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**Council
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Story by Shaunna Boyd

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - At the final meeting of the year on December 14, the Citrus Heights City Council unanimously selected a new mayor and vice mayor to serve in the upcoming year: Mayor Bret Daniels and Vice Mayor Jayna Karpinski-Costa.

Mayor Daniels said he will be honored to serve as mayor and commended outgoing mayor Tim Schaefer for his service over the past year. Daniels said public safety will be a top priority for him and that there is "a lot of work ahead." He also revealed that he plans for this to be his last year on the Council (as he is running for election to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in District 4).

Before approval of the Consent Calendar, Robert Coronado made a video appearance to speak on Item 11 - his offer to give the City 2.2 acres of vacant land (next to Heights Church) to use for a park, open space, or community garden.

Mr. Coronado said, "I'd be happy to donate the property located on Sylvan Rd. to the City of Citrus Heights to be used for the public's benefit in perpetuity. Thank you for agreeing, if accepted, to name the property Coronado Park in honor of my grandparents, Manuel and Francisca Coronado, who emigrated from Mexico in the 1920s and homesteaded part of the property."

San Juan Creek runs through the site, and there is a grove of well-established oak trees. "The property ties in well with the City's General Plan goal of preserving and protecting open space, which in turn helps reduce the effects of climate change, as outlined in the UN's climate change report," said Coronado.

Councilmember Schaefer said Mr. Coronado reached out about a year ago to suggest the land transfer. "This man is pretty amazing," said Schaefer. "I'm very excited to have this property preserved for generations to come."

Mayor Daniels said, "Your graciousness to us is extremely appreciated." The Council unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, including the land transfer.

City Engineer Leslie
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Teddy Bear Luncheon Brings Joy for Children



Residents of Lakeview Village Mobile Home Park held their annual Teddy Bear Luncheon on December 7. Following lunch they presented the Citrus Heights Police Department with hundreds of teddy bears and other stuffed animals as they meet the children during their working days and nights. Residents, Mayor Tim Schaefer, City Manager Ash Feeny and other City and Police personnel attended.

By Elise Spleiss

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Lakeview Village Mobile Home Park in Citrus Heights hosted their annual Teddy Bear Luncheon on

December 7. Following the famed and much-anticipated luncheon, Lakeview residents presented the Citrus Heights Police Department (CHPD) with a large variety of teddy bears

and other stuffed animals to distribute to children in Citrus Heights during the holidays.

Several huge bags with hundreds of stuffed animals collected for months

were donated. Resident and board member Carol Spiker, who moved there two years ago with husband Paul, recalled that from their first visit to the

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Hibachi Buffet Opens

Council Approves New Methods for Roadway Repair and Maintenance



Food items at the ready, intended to go on the hibachi grill.

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Hibachi Buffet Sushi and Grill, at 5623 Sunrise Blvd., has opened in Citrus Heights.

It's the first restaurant for owner Jay Wong, originally from Orlando, Florida, who signed a long-term lease earlier this year. Extensive interior renovations to the site of the former China Buffet, completed over the summer and fall, have given the restaurant a welcoming and very spacious feel.

Initial restaurant reviews on Yelp since a soft public opening on December 5th have been positive. The restaurant, which features casual dining, all-you-can-eat seafood, steak, Chinese, and sushi and a hibachi grill, is offering a limited-time 15% discount to new customers with mention of the Yelp advertisement. A seniors discount is also offered.

Customers are greeted at the main front counter by friendly restaurant staff, and pay for either their all-you-can-eat lunch or dinner meal and beverage first before being seated in the main dining areas.

In all, the restaurant can seat over 300 customers, with a future option for outdoor seating, and typically has a variety of over 150 different menu items served daily, Wong said.

"We're excited to bring Hibachi Buffet Sushi and Grill to Citrus Heights," Wong said.

The interior décor is thoughtfully refreshed with multiple main buffet islands chock-full of freshly-prepared, hot main and side dishes. Many popular main buffet dishes are also available in half-size and full-size portions for take-out.

First-time customers might want to walk around each of the buffet islands to take in and savor the sheer variety of familiar main and side dishes which are offered before making their choices. On the left



Staff members Linda and Cici stand ready at the front counter of Hibachi Buffet Sushi and Grill.

side of the buffet islands, sushi chefs busily prepared and placed a colorful assortment of hand rolls into a cold display case for selection on a recent visit.

Another chef waited to take a plateful of a customer's vegetable and protein choices to a sizzling hibachi grill to be cooked as the guest watched.

Attentive restaurant staff are quick to offer beverage refills and clear empty plates.

After multiple trips to the buffet islands, save room for dessert. A separate buffet island also features dozens of tasty dessert and fresh fruit choices including individual pastries, cookies and single-serving ice cream cups.

The new restaurant fills a major vacancy along Sunrise Boulevard in the city's restaurant row.

Next door, a former Marie Callender's Restaurant and Bakery, at 5525 Sunrise Blvd., remains on the market. The restaurant abruptly closed in August 2019 when the parent company entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy due to dwindling profits. In early November, Boston's Pizza and Sports Bar at the corner of Sunrise Boulevard and Uplands Way, across from See's Candies, abruptly closed.

Hibachi Buffet has a head start on Yum Buffet and Grill, another Asian-fusion themed

restaurant now under construction, planning to open on Greenback Lane near Citrus Heights City Hall.

Exterior renovations of the former Tokyo Buffet restaurant at 7217 Greenback Ln., in Citrus Heights, shuttered since a fire occurred at the site in 2019, are well underway.

"It's my very first restaurant in California," Wong said in a telephone interview. He said he expected to hire at least 30 kitchen and customer service personnel to initially staff his new restaurant and is looking for more.

"Guests who discover our restaurant will find it a very special place," Wong said, "and they'll be excited to come back again."

Hibachi Buffet Sushi and Grill at 5623 Sunrise Blvd. in Citrus Heights is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lunch specials are offered at \$14.99, Monday through Friday. Dinner (Monday through Friday) menu price is \$20. Dinner all-day on weekends is \$21.99. Children's menu prices vary: for ages 3-6 it is \$6, and for ages 7-10 it is \$11.99.

For more information call 916-961-1508. The restaurant offers a daily 10% senior discount, and gift cards are also available. ★

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Blomquist presented the plans for Phase 1A of the San Juan Avenue Complete Streets Project, which includes improvements such as buffered bike lanes, new sidewalks, street lighting, storm drain upgrades, roadway resurfacing, and upgrades to transit stops and traffic signals. Phase 1A will extend along San Juan Ave., from Madison Ave. to Chesline Dr. (After design and funding are secured, the work will extend to Spicer Dr. in Phase 1B and to Greenback Ln. in Phase 2.)

Staff recommended approval of a construction contract with All Phase Construction at \$2.79 million, as well as an agreement with Ghirardelli Associates for construction management and inspection services at \$501,491. The total estimated cost for Phase 1A is \$3.66 million, which includes the construction and management services, in addition to 15% for contingencies.

The majority of the project funding is \$2.9 million in grants from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and other grants, local funds, and reimbursements from utility companies for their portion of the work.

In the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) budget, the City Council already allocated \$4.5 million for this project, so there will be budget savings of over \$800,000 that can be used to supplement other CIP projects.

Mayor Daniels said this project is "sorely needed." The contracts for Phase 1A were unanimously approved by Council.

General Services Director Regina Cave presented Council with a Three-Year Pavement Preservation Plan for arterial, collector, and residential streets in the city. Many streets in Citrus Heights are in poor condition, but the costs of traditional resurfacing and paving have made it difficult for the City to address the issue. With limited funding available for roads, only a few can be improved each year, leaving many more to fall further into disrepair - which as Director Cave explained, ends up costing the City more in the long run. And the City has traditionally focused on the worst roads first, which also increased the overall cost since crews had to be mobilized to different locations throughout the City at different times.

Staff began looking at other options and found there are more cost-effective methods being implemented by other cities in the region. Roads can be improved and maintained by using a variety of sealing applications (such as crack seal, slurry seal, and multi-layer treatments) at a fraction of the price - from \$4-\$10 per square yard, versus \$45 per square yard with traditional pavement overlays. The sealing applications can also be completed much more quickly than repaving. Cave explained that the plan is to maximize both time and funding by having crews work on various roads in the same area, with the worst ones getting more intensive repair seals, and those in better shape getting a seal to maintain its condition.

While traditional repaving does last the longest (up to 20 years), it still requires maintenance during that time. But the proposed sealing methods can last up to 10

years, so even with more frequent applications, there would still be significant cost savings—into the millions over the life of the roadways. And this new plan will increase the City's annual road repair output from 1-2 centerline miles to more than 52 centerline miles. With the funding for road repairs that is already included in the approved budget for the next few years, the City could afford to repair up to 117 streets with the proposed plan—rather than repairing only 6-20 streets during that time with the traditional method.

The recommended three-year plan includes arterial roads (parts of Antelope Rd., Auburn Blvd., Dewey Dr., Van Maren Ln., Fair Oaks Blvd., Greenback Ln., Madison Ave., Sylvan Rd., San Juan Ave.) as well as high-traffic neighborhood collector streets (such as Tuplo Dr., Rollingwood Blvd., and Kingswood Dr.).

Vice Mayor Karpinski-Costa said that while she's in favor of the concept, she does not support the streets identified for the initial round of work, since she believes some of them have been paved more recently and are currently in good condition.

Director Cave said, "Again, as I stated, there are going to be streets on here that are still in good condition. The idea is to be able to maintain them in good condition, and we're maintaining them at a fraction of the price with the slurry seal, versus waiting until they degrade."

Karpinski-Costa insisted that it would be best to focus repairs only on those roads that have not been paved for many years, and to exclude any roads in good condition.

Cave explained that Citrus Heights has 1,000 public streets: "We can't achieve all of our streets all in one fell swoop." And mobilizing crews in a strategic geographic approach will result in more cost savings than focusing only on the worst roads, which had been the historical approach.

Mayor Daniels said he likes the geographic approach because "it just makes logical sense." Rather than the historical "hodge-podge approach," working in one area at a time to get all those streets fixed or maintained will "get us to a point where everything is going to look pretty darn good. And then it's just going to be about maintaining it."

To Karpinski-Costa's point, Daniels said, "It's not about which street has been paved before or not." There could be streets in more need of work, regardless of when they were last paved, and the roads in good condition need to be maintained rather than neglected to protect the City's financial investment. "We've got to trust Regina and her team...to pick those streets that are right."

Council voted 4-1 to approve the Three-year Pavement Preservation Plan, with Vice Mayor Karpinski-Costa dissenting.

City Manager Ashley Feeney recognized Director Cave for the tremendous amount of work put into the pavement preservation plan. "This is a direct outgrowth of the Focus Area Work Plan and the Strategic Objectives that the Council adopted. So many more lane miles are addressed with this plan than the model of old. I'm really excited about it," said Feeney. "It's going to be a fantastic endeavor."

The next Citrus Heights City Council meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024. ★

Happy Holidays

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Teddy Bear Luncheon Brings Joy for Children

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Lakeview office at the beginning of a teddy bear collection, to days before the luncheon, their numbers grew rapidly until the office was so full of bears and other stuffed creatures there was not a lot of room to move.

She said one of the main reasons they chose Lakeview was this kind of community

involvement and the welcome they received even before they had moved there.

Per Larissa Aguilar, Public Information Officer for the CHPD, "The community coming together during the holiday season is truly what the spirit of the holidays is all about, and we are so fortunate to have amazing people like the ones at Lakeview

Village in Citrus Heights!"

CHPD Commander Kristopher Frey spoke in front of the group this year. In an email and speaking on behalf of the Citrus Heights Police Activities League (PAL) as president. He said, "The Lakeview Village Teddy Bear Luncheon is one of my favorite holiday events. It's an opportunity to sit with the residents of

Lakeview Village and engage in togetherness. I am so grateful for the warm welcome, the amazing food the residents prepare, and the hundreds of teddy bears donated. The teddy bears are not only given out during the holiday season, but also placed in the back of police vehicles for officers to provide to young victims of crimes to help bring comfort

to their situations. On behalf of CHPAL, I am also grateful for the annual donation Lakeview Village Mobile Home Park makes to the program which assists in funding events for our youth."

Contributors: Larissa Aguilar, CSO, Office of the Chief; Carol Spiker, member of Association Board of Lakeview Village. ★

Defendant Convicted of EDD Fraud, ID Theft, Evading Police, DUI

Sacramento County DA News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On October 17, 2023, Michael McKinney pled to Employment Development Department (EDD) fraud, evading police, identity theft and driving under the influence. On November 30, 2023, the Honorable Kenneth

Brody sentenced McKinney to 6 years and 8 months in state prison.

On September 18, 2021, California Highway Patrol officers attempted a vehicle stop on McKinney for speeding on Interstate 80. McKinney led officers on a high-speed chase, reaching speeds of over 130 mph. McKinney continued to drive on Auburn Boulevard until his tires went flat. McKinney

then exited his vehicle, ran across Interstate 80 and led officers on a foot pursuit on the Haggin Oaks Golf Course. Officers arrested McKinney and determined his blood alcohol content was 0.128%.

On June 30, 2022, Sacramento police officers conducted a probation search of McKinney's bedroom. Officers recovered 97 fraudulent credit cards and 28 identification

cards containing McKinney's face with different names. Officers also found other indicia of identity theft and evidence of EDD fraud.

The Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and the California Employment Development Department conducted an investigation and determined McKinney filed 23 fraudulent EDD claims and received \$538,050 in fraudulent funds. ★



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Rainbow Electronics Celebrates 35 Years in Citrus Heights



The front of Rainbow Electronics as seen from Madison Avenue.

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG) - Rainbow Electronics, located in a bright blue, two-level residential-style building at 7531 Madison Avenue Suite A, has specialized in tube-based electronics since its opening in 1963, well before the city's incorporation.

Residents might remember that Rainbow Electronics was one of the few businesses in Citrus Heights that repaired early-model color television sets. If you needed an individual replacement tube or service for your bulky black-and-white or color TV, their shop was the local place to go.

Today, Rainbow Electronics, with some 60 years locally in business, has specialized in the service and repair of just about everything from 1920s-era, battery radio sets, to today's digital multi-track technology. Husband and wife owners John and Robyn McCormack proudly offer their customers state-of-the-art audio and video repair.

"The business name is based on the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers (SMPTE) rainbow color bars which are a standard for testing color quality on video displays and cameras," John said.

Rainbow Electronics repairs most brands of consumer and professional equipment. A \$110 diagnosis and one-hour minimum is payable in advance and is non-refundable, he said.

McCormack provided a "behind-the-counter" tour of Rainbow Electronics workshop where arriving gear is tagged and then scheduled for repair, and where service technicians guided by product schematics will soon perform a service diagnosis.

In a main service area, cabinets chock-full of older parts, individual tubes, vintage service manuals and other testing equipment are ready for when they are needed.

Whatever type of gear you have which might need repair, odds are owner John

McCormack has either seen it, or has at one time worked on it. The Sacramento State University graduate, with a major in electrical engineering and psychology, purchased the business in 2016. He had worked for the previous owner as one of its lead service technicians.

The building was extensively remodeled in October 2019 with new offices, shelving storage and repair spaces added for future business growth, he said.

Eight-track players, integrated amplifiers, antique tube equipment, studio monitors, cassette decks, mixing consoles, multi-track tape recorders, tube amplifiers, surround sound receivers and processors, public address (PA) systems, portable and arranger keyboards, turntables, digital pianos, VCRs, Edison cylinder recorders, vintage microphones, vintage radios, home stereo components including reel to reel recorders and guitar amplifiers, are just a few examples which he said may be repaired at the shop. A complete summary listing of repairable equipment can be seen at: <https://www.rainbowelectronics.net/services>.

Walk-in customers bring in a wide range of equipment daily and the workload varies. Once received, it typically takes four to six weeks for an initial repair diagnosis to be made, he said.

"It's a very enjoyable business and a profession to be in," he said. He often speaks philosophically about the older equipment he has worked on, and audio amplifiers and equipment he has built himself over the years.

"We know these treasures are more than just machines," he said. "They're a window into your past and carry significant memories which (our customers) might not be ready to let go. We tend to feel the same way."

Through the years, Rainbow Electronics, a member of the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce, has established a local reputation for high quality, enduring repairs, creative modifications and

has received excellent customer service reviews, he said.

"We have the necessary resources, where other service or repair companies may fall short," he said.

McCormack said he's ready to help his customers in their quest to make their vintage equipment work well again.

"If parts can't be found, our technicians have the ability to custom make parts to keep your machine working like new," he said.

"With all our combined experience, our technicians have the knowledge and talent to bring your equipment back to vibrant life," he said.

In addition to doing local repairs, many customers from across the U.S. ship their equipment to Rainbow Electronics for repair, he said.

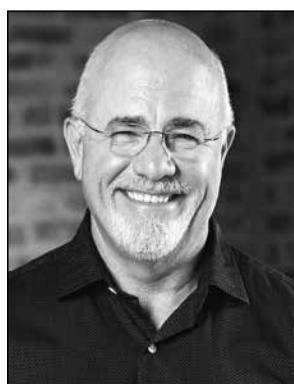
"We also focus on repairs and modification of consumer and professional audio and video equipment upon request," he said.

Rainbow Electronics also performs warranty repair work, and a complete listing of brands which it can repair is provided on the shop's website.

Customers will need to provide a copy of their original bill of sale to waive the repair deposit fee, he said. Some warranty companies may not cover units under warranty if no problem is found or for intermittent issues. In that event, Rainbow Electronics will charge a minimum shop charge of \$110.00, he said.

Rainbow Electronics at 7531-A Madison Avenue in Citrus Heights is located between San Juan Avenue and Mariposa Avenue at the corner of Madison and Highview Lane. Customers should turn onto Highview Lane, take an immediate left, and park behind the building, John said.

Shop hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For general service inquiries, call 926-863-7277 for more information, or email: info@rainbowelectronics.net. ★



Don't Be Afraid To Start Small

Dear Dave,

I'd like to slowly start a business online while working my regular job. But even though I'm in pretty good financial shape, I don't have much money left at the end of the month. I have no debt except for my house, and I also have nine months of expenses in my emergency fund. How can I start my business without borrowing the money?

- Kristin

Dear Kristin,

I like where your head is. Start and run your business with cash. Period. Even if it takes a little while to get

Dave Ramsey Says

things off the ground. That should be a guideline for every entrepreneur.

But guess what? You may have more money on hand than you think. You're a little heavy on your emergency fund right now. I recommend people have three to six months of expenses set aside for emergencies. You could back your emergency fund down to six months of expenses, and move the extra over to an account designated for your business. After that, grow it slowly each month until you have enough to open your doors. You'd be surprised how much cash will pile up, even if you save just a little bit at a time.

The big thing, Kirsten, is don't be afraid to start small. Don't despise humble beginnings. Some of the best and most successful companies in America started as micro-businesses or cottage industries. I literally started my company

on a card table in my living room. It's easier and safer in a lot of ways. So, I love the wisdom you're showing by wanting to keep your full-time job while starting the business online.

So, yeah. Take three or four months of expenses out of your emergency fund, and move it to a designated business account. Watch your budget carefully, and keep spending to a minimum. Above all, don't take your business into debt. Grow it at the speed of cash. The best, most successful businesses don't outrun their money and other resources!

- Dave

**Leadership and small-business expert Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored eight national bestselling books, including EntreLeadership, and is a host of The Ramsey Show and The EntreLeadership Podcast.* ★

Board Approves Parks Fee Schedule Update



An updated fee schedule will go into effect on Thursday, January 11, 2024, in Sacramento County parks including the American River Parkway. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Regional Parks

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, at its December 12 meeting, approved the 2024 Department of Regional Parks Fee Schedule. The updated Fee Schedule will go into effect on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

The Fee Schedule was last updated in 2022 with an understanding that updates would happen every two to three years. Regional Parks updates its Fee Schedule intermittently to:

Adjust fees for inflation; Ensure fees cover costs of services provided; Standardize fees with similar facilities and services; And, raise needed revenues to offset department maintenance and operations costs

"Going into this update, staff compiled the daily vehicle, daily boat launch and annual pass fees charged by other comparable park agencies with similar facilities," said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. "We wanted to ensure that the revisions to our fee schedule are within the range of fees charged by these agencies."

The proposed revisions include increases to the following fees:

Daily Parking; Annual Pass; Amplified Sound Permit; Bounce House Permit; Special Event Permit; Open Trail Event; RV Camping (Sherman Island only); Youth Group Camping (Scouts, Church Groups, etc.); Gibson Ranch House (off season event package only); Habitat Restoration Program.

View the 2024 Fee Schedule to learn more. ★

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Approved Budget Priorities Based on Survey Results

					
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Reducing homelessness	Public safety, including law enforcement	Maintenance of infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and public buildings	Services for children, seniors, and families	Economic development such as job creation	Parks and environmental protection

Image courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, at its Dec. 12 meeting, approved recommended budget priorities based on the results of a survey of County residents. The Board also approved the General Fund Contingency Policy.

The public opinion survey, conducted by a professional public opinion firm, was conducted in October and November of 2023. The survey was a follow-up to the County's first public opinion survey in 2021, which was conducted so the County could develop budget priorities based on public input.

The results of the 2023 survey were remarkably similar to the results in 2021, with focus areas such as homelessness and road improvements identified as priorities.

The recommended priorities for the use of General Fund discretionary funds in the FY 2024-25 budget are:

Complying with the County's legal, financial, regulatory and policy obligations, including providing mandated services, ensuring collection of revenues, and complying with the General Fund Reserve policy;

Optimizing the use of County resources, with budgeted service levels for County programs informed by community priorities, improving effectiveness and efficiency where possible, and limiting the extent to which reductions in dedicated revenue are back-filled with discretionary resources;

Funding new or enhanced programs that focus on the most critical and urgent needs, with the following priority focus areas identified in the survey of County residents:

A Countywide focus area of addressing homelessness, its impacts, and contributing factors, including the cost and availability of housing, mental health services and substance abuse treatment.

An unincorporated focus area of improving the condition of roads.

SURVEY PREPARATION

The professional polling firm conducted focus groups of County residents in November 2022. Key overall findings of the budget priorities focus groups generally aligned with the 2021 survey results. The central, top-of-mind concern was homelessness, and participants associated many overlapping issues with this concern, including substance abuse, mental health, blight and illegal dumping, the quality of the parks, housing costs and crime. Another top concern was infrastructure, with a particular focus on significant road improvement.

Additionally, while participants prioritized helping children and seniors, poverty and food insecurity were not seen as urgent problems.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The firm conducted surveys through telephone and online interviews with 1,061 respondents, with a margin of sampling error of ±3.1% at the 95% confidence level. The survey was available in 10 languages, including English.

SURVEY AUDIENCE

Of the 1,061 respondents surveyed, residents

were drawn from communities in proportion to the County's adult population by age and gender and came from a mix of educational backgrounds and household incomes.

More than half of the respondents identified with a race or ethnicity other than white, and more than one-quarter indicated they spoke a language other than English at home regularly.

More than two in five respondents personally experienced homelessness or knew someone who had.

SURVEY RESULTS

Survey result highlights include:

County Context: The top concern survey respondents wanted the County to address, by far, was homelessness. Of the respondents identified, 58 percent reported homelessness as the most important problem (compared to 53 percent in 2021). The second and third categories were crime/safety/drugs at 18 percent and housing/affordable rent at 15 percent (both were at 13 percent in 2021).

Infrastructure/road repairs was in the fourth category at 8 percent (same in 2021) cost of living/inflation was fifth at 7 percent (versus 5 percent in 2021).

Road conditions are a bigger issue in the unincorporated areas than the cities, with 66 percent of residents in the unincorporated areas citing road conditions as an extremely or very serious problem.

Resident Priorities for the County Budget: Low levels of homelessness and crime, the fair and transparent administration of elections and adequate protection for vulnerable children were seen as keys to making Sacramento County a good place to live. Residents also valued enough good, well-paying jobs for local residents and accessible mental health services.

Less important to residents were adequate retail and shopping opportunities and low levels of incarceration.

Residents were also broadly satisfied with waste disposal, County parks and libraries. Majorities were satisfied with public transportation and preparation for public health emergencies.

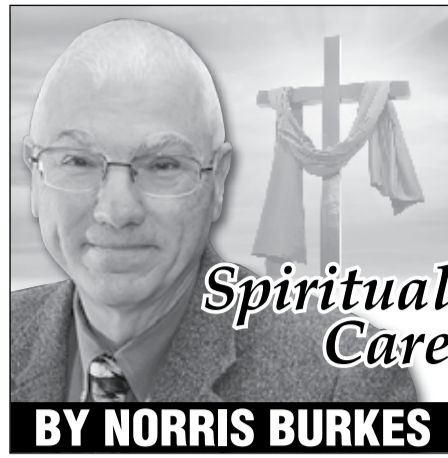
However, four in five residents were broadly dissatisfied with homelessness prevention. Addressing homelessness, affordable housing and mental health services were areas that people highly value but see the County as falling short.

Allocating the County Budget: Residents were asked to imagine they are in charge of the County budget and were asked how they would prioritize County spending in six broad areas.

On average, residents allocated more funding to reducing homelessness and public safety than other areas. Infrastructure maintenance came in third, followed by services for children, seniors and families, economic development such as job creation, and parks and environmental protection.

For City of Sacramento residents, homelessness was a higher priority than in the unincorporated areas and other cities. Homeowners were slightly more likely to prioritize homelessness, safety and infrastructure. ★

A Christmas Meditation



BY NORRIS BURKES

The crowing of the barn rooster stirs the young parents and their newborn son where they sleep amidst steaming piles of hay. The boy awakens, batting the air and fussing for a feeding.

Mary pulls Jesus to her breast, allowing him the nourishment he seeks. The moment belongs only to them, so Joseph turns over searching for sleep.

Soon, the sun streaks through the barn's crevices, flooding it with light. The glare awakens the questions Mary sought so hard to keep to herself.

"Joseph."
He groans.
"Joseph."
"What is it, Mary?" he asks.

"Tell me again what the angels said."
Joseph props himself on his elbow.
"The angels said, 'Don't be afraid.'"

"But, Joseph! How can we not be afraid? We're so young. We have nothing."
Joseph rubs his eyes, hoping to find the clarity befitting Jesus' stepfather.

"I'm not sure," he says. "But maybe miracles come from 'nothing.' After all, God made an entire world from nothing."

Mary offers only a respectful nod, causing Joseph to drop his head in his open palms.

"You're right to be worried. I'm worried too," he says. "How will I provide for you both?"

Mary reaches for Joseph's face, cradling it with a warm hand. "I love you."

It's the way she answers most of Joe's worries.

His fingers trace Jesus' hand as a means to answer his own question.

"This tiny hand will carry a hammer some day," Joseph says. Then he stretches his own hands wide as if to bracket the sign he envisions. "We will be, 'Joseph

and Son, Galilean Carpenter Shop.'"
"According to your angelic friends," Mary counters, "Jesus' hands will also carry 'great joy!'"

Mary moves Jesus to her other side and invites Joseph closer to share them both. "Will he change the world?" she asks.

"I'm not sure the world is ready for him," Joseph says.

"They won't be, but it will be God's timing. Not ours."

Mary counts Jesus' toes aloud, contemplating how to categorize him — man or God — when she dares a deeper question.

"What if God should want to take him back?" she asks.

At first, Joseph seems unwilling to consider the loss of his firstborn, even if it were somehow God's will. He does his best to deflect his fear through two questions of his own.

"There's only one thing that really bothers me, Mary. Who are we? How did we get so lucky?"

Mary stares at the thatched roof in contemplative silence. She is absorbing that word 'lucky' when Joseph revises his question.

"Or should I ask, 'How did we become burdened?'"

"Joe! Watch what you say!"

"Honestly, who are we to be trusted with so great a task?" he asks.

"We're nobody." She pauses a few moments before adding, "Or, maybe we've been chosen because we are everybody."

"That makes no sense," Joe says.

"Yes, it does. Everyone will have to decide for themselves what to do with Jesus — just as we did."

Joseph remains unimpressed.

"I'm not sure I can fully answer your question except to say, mankind is a part of God's plan. I'd even say we are his plan."

At that, Joseph shakes his head. "Goodness. Do you suppose God has a plan B?"

Mary puts the sleeping Jesus aside and playfully answers Joseph by stuffing his tunic with a handful of straw.

"I love you," she says, "but I have one more question."

"What?" he asks.

"Can we please get some more sleep while we still can?" ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



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.
- 5. CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES:** There are times when we need to relinquish our need to be right in our

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! ★

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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 game.

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 brings 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.

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California’s Water Wars See Some Breakthroughs But More Clashes Loom



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The politics of water in California could be likened to the constant grinding of tectonic plates 10 miles or more beneath its surface.

The Pacific Plate battles with the North American Plate for dominance along the 800-mile-long San Andreas Fault tracing California’s coast. When one gives way, the state experiences an earthquake.

Similarly, California’s water interests – farmers, cities and environmentalists, principally, with infinite numbers of sub-groups – joust constantly over how the state’s water supplies will be apportioned.

The conflicts of water buffaloes, as they have been dubbed, play out in legislative arenas, in the many federal, state and local governmental agencies that manage water distribution, and increasingly, in state and federal courts.

Their grinding struggles have been underway for as long as California has been a state (173 years), but on occasions – sometimes separated by decades – major actions change California’s waterscape.

This appears to be one of those occasions. California’s recent experience of drought followed by torrential rain and snow storms seems to have jolted water stakeholders into doing things that seemed impossible just a few years ago.

California’s users of

Colorado River water, principally the Imperial Irrigation District, last week formally signed an agreement with other states to reduce diversions from the much-troubled river. It’s hoped that the deal will stave off an otherwise imminent catastrophe in the rivers two major reservoirs, Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

Federal officials pressed for the historic agreement, threatening unilateral cuts if it didn’t happen, and lubricated it with many millions of dollars in compensation.

The state Department of Water Resources has released a final environmental impact report on a plan to bore a tunnel beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and carry some Sacramento River water to the head of the California Aqueduct without pulling water from the Delta itself.

Versions of the bypass have kicked around for more than six decades, with officialdom saying it’s needed to protect water supplies to the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California and opponents, particularly environmental groups, saying it would worsen water quality in the Delta. Release of the report sets the stage for what could be years of political and legal battles before construction could begin.

Tunnel advocates say that water would be drawn only during periods of high precipitation and snowpack runoff to improve water reliability, which is also the rationale for another major construction project that’s languished for decades: the Sites reservoir in Colusa and Glenn counties. In November, Gov. Gavin Newsom designated Sites for streamlined approval of a final environmental impact report, paving the way for

construction that could begin as soon as 2025.

In October, the federal Bureau of Reclamation announced the approval of a storage capacity expansion plan for the San Luis Reservoir, a key element of California’s water supply system. San Luis, in the Pacheco Pass, is an off-stream reservoir that absorbs water drawn from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and stores it to meet later demands. It’s similar to how the proposed Sites reservoir would function – storing water when it’s available to cushion periods when natural flows are diminished. The plan would increase the reservoir’s capacity by 130,000 acre-feet.

Finally, the state water regulators are poised to approve first-ever projects that directly convert sewage into drinking water. Reusing water “gives us a supply that in essence is always going to be there,” Darrin Polhemus, a water board deputy director, said.

While important, these recent developments don’t end California’s water wars. For instance, the state is beginning to implement first-ever controls on pumping from underground aquifers under a law passed a decade ago, which could sharply affect agriculture production in the San Joaquin Valley.

Meanwhile, the water buffaloes are gearing up for the most divisive of all potential conflicts – whether the state will breach water rights, some of which date back to the Gold Rush days. Preliminary skirmishes are already underway, as the New York Times detailed last week.

It will be epic.

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

Made It Home for Christmas

*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*

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Roberta L Barth, 9313 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 County December 12, 2023
Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023 Jan 5, 12, 2024
PROJECT 1-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08715
Anita Smedley-Brown, 2236 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
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FIRST 1-12-24

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
MIDDLETON 1-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08957
Iris Salon Suites, Inc., 11829 Delavan Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phenix 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, 2024
PHENIX 1-12-24

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, 2024
SORINS 1-12-24

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, 2024
ROSETH 1-12-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-08966
Qingtian Inc., 3700 Crocker Road Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tasty Dumping" 3700 Crocker Road Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 6, 2023
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TASTY 1-12-24

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, 2024
CBSE 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
BAKIN 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 Simpson.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled 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
SIMPSON 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.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 28, 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 14, 2023
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
MIRRIONE 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 Helms.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons 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, 2024
MARTIN 1-12-24

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, 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) 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 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 Teleconference: <https://saccount-ca-gov.zoomgov.com/join/916133529231>
Meeting: 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://saccount-ca-gov.zoomgov.com/join/916133529231> or Toll Free Telephone Conference Line @ (888) 475-499, with 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 objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are 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 Attorney for Petitioner is: Terri L Cipponeri, Ewing & Assoc, 995 S Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453; 707-263-6400
Publish: Dec 22, 29, 2023, Jan 5, 2024
JIMERSON 1-5-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBIN KAY MATTOS
CASE NO. 23PR001891
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors 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.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBIN KAY MATTOS
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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
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: 23CV009805
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

All persons unknown claiming any legal or equitable right, title, 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 through 5

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

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless 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 your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property 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.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO despues de que le entreguen esta citacion y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue

una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exencion de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podra quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remision a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por

ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de la corte es): Carol Miller Justice Center, 301 Bicentennial Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Vanessa Amador, Norcal Attorney Brokers, 1355 Florin Road Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95822, 916-396-9934.

Date: (Fecha) 10/12/2023
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SHARP 1-12-24

NOTICE OF BIRTH AND ACCEPTANCE

At home birth located at Citrus Heights, CA, an AMERICAN infant boy, birth name: Alvy Cruz Garcia birth weight: 9 pounds and 4.50 ounces birth measurement: 20.24 inches.

Birth father/trustee: Paul Alvarez Garcia
Birth mother/ trustee: Carissa Joy (Dowdy) Vanek
Witnesses present: Jonathan Dowdy, Andrea Ragan, McKenzie Leeke and Heather Baker

Both trustees hereby acknowledge, accept for value, and claim the infant's birth name, birth record, the estate, the related certificate of title, including the certificated security which represents the title, and all underlying related estate assets in respect to the living estate of ALVY CRUZ GARCIA now transferred, delivered, and held in trust for the infant and our Creator, as beneficiaries. The Trustees, as the estate Administrators hold priority claim over the aforesaid estate and assets by 1st possession and position.

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Gift Card Scam and Arrest

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - During our recent retail theft Operation Bad Elf, detectives observed an individual, later identified as Ningning Sun, acting suspiciously near the gift cards in the payment aisles in a Sacramento Target store. Detectives observed him placing all the gift cards on a rack inside his jacket, then replacing the gift cards with another set of seemingly identical ones. After Sun was stopped trying to exit the store with the stolen gift cards, detectives discovered over 5000 gift cards from Target and Apple in his possession.

Their investigation revealed Sun was part of a scam that tampered with gift cards, scanned the bar code, and stole money from the gift card as money was



Over 5,000 gift cards were found in Ningning Sun's possession. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Sheriff's Office

loaded on them. Victims are completely unaware it is happening, and the money is often siphoned to an off-shore account within seconds. Their investigation revealed that the operation spanned across California and

several regions nationwide. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office urges residents to be cautious when purchasing physical gift cards from any retailer. Be observant of any signs of tampering, especially

suff marks or scratches near the bar code on the back of the card. These operations are very sophisticated, and modifications to the gift cards are often virtually undetectable, even to the trained eye. Detectives suspect Sun has

done this at many stores and are requesting the public's help to potentially link him to other crimes.

This investigation is still ongoing, and detectives are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Tips leading to additional charges are eligible for a CASH reward of up to \$1000, and tipsters remain anonymous. Tips are paid in cash, and you are never asked for identification. Contact Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357), 1-800-AA-CRIME, or **TIPS. Use the "P3 TIPS" app or online at www.sacvalleycrimestoppers.com. Tip information may also be left anonymously at www.sacsheriff.com or by calling (916) 874-TIPS (8477). ★

Three Arrested in Operation Bad Elf for Retail Theft at Target

Sacramento Sheriff's Dept News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - During Operation Bad Elf, Detectives observed two women enter a Target store, and fill a cart with merchandise, while a third woman waited in a vehicle in the parking lot. As the two women exited the store without paying, Detectives detained all three women while they were loading the items in the vehicle.

Detectives located hundreds of other items inside the vehicle, stolen from numerous stores in the Sacramento area.

Detectives determined that earlier in the day, the three females had stolen from Lululemon, Bath and Body Works, Michael's, CVS, and TJ Maxx. All three women were arrested for felony grand theft and conspiracy; but have all since been released pending their court date. Most of the items have been returned to

their respective owners yesterday, with a total recovered loss value of approximately \$7,240.

Detectives believe these women have taken part in other similar organized retail thefts throughout the region, and are asking anyone that may recognize them from other previously unreported crimes to contact the Sheriff's Office at (916) 874-5115 or the Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers at (916) 443-HELP (4357). Tips leading to an

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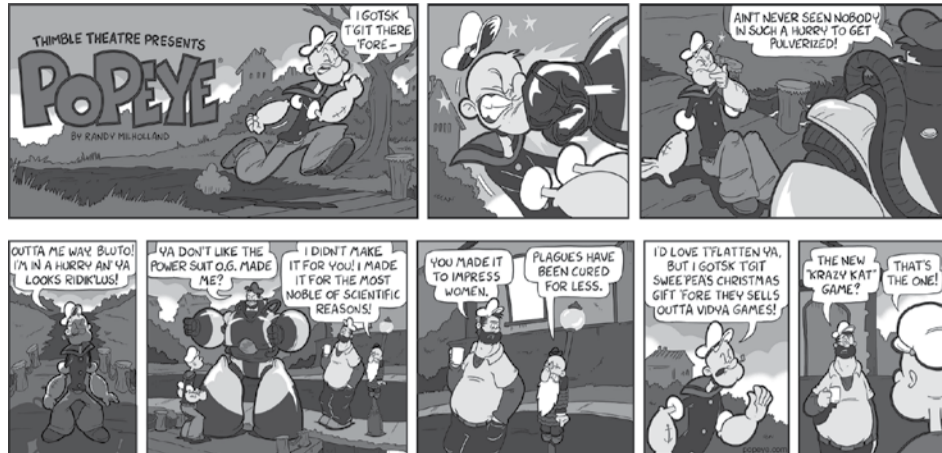
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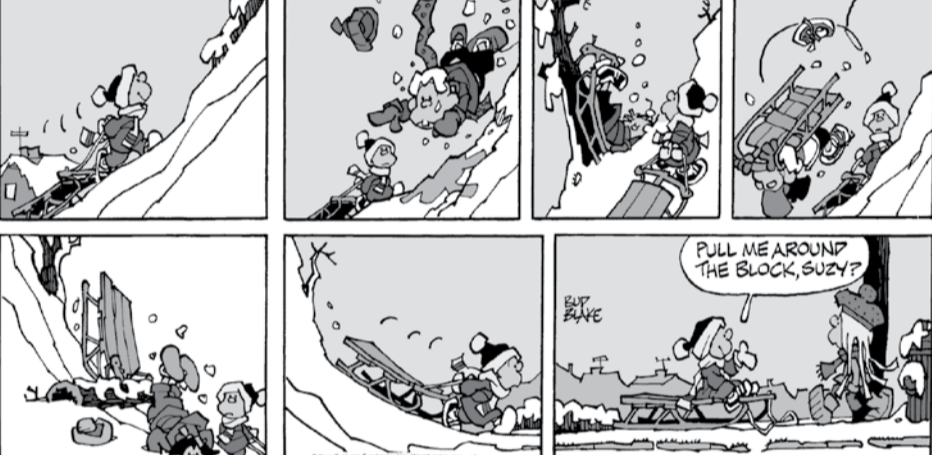


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Remember, Honor and Teach

Wreaths Across America Honors Fallen at Mt Vernon Memorial

By Elise Spleiss

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

The Wreaths Across America (WAA) tradition of laying wreaths on the graves of those fallen military throughout our history, took place on Saturday, December 16 at Mt. Vernon Memorial Park and Mortuary in Fair Oaks. Coordinator and Master of Ceremonies Celeste Cox greeted all attending.

Saturday, December 16, 2023, also marked the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, the event which eventually led to the sparking of the American Revolution which began in Massachusetts on April 19, 1775. These brave soldiers fought the fight for freedom against the British which eventually led to the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

As we celebrate the mission of Wreaths Across America to 'commemorate the fallen (including Prisoners of War and Missing in Action), honor those who served and their families, and teach the next generation the value of freedom,' it is important to know that we are not decorating their grave to remember their deaths but their lives.

Cox reminded us that "Today we show a united front of gratitude and respect with others across the United States of America as we remember the fallen, honor those who have served and their families, and teach the next generation the value of freedom."

The 2023 ceremony at Mt. Vernon continued this tradition by joining the over 2 million wreaths laid at more than 4,000 locations military, including military, local and national cemeteries in all 50 states at sea and abroad.

The day began with the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Posting of Colors and flag folding by Del Campo High ROTC. Pastor Scott Guemmer sang the National



Members of General John A. Sutter Daughters of the American Revolution stand at the Court of Honor in Mount Vernon Memorial. From left to right: Carol Keller; Gayle-Ann Johnson; Diana Weller; Sue Frost; Deborah Bartlett; Jacquie Gariano; Lynn Terleski-Katz; Diana Poppert; Ginger Reed. In front: Celeste Cox. Photo courtesy of Sue Frost



A Casa Robles High School ROTC cadet laying a ceremonial wreath honoring the fallen. Photo courtesy of Sue Frost



The Del Campo High School ROTC cadet color guard officiated the Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Photo courtesy of Sue Frost

Anthem.

As is tradition at Mt. Vernon, members of the Casa Robles ROTC placed one ceremonial wreath for each branch of the military at a place of honor before the Wall of Honor. They were placed in memory of those who served and are serving in the U.S. Army, U.S Marine Corp, U.S. Air Force,

U.S. Space Force, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marines. Finally, a final wreath was placed in honor of the over 93,129 servicemen of all branches of the service whose last known status was of POW or MIA, who have never returned to their families and homes. We shall never forget.

Each wreath is not just a symbol

but a personal testament to the valor and sacrifices of those who served. Following Taps family, friends, veterans, and other community volunteers took one of the 300 wreaths purchased for the occasion and placed it on the grave of someone who fought for our country, while saying their name.

An important aspect of Wreaths

Across America is the participation of community groups. From local schools and veteran's organizations to various civic groups, the event has become a unifying force, bringing together people from all walks of life to honor those who served.

A notable feature of the 2023 event is its focus on youth involvement through educational activities. These initiatives aim to instill a deeper understanding and respect for military service in the younger generation. President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." By engaging children in learning about the sacrifices of veterans, the event ensures that the legacy of remembrance and gratitude is passed on to future generations.

Following the laying of a wreath attendees were invited to visit the Remembrance Tree, write the name of a loved one who had been or is in the military on a dog tag and hang it on the tree. The tree will be there through January of 2024.

The 2023 event, underscores the importance of remembering the past, honoring the present, and educating the future, ensuring that the sacrifices of veterans are forever etched in the heart of American history.

Two organizations, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Armed Women of America (AWA) a nonprofit whose motto is "Armed, Brave and Competent," educates and equips women to be their own self-defense, are both active in the Wreaths Across America event.

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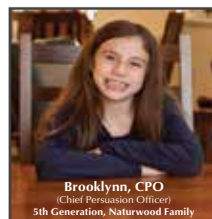
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Midway Antique Mall Says Goodbye

Story and photo by Tamara Warta

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Time is about to move on from a retail location that has enjoyed a long nostalgic pause with the Sacramento community. Midway Antique Mall, which has been selling retro finds to antique lovers since 2006, will close its doors on January 21, 2024.

The 30,000 square foot antique mall, which is located at 5130 Madison Ave, is owned and run by Mark and Ann Saunders. Meeting with Mark in one of Midway's staged midcentury rooms feels like coming home for a chat with a cherished grandparent, complete with a record softly playing throughout the mall and the couple's 6 lb yorkie named Ike at his post by the cash registers.

"I think the customers will miss Ike more than me and Ann," jokes Saunders, as he reflects upon the start of Midway while surrounded by the various rooms displaying their huge accomplishment.

With a passion for antiquing since the early 1990s, the Saunders were regular dealers at the old Antique Plaza in Rancho Cordova. After being in the court reporting business for over 30 years, they decided to shutter their deposition reporting firm and become full time antique retailers following Antique Plaza's closure.

"We decided to open our own little weekend store, maybe 2500 square feet," recalls Saunders. Soon, they started getting calls from other dealers, ending up with approximately 100 inquiries into their new business that was intended to be small and simple.

"Ann and I sat down and said, well...okay! And we decided to open Midway."

The business started in the building that is now occupied by Green Acres, and moved to their



Mark, Ike, and Ann Saunders in front of an original vintage jukebox at Midway Antique Mall.

current location in 2008. And, seemingly from the moment it began, Midway has been anything but small in the world of antiquing. Prior to the pandemic, the mall was open 7 days a week, 10am-6pm, with both of the Saunders present everyday. Keeping Midway open has always been a team effort - although Mark lovingly gives most of the credit to Ann.

"My job is to keep our booths stocked, help dealers move in, deal with customers, and calendar coverage," says Saunders. "Ann, on the other hand, is the business manager and financial officer. She - by herself - handles all the paperwork... she has done an incredible job for one person. Without Ann, this never would have happened. If something had happened to her, Midway

would've closed the next day. Without her - the rules she created, the financial management - there's no way I could do it by myself. Ann gets 100 percent credit for Midway beginning and being maintained."

Post-pandemic, Midway changed their business model and is now closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays - it gave the Saunders some time to rest while also, surprisingly, improving their business. Sales went up, utility costs went down, and other antique shops up and down California followed suit.

Midway has long been an example to others when it comes to how to showcase antiques the right way, and outside of their throngs of loyal customers, the mall has gotten to be the background for many a photo shoot. It

has become the holiday tradition of many couples and families to come sit in the shop's staged 1950s "Dean Martin room" and nab the perfect vintage holiday card photo.

When HBO came knocking, Midway also got to serve as a movie set for a Carol Burnett documentary.

"It was amazing how those movie cameras can take one of these rooms and make it look like a house," said Saunders. Both he and Ann got to enjoy the film's premiere at Sacramento's Crest theater and had fun spotting one of their kitchen sets.

When speaking about the photo-shoots and documentary, Saunders reflects, "No other mall does anything like that. A lot of customers say it's just a museum trip back in time."

While Mark Saunders clearly has a joy for his antiques - especially for the mall's mid-1950s to 1960s pieces, he is also a serious businessman. During its run, Midway rarely had a spot for a new dealer, and when it did, it would be gone within a week.

"We are very strict on who we let in here. All of our stuff has to be at least 30 years old - no new, no reproductions, no made in China."

Midway currently has 250 dealer spaces, 160 dealer showcases, and as high as 120 dealers selling at the mall. With Midway closing, Saunders couldn't provide a definitive answer as to where all of its current dealers will go.

"It's kind of an end of an era. There will never be another Midway," says Saunders. "We have customers from all over the world... Ann and I are kind of unusual dealers. Most want to buy and sell - we care where the stuff goes. Most is priced not to sell until I find the right home."

Antiquing is not an easy game. Midcentury antiques in particular are getting harder to find because parents are passing away and children are keeping them within the family. And, for the Saunders, Midway is staying within the family as well. They declined offers to sell Midway, with Mark instead saying, "Midway is Mark and Ann. We birthed Midway and we will lay it to rest."

"For the most part, all of the dealers are great people," said Saunders. "It's just been fun, but after 35 years in court reporting and 19 years here, I'm out of gas."

When asked what he will do now that he's retiring, the 74-year-old mentions his excitement for playing with his classic 1955 Chevy and 1962 Rambler. But, with a smile, it is clear that something else will take number one spot in the coming days.

"Ann and I are going to start dating again." ★

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ASIAN GROCERY

REG. \$5.69 Dragonfly Rice Vermirelli 32 oz \$3.99/ea	REG. \$1.29 Singha Soda 11.2 Ltr 99¢/ea -TAX+CRV	REG. \$2.99 Soybean Cream 14 Ltr \$1.99/ea	REG. \$1.99 Lucia Baby Corn in Brine 15 oz \$1.79/ea	REG. \$5.99 Trung Nguyen Coffee 176 oz \$3.99/ea
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EUROPEAN GROCERY

REG. \$16.99 Goodwill Breadcrumbs 3 kg \$13.99/ea	REG. \$16.99 Aishan Gold 100% Pure Ceylon Tea 8 x 50 gr \$12.99/ea	REG. \$15.99 Nambur Alloy Honey 905 gr \$11.99/ea	REG. \$5.99 Original Cheese Spread 198 gr \$3.19/ea	REG. \$10.99 San Siro Flour 500 gr \$8.99/ea
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KOREAN/JAPANESE GROCERY

REG. \$10.99 Cheong Chul Rice 12 x 7.4 oz \$9.99/ea	REG. \$7.99 Aoni Caramel 1 kg \$5.99/ea	REG. \$14.99 Seasoned Cuts of Pork 170 g \$5.99/ea	REG. \$3.99 Mini Korean Cookies 120 g \$1.49/ea	REG. \$17.99 Wang Seagame Oil 570 ml \$3.99/ea	REG. \$17.99 Pore Andre Red Ginseng Premium 600mg \$5.99/ea
REG. \$4.99 Korean Pancake Frying Mix 1 kg \$2.49/ea	REG. \$4.99 Organic Chestnut 300 g \$4.99/ea	REG. \$5.99 Dried Jujubes 340 g \$2.99/ea	REG. \$2.99 White Snow Rice Cracker 303 g \$2.99/ea	REG. \$2.99 Pocky Malt, Matcha 2.05 oz 99¢/ea	REG. \$2.99 Unagi Sushi Sauce 11.5 oz \$1.59/ea

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REG. \$69.99 ELECTRIC BLANKET 6 COLORS AVAILABLE \$39.99/ea	REG. \$39.99 WATERMELON SLICER \$39.99/ea
REG. \$29.99 ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (4.5qt) \$29.99/ea	REG. \$14.99 ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (3qt) \$14.99/ea
REG. \$39.99 ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (1.5qt) \$39.99/ea	REG. \$5.99 ELECTRIC RICE COOKER (1.5qt) \$5.99/ea

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

REG. \$4.99/lb Frozen Cutted Salmon \$2.99/lb	REG. \$14.99/ea Shrimp 31/40 Peeled & Deveined 2 lbs \$10.99/ea
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WEEKLY MEAT SPECIALS

REG. \$6.99/lb Beef Ribeye Roast - Boneless \$6.99/lb	REG. \$7.99/lb Beef Ribeye Steak - Boneless \$7.99/lb
REG. \$4.99/lb Beef Cross Rib/Shoulder Roast - Bnls \$4.99/lb	REG. \$3.99/lb Pork Baby Back Ribs \$3.99/lb
REG. \$1.79/lb Chicken Thighs Boneless \$1.79/lb	REG. \$2.99/lb Pork Tenderloin Boneless \$2.99/lb
REG. \$2.99/lb Pork Loin Roast Boneless \$2.99/lb	

FROZEN & FISH DEPT

REG. \$5.99/ea Korea Sweet Pancake 5pcs \$2.99/ea	REG. \$10.89 Schwarz Oven Roasted Turkey Breast \$10.89/ea	REG. \$10.89 Belmont German Ham \$10.89/ea	REG. \$4.99 Pined Olive Marley \$4.99/ea	REG. \$5.99 Green Olives Stuffed with Almonds \$5.99/ea
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