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## Growing a New Mindset



Above: The Cordova High School Jazz Band, directed by Kevin Sims, gets ready to perform at the 2020 State of Our Schools Breakfast. Right: FCUSD Superintendent Dr. Sarah Koligian, keynote speaker; Daniel Thigpen, Director of Communication; and Chris Clark, President of the Board of Education.

**Photos and story  
by Margaret Snider**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - CHS Principal Jerad Hyden said about the annual FCUSD State of Our Schools Breakfast being held at Cordova High School, "It's typically hosted on the Folsom side in the community center. So it was a really big objective . . . to host this here on the Rancho side, so that all of our stake holders, our community members, could see all the amazing programs that we have to offer. We have the most amazing staff, our teachers are second to none and as you can tell, we have the very best students in the whole District."

The event highlighted student programs. CHS Jazz Band performed, directed by Kevin Sims; Chamber Choir, directed by Jodi Serrano; and a Drumline production drummed their way into and around the breakfast crowd. ROTC presented the colors. The food was prepared, served and cleaned up by a flourishing group of CHS culinary students who have each completed training and attained a Food Handler Card, assisted by

instructor Dianne Goldman.

Superintendent Dr. Sarah Koligian gave the keynote address emphasizing growth mindset vs. fixed mindset. While a fixed mindset says, "Failure is the limit of my abilities," the

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## Coretta Scott King Award- Winning Art at the MACC



Cheryl Gleason, MACC event coordinator and curator, stands next to "The Origin of Life on Earth" the 1993 Coretta Scott King winning illustration by Kathleen Atkins Wilson.

**Story and photos  
by Margaret Snider**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - If you love art and can't get enough of children's picture books, the current show at the MACC will fulfill your wishes. Titled Our Voice: Coretta Scott King Illustrators Award Winners, with 101 winning works, approximately half are the original art and the rest high quality prints or reproductions. The show includes almost all the winning and honor illustrations from 1974 to 2018.

"Some exhibits are great, but . . . (there is) a time where you feel I've seen it, I've lived in it enough," said MACC event coordinator and curator Cheryl Gleason. "I feel like this exhibit I could live with for a very, very long time."

The show is in celebration of Black History Month, which technically is in February. However, the demand was so high for the exhibit in February, MACC event coordinator and curator Cheryl Gleason gladly booked for March. "Black history should be celebrated all months," Gleason said, "and the achievements of African American artists should be shared and celebrated every month of the year, not just in February."

A special reading area is part of the show, where children with their parents and grandparents can sit and enjoy the books that include the artworks. As well, labels below the art have a QR code that can be scanned and by link to the author's website, the actual voices of the authors can be heard telling about their works.

Opening reception will be 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 4. After that, the exhibit will be open Thursdays and Fridays from 3-8 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for three weekends: March 5-7, March 12-14, and March 19-21. Special events on Fridays include movies: "Betty

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## Ed Asner Makes Appearance at Cal Cap Film Studio



From left to right: Ricky Borba, Co-Founder of California Capital Film Office; Ed Asner, American actor and former president of the Screen Actors Guild; and Charles Lago, Co-Founder of California Capital Film Office. Photo by Rick Maness

**By Ricky Borba,  
California Capital  
Film Office**

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - On Sunday, February 23rd, the California Capital Film Office in Rancho Cordova hosted its first public event, which

was a book signing and autograph session with none other than Ed Asner! Mark S. Allen, the host of "Morning Blend" on ABC10, was the co-host and scores of people sat and listened in as Mark and Ed discussed Ed's upbringing, his career and

what's next for the ninety-year-old show business icon. When the question and answer portion ended, fans lined up to snap photos with Ed and get their books and memorabilia signed. It was a wonderful way to kick off the Film Office's presence here in

the Sacramento region.

In the coming months, there are more celebrity book signing events coming to the film office, including Doug Hutchison, Tom Sizemore and others.

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# VOTING RESULTS FOR MARCH 2020

## Presidential Primary - CA Results

Candidate	PERCENT
Donald J. Trump - (REP)	92.6
Joe Walsh - (REP)	2.6
Bernie Sanders - (DEM SOC)	33.6
Joe Biden - (DEM)	24.9
Michael Bloomberg - (DEM)	14.3

## Congress District 7

Candidate	PERCENT
Ami Bera - (DEM)	45.3
Buzz Patterson - (REP)	37.9
Jon Ivy - (REP)	7.6
Jeff Burdick - (DEM)	6.8
Chris Richardson - (GRN)	2.4

## State Assembly

Candidate	PERCENT
Ken Cooley (DEM)	52.1
Cathy Cook (REP)	47.9

## Sacramento County Supervisor - District 3

Candidate	PERCENT
Rich Desmond	45.9
Gregg Fishman	23.2
Tiffany Mock-Goeman	11.2
Catrayel Wood	10.3
Matt Ceccato	9.4

## Sacramento County Supervisor - District 4

Candidate	PERCENT
Sue Frost	74.8
Bridget Duffy	25.2

## Sacramento County Board of Education

Candidate	PERCENT
Joanne Ahola	83.5
Pervez Akhtar	16.5

## State Proposition 13 Bond Measure

Response	PERCENT
No	55.9
Yes	44.1

## Measure E - Los Rios College Bond Measure

Response	PERCENT
No	52
Yes	48

Not all results are final. Numbers reflect available data at press time.  
Source: Sacramento County Election website, State of California Election website

# CHP Investigation Leads to Multiple Arrests

By John Harris, California Highway Patrol

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Valley Division Investigative Services Unit (ISU) announced their investigators have made arrests in a felony hit and run collision that occurred on January 12, 2020, in Orangevale, CA, resulting in the death of one of the passengers.



was transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Center for treatment. The left rear passenger sustained injuries to his upper body and was transported to Sutter Roseville Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

The investigation into the cause of the collision determined that for unknown reasons, the right front passenger Morrison grabbed the steering wheel turning the vehicle to the right causing the collision.

At approximately 1:30 a.m., Brandon D. Reyes-Langsjoen was driving a 2016 Volkswagen Passat westbound Madison Avenue, east of Main Avenue with Cayleh A. Morrison seated in the right front seat. Three passengers were in the rear seat of the Passat at the time of the collision. The vehicle was traveling at approximately 80 miles per hour when the Passat turned sharply to the right, struck two metal poles and a fire hydrant before it came to rest.

Immediately following the collision, Reyes-Langsjoen fled from the scene on foot. As a result of this collision, Cayleh A. Morrison sustained major injuries and was transported to Mercy San Juan Medical Center. The right rear passenger was ejected from the vehicle and sustained fatal injuries. The center rear passenger sustained injuries to his upper body and

(24 years old out of Sacramento, CA) presented himself to authorities and was arrested and booked at the Sacramento County Jail for CA Vehicle Code Section 20001 (a) - Felony Hit and Run Involving Death. The right front passenger Morrison (22 years old out of Sacramento, CA) was charged and booked at the El Dorado County Jail for CA Penal Code Section 191.5 (a) - Gross Vehicular Manslaughter and CA Vehicle Code Section 23153 (a) - Felony Driving Under the Influence Causing Injury.

Valley Division would like to express their heartfelt condolences to the victim's family and friends and would like to thank the public for their support and assistance with the apprehension of the two subjects.

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# Top RC Volunteers to be Honored at Community Volunteer Awards

By Shelly Blanchard, Cordova Community Council

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - A mission-driven softball coach, a 90-year old fire engine, and a World War II veteran who is still living a life of service and a life-saving cop with a fancy handshake are among the outstanding volunteers to be honored during the 21st Annual Community Volunteer Awards hosted by the Cordova Community Council on March 13.



Rod Borba will be honored as the "Rancho Cordovan of the Year" for his extraordinary contributions to the community over a lifetime. Photo Cordova Community Council

Rod Borba, a longtime Rancho Cordova volunteer who championed the development of the soon-to-be-opened softball complex at Mills Middle School, will be honored as the "Rancho Cordovan of the Year" – an award reserved for those have made extraordinary contributions to the community over a lifetime.

Borba is well-known for decades of service to the Cordova Girls Softball league, which began when his own daughters were children. They eventually grew up and out of the league, but Borba continued to lead the league as its president, contributing thousands of volunteer hours to maintain and improve facilities and the overall experience for Rancho Cordova girls. He successfully lobbied over a period of years for the \$8 million softball complex at Mills – a joint project of the school district and city – which will open in late March.

Borba will be among nine volunteers and organizations to be honored at "Volunteer Rockstars," a rock concert-inspired theme party and awards ceremony. Tickets to the dinner and celebration that follows are \$25. Email marie@cordovacouncil.org or call 916-273-5704 for ticket reservations.

Other honorees will include:

**Distinguished Community Service Individual**  
*Vickie Stewart*

Stewart is a standout volunteer for multiple causes including the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce, the American River Grange, Troop 363 Boy Scouts and the Cordova Community Council Foundation, among others.

**Distinguished Community Service Organization**  
*Mills One Club*

This organization of former Rancho Cordova Fire Department firefighters have diligently preserved local history and enriched Rancho Cordova traditions, lovingly caring for the 90-year old Mills One Fire Engine. Mills One is generously shared at local events, including leading the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July Parade for decades.

**Outstanding Service to Youth**  
*Officer Tracey Jacobs*

Jacobs is the dedicated school resource officer from the Rancho Cordova Police Department who is credited with saving the life of a Cordova High School student who experienced an unexpected medical incident. But Jacobs has distinguished herself both within and beyond her police work with a high-touch approach to student engagement, including a remarkable morning handshake tradition she started at Cordova High and Mills Middle School.

**Distinguished Service by a Faith Community**  
*River City Christian Men's Group*

This group of men is being recognized for care and kindness toward formerly homeless veterans who are transitioning to a new life at the Mather Veterans Village.

**Distinguished Community Business Partner**  
*The Swimstitute*

This private swimming school and facility located at 11335 Folsom Boulevard, is being recognized for unselfishly opening their state-of-the-art facility for free swim training for more than 500 children served by the Rancho Cordova PAL organization, providing a

fun experience and a life-long survival skill.

**Outstanding Teen Service**  
*Kylie Chang*

This college-bound super-student does it all, active in multiple services projects while maintaining exceptional high school academics, arts, athletic and leadership activities at Cordova High School.

**We Could Not Have Done It Without You**  
*Bob Burns*

Burns, an army veteran who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, has continued to serve his country and fellow veterans for nearly 80 years. He is responsible for Rancho Cordova-based veterans support projects like "Catch the Spirit," Veterans Stand Downs and has been the distinguished and lovable emcee of the city's Veterans Day and Memorial Day observances since their inception more than a decade ago.

**Special Recognition**  
*Matthew Hontz*

Hontz is a Cordova High School student who demonstrated uncommon kindness and sportsmanship during a wrestling match between Cordova High and Natomas High, making him an "Inspiring Rancho Cordovan."

The Community Volunteer Awards will feature a "rock star"-inspired dinner, awards program and celebration at Rancho Cordova City Hall. The spectacular theme-party event opens at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 13. It is open to the public, which is encouraged to attend. All tickets must be purchased in advance; the event historically sells out, so buy tickets online at [www.cordovacouncil.org](http://www.cordovacouncil.org).

"This is the time and place for us to honor and celebrate that which makes Rancho Cordova truly a great All-America City – our outstanding volunteers," said Cordova Community Council President Larry Stafford. "It is inspiring to hear their stories of selflessness and commitment to the community and a great reminder that we all have something to offer to our great community."

Event tickets are now on sale at the Cordova Community Council office in Suite 117, Rancho Cordova City Hall, or online at [www.cordovacouncil.org](http://www.cordovacouncil.org). For more information visit [www.cordovacouncil.org](http://www.cordovacouncil.org). Call 273-5704 for details. ★

# Growing a New Mindset



CHS Drumline wakes everyone up, drumming past the tables at the State of Our Schools Breakfast.

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growth mindset says, "Failure is an opportunity to grow." Fixed mindset says, "My potential is predetermined," while growth mindset says, "I can learn to do anything I want."

Koligian emphasized opportunity for students to learn and experience in a safe environment, using the growth mindset foundation to discover and see themselves in the world after high school. "We want to challenge ourselves as adults to learn something new every day," Koligian added.

Koligian shared a few of the many successes in our schools. Newsweek included Folsom and Vista del Lago High Schools on its list of the best schools in the nation for science, technology, engineering and math. Folsom High School placed first in the Sacramento County Academic Decathlon. Folsom Middle School teacher Melissa Lawson is one of the ten teachers accepted to the National History Day Library of Congress Master Teacher Program. CHS product innovation and design teacher Faith Caplan was named one of only 13 state finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. At Cordova Gardens Elementary, students combine skills in math, science, writing and art to hatch, raise and release salmon back into the river.

At each of the tables, at least two

students sat with the other guests. As part of the program, the students told others at their table what they wished the community knew about students today. Emma Smith and Eva Graf, both 17, considered the diversity at CHS an opportunity. "I hope I can take it into college and into my job because I'm in the career program," Emma said. "Everyone is from a different background, different religion, and if you don't learn how to get along with everyone it's not going to be a good experience for you."

Eva commented on the humility that diversity engenders in students. "(I) realize I'm the same as this person, they're receiving the same education as me," Graf said. "So you have to level the playing field and just see the world for what it really is."

Emma said, "We had District members coming to our games and if you guys saw how much that meant to the players on my team – it was a lot!"

Chris Clark, President of the FCUSD Board of Education, was seated at Eva and Emma's table and was moved to tears at Emma's comment. "I enjoy going to the basketball games, I enjoy going to the football games," Clark said. "It's just showing my support to you. The community should come out and show that support, because sometimes the parents can't. That's where we step in." ★

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By Bob McGarvey

# And Another Thing

## Keep up the Voting!

The stock market has decided to take off again, but as everybody knows, it decided to go downhill this last week. Even the Federal Reserve isn't well suited to compete with a global pandemic. I know we will have to wait to see what happens next week with millions of people looking for a cure, ready to get in line with everybody else for their coronavirus shot, or a pill, or something to make this newest illness go away. So, as I said, the stock market isn't used to diving down over 1.000% in one day because of a virus.

Dr. David Sander said people are not paying attention to the worst illness today, and that is the influenza. In an article in The Sacramento Bee on February 28, 2020, the doctors at John Hopkins said the same thing, "There is a far more deadly virus at hand - influenza." They

compared the coronavirus to the flu. For example, there have been 82,500 cases of the coronavirus to the influenza. According to John Hopkins, the flu kills an estimated 291,000 to 646,000 globally every year. And according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, THIS flu season, over 29 million have suffered the flu. There are more figures, but apparently from your regular citizens, to the stock market, to the airlines, and to different countries around the world, they are determining which virus is more horrible than the other. In my opinion, I will leave the worse virus etc. to the doctors. It's like my phone, or iPad, or computer, I call the experts to fix them. I am a user, not a programmer.

I have noticed lately that there are more and more people who are not walking down the streets with their dogs free of a leash. The law was put in the books because of the number of people who were injured by dogs who were running free. And there are also

other pets that were killed by dogs who had no restrictions. We had a dog for 16 years, and we kept in on a leash to protect it from other animals or from being run over by a vehicle. So please, keep your dogs on a leash.

When you get to this column, we will be in the month of March. The last week seemed to drag on when others go by with the speed of light. (That's 186,000 miles a second.) Granted that almost didn't fit in there, but it sounded right at the time. Many people are handing in their ballots very quickly too. Not at the speed of light, but no matter when you are in City Hall, people are turning in their ballots. It will be interesting to see if we have a record in the highest number of voters this year. I hope so. That would mean more and more citizens are exercising their right to vote. Keep up the voting!

From Councilman Bob McGarvey, God bless, and we'll see you next time. ★

# Homeless Outreach Team Supports American River Parkway

By Ashley Downton, City of Rancho Cordova

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The City of Rancho Cordova has received multiple complaints and calls for service from our community related to dumped trash, health and safety hazards, and illegal camping on the American River Parkway just north of the Sunriver Neighborhood. On February 16, 2020, the City of Rancho Cordova Homeless Outreach Team - comprised of our Homeless Outreach Navigator, RCPD, code enforcement and MCE - partnered with Sacramento County Regional Parks Rangers and Sacramento County Sheriff's Work



Dumpsters to remove trash dumped was removed from the American River Parkway. Photo: Rancho Cordova Police

Project to reduce the hazardous conditions. The team removed 15,000 pounds of trash, the majority of which had been dumped in the area. The team also provided services, education and resources to a handful of homeless individuals who were either camping in or

traveling through the area. In addition, RCPD arrested two subjects for possession of narcotics and felony probation violations. Learn more about our Homeless Outreach Team: <https://www.cityofrancho-cordova.org/i-want-to-learn-about/addressing-homelessness>. ★

# Experience Arts and Culture in Rancho Cordova

By Danielle Hale, City of Rancho Cordova

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Arts and culture is around every corner in Rancho Cordova lately! If you are looking for something fun and exciting to do, check out the following exhibits and shows. Rhythm & Hues at City Hall: Rancho Cordova City Hall is home to an art show four times a year that features artists from the Rancho Cordova community. Each show has a different theme or focus. Stop by City Hall now through April 17 for the Rhythm & Hues Art Exhibit. Learn more at [CordovaCouncil.org](http://CordovaCouncil.org). Upcoming Literary Series at the California Capital Film Office: Rancho Cordova is

now home to the California Capital Film Office located at 9845 Horn Road, Suite 100. Beginning on February 23 and through March 31, they are hosting a series of literary events featuring Emmy-Award winning and nominated actors and actresses. Learn more at [CalCapFilm.com](http://CalCapFilm.com). Mozart Madness Performance by Symphony d'Oro Rancho Cordova: When you think of a classical music performance, you may not expect a comedy bit or the opportunity to participate. However, if you attend a performance by Symphony d'Oro, you may just get both. In their upcoming performance, Mozart Madness on March 21 at City Hall, you will hear the sublime music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart incorporated with various multimedia pieces. Learn more at [SymphonydOro.org](http://SymphonydOro.org). Our Voice: Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Winners at the MACC, March 4 - 21: This exhibit features titles that have been awarded the Coretta Scott King Book Award by the American Library Association. Named for Mrs. Coretta Scott King, author, activist, civil rights leader and the wife of Martin Luther King Jr., this award recognizes the works of outstanding African American authors and illustrators. Learn more at [remacc.org](http://remacc.org). For the latest news and events in Rancho Cordova, sign up for our e-newsletter at [CityofRanchoCordova.org/news/](http://CityofRanchoCordova.org/news/). ★

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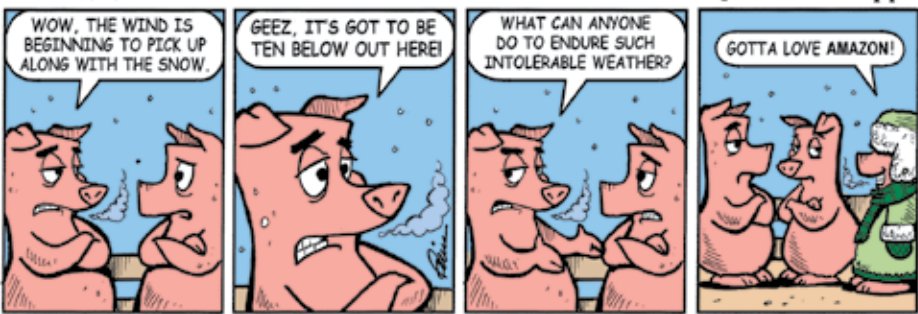
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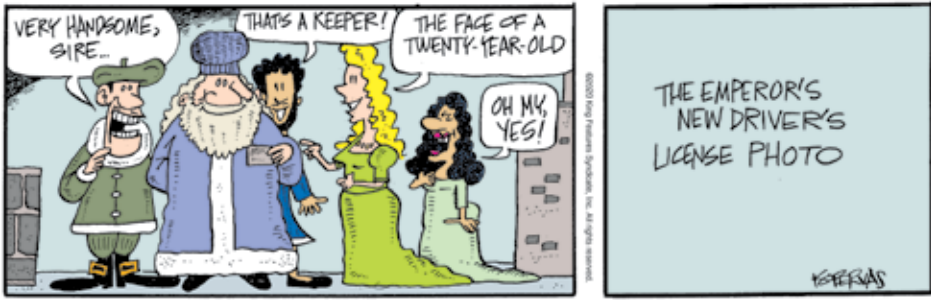
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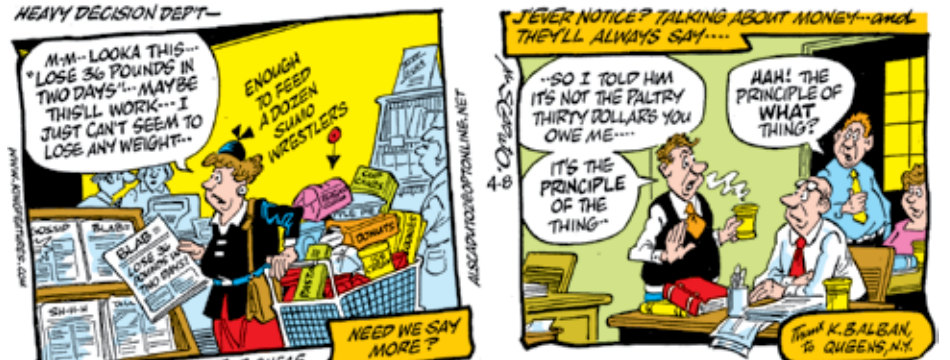
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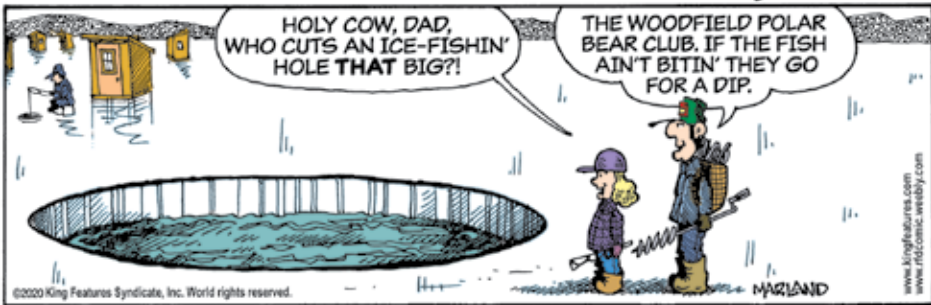
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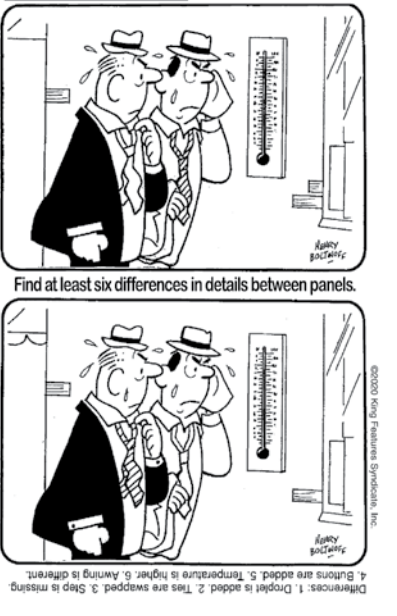


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  - Mesozoic one
  - All thumbs
  - "Who's Pieces?"
  - "Life \_\_\_\_"
  - Comic book cry
  - Evening in Roma
  - Boar's mate
  - Bank deposit
  - Actress Ali or singer Tim
  - Flying saucers
  - Yeats' opposers
  - One of the Muses
  - Ancient region of western Europe
  - "Sweet bear"
  - In a little while, old-fashioned
  - Like a neon sign
  - Fashion's "New Look" inventor
  - Weasel's cousin
  - Cash in credit card points, e.g.
  - "Good grief!"
  - The Old Man's turf
  - Tucked in
  - Sine \_\_\_\_ non
  - "Gimme a break" bar
  - "Egg with a surprise"
  - Southwestern hut
  - Step on it
  - Small Asian ungulate
  - What radiology and biology have in common
  - Chihuahua's cry
  - a.k.a. Ernest?
  - Japanese money, pl.
  - Blitzed
  - Industrious
- DOWN
- Similar to an adder
  - View from a moving train
  - Yesteryear
  - Shopping \_\_\_\_
  - Creates disorder
  - Forever and a day
  - Hershey made the first American milk chocolate one
  - Beitlle
  - Have supper
  - Tennis serving whiz
  - Memorial Day solo
  - "The \_\_\_\_ of Racing in the Rain"
  - Fast and lively
  - Increasing
  - Location of ulna
  - Hindered
  - "Principal candy ingredient"
  - Allowed into a bar, e.g.
  - Past tense of will
  - Glorify
  - SI unit of mass
  - Raja's wife, pl.
  - Do penance
  - Famous fictional bar
  - \_\_\_\_ gin
  - Smoke plus fog
  - Baghdad resident
  - Not strongly
  - CEO's deg.
  - Fertilized
  - C2H5
  - "J" \_\_\_\_ by #46 Across
  - Green superfood
  - Desktop picture
  - Facebook photo links
  - Not disregarded, as in a promise
  - Marine eagle
  - Surprise at a speakeasy
  - \*Almond-induced state
  - Cardinal 3
  - Bovine hangout

### Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 5

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
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7	9	8	6	1	5	3	4	2
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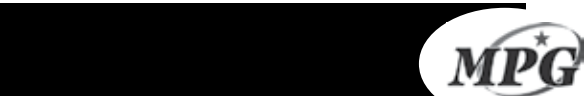
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# Baby Basket Drive Raises \$16K

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Comm.

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Life Center's sixth annual Baby Basket Drive for new moms raised \$16,000 from the community in December, which will buy 320 baskets for Sacramento Life Center patients throughout 2020. The drive is held each December to kickstart the 500 baby baskets needed so that every Sacramento Life Center patient who gives birth in the coming year can receive a basket of needed items, including formula, diapers, newborn clothes, pacifiers and more. Last year's drive raised \$10,000.

Donations will be accepted throughout 2020 and can be made online at [www.saclife.org](http://www.saclife.org) by writing Baby Basket Drive in the message box on the donation page. Gifts can be made in any increment, but a donation of \$50 buys one basket.

"One of the most overwhelming feelings is



A patient and her children receive a baby basket from Sacramento Life Center, thanks to the group's Baby Basket Drive held each December. Photo by Kristin Thébaud Communications

learning that you're pregnant and fearing you won't have the resources to care for your vulnerable baby," said Marie Leatherby, executive director, Sacramento Life Center. "Sometimes something as simple as a gift of diapers and newborn clothes can give expecting

mothers the confidence that they have a support system to help raise their child. These baskets give expecting mothers proof that they will always have a family here at the Sacramento Life Center and supporters out in the community rooting for their family." ★

# Celebrate Pi Day and Walk with the Sacramento Walking Sticks

By Barbara Nuss, Sacramento Walking Sticks

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Walking Sticks Club will be celebrating the ratio between the circumference of a circle to its diameter – approximately 3.14 – on Pi Day, Saturday, March 14, 2020. We invite everyone to join in on our event, walking and eating "pie" with us before and/or after the walk.

The start/finish of our event will be Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery, 5622 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Registration for the walk will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, finishing by 3:14 pm.

Everyone will have their choice of walking either a 5k (3.14 miles) or a 10k (3.14 x 2) route that is rated a 1A. The routes are wheelchair and stroller friendly; the family dog will love the outing, but they cannot come into Marie

Callender's. Children are encouraged to come and walk on foot, use their scooters or skates and if they're 12 and under—they can eat FREE at the last remaining Marie Callender's in town.

Families are encouraged to come and walk. We walk for the fun and fitness of the event and to see new places along the way and hopefully meet some new friends as well. The walk takes people into little known areas of Sacramento – the Little Pocket neighborhood, Belle Coolidge and Bahnfleth Parks as well as walking by the Sacramento Executive Airport and the Sacramento Public Safety Center. Everyone can walk for FREE or pay \$3.14 for volkswalk credit. (The normal fee for volkswalk credit is \$3.00 per walk – the extra 14¢ will be donated to a local food closet.

For more Pi information visit <http://www.piday.org/>

Or <http://mathforum.org/dr.math/faq/faq.pi.html>. ★



# Verdi Requiem - A Concert Dedicated To Biba Caggiano



Image of the well-known local Italian American restaurateur, the late Biba Caggiano. Photo: SCSO

By Erica Castillo, Digital Marketing Public Relations

"A work of staggering beauty and enormous drama from start to finish." – Johannes Brahms

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra (SCSO) with Music Director Donald Kendrick, and a roster of world-class soloists, are proud to present Giuseppe Verdi's powerful Requiem in concert on March 21, at 8:00 PM in the recently-renovated Sacramento Memorial Auditorium. The performance will serve as a special tribute honoring the late Biba Caggiano.

Italian American Biba Caggiano, a popular chef, author, and television figure, was the driving passion for the well-known

Italian restaurant Biba in Sacramento, established in 1986. The Bologna-born chef graciously contributed to the cuisine life of many known figures, such as former SF mayor Willie Brown, as his personal chef for a time, and Patrick Mulvaney of Sacramento restaurant Mulvaney's B&L. The Sacramento Bee quoted Mulvaney on Biba's contribution: "The love that Biba and her crew put into food and hospitality have set a standard to which we should all aspire." "Her influence on the cooking of Sacramento is deep and wide. Generations of cooks have looked up to her and she will continue to inspire us."

Giuseppe Verdi, one of the greatest Italian composers of the 19th Century, was primarily known as a composer of opera. To commemorate this special tribute to Biba, the City of Sacramento will present

a Mayoral Proclamation to her family members at the concert. Following the performance, the SCSO Team will honor Biba's family member at a reception in Sacramento Memorial Hall. This invigorating performance of the Verdi Requiem will feature a large chorus of 206 singers, along with soloists from the Metropolitan Opera and a robust professional symphony orchestra, all conducted by Donald Kendrick. Featured Soloists include: Othalie Graham (Soprano), Linda Baird (Mezzo Soprano), Robert Breault (Tenor), and Malcom Mackenzie (Dramatic Baritone).

Tickets to this unforgettable performance and tribute are still available online at [sacramentochooral.com](http://sacramentochooral.com) or at the Memorial Auditorium Box office, call 916-808-5181. ★

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## CRC Sweeps Doubleheader



Freshman catcher Emma Gaytan is greeted by teammates at home plate after her second home run of the game against CRC.

### Ronald Richardson

#### FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE (MPG)

The FLC softball team has been riding high in 2020, but last week left them questioning. After Tuesday's loss at ARC, they were looking to right the ship against Cosumnes River on Friday. Instead, the Hawks turned the tables on those plans with a come-from-behind 6-5 win in the opener, then dominated the late game 10-5. The loss in the opener was particularly painful, as the Falcons were cruising along with a 3-0 lead when the Hawks

put six runs on the board in the fourth inning, capitalizing on five singles and three walks. The Falcons made it close with single runs in the fifth and sixth innings, but could not get the equalizer. Catcher Emma Gaytan hit her first home run of the season in the third inning, then blasted another in the fifth. Unfortunately for the Falcons, both came with no runners on base. In the seventh, Gaytan led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt, then went to third on a passed ball. But she would be left stranded

there when the game ended on a line drive by Val Garcia that was caught in right field. In game 2, the Falcons put runs on the board in both the first and second inning and took a 5-1 lead into the third. But the Hawks answered back with three in the third and four more in the fourth inning, while the Falcons were shut out the rest of the game. The Falcons fell to 15-4 overall, but more importantly are 2-3 in Big 8 play. They'll hope to halt the skid on Tuesday when they host Modesto (4-7 overall, 0-3 in Big 8) at 3:00 pm. ★

## Sac City Routs Falcons

### Ronald Richardson

#### FOLSOM LAKE COLLEGE (MPG)

The rubber match between district rivals Sac City and FLC was played in front of a good-sized crowd on Friday evening at "the Lake", but the home team fans were quickly quieted when the Panthers opened the game with a 40-minute first inning that saw 12 runs cross

the plate. The Panthers took advantage of 4 walks, 3 passed balls, a wild pitch, and banded out 8 hits – including 2 home runs – to ruin the Falcons' night in the first inning. Meanwhile, the Falcons were held to just five hits for the game. The Falcons (12-5 overall, 1-2 in Big 8) will look to get back on track when they travel to Diablo Valley (5-11 overall) on Tuesday afternoon. ★

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Cordova Baseball, Softball Swinging For the Fences This Spring

Roundup  
by James Darnell

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - It's a new year, a new coach, and a new direction for the Cordova Lancers varsity baseball team.

Coming off last season's 20-0 loss in the opening round of their CIF Sac Joaquin Section Division III playoff game at Capital Christian, the Lancers have made a change at skipper. Enter new head coach Scott Ahlstrom, who takes over for departing coach Doug Hughes.

Under Hughes last season, the Lancers finished 9-13 overall, including an 8-7 mark within Greater Sacramento League play, good enough for a second place finish. West Campus took home the league title with a flawless 15-0 record in league play. The Lancers' postseason berth was the lone playoff appearance the team made in Hughes' three seasons at the helm.

Ahlstrom, a well-known Little League and travel baseball coach in the area for the Arsenal baseball program, will be tasked with the challenge of guiding the Lancers to their first playoff win in over a decade.

"Our goal is to win league," Ahlstrom said.



Incoming head coach Scott Ahlstrom will head the Cordova Lancers boys varsity baseball team. Photo by Rick Sloan

"Honestly, I don't care about the other schools in our league. I don't pay attention to what they're doing. We're focused on what we need to do. We need to lay the groundwork and lay the foundation, and the first step to doing that is to win league this year."

Although Ahlstrom is in his first year with the program, he does have one distinct advantage that should bode well in the acclimation process and speed up the learning curve for the team. As a Little League and travel ball coach in the area over the past seven years, Ahlstrom has

coached a fair number of the players on the team. With eight players returning from last seasons' group, there will be a solid mix of experience and youth for Ahlstrom to tinker with.

Regardless of the outcome however, this season will serve as the first under a new regime at Cordova, with expectations being put in place that Ahlstrom feels will serve well in the long run.

"We want to reestablish the players' will to compete and play for the school," he said. "We want to lay a foundation that we can build on, and put Cordova back on the map." ★

### Girls Softball

#### RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

The Cordova Lady Lancers softball team didn't have to wait long this spring to avenge their postseason defeat at Del Campo from last May.

In their opening pre-season game on February 28, Cordova placed themselves right back at the scene of the crime as they took on the Lady Cougars. Only this time, the outcome was to the Lady Lancers' liking as they earned a 14-10 victory.

With 11 players returning from last years' squad, the win had to have helped remove some of the bitter taste from their mouths regarding the 2-0 playoff loss. After a successful campaign a season ago that saw Cordova go 12-5 overall, including a 9-1 record within the Greater Sacramento League which was good for a share of the league title with West Campus, the early round playoff exit wasn't what they wanted. But with a large returning core group led by head coach Kim Little, the Lady Lancers figure to be right back in



Head coach Kim Little is leading the Lady Lancers softball program in her fourth season. Photo by Rick Sloan

the thick of things when it's all said and done.

Key returnees include senior outfielder Jazmine Hull, junior pitcher Mikaela Cornish, junior outfielder Ariana Rios, junior first baseman Erica Jackson, and sophomore standout pitcher Diane Salinas. Salinas, who served as the team's ace last season and performed well as a freshman, will be counted on heavily this year as she looks to continue to improve.

Little, who is in her fourth season at the helm

of the Cordova softball program, will look to lead her team to back-to-back playoff appearances for the first time since the 2015 and 2016 seasons, respectively. Little has quickly made her mark within Cordova athletics as both the varsity softball and varsity girls basketball coach. This winter, Little earned herself Coach of the Year honors within the Greater Sacramento League for girls basketball. Under her tutelage, the Cordova softball program is certainly in good hands. ★

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and Coretta" at 5:45 p.m. on March 6, and "The Wilderness," the final years of Martin Luther King at 5:45 p.m. on March 14. Music@MACC at 6-8 p.m. on March 20 is Vivian Lee, Jazz & Blues Concert. Saturdays hands-on art happens from 12-2:30 p.m. March 7, 14, and 21.

The Crocker Art Museum Art Ark will be at the MACC from Wednesday the 11th through Saturday the 14th, open for five hours a day. The theme of the current Art Ark is story telling. "That goes so well with this exhibit of Coretta Scott King which is all about illustration and books for children," Gleason said.

As described in the American Library

Association website, "The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. The award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood.

The Mills Station Arts & Culture Center is located at 10191 Mills Station Rd., Rancho Cordova. For more information about this exhibit or the MACC, please call Cheryl Gleason, 916-273-5712 or e-mail [cheryl@cordovacouncil.org](mailto:cheryl@cordovacouncil.org). ★

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