year of them all!

Although the weather was cold and dreary, it was no match for the holiday cheer of the community that came together at the Center. Patrons were served a hot pancake breakfast and browsed

handmade crafts and home



Family takes fun photo witl

goods from local makers. From holiday ornaments to unique gifts, there was something for everyone. An exciting new addition to the celebration this year

was live orchestral music performed by the Cordova Youth Orchestra from the Sacramento Performing Arts Conservatory.

For the youngest

participants, there was also a dedicated craft area to create a holiday themed keepsake from the event. Of course, the highlight of *Continued on page 3* 

# FCUSD Favors Literacy Program, Gunshot Kits and Financials

By Sharon Pearce

FOLSOM/RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG8) - The 5½-hour School Board meeting, December 14, 2023, and last one for year, was chock-a-block with items for consent, plus year-end reports and projections for next year.

Newly elected officers are President, Tim Hooey, and Vice President, Jennifer Laret. Karen Lofthouse was made representative to the Sacramento Office of Education Reorganization Committee, and Superintendent Dr. Sarah Koligian continues as secretary of the Board. Trustee volunteers for committees were approved. As well, Sandra Garcia was made the new principal of Mitchell Middle School, JoAnne Blaisdell was promoted to Facilities Planner and Brianna Gold, to Expanded Leadership.

Items on the table included appeals by the public including children as young as three to not close Sundahl Montessori school, plus support was voiced for an Indigenous People's Day, and multiple requests that the firing of Coach Carter not stand.

The extensive list

of consent items were approved, except for the contract for the proposed \$1.6 million Cordova High School Fencing Project. That the fence would be 8 feet to prevent fence-jumping raised questions and a recommendation students be asked their opinion. Member David Reid told Matt Washburn. Coordinating Director, "We need to be more fiscally constrained....I can't justify \$1.6 million for fencing at one facility." Vice President Laret voiced issues with break-ins, with equipment not protected by chain link. Washburn will pursue cost reduction with the construction company.

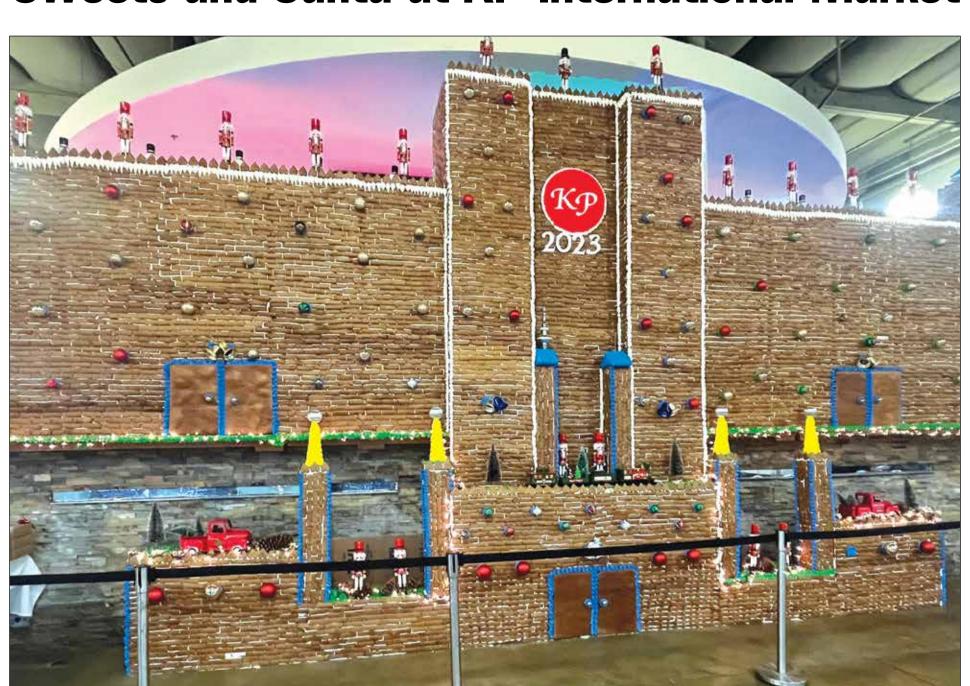
The Summer Literacy Pilot program was approved 3:2, with Members Reid and Hooey voting "No." Two teachers, six staff and a side coordinator will provide instruction and manage the lauded, unduplicated, program called "Freedom School." Cost of the 6-8 week program is \$245,000. Its purpose is to help diverse learners make up lost learning. One member said, "nothing else is important until all students can read, plus this results in an increased workforce; cost can't be a barrier."

It was also reported that the Sacramento Testing Continued on page 7

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## Sweets and Santa at KP International Market



Chef Newton's giant gingerbread castle creation at the KP International Market.

#### Story and photos by Tamara Warta

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The bustling KP International Market in Rancho Cordova is enjoying a sweet holiday season, thanks to a giant gingerbread castle and complimentary Santa photos happening in the middle of the food court area.

Chef Newton, the mastermind behind the giant gingerbread castle, has been awarded various accolades and has been approached by the Food Network several times to appear on its channel. While he has declined such offers, his brilliant artistry is on open display at the market now through December 25.

The gingerbread castle is 34-feet-wide and 18-feet-tall, and is comprised of 13, 285 cookies baked in-house especially for this installation. The castle itself is completely edible, including its homemade gingerbread frosting holding the cookies in place. Even better, guests can try a nibble as extra cookies are available and distributed each day of the event.

The food court was quite busy over the past weekend and is sure to be packed with plenty of holiday excitement this coming weekend as well. If you want a quieter in-andout experience, check out the castle during the week. Santa is available for a visit and free photo from 10am-8pm each

The other well, Bakery well, Ba

Guests can climb into Santa's sleigh and receive a complimentary photo at the KP food court.

day, including an elaborate display with his sleigh, giant candy canes and a reindeer, and hanging lights simulating

fireworks.

If you wish to skip the Santa

line and still view the castle, take a quick walk around the back of it for a beautiful view

of the cookie craftsmanship and alternative photo-op.

The food court is full of other holiday treasures as well, specifically the KP Bakery located in the food court right next to the gingerbread castle. During the holiday season their selections include not only the traditional European treats, but also Grinch cupcakes, gingerbread man cookies, and more holiday-specific items. Prices for these treats range from \$2-\$6, and kids will enjoy picking out a goodie after completing their Santa photo-op.

KP International Market is home to many events throughout the year, including live

music performances, free flu shot clinics, entrepreneur fairs, and more. It's also the number one location for international grocery shopping with a huge range of

Asian, European, and American food items available for purchase. You can follow everything happening at the market, as well as more information about the ginger-bread castle at kpmart.com. \*

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### Rancho Cordova Soroptimists Give **Holiday Joy to Veterans**



Rancho Cordova "Soropti-Santas" proudly show their stuffing work. Photo courtesy of SI of Rancho Cordova & Gold River

#### SI of Rancho Cordova & Gold River News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Soroptimist International of Rancho Cordova & Gold River recently filled holiday stockings to be given to 104 female veterans receiving treatment at the Mather VA Hospital. Tara Dietel's State Farm office in Gold River donated cherry ChapSticks; Tru-Earth donated laundry soap sheets; and members Stacy Delaney and Sheryl Longsworth purchased and donated some items. In total, the contents of each holiday stocking were: a State Farm ChapStick, a baggie of Tru-Earth laundry soap sheets, an aromatherapy candle, a package of Biofreeze pain relieving gel, a veteran notepad and pencil, a color-changing mini squeeze ball, a package of Nature Valley granola bars or BelVita cinnamon biscuits, a pair of soft and comfy ankle socks, a Bath & Body Works PocketBac Hand Sanitizer, and a beautiful holiday card wishing happy holidays and a thank you for their service and sacrifice. The stockings were stuffed on November 30th and delivered to the Mather VA Hospital on December 1st for distribution.

"Our Soroptimist club cares very deeply for our brave veterans. We donated cases of snacks



Rancho Cordova "Soropti-Santas" busily stuff stockings. Photo courtesy of SI of Rancho Cordova & Gold River

and vitamin-fortified bottled water to the Mather VA Hospital staff in May 2020, when the hospital was overrun with veterans suffering from COVID-19, donated baby shower items to pregnant veterans at the VA Hospital, donated warm and comfy ankle socks numerous times to the VA Hospital to be given to veterans receiving chemotherapy and dialysis treatments, and now holiday stockings to bring veterans some cheer during the holidays. We love our veterans and those who provide care to them," said Club President Sheryl Longsworth.

"Normally, our club members don't have direct contact with those that we help. We generally drop off donations, materials, etc. to an intermediary who distributes what we contribute to the actual beneficiaries," said Longsworth. On December 12th, a woman stopped by Longsworth's home to drop off some e-waste for the club's e-waste recycling fundraiser when the woman realized that the same organization that provided her with a holiday stocking at the Mather VA Hospital earlier that day was the same organization that she was giving her e-waste to. "The veteran was so grateful to receive her holiday stocking and all the goodies within. She has been having some health challenges that have affected her employment, and she was a bit down. The stocking she received brightened her day and outlook a lot," said Longsworth. "Knowing that a holiday gift from our hearts made a difference in the life of a veteran was the best feeling in the world and that's what the holidays are all about...spreading

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the morning was the chance to meet Santa himself! Families lined up to take photos alongside Santa and Mrs. Claus and capture the magic of the holiday season.

CRPD wishes to give thanks for the sponsors, vendors and volunteers that made this holiday kick-off a success! We also wish to thank all our community members for joining us at this delightful Saturday morning breakfast!

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 44 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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### Kings Korner By V.G. Harris



Well, Kings fans, the In-Season Tournament is over, and our Sacramento Kings gave it a good run.

Were it not for the New Orleans Pelicans. the Kings might well have played in the final

For many fans around the NBA, we're still waiting for a complete explanation as to how the whole thing works. For me, it's been a bit of a head scratcher. It seemed very much like crowning the NBA winner for the first quarter of the season, and I for one had a hard time making sense of it.

When I first heard of the In-Season Tournament, my first thought was why. For years I've heard rumblings and concerns about the intermittent lack of effort that certain teams would bring on a given night, and it seemed as though this was the NBA's way of curbing some of the lackluster play in the early-season play.

But we have three quarters of the season to go. If this is really the reason for this experiment, what is the plan moving forward?

Given the enormous salaries NBA players have today, it seems incomprehensible that further incentive is needed to get 100% effort. For certain, there is a modicum of players that simply go through the motions, and isn't this a coaching and management issue?

I'm glad the Sacramento Kings don't have this problem. Every game I'm amazed at the energy and enthusiasm this group of players brights to the hardwood, and without a doubt, this IS the best game in town!

I don't think I really have a problem with the In-Season Tournament. I just wish I had a better understanding of how it came about, and what the powers that be are actually thinking. Perhaps I'm being naïve that we should expect such transparency from the NBA, but it would certainly be refreshing.

No question, professional sports as we

have known it is in the changing business. The major leagues have implemented a pitch clock, pitchers no longer have to throw four pitches outside for a batter to get a walk, and they are even putting runners on base to start an inning, just to speed up the game.

The old adage, "nothing stays the same," appears to be alive and well, and that is not to say that all changes are bad. I'm old enough to remember when the NBA implemented the three-point line, and it was without a doubt one of the best changes ever made.

True, the Kings didn't win the In-Season Tournament, but as of this writing they have a 12-8 record and are in sixth place in the western conference. I can remember, not long ago, when Kings fans would have danced in the streets for a start like this, and with a fortuitous bounce here and there our record could easily be two games better.

Sabonis, Fox, and Monk have been the night-in and night-out standouts without question, and many are wondering how Malik Monk can get more time on the floor. The same can be said for Trey Lyles. Trey was out for a number of games due to injury, but like his Kentucky teammates, his presence is felt whenever he takes the floor.

If there is an area of concern, it may be found in the substitution patterns. It seems to vary from game to game, and fan favorites like Davion Mitchell at times find themselves out of the game entirely. Last season, Davion was typically the first player off the bench, and his intense defense literally brought the crowd to its feet. Is this a matchup issue, or does coach Brown believe players like Chris Duarte and Keon Ellis bring more to the table.

Your thoughts are welcome and I'd like to hear from you. Send your comments to vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for another edition of Kings Korner next week.



### Be A Christmas Hero

Do your kids look up to you as their hero, or do they admire a sports figure instead? How would you like to put that same sparkle in their eyes that they do? Thomas Gagliano wants you to have that love and admiration every day. Life Mentor, Speaker, and author, Thomas has seven tips to achieve your hero status in 2024 with "The Problem Was Me." Isn't that the best gift you can give your child? The Christmas presents will be tossed eventually, but the strength you can give your child will last their whole lives. So let's score with these simple tips!

- 1. LISTEN: Provide a safe environment for your children where they can cry on your shoulder or just talk to you...even if they tell you something you don't want to hear.
- 2. **PERMIT MISTAKES:** Give your children the message that they can make mistakes. Let them know that mistakes are part of being human. Affirm they can fall at times without becoming a failure.
- 3. CELEBRATE VICTORIES: Celebrate achievements by taking your child for an ice cream or a pizza slice. Don't run immediately to the next dilemma. Take time to enjoy what's been accomplished.
- 4. MONITOR YOUR INNER **CRITIC:** If we grew up with an inner critic telling us all the things we're doing wrong in life, chances are high we will give this inner critic to our children.

conversations with our children, and choose closeness instead. We can choose to be close by identifying with our children's struggles and listening to their feelings.

- 6. BE CURIOUS: Be interested in your children's lives. Ask them how they are doing and what's new with them. By being curious, you give them the message they are important and you're thinking of them.
- 7. CONFER REGULARLY WITH YOUR INNER CHILD: When our children struggle, stop and think about what you wanted to hear from your parent at that age. Let that compassion shape what you say and how you say it.

A good parent also gives your child a shoulder to cry on and an ear to hear their feelings and thoughts as well. Heroes can cry too, even if society tells them to be tough. Heroes let their children explore who they want to be, instead of imprisoning them in predefined roles...roles that we as parents want them to play.

The feats of the heroes he describes won't make the front page of the newspaper. However, it's so much more important. Why? Because what love can equal the love and admiration seen reflected in the eyes of your own child? Thomas Gagliano shares how to achieve that admiration in "The Problem Was Me." So let 2024 be the year you can be a hero and make a BIG difference in the lives of your children both physically and spiritually. What a gift! ★





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By Bob McGarvey

### **And Another Thing**

Many of the things which are part of our Christmas today are originally from the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem

I noticed there was a nice article in the Grapevine Independent on December 15 about David Sander. He was one of our original City Council members elected on November 5, 2002, and he is still on our City Council. He was made Mayor again at our last City Council meeting. He is a member of the National Civic League which names the national All America Cities each year, and he was sworn in as President of the National League of Cities. We are all very proud of Rancho Cordovan David Sander.

On December 10, 2023 the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band performed in the Rancho Cordova Performing Arts Center and played some wonderful Christmas music. It was entitled "Holiday Fun & Memories", and the audience was able to enjoy a wonderful performance. That Christmas music brought back memories to us all.

An unbelievable performer in that program was pianist, Jim Martinez. According to the information which was in the program, "Martinez, 58, is a Steinway piano Artist and has performed/recorded with Jazz notables Lionel Hampton, Christian McBride, Roy Hargrove, Cheryl Bentyne (of the Manhattan Transfer). He has accompanied many Broadway stars on TV and concerts, and is currently working on a project for Guitarist/vocalist George Benson." He has performed across our country and in other countries too. It was great to have such a see you next time.

wonderful program for the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band. We are so very fortunate that we have such talented musicians in our city. I guess that there were about 200 to 250 members in the audience. Maybe in the future more can attend the programs because, if I remember correctly, there are 460 seats.

Looking out of the window this evening we can see that it is raining. There is much less rain here this year than we received last year. Hopefully, we will receive more before the rainy season is over. My brother ,who lives in Indiana, said they are behind in their rain this year just like we are. I know that some of the states which are east of Indiana are receiving some horrible rain and are being flooded. Let us all hope that California does not receive any flooding.

Christmas was similar to what we are expecting today, yet it is also very different. There were a few things like a Christmas tree, singing in church, sharing presents, and a few other things. However, 100 years ago, there was no White Christmas, no Bing Crosby, and no Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Songs like "I'll be home for Christmas", which came out in October of 1943, are ones which we may think have been around longer than that. Many of the things which are part of our Christmas today are originally from the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and



A brother calls from Alaska another calls collect A sister calls from south L.A. As we guess who's calling next

As we grow a little older each one's sure to realize how Dad and Mom worked and saved to put presents before our eyes

Our family spans the world now spreading all that we have learned from cold showers every holiday to every Christmas we have earned

Christmas Day is changing We're getting older every year but its warmth abounds in memories and in wishing you were here

So from Mom and Dad's prayers go out to our families and their youths to their hopes and dreams of doing well and in living Christmas truths

— Paul V. Scholl







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**GABES** 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08684 StarPointe Consulting Inc., 5150 Fair Oaks Boulevard Suite 101. Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Empowered Mindset Coaching" 10523 Fair Oaks Boulevard #121, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

**EMPOWERED** 12-29-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08677 Marysol Laguna, 6070 Ehrhardt Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sol Interpreting" 6112 Demonté Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08719 KS Management & Consulting Services LLC, 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "KS Consultants" Name(s) 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 12-29-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08347 Todd Rowe, 2660 Night Hawk Way, Camino, CA 95709 is business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Foothill Vending Services" 2660 Night Hawk Way, Camino, CA 95709. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08589 Taxtime LLC, 7162 Fair Oaks Boulevard Apt 2, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 'TaxTime" 2701 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

12-29-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08361 Drew Berryessa, 9369 Emory Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Berryesco" 9369 Emory Court, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 7, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 BERRYESCO 12-29-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08564 Brandon W Kellev. 1390 Broadway Suite A, Placerville, CA 95667 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Classic Muscle" 3341 Fitzgerald Road Suite A. Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 16, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 CLASSIC 12-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08700 Debra A Bannister, 5228

Keystone Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Butter Me Sourdough" 5228 Keystone Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 22, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08057 Roper Food Service, 4990 Rocklin Road #100, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jimboys Tacos 110" 708 E Bidwell Street, Folsom. CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 30, 2023 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 JIMBOYS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08720 Old Roots Inc, 3305 Elkhorn Boulevard Unit 8, North

Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Old Roots" 3305 Boulevard Elkhorn Unit 8, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08447 Vera Lewis, 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Space 9 Collective" 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento

County November 9, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, SPACE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08446 PurSpace LLC, 9719 Lincoln Village Drive #504, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The PurSpace Shop" 636 Tailwind Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838 Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5,

**PURSPACE** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08619 Ryan McCarty, 40854 17th West

Street, Palmdale, CA 93551 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "The Market Real Estate/The Market" 1610 R Street Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, MARKET

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08939 Daphni Ames, 6617 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Illuminated Images by Daphni" 6617 Filbert Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, ILLUMINATED

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08951 Mohammad Nawaz 4029 Marconi Avenue Apt #86, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Name(s) "Bakhtar Business Fashion" 2922 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08785 Albedo Arts Community Inc 2668 Ball Way, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Roval Sport & Dance Lab 2668 Ball Way, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 29, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08923 Blinker LLC, 1501 5th Street Unit Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blinkr" 1501 5th Street Unit 647 Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME C Stephney, Chelesea 6430 Verner Avenue #13, Sacramento, CA 95841 doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Safe Gatherings Weight Loss Management" 6430 Verner Management" Avenue #13, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08599 Rosa Farfan Nunez, 3441 Data Drive #373, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Roses Cleaning Company" 3441 Data Drive #373, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 17, 2023 Publish: Dec 15, 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 2024 **ROSES** 

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09052

Jagdeep Garcha P.T, 3919 Rutlan Way, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Crux Rehabilitation" 3800 Watt Avenue Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-09050 Jeffrey W Will, 7846 Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California

Concepts/Will Hill" 7846 Winding Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, **CALIFORNIA** 1-12-24 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-09057

Mazin Alhaidari, 5015 Kenneth Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the

Fictitious Business Name(s) 5015 Kenneth Carmichael, 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12,

1-12-24

STATEMENT FBNF2023-09054 Roberta Barth, Ridgeside Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Project Coordinating Expert" 9313 Ridgeside Lane, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

County December 12, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

**STATEMENT FBNF2023-08715** 

Anita Smedley-Brown, Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "First Watch Evening, Overnight, Weekend & Respite Care" 2236 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 27, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08745 Middleton Strategies LLC, 5750 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 225-J. Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Middleton General Contracting/Middleton Property Management" 5750 Sunrise Boulevard Suite 225-J. Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 28, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024 MIDDI FTON

STATEMENT FBNF2023-08957 Iris Salon Suites, Inc., 11829 Delavan Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Name(s) **Business** Salon Suites" 3160 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, **PHENIX** 

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08965 Sorin Mocan, Julian Mocan and Evan Mocan, 8820 Ridge Hill Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 'Sorin's Painting" 8820 Ridge Hill Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6.2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12,

SORINS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-09090 Judith Burrell, 2736 14th Street Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "J Roseth Executive Coaching", 2736 14th Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08966

Qingtian Inc., 3700 Crocker Road Suite 150. Sacramento. CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business "Tasty Dumpling, Name(s) 3700 Crocker Road Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-09117

Crawford Bros Inc, 25216 HWY 96, Klamath River, CA 95050 and Shannon Enterprises, Inc, 8330 Hidden Valley Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CBSE Properties" 8330 Hidden Valley circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 13, 2023 Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, **CBSF** 1-12-24 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

**CHANGE OF NAME** SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** 

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV010813 Olga Bakin and Valerii Bakin have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the

name(s) of Semion Bakin to Sam Bakin. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on January 18, 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: October 31, 2023 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 12-22-23

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

#23CV010302 Erich Simpson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ronin Reed Walkowsky to Ronin Reed

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 7, 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: November 6, 2023

Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

12-22-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** 

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #23CV001549 Kathy Dawn Mirrione has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kathy Dawn Mirrione to Kathy Dawn Schroeder-Creed.

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 28, 2024, 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: November 14, 2023

IT IS ORDERED that all per-

Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023 12-29-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF

**CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #23CV012742 Gail Ann Eby-Martin has filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Gail Ann Eby-Martin to Gail Ann IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 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: December 4, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12,

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

**ADMINISTER ESTATE** NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

JAMES KENT

CASE NO. 23PR000549 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of James Kent.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Shelly Kerley, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Shelly Kerley 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 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 January 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept Zoom; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Zoom Teleprescence: https:// saccourt-ca-gov.zoomgov. Meetina: com/my/sscdept129 16133529231 This matter is set for a court hearing/appearance using the

Zoom Application for the above referenced date and time. In order to participate in your Zoom hearing, you must either use a computer or smart device with internet access, and have downloaded the Zoom application. If you do not have compatible technology, then you can attend the hearing using a telephone and calling the designated toll free telephone conference line. You must appear by Zoom Application or Telephone using the designated department account referenced below at least 5 minutes before your scheduled hearing date and time; and wait for a court representative to take roll. Department 129 zoom link: https://saccourt-ca-gov. zoomgov.com/my/sscdept129 or Toll Free Telephone Conference Line @ (888) 475-499. meeting ID #689-534-3925 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written ob-

jections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal rep-

resentative, as defined in section

58(b) of the California Probate

Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file

kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Shelly Kerley, 6217 Clara Way, North Highlands, 95660: 916-470-2063 Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 2023 12-22-23

ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOYCE L. JIMERSON CASE NO. 23PR001699 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Joyce L. Jimerson. A Petition for Probate has been filed by David Mott, in the

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting David Mott be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the dece-The petition requests authority to administer the estate under

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 24, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

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a contingent creditor of the de-

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

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**ROBIN KAY MATTOS** CASE NO. 23PR001891 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors

ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Robin Kay Mattos. A Petition for Probate has been filed by Krista Michelle Talavera, in the Superior

Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Krista Michelle Talavera 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 January 30, 2024, 1:30 p.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R.

### Area Doctor Charged with Distribution and Possession of Child Pornography

Sacramento FBI News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment on Thursday, November 30, 2023 against Khursheed Haider, 48, of Roseville, charging him with distribution of child pornography and possession of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced.

According to court documents, Haider, a Sacramento Area pulmonologist, used an application called Wire to post, distribute, and request child pornography that included videos and images of prepubescent boys and girls being sexually abused. After a search warrant was executed, agents discovered additional prepubescent child sexual abuse material on one or more of Haider's electronic devices.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexis Klein is prosecuting the case.

If convicted of distribution of child pornography, Haider faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison, a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison, a lifetime of supervised release, restitution, and a \$250,000

fine. If convicted of possession of child pornography, Haider faces a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison, a lifetime of supervised release, restitution, and a \$250,000 fine Any sentence, however, would be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables. The charges are only allegations; the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute those who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj. gov/psc. Click on the "resources" tab for information about internet-safety

### FCUSD Favors Literacy Program, **Gunshot Kits and Financials**

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Decathlon included 14 students from Folsom, which earned in 32 of 64 spots, 35 individual medals, Folsom swept all medals in Literature and had the highest team score. Feb. 3rd is the date for the superfinals.

The 2023-2024 First Interim Financial Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2023, was approved even as Assistant Superintendent Sean Martin stated the report numbers were changing and to be modified. Martin said financial obligations would be met this year and the next two years out. He provided extensive details on fiscal deficits, supplements and percentages.

Board approved Site Staffing Ratios, Supplemental Funding, and Budget Guidelines; and School Boundary Modifications with Director Washburn detailing what student shifting was under the Legacy policy, saying resident students have first priority, and area new ones, a PUSH priority. Reid requested that students be allowed to remain in their schools until graduation.

Overall, the cell phone lockdown implementation was deemed a success based on surveys. Member Reid asked if they could develop a "Wait til 8th (grade)" policy on cell phones, saying medical studies clearly show benefits, including in brain development by waiting to immerse in this technology.

Student member Matthew Mellijor promoted Stop the Bleed kits for gunshot wounds to be in every classroom, with members Clark and Reid agreeing. Reid stated 60% of gunshot wounded who die, shouldn't, and wouldn't if they had a way to stop bleeding.

Condolences were extended to families of three students who passed away last week.

Folsom HS Football team won its 5th State Championship since 2010. Member Clark remarked Dr. Koligian is working with the City of Folsom to raise a parade to honor them.

No student presentations were made, but many were expected in the next meetings reported Dr. Koligian. The next regular meeting of the FCUSD will be January 18, 2024.

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is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Ruby Steinbrecher, PO Box 2790, Sebastopol, CA 95473: 510-435-6356

kept by the court. If you are in-

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### SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: 23CV009805 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: All persons unknown claiming any legal or equitable right, ti tle, estate, lien, or interest in the Property adverse to Plaintiff's title, or any cloud of Plaintiff's title to the Property and Does 1

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Tracy K. Sharp.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard un-

less you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file vour response on time, you may lose the case by default, and money, and prop erty may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit

legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www. courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion. DIAS

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Date: (Fecha) 10/12/2023 Clerk (Secrétario) K. Johnson, Deputy (Adjunto) Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023, Jan 5, 12 2024 SHARP

### City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 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:

RIVERBLOSSOM-STARBLOSSOM-WILDBLOSSOM AT MONTELENA—MAJOR DESIGN REVIEW & SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT—PROJECT NO. PLND-0923-0081

REQUEST: The Applicant, Tri Pointe Homes, is requesting a Major Design Review and Special Development Permit for their Riverblossom, Wildblossom, and Starblossom products within the Montelena Subdivision. The original developer, Premier Homes, has sold a total of 186 remaining lots located within Villages 5, 7, and 8-10 in Montelena, to Tri Pointe Homes and the Applicant is proposing floor plans and elevations for construction on these lots. Riverblossom and Wildblossom propose 3 floor plans with 3 elevations and Starblossom proposes 4 floor plans with 3 elevations. The Special Development Permit would only be applicable to the Riverblossom product and requests a deviation from Design Standard #75 of the Sunridge Specific Plan and a rear setback adjustment for Plan 3 of the Riverblossom product.

OWNER:

Tri Pointe Homes Holding, Inc. 201 Creekside Ridge Court, Suite 270 201 Creekside Ridge Court, Suite 270 Roseville, CA 95678

APPLICANT: DaJshey Chatman

Roseville, CA 95678 LOCATION/APN: Located south of Douglas Road and west of Rancho Cordova Parkway (Village 5 APN: 067-1320-

001 thru -015, 067-1320-019 thru -025, 067-1320-032) (**Village 7 APN**: 067-1350-001 thru -006, 067-1350-010 thru -080. 067-1350-104 thru -107, 067-1350-128 thru -135, 067-1350-144 thru -152) (Villages 8-10 APN: 067-2380-001, 067-2380-011 thru –016, 067-2380-027 thru -081, 067-1230-004, 067-1210-017 and 067-1210-018). ZONING: RD-5, RD-7, and RD-10 within the Sunridge Specific Plan (SDSP)

ENVIRONMENTAL: Exempt per Section 15182 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) PROJECT PLANNER: Nicholas Sosa, Associate Planner

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#### SUNRIDGE PARK III — TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP & GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT — PROJECT No. PLND-0822-0050

REQUEST: The Applicant is seeking approval of the Sunridge Park III Tentative Subdivision Map to subdivide the subject property into 55 lots and a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Public/Quasi Public (P/QP) to Low Density Residential (LDR) to be consistent with the current zoning designation of RD-5 (SDSP).

Sunridge Park, LLC

2410 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite 110 Sacramento, CA 95825

APPLICANT: RJA Engineering (Sean Davis)

2541 Warren Drive, Suite 100 Rocklin, CA 95677

LOCATION/APN: Southwest Corner or Canyonlands Drive & Timberland drive. APN: 067-0650-052-0000 **ZONING:** RD-5 (Sunridge Specific Plan) ENVIRONMENTAL: Exempt per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183 "Consistent

with the Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning. PROJECT PLANNER: Arlene Granadosin-Jones, AICP, Senior Planner

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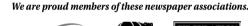
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### **Dare to Live Without Limits**

by Bryan Golden

Wishing Won't Make It So

Everyone wishes for good fortune a high-performance jet, capable of and a problem free life. Yet many people are disappointed with their situations. Is wishing effective or is it overrated? The answer is yes to both. So what's the catch?

Wishing alone is unproductive. If

you want results, wishing must be followed by action. Wishing without action is as ineffective as leaving your car in neutral. Without being in gear, revving the engine at full throttle will make a lot of noise but won't move you an inch. Whenever you were told to wish

for what you wanted, you were given only half the story. People who pin their hopes on wishes coming true are invariably disappointed. They are disheartened when their wishing fails to generate results. Even wishing really hard isn't dependable. True, some wishes will come true on their own, but these are few and far

As much as patience may be a virtue, wishing and waiting is of no avail. Those who passively wait for wishes to materialize will be waiting for a very long time. Again, without the infusion of action, wishing yields little, if any, results.

Now that I've pointed out the limitations of wishing, let me emphasize that wishing is an essential component of reaching your goals. Wishing puts seeds of desire into your mind. This process is the foundation of all achievement. Your mind, the most powerful tool known, will go to work nonstop to find a way to transform your wishes into reality.

Your mind is prepared to create an action plan for you. But without understanding the importance of following a wish with action, you will not benefit from your mind's work. If you are not looking for an action plan, you won't release the full power of you mind to find one.

Instead, you will be restricting the awesome capability of your mind to merely contemplating wishes. It's as if you are at the controls of

supersonic flight, but are content to confine your travel to taxiing around the airport. Even though your jet is capable of taking you to any destination, you never even leave the ground.

Here's how to make wishes come true. Start with a wish, any wish. Don't limit yourself by only wishing for what you think is possible. The infinite power of your mind only recognizes restrictions you impose on it.

Next, imagine the wish coming true. How would you feel? How would you act? Maintain your mental focus on your wish. Don't just give it passing attention. The more you concentrate on your wish, the more you energize your mind to find a path to it.

Now you are ready to formulate an action plan. This will be your road map to bring you to your wish. Your plan will consist of specific steps you need to take, one by one, to reach your destination. Every journey, regardless of the length, is nothing more than a series of steps.

Once your plan is in place, you need to take action. This requires effort. Stay motivated by reviewing your wish daily. Remind yourself how you will feel when it comes true. Each day you should take another step, no matter how small.

Don't give yourself a time limit. You never know how long it will take to get your wish. As soon as you stop, you guarantee your wish won't come true. Once your wish comes true, you won't care how long it took.

Although wishing won't make it so, wishing combined with action, produces amazing results. Go ahead and wish, and then get moving. May you make all your wishes come true!

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### Caltrans Releases Draft Project List for Public Comment

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Caltrans today released the draft 2024 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) plan, the state's primary funding program for maintaining and preserving California's transportation infrastructure.

The draft, which features a new interactive dashboard detailing the location and specifics on approximately \$16 billion in projects, will be open for public comment through Jan. 19, 2024. The list of approximately 600 projects throughout the state includes approximately 100 carryover projects where Caltrans later added climate adaptation, additional safety protections, and bike and pedestrian elements. These projects had been developed before the state's adoption of the Climate Action Plan for

Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) in 2021. The added elements were funded by approximately \$600 million from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The 195 new projects being added to the SHOPP reflect planning work largely completed after CAPTI implementation. These projects, totaling \$6.2 billion, include many climate, safety and multimodal features within the overall "fix it first" framework established in Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The SHOPP covers four fiscal years (FY 24/25 through 27/28) and funds roadway and bridge rehabilitation or replacements, along with safety improvements, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, operational improvements, and climate adaptation projects.

For increased transparency, Caltrans incorporated the interactive dashboard to allow the public to map, search and download all the proposed projects, including significant details on the project scope.

"Caltrans is focused on maintaining and improving the state's transportation network so that it is safer, more reliable and more climate resilient," said Caltrans Director Tony Tavares. "We are also committed to transparency to ensure the public has the opportunity to be engaged before we move forward with projects."

In line with the "fix it first" philosophy, the SHOPP's primary focus is fixing and maintaining the state highway system. Along with keeping the state highway system in a state of good repair, the SHOPP also includes additional objectives, such as improving safety for all road users; increasing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; ensuring projects are equitably distributed in rural and urban centers and throughout all socioeconomic sections; and providing for climate adaptation.

Proposed funding includes:

\$8 billion to improve more than 6,000 lane-miles of pavement: \$3.2 billion to repair and upgrade 80 bridges and tunnels; \$900 million for safety improvements; \$666 million to upgrade drainage systems by repairing more than 58 miles of culverts and diversions; \$604 million for 1,400 new and improved signals, signs, ramps, and metering systems; Nearly \$400 million to make infrastructure more resilient to the impacts of climate change. The prior SHOPP had no dedicated investment for climate resiliency; \$280 million for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; \$173 million for improved highway/interstate signage and lighting.

Interested parties are encouraged to review the draft SHOPP online dashboard at projectbook. dot.ca.gov. The website includes a link to submit online comments on the draft SHOPP.

Building on the SHOPP transportation efforts, the 2023 State Highway System Management Plan (SHSMP), released earlier this year, lays out the future objectives for SHOPP projects. The 2023 SHSMP is organized to incorporate more climate-friendly elements into maintenance projects and presents a performance-driven, integrated management plan for California's state highway system's needs, investments, and performance for the 10-year period spanning through June 2033.

### **Coroner Needs Assistance in IDing Unidentified Man**

Sacramento County News Release

#### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)**

- The Sacramento County Coroner's Office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying an unidentified man.

On November 11, 2023, an unidentified male was found on the ground at Zapata Park located on 905 E. Street in Sacramento. A thorough search of the area and the decedent's

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At this time, the cause and manner of death are pending further ancillary tests. The decedent's age is estimated to be 18-25 years of age. He appears Black/African American. His height and weight are 155 pounds and 68 inches tall. He has brown eyes. The decedent has short black curly hair. There are no tattoos on the body. He has possible acne marks/scars about his forehead and nose.

Please see the sketch of the unidentified man. If you have any information to the identity of this person, please contact the Sacramento County Coroner's Office at 916-874-9320 or via email at DeputyCoroner@saccounty.gov



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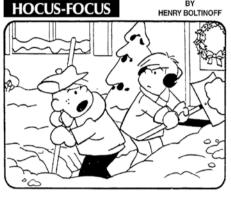


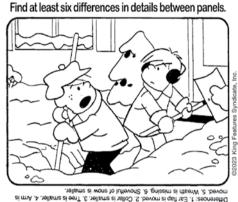




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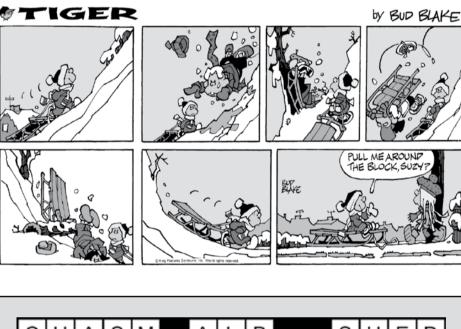




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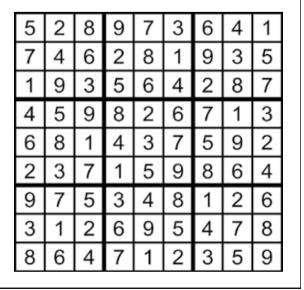




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13. Haile Selassie's

14. 10 decibels 15. \*Appletini's

schnapps 16. Rose oil 17. Maui garland

18. Birth-related 19. \*Old Fashioned

liquor option 21. \*Gin+vermouth

rosso+Campari 23. Not him

24. Bye, in Palermo 25. VA.gov beneficiary

28. Puerto follower 30. Like Ferris Bueller

35. Exclude 37. "\_\_\_\_ Your Enthusiasm"

39. Green-light 40. Tiny coffee cup, or

-tasse 41. Cut mission short

43 Not final or absolute 44. Makes a sweater

46. Wing-shaped 47. Bird, in Latin

48. One with drug dependency

50. Do like a frog 52. A U.S. time zone 53. Dance with #17

Across 55. Anatomical duct 57. \*It usually comes in

a conical glass 61. \*Popular cocktail

65. Spy's other name 66. Knicks' org.

68. Give a speech 69. Clan emblem

70. Party barrel 71. Clean a spill (2

words)

72. Part of pump 73. Sargasso or Barents 74. Same as apse

DOWN 1. Sticking point, in alimen-

tary tract

2. Possesses, archaic 3. \*Bellini with

Spumante 4. Squirrel away

5. a.k.a. felt-pen 6. Competently

7. M tley Cr e's Tommy

8. Russian pancakes

9. Practice in the ring 10. As far as (2 words)

11. Distinctive flair 12. Place for a hero

15. Fluffy sweater material 20. "All My Children" vixen

Kane

22. 2010 Movie "\_\_\_\_ Pray Love"

24. Toyota model 25. \*Moscow Mule spirit

26. Make corrections 27. Shy

Libre

31. Forearm bone

32. Not dead 33. Honkers 34. \*Lemon or orange piece 36. South American

monkey 38. Highlands hillside 42. Crossbeam

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58. Balm ingredient 59. Baptism or shiva, e.g. 60. Asian weight unit 61. John Galsworthy's "The

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# Cordova Girls Soccer off to a Great Start!

Story and photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The 2023-24 Cordova girls soccer season is well underway. Fresh off lifting their 4th league pennant in as many years in the gym, the Lady Lancers have had a strong start this year. Opening the season at home against cross-town rival Rosemont, the Lancers were down 1-0 at the half. Overcoming the deficit in the second half, the Lancers defeated the Rosemont Wolverines 4 to 2. Rounding out the preseason, the Lancers have played against Kennedy and El Camino, which are two higher-division teams. Both contests ended in a 1-1 tie.

With 1 win and 2 ties in the preseason, the Lancers started league competition on Wednesday, December 13, against Johnson. They defeated Johnson 4-0. On Friday, December 15, they had their second league match against archrival West Campus. Down 3 goals to none in the second half, the Lady Lancers rallied with four consecutive goals to pull ahead 4-3. Unfortunately, West Campus found the back of the net with less than 2 minutes left, ending the match in a 4-4 tie.

Coach Ramey, in his sixth year as head coach at Cordova High School, is excited with how the team is shaping up. Returning this year is a handful of starters. Team captain and 4-year all league starter, senior Dajey Valdez will be leading the defense alongside fellow captain and three-year starter, junior Madison Harder. In addition, third year starter and fellow team captain, junior Savannah Fennel, will round out the strength in the middle field. Coach Ramey is confident the experience the team has in the middle of the field will give the Lady Lancers an advantage.

Coach Ramey is also very



Senior Captain Dajey Valdez (12) scores goal with header from corner kick against West Campus.



Junior Madison Harder controls the ball against West Campus.

excited about the new crop of freshman players that has joined the team this year. "We have some freshmen that came from our feeder schools that are

really going to make an immediate impact in the program," said Coach Ramey.

The Lady Lancers have always relied on its homegrown players.

Joining the varsity program this year are four incoming freshmen that are expected to make an immediate impact: Amelia Nunn, Harlie Wilson, Paytyn Garner

and Makayla Pena.

Leading the attack will be second-year sophomore starter Karen Gonzalez. Gonzalez will be teaming with newly-minted freshman forward Pena. Coach Ramey is excited to see the partnership between Gonzalez and Pena forming from two young yet clearly experienced players. Also returning between the posts is senior goalie Sydney Murphy. Last year Sydney only allowed one ball in league play to hit the back of the net. The coaching staff has high hopes for their senior and all-league goalkeeper.

Adding to Cordova's strength, junior Maddie Ford, in her third season, along with freshman Garner, will be leading the defense. Rounding out the back line are two returning varsity players, junior Sienna Aguilar and junior Jennifer "Jenny" Ceja. Coach Ramey stated, "These two young ladies may be the fastest ladies I have ever coached. In our limited games thus far, they have chased down players I did not think was possible."

This year's team really plays with a great deal of passion and enthusiasm. The bond between Head Coach Ramey and his players has always been one of respect, optimism and confidence. I believe this is the formula that has resulted in the success of the program.

I know the girls would really appreciate it if you came out and cheered them on in person. The next two home matches will be on Wednesday, January 3rd, against Valley, and Wednesday, January 10th, versus Foothill. If you decide to come out, I highly recommend you grab a warm coat, as the weather has been a bit chilly lately at Lancer Stadium. There's no charge to get in, and the varsity matches start at 6:30 p.m. The junior varsity teams play at 4:30 p.m.★

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# A Budget Rollercoaster

By Alexei Koseff, CALMatters.org

With tax revenues in a free fall comparable to the Great Recession and the dot-com bust, California faces a projected \$68 billion budget deficit next year that will require spending cuts and reserve funds to close, state finance officials said today.

The new estimate from the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, released as Gov. Gavin Newsom finalizes his January budget proposal, reflects a substantially delayed tax-filing period this fall where collections came in far below what lawmakers expected when they adopted a spending plan over the summer.

This projected deficit would be a record for California. But officials noted that it is partly because the budget has grown so much in recent years — the most recent was more than \$300 billion — and that the state has closed similar or worse spending gaps, by percentage, in the past.

Legislative analyst Gabriel Petek cautioned that California is better prepared to respond to the situation than during the economic recession 15 years ago, because it has since built several multibillion-dollar rainy-day funds, though the state is also looking at a structural deficit of about \$30 billion annually going forward.

"I go with the word 'serious.' A serious budget problem," Petek said during a briefing with journalists. "I would stop short of calling it a crisis."

H.D. Palmer, a spokesperson for Newsom's Department of Finance, said the administration will have different numbers when the governor presents his 2024-25 spending plan next month, but Newsom is preparing to address a significant deficit.



2023-24 during a press briefing at the state Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento on May 12, 2023. Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

Legislature have a substantial challenge before them in closing a very large revenue gap in this budget," Palmer told CalMatters. "The IRS, with the best of intentions, created a situation this year that is entirely new territory."

Severe winter storms prompted the federal government to delay the income tax filing deadline for most Californians from April until November, and the state followed suit, giving an incomplete picture when legislators and the governor crafted the budget this summer.

It already accounted for a \$30 billion deficit, after two years of record surpluses driven by economic recovery and federal aid related to the coronavirus pandemic. But those collections were ultimately another \$26

billion below estimates — a drop of 25% from the prior year — digging a financial hole wbased on money the state committed in its spending plan.

This year looks weak as well, according to finance officials. California has been hit particularly hard by inflation, which pinched the housing market; a stock market downturn, affecting capital gains; and a drop in investments in the tech industry, which has pulled back on initial public offerings. Overall tax revenues are projected to be \$58 billion below assumptions in the multi-year budget window.

Though the Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that tax revenues will begin growing again next year, the recovery is likely to be slow, opening up long-term funding shortfalls that could affect essential programs in future years.

"There are enough options available to address this immediate problem," Petek said. "Our high-level suggestion to the Legislature is just to be judicious about reserves because there's a lot of uncertainty ahead, so preserving some of that resilience would be helpful."

His office recommended that Newsom declare a fiscal emergency, allowing the state to dip into as much as \$24 billion of its rainy-day funds, and that legislators pull back on one-time spending allocations that have not yet been distributed, potentially saving \$10 billion or more that had previously been set aside for transportation, environmental and education programs.

Petek also suggested that

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California could cut the deficit by nearly \$17 billion over the next three years by recalculating its constitutionally-mandated funding obligation to schools and community colleges, known as Proposition 98, based on the lower revenues. Though this would decrease the state's base education funding over the long term, Petek said the immediate effects could be offset with reserves.

That option, in particular, could encounter stiff resistance in the Legislature. Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, a Hollister Democrat, released a statement last week, when it became clear that tax revenues would be substantially below estimates, committing to a budget that "protects classroom funding."

Newsom and lawmakers are also likely to confront months of tremendous pressure from advocates arguing that their priorities should be protected in any budget solutions. Statements started rolling out mere minutes after the Legislative Analyst's Office published its report.

"California leaders have stepped up before to prioritize Californians who are struggling to get by and they must continue this in 2024," said Pete Manzo, president & CEO of United Ways of California.

Republican legislators chastised their Democratic colleagues for continuing to make new spending commitments in recent budget cycles even as it became clear that the economy was increasingly shaky.

"Hopefully, the supermajority will see it is time for a more realistic budget strategy," Senate Republican Leader Brian Jones of San Diego said in a statement, "instead of throwing money at a laundry list of projects that sounds nice on the national television debate stage." ★





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