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By Bill Martin

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - You have seen it all over the newspapers and on television; you have heard it over and over again on radio. "Be smart hire a Veteran - they are highly trained and dedicated men and women who know how to get the job done!" Absolutely true... but then you read about how back logged the Department of Veterans Administration (VA) is in handling claims for these returning Vets. Then you hear about job fairs to help retrain Veterans and programs to help aid them in the transition back into civilian life. Well, how well do you think it is working?

Twenty-eight percent of Sacramento's homeless are Veterans. Thirty-two Veterans take their own life every day while many more are going to prison due to the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms that these wonderful ladies and gentleman carry with them every minute of every day. Depression,

anger, frustration, the loss of a limb, and loss of their faculties due to bio-chemical addiction caused by PTSD or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) alters any future plans the Veteran had for a happy and productive return to civilian life. These unseen wounds take their toll on the Veteran, as well as their families and all the people the Veteran needs to lean on for support. Yet, while the VA admits that it takes up to two years before they can even address their promise to award military benefits, it is obvious the VA benefit application process is tremendously overwhelmed. So, in appreciation of their sacrifice, it's up to us as a part of their community; you and me, to support them.

So - as a community, let's seize the opportunity to finally say "thank you." But these words must become a community action in order to bring about real changes for these returning hero's. With the political and economic pressures of today, we have lost our commitment to our Veterans. Whatever

happened to people helping people, or Veterans helping Veterans directly - and not relying on the big cumbersome, bureaucracy that is disappointing veterans today? Let's use the shortest, most direct route to helping our Veterans in need. This small seed of an idea; veteran feeding, clothing, and caring for another veteran, started to take shape in the garage of a North Sacramento home in 2006. Isn't it interesting how many good ideas start in the garage? In 2008, this seed, this idea of Veterans helping other Veterans incorporated as Forgotten Warrior, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit. And, it has transformed the lives of veterans, one veteran at a time - by veteran helping veteran, friend helping friend, neighbor helping neighbor, and the greater community helping the veteran community.

Forgotten Warrior - founded by CEO Wind Walker, a U S Navy Veteran himself, says it best, the Forgotten Warrior organization, "... is envisioned as a place where able-bodied

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## Scheduling Modified for Sacramento Arena Debates

Two Town-Hall Meetings  
Postponed, Pending  
Qualification of Initiative

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Two of the first three Sacramento Arena Town Hall Debates scheduled for December between John Hyde and R.E. Graswich have been postponed, pending the certification of an initiative to place arena public funding on the June 2014 ballot.

"After greater reflection, I have asked R.E. Graswich to postpone two of the debates scheduled for December 10 and 11," said Hyde, spokesman for STOP, or Sacramento Taxpayers Opposed to Pork.

"Every voter-led initiative faces challenges and uncertainty qualifying for the ballot, and STOP's campaign is no different. Until the county has validated the signature petitions gathered by STOP and counted the petition withdrawals submitted by DowntownArena.org, we won't know whether the initiative will be on the June ballot. Making this adjustment now allows us to best serve the community," Hyde said.

Nevertheless, Graswich and Hyde believe that there is value in discussing the initiative while it's in the media and on the minds of Sacramento voters. The issue will certainly be fresh in early December. STOP must turn in its signature petitions by December 10.

Rather than debating the arena for three straight days, on Hyde's request the two debaters will hold just one town-hall debate and discussion in December:

Thursday, December 12 at the North Natomas Library

Location: 4660 Via Ingoglia, Sacramento

The focus of this town hall meeting will be to provide greater information about the arena issue, including the status of the initiative, what a new arena (and demolition of Sleep Train Arena) would mean for both the downtown and

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## Rancho Cordova Has New Police Chief

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Michael Goold, who has been with the Sacramento Sheriff's Department since April 1993, has been named Chief of Police for Rancho Cordova. The City contracts for police services with the Sheriff's Department. Goold replaces Roseanne Richael who transferred to the Sheriff's Headquarters in downtown Sacramento.

Goold, who has the rank of Captain with the Sheriff's Department, brings a wealth of experience to the position. His extensive background includes assignments with Sheriff's Work Release, Centralized and Crime Scene Investigations, Communications Center, Internal Affairs, Court House, and Patrol.

His main goals as Police Chief are to

"continue providing exceptional and innovative law enforcement services to the citizens and businesses of Rancho Cordova and to continue to enhance the City's image."

Goold has a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento; a Master's Degree in Human Resource and Organizational Development from the University of San Francisco; and a Doctorate of Education from the University of La Verne. He also is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Los Angeles Police Department's West Point Leadership Program, and the Sherman Block Supervisor Leadership Institute.

He and his wife live within the planning area of Rancho Cordova. ★

Source: City of Rancho Cordova



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# New Church in Rancho Cordova



Members of The Bridge, Rancho Cordova's new church meet weekly to share a meal, study Scripture, and plan how they can reach out to those who don't yet know Christ.

By Jan Dalske

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Brian Anderson sensed a call to start a church in Rancho Cordova in May of 2011, which would reach people and help them come to faith in Christ. Brian had been a pastor of a Bible church in Milpitas, California from 1990 to 2000 and then a house church planter from 2000 to 2011 (church planting is the process that results in a new church being established).

Brian and his wife, Debbie, relocated to the Sacramento region and began gathering a small core group of seven adults who made a commitment to form the basis of this new church, which was named The Bridge. For the first year, the group met in Brian and Debbie's living room.

Eventually the group decided that they needed a more public presence in the community, so they began renting some store front space on Folsom Blvd.

near Coloma Road where they have been meeting since May of 2012.

In order to reach out to new people, Brian went to hundreds of homes, introducing himself and the new church, and sought to help people receive the transforming power of Christ. Several people came to faith and new life in Christ and have joined the church.

The vision of The Bridge is simple: "We exist to glorify God by making disciples who make disciples." Members of The Bridge have been knocking on neighbor's doors, talking to people at the light rail train stations, giving away free Christian literature at the 4th of July Celebration at Hagin Park, and seeking to show the love of Christ through free barbecues and pancake breakfasts.

The Bridge has two mid-week home groups called Missional Communities, which exist for those who are not yet followers of Jesus. They spend time each

week eating a meal together, studying Scripture, and planning on how they can reach out to those who don't know Christ.

On Sundays, Pastor Brian teaches verse-by-verse through books of the Bible, so that all the members of the congregation can grow in their understanding of God's Word. Recently Pastor Brian's sermons have started to air on KFIA, 710 AM on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The radio program is entitled, "Overwhelmed by Grace."

The Bridge is a church comprised of people who want to reach people for Christ and help them mature in their faith. They have no interest in being spectators, but want to be fully involved in living their lives for Christ and His glory.

The Bridge meets at 10415 Folsom Blvd., Suite 103 at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Learn more about them by visiting [www.thebridgeonline.net](http://www.thebridgeonline.net) or calling 916-304-3014. ★

## IN MEMORIAM

# Mary Francis Cole



June 1, 1931 - October 31, 2013

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Mary Francis Cole, 82, of Rancho Cordova died October 31, 2013. Mrs. Cole was born to the late Paul Richard and Grace Eleanor Van Keuren on June 1, 1931, in Berkeley, California. She married Roy Allen Cole in 1952 and moved to Rancho Cordova in 1960 after living numerous places, including Japan. Mary was a teacher's aide at Riverview Elementary for over 40 years and subsequently at Cordova Villa and Williamson Elementary until she retired in 2011. Mary also ran an at-home daycare for a number of years and was passionate about making a difference in the lives of children.

Mary was always very close with her children and grandchildren and could be found attending family functions, softball games, scouting events, and karate lessons. Some of her grandchildren's fondest memories include activities with their grandma such as watching "Golden Girls," "The Andy Griffith Show," and Disney movies, as well as making chocolate chip cookies from scratch for a late night snack. Mary enjoyed reading murder mystery novels and could always be seen with a crossword puzzle and a book in hand.

Mary is survived by two children: Carole Marie Cole and Karen Ann Cole White of Rancho Cordova; one son-in-law: Jeff White, of Rancho Cordova; two grandchildren: Jeffrey White of Rancho Cordova, and Krystal White Watkins of Amarillo, Texas; one great grandchild: Aubrey Watkins of Amarillo, Texas; one brother: Robert E. Van Keuren of Williamsburg, Kentucky; one sister-in-law, Ventura Van Keuren of Williamsburg, Kentucky; three nieces: Grace Hurst of Williamsburg, Kentucky, Barbi Sanguinetti of Santa Cruz, California, and Cindy Condict of Griffith, Indiana; as well as 13 great nieces and nephews.

A private, family service will be held Thursday, December 12 in Dutch Flat, California.  
Source: Krystal Watkins

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# Rancho Cordova Recognized as 2013 Digital City



The City of Rancho Cordova received the 2013 Digital Cities Award at an awards ceremony during the National League of Cities' annual conference in Seattle last month. Pictured left to right are: Travis Evans, Engineering Technician; Joe Chinn, Assistant City Manager; David Gassaway, Assistant to the City Manager; Council Member David Sander; Council Member Robert J. McGarvey; and David McCoy, IT Analyst.

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The City of Rancho Cordova has been selected as a 2013 Digital Cities Survey Winner by e.Republic's Center for Digital Government and the Digital Communities Program.

The City was ranked sixth in the "less than 75,000 population category" for its top 10 Information Technology (IT)-related initiatives. The award recognizes cities at all population levels for improved transparency with open government initiatives and access to city services via mobile apps.

"The 2013 Digital Cities Award is an honor to receive. I am proud of our IT Team and City Council, City Manager, and all of our staff who have been very supportive of technology," said City Information Technology Manager Jay Hadley. "The creation of our Technology Tribe made up of staff from various departments has helped IT staff understand and meet their needs."

One of the initiatives highlighted in Rancho Cordova is the virtual desktop program started in 2010 to give City Council members, employees, contract staff, and interns the ability to log in remotely to their desktops from virtually anywhere. The upgrade provided

a better user experience than the traditional PC by creating flexibility in a person's ability to work at City Hall. The more than 100 desktops in the program are backed up daily and replicated to an offsite disaster recovery location to protect and secure files in the case of an emergency situation. The virtual desktops use 95 percent less electricity over a standard PC, which also led to City Hall becoming Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified as an energy efficient building.

The City uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping to identify the 50 areas in Rancho Cordova that have the highest number of calls for police services, code enforcement and building & safety issues, and crime data. City departments and partner agencies then coordinate inspections of the 50 properties identified as consuming the most City resources. Named Focus on 50, the program is a key component of the Growing Strong Neighborhoods initiative launched in 2007 by Council Member David Sander.

"The goal of the program is to reduce substandard housing and

crime and to improve the quality of life for residents in these Focus on 50 properties and targeted areas," said Sander. "The 2013 Digital Cities Award is a testament to our great work in improving Rancho Cordova neighborhoods and becoming an innovative City through the use of technology."

In its 13th year, the Digital Cities Survey is a part of the Digital Communities Program and is open to all U.S. cities. This year's survey criteria focused on results achieved by cities - via the use of technology - in operating efficiencies, realizing strategic objectives, using innovative or creative solutions or approaches, collaborating effectively, and providing transparency measures, among others.

"Nationally, the number of tech-savvy digital cities is increasing, particularly among the larger jurisdictions responding to the survey," said Todd Sander, Executive Director of the Center for Digital Government. "The top digital cities are leaders in open data and transparency efforts, as well as innovators in deploying mobile applications to citizens while conforming to fiscal standards." ★

Source: The City of Rancho Cordova

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# Free Workshop Helped Rancho Cordova Businesses and Organizations Get Online



Supporters of the "Get Your Business Online" workshop in Rancho Cordova include Garrett Gatewood, President at LimeWorks (left); Mayor Linda Budge; Ken Henderson, CEO at LimeWorks; Frank Cuzzo, Sacramento SCORE Counselor; Diann Rogers, President/CEO of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce; Susan Dakuzaku, Chief Innovation Officer at Tech Connective; and Bill Schlack, Partner at Tech Connective.

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Last month over 40 members of the business community participating in the November 19th "Get Your Business Online" event, making Rancho Cordova City Hall a hub technological activity.

The free training and support workshop is part of a program launched in June 2013 by the City of Rancho Cordova and Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce that provides businesses with a free website, domain name, and web hosting through Google and Homestead for one year to help establish their online presence.

"My customers ask me for things, and I need to be up to

speed in my business to accommodate them. They are internet savvy," said attendee Shelley Chaddock, owner of Ideas In Promotions. "Any business who wants to be successful in this day and age better get internet savvy."

The event featured training sessions on building a website using Google's program, website components that help achieve results, and growing your business online with search engines to networking.

Baljeet Kahlon from Zip Realty was surprised at how simple it was to create a website through the program.

"Before coming here, I thought making a website was

a really hard task. After attending the workshop, it's not," said Kahlon. "It's great Google and Homestead are partnering with cities like Rancho Cordova to offer one year of free service."

Attendees were able to create new websites for their businesses or organizations with on-site support provided by Sacramento SCORE, Tech Connective, and LimeWorks. Others signed up to be placed on Google Maps by creating a Google+ account, a social networking tool.

For information or to sign up for future workshops, businesses and organizations can visit <http://gybo.CityOfRanchoCordova.org>.

★ *Source: The City of Rancho Cordova*



## Autumn Leaves

honor the Veterans who are able to attend our celebration, but we are able to include those who are in the VA Hospital at Mather. Some are able to come out of the hospital, see the celebration, and know we are there to honor and thank them and other Veterans for all they have done. Rancho Cordova has a very large parade on the 4th of July of course, but celebrating Veterans Day and Memorial Day right outside of the VA Hospital is something very special and something that most communities cannot do.

We all have many things to be thankful for and again, we want to thank all the people who worked together and achieved cityhood for Rancho Cordova. I mentioned a while ago that the State has begun taking incorporation away from the four cities that became cities after we did. Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation on September 12, 2013 in which the State will seek more time from federal judges to reduce California's prison population, while committing hundreds of millions of dollars to house inmates out of state and in local facilities if the request is denied. The legislation was the product of a compromise between Brown and legislative leaders over how to address a court order to reduce

overcrowding in California's prisons.

The bill appropriates \$315 million this fiscal year for inmate housing if the request for additional time falls short. If there is \$315 million for inmate housing, why isn't there enough money for the City of Jurupa Valley to continue to exist? I was told by a staff member from Jurupa Valley that they have to begin filing for dis-incorporation in December because the State took 40% of their budget. I hope that legislation will pass this coming year that will enable the Jurupa Valley cityhood choice to continue.

This is a shorter column, but there doesn't seem to be enough time to do everything. Trying to be in two places at the same time doesn't work nor does trying to write two things at the same time . . . at least it doesn't work for me. So I will close by saying how grateful I am for meeting the many wonderful people that I have been fortunate enough to cross paths with, for having the trust of the people of Rancho Cordova to do this job on the Council, and for being given the family I have. ★

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

# Our Forgotten Warriors

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and disabled Veterans and civilians alike gather to share their own stories, and to cultivate a hopeful new narrative for the future. We show the Veterans how to overcome their discouragement with practical support, life-coaching and self-help, re-programming techniques, along with how to use valuable nutritional strategies." Wind also stated, "Forgotten Warrior serves as a major point of inspiration and opportunity to engage the community in Veteran support. We strive to inspire and mobilize individuals and groups through meaningful volunteer experiences and donation opportunities that facilitate connections which change lives and strengthens our community."

The numerous, much needed programs offered by Forgotten Warrior serve Veterans of past conflicts as well as newly returning Veterans, through Health and Dental care referrals, Life-coaching and counseling for PTSD for veteran and family, Jobs for Heroes, Food for Heroes, and Veteran Benefit Assistance coupled with an outreach program designed to help Veterans through full-service Advocacy. And importantly, knowing that for many veterans their pet is all the immediate



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family they have - there is Vets for Pets... which helps the disabled and homeless veterans' pets get Veterinarian care.

How can Forgotten Warrior and it's grass roots approach do all of this when the big organization (the VA, Cal-vet, and many other government agencies) can't seem to get out of their own way? Through applying for grants, hosting Bingo games and fundraisers, and through the generosity of individuals and companies that want to have a positive effect on their community to show their appreciation for what these remarkable Veterans have done

for their country, community - and, ultimately for you and I.

Please take the time to put your words into action by offering to underwrite one of the Forgotten Warrior many outreach programs, become a Corporate VIP by donating your time and/or your donation to aid this worthwhile organization. Or just come join in the Bingo games held at: Sacramento Bingo Center at 3399 Arden Way, 95825.

For more information on how you can get involved call Forgotten Warrior at (916) 533-9811 or visit them online at [ForgottenWarrior.org](http://ForgottenWarrior.org) ★

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can join a Naturalist for a walk and discover how the Native Californians used plants for food, fiber and medicine. Learn how the Native people "tended" the landscape so it would continue to provide a bountiful harvest. Also on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. is Critter Corner. At this program, attendees can meet some of the Center's critters and learn why these animals are unable to return to the wild.

inspires you in nature and learn some simple skills to capture it on paper. Supplies provided, all ages welcome.

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**Free Weekend Activities**

**Sunday, Dec 5th at 1:30 p.m.**

**New Year's River Stroll:** Many sights and sounds await you on this guided walk. You may hear the splash of a fish or the call of a circling hawk. Perhaps the flash of a dashing deer's black tail or the ruby red of an acorn woodpecker head will catch your eye.

**Sunday, Dec 8th at 1:30 p.m.**

**Plants with a Purpose:** Visitors

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**Saturday, Dec 11th at 10:30 a.m.**

**Tools and Tales:** Get a chance to view replica Maidu artifacts made from the gifts of the earth and learn about their many uses. Also enjoy some tantalizing tales of creatures, people, and nature!

**Sunday, Dec 12th at 1:30 p.m.**

**Salamander Story time:** Enjoy some stories about these amazing amphibians, learn all about their double lives, and meet one of the most deadly kinds up close!

**Saturday, Dec 18th at 10:30 a.m.**

**Birding for Families:** Bring the family out to join our special guest guides from the Sacramento Audubon Society for a birding walk. Birdwatchers of all levels welcomed!

**Sunday, Dec 19th at 1:30 p.m.**

**Nature's Art Box:** Expert artists not required! Come find what

**Saturday, Dec 14th at 10:30 a.m.**

**Return of the Salmon:** Join us for returning guest speaker Chris Fitzer for a talk about Chinook salmon and steelhead that make annual spawning runs in the American River. Learn their life history and ecology of these two amazing fish species as well as a brief overview on the changes to their historical habitat in the American River. Be sure not to miss this amazing and informative speaker!

**Sunday, Dec 15th at 1:30 p.m.**

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Source: American River Natural History Association

## Scheduling Modified for Sacramento Arena Debates

Two Town-Hall Meetings Postponed, Pending Qualification of Initiative

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Natomas, what citizens should expect in the coming months, and what they can do to learn more or get involved.

Graswich and Hyde will provide their own perspectives on STOP's initiative and the downtown arena, but the tone for this first town-hall meeting will be decidedly more cooperative and less contentious than is expected for future meetings between the

two would-be debaters.

"I'm disappointed by the postponement, but I understand why John has made this request," said Graswich, author of the new book Vagrant Kings, a history of the Sacramento NBA franchise. "I would rather know for sure whether the arena ballot initiative will qualify. Once it does - if it does - I will look forward to vigorous debate with my opponent."

Assuming the initiative qualifies, the next arena debate on January 9 will proceed as scheduled. Future debates dates and locations around Sacramento will be announced around the same time.

For more information, visit the Sacramento Arena Debate website. ★

Source: John Hyde / Bullet Marketing

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  - Grassland
  - Beyond normal limits
  - Boo Boo
  - Opposite of nothing
  - It has front and rear seats
  - Misfit elf dentist
  - "It's a Wonderful Life" star
  - Unopened tulip
  - Oliver Twist, e.g.
  - White wine and cassis
  - good example
  - Sect follower
  - "National Velvet" author Bagnold
  - Earth's neighbor
  - Some are on a shorter one than others
  - Windmill blade
  - Top dog
  - Attached to a wheel
  - Magazine's special feature
  - "A Christmas Story" leg
  - Capital on the Dnieper
  - Vital
  - Cleopatra's necklace
  - Chester White's home
  - Strip of wood
  - "Be Home For Christmas"
  - "It happened on 34th Street"
  - Show off
  - Acid in proteins
  - Ideas month
  - Holy See loyalist practicing different rites
  - Closely watched on Black Friday
  - Before prefix
  - Domingo
  - Old World duck
  - Astaire's character in "Holiday Inn"
  - Clear the blackboard
- DOWN
- "Be quiet!"
  - "Winnie the \_\_\_ and Christmas Too"
  - Like a famous Ranger
  - Tart
  - Immune system organ
  - Strip the skin off
  - Slippery reef dweller
  - Model-building wood
  - Acknowledged or recognized
  - Tropical tuberous root
  - Its seed yields gum used as thickener
  - Email folder
  - Utilitarian
  - Swelling from accumulation of fluid
  - Clinical twitching
  - "On the \_\_\_" or in a belligerent mood
  - "He was left home alone"
  - Silly
  - Between shampoo and repeat
  - tale
  - Pipe problem
  - Yellow rides
  - Speck in the ocean
  - "Famous lamponer on Christmas vacation"
  - Owner's acquisition
  - Idiot, Yiddish
  - Patriots' Day month
  - Phone companies
  - Indian dish
  - Agreement to assume Santa's identity
  - Dangle a carrot
  - Relating to the moon
  - Physics calculation
  - Mosque V.I.P.
  - Agitate
  - All over again
  - "Santa's bitter old brother"
  - Columbus' vessel
  - Makes lace
  - Exist
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| R&D Design Solutions                   | 1,932.00            | 1000—General Fund    |
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| Rancho Cordova Police Dept.            | 1,550.00            | 2310—Federal Grants  |
| Chase Home Financial                   | 1,440.76            | 8115—CFD 2003-1      |
| Stewart Title of Sacramento            | 1,185.74            | 8115—CFD 2003-1      |
| Buzz Oats Construction                 | 1,122.51            | 1000—General Fund    |
| Union Pacific Railroad                 | 1,055.00            | 1000—General Fund    |
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| State of California/Secretary of State | 20.00               | 2310—Federal Grants  |
| Cordova Community Council              | 20.00               | 1000—General Fund    |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$151,397.52</b> |                      |

Donna Silva, Finance Director

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Sealed Proposals will be received at City Hall, City of Rancho Cordova, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, up to the hour of **3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 31, 2013**. Proposals will not be publically opened.

The City of Rancho Cordova's Building & Safety Division has need for: on-call, in-house, permit technicians, and possibly out-sourced plan review and commercial and residential field inspectors to cover all phases and trades in inspection.

Copies of the Proposal Document are available at the below address. An electronic version of the RFP may be obtained by emailing Denise Reese at [dreese@cityofranchocordova.org](mailto:dreese@cityofranchocordova.org).

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of December 2, 2013.

**ORDINANCE NO. 42-2013**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA APPROVING SIX DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE SUNCREEK PROJECT

The full text of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Passed and adopted by the City Council this 2nd day of December, 2013 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Budge, McGarvey, Sander, Skoglund, Terry  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of December 2, 2013.

**ORDINANCE NO. 41-2013**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA ADOPTING THE SUNCREEK SPECIFIC PLAN, DESIGNATING THE ZONING FOR AREAS WITHIN THE SUNCREEK SPECIFIC PLAN AREA

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Bill Dance is Host of "Bill Dance Fishing" For more tips, log onto [basspro.com](http://basspro.com) and click on News & Tips

## City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, December 16, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

### FOLSOM BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE – SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT:

**REQUEST:** The Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan is being updated to better match the Specific Plan's land use designations to existing land uses and to make the Specific Plan a more user friendly document.

In addition, a total of 147 acres of existing residential land will no longer be regulated by the Specific Plan. These properties will be zoned consistent with their existing use and no change in land use or density is proposed.

This action will include amendments to the City's General Plan and Zoning Code in order to maintain consistency between these three documents and to apply land use designations to lands that will no longer be in the Specific Plan boundaries.

### REPRESENTATIVE:

City of Rancho Cordova  
2729 Prospect Park Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**LOCATION:** The Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan encompasses numerous parcels on both the north and south sides of Folsom Boulevard, from Bradshaw Road to Sunrise Boulevard.

### ZONING:

Various  
**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Environmental analysis has shown that the proposed actions will not result in any additional impacts that were not previously addressed in the General Plan EIR and the Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan MND. No conditions or changes will result from implementing this amendment that would require the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR or MND. An Addendum to the subsequent Folsom Boulevard Specific Plan MND has been prepared.

**PROJECT PLANNER:** Paul Junker, Planning Director

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department at (916) 851-8750.

## NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

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### UPDATE TO THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE PROGRAM AND NEXUS ANALYSIS.

The update to the Transportation Development Impact Fee Program and Nexus Study will adopt reduced transportation development impact fees in the new development area.

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Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Elizabeth Sparkman in the Public Works Department at (916) 851-8714.

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# 10th Annual Nuts and Berries Fundraiser to Help Save Local Wildlife

By Elise Spliess

SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG) - The Wildlife Care Association (WCA) located at McLellan Park is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of more than 6,000 orphaned, sick, and/or injured wild animals each year in the greater Sacramento area.

Our facility takes in animals from local city, county, and state agencies as well as from members of the public, local zoos, and vet clinics. We are the only wildlife rehabilitation group in this area equipped to handle the substantial number of wild animals we rescue every year.

WCA's 10th Annual Nuts & Berries fundraiser will be held on December 8th, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lion's Gate Hotel in the Grand Ballroom.

The Nuts & Berries event is the largest fundraiser WCA currently puts on and every year we try to do a few things differently.

In 2012, we had more than 400 items in our silent auction, more than 20 raffle prizes, and more items for sale in the gift shop. We often have more than 100 donors, both local and non-local businesses and individuals to ensure a wide variety of items to choose from.

This year we will be adding



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a table of different specialty desserts to the silent auction

and much more seating will be available at the event. In addition to many theme baskets, we also offer a large selection of fine wines and wine baskets, Disneyland Park Hopper passes, baseball tickets, overnight stays at different hotels and resorts, restaurant gift certificates, artwork, admission to different museums and amusement parks, and so much more.

If you have not attended this event in the past, this is the year to go! Auction items start as low as \$10 — a great selection of items to fit every budget. If you have new items or a service you would like to donate, please contact Theresa at [theresaszoal@yahoo.com](mailto:theresaszoal@yahoo.com) or 916-952-4336. [www.wildlifecareassociation.org](http://www.wildlifecareassociation.org). ★



The Nuts & Berries event is the largest fundraiser WCA currently puts on and every year tries to do a new exciting things. Photo courtesy of Nuts & Berries



## A Case in Point

Wronged at Work!

# DOES THE COMPANY'S LAWYER REPRESENT ME OR MY BOSS?

By David Graulich, Esq.

Imagine that an injured co-worker asks you to testify at a deposition about a serious accident that occurred during your shift. The company's in-house lawyer consults with you beforehand and accompanies you to the deposition. Does the company attorney represent the employer? You? Both the employer and you?

Frequently, employees mistakenly assume that their best interests are represented by the company lawyer. That mistake can cost employees their jobs — as a machinist at Union Pacific's Roseville facility found out.

That's why a recent decision by the California 3rd District Appellate Court, based in Sacramento, is so significant. The unanimous decision, written by Justice Kathleen Butz, is a major victory for employees and could result in better protections for employees who are trapped in the conflicted interests of their employers' lawyers.

Here are the facts: Union Pacific Corp. operates a railroad facility in Roseville. A machinist (whom I'll refer to as "Alpha") was working with another machinist ("Beta") to replace locomotive motors. An elevator-like device known as a "drop table" is used to raise the motors from the "drop pit" over which the locomotive is situated. Alpha was operating the drop table when Beta went into the drop pit to retrieve a tool, fell, and was injured. Alpha was required by Union Pacific to describe what he witnessed in a pair of statements, which he wrote within about an hour of the accident.

Beta sued Union Pacific for maintaining unsafe conditions and asked Alpha to testify at a

deposition. Alpha went to the deposition accompanied by Union Pacific's in-house attorney, who assured Alpha that all he had to do in his testimony was tell the truth.

In the deposition, Alpha changed a line from one of his witness statements. The written statement said Alpha "saw [Beta] fall down," implying that Alpha was an eye-witness to Beta's plunge. At the deposition, Alpha said he became aware that Beta "had fallen." In other words, Alpha didn't actually see his co-worker fall, but discovered him after the fall.

Alpha attributed the error to a grammatical slip made in the haste of writing soon after the accident. Union Pacific's lawyer saw it differently. He argued that Alpha had been untruthful in the original written statement and that Alpha intentionally signed a false statement. Soon after, Union Pacific terminated Alpha on allegations of dishonesty. Alpha then sued the Union Pacific lawyer.

On the first round, Union Pacific won, as the trial court dismissed Alpha's claims. Alpha filed an appeal.

Fortunately, the Appellate Court reversed the trial court and sided with the employee. The Court observed that the Union Pacific lawyer violated the State Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct, because the attorney neither informed Alpha about conflicts with Union Pacific nor obtained Alpha's written consent to be represented by the attorney. The result, concluded the Court, was "a conflict between the employer and the employee, [with] the employer's lawyer representing both the employer and the employee (to the employee's detriment)." The case was sent back to

the lower court for a new trial.

Does this episode sound familiar? A similar theme emerged in the 2009 movie, *The Informant*, based on a true story. Matt Damon played Mark Whitacre, an executive at Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), who was secretly cooperating with an FBI investigation into a price-fixing conspiracy at ADM. When the FBI went public with its charges, ADM's senior managers ordered all executives, including Whitacre, to close ranks and be represented by ADM's in-house attorney and outside counsel. To their shock and consternation, Whitacre announced that he was going to retain his own attorney and not be represented by ADM's lawyers. ADM's bosses angrily accused Whitacre of "being off the team" and betraying them by retaining his own lawyer.

Union Pacific will probably appeal this decision to the California Supreme Court, which means that the outcome of this fascinating case could shift again. However, as it now stands, the 3rd Appellate Court has given a milestone victory to California employees. ★

*David Graulich, Esq. is an employment lawyer who represents people who have been wronged at work. He helps clients with problems such as discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. David welcomes questions and comments about Wronged at Work! Contact him at [David@wrongedatwork.com](mailto:David@wrongedatwork.com) or (916) 966-9600. Disclaimer: This column is not intended, and should not be construed, as an offer of legal advice. Consult a qualified licensed attorney for counsel on a specific legal problem.*



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**SUNDAY** **Carmichael Park Farmers Market**  
5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael (Corner of Grant & Fair Oaks Boulevard under the trees in the Park)  
Every Sunday from 9 am to 2 pm - all year round

**THURSDAY** **UC Davis Health System Sacramento Farmers Market**  
45th & Y Streets (Behind Shriners Hospital)  
Every Thursday from 3 to 7:30 pm (Seasonal, through November 14th)

**SATURDAY** **Sacramento Midtown Farmers Market**  
2020 J Street (Between the STANF Native American Health and Bioware buildings)  
Every Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm - all year round, rain or shine

**WEDNESDAY** **Fair Oaks Plaza Park Farmers Market**  
7003 Park Drive, Fair Oaks (Old Fair Oaks Village)  
Every Wednesday from 3 to 7 pm (Seasonal, through October 31st)

**SATURDAY** **Sunrise Mall Farmers Market**  
6190 Sunrise Boulevard, Citrus Heights (behind Sears located in SE Parking Lot)  
Open every Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm - all year round

**SATURDAY** **Historic Folsom Farmers Market**  
915 Sutter Street, Historic Folsom Public Plaza, Folsom  
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**On-going meetings; in Rancho Cordova unless otherwise noted.**

**RHYTHMIC POETRY: WRITE WITH POET BOB STANLEY**  
Time: Thursdays, 6-8 pm  
Place: Rancho Cordova Library  
9845 Folsom Blvd.  
Contact: 264-2920

**CODEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS**  
Time: Tuesdays, 7:30-9 pm  
Place: Sunriver Church  
11223 Trinity River Dr.  
www.sunriverchurch.com

**WESTERN SWING SOCIETY**  
Time: 1st Sundays, 1-5:30 pm  
Place: Machinists Hall  
2749 Citrus Rd.  
www.westernswingsociety.org  
Info: Live music, dancing.  
Food & beverages available for purchase. Members \$4, Non-members \$7.

**MILITARY RETIREE/SPOUSE MEETING**  
Time: 2nd Tuesdays, 10:30 am  
Place: N. Highlands Park & Rec Office  
6040 Watt Ave., N. Highlands  
Contact: 561-7476  
Info: Meets monthly.

**RANCHO CORDOVA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Time: 4th Thursdays, 5 pm  
Place: Rancho Cordova City Hall  
2729 Prospect Park Dr.  
www.ranhocordovahistory.com  
Info: Meets in the American River Room

**SPELLBINDERS TOASTMASTERS**  
Time: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:30 to 8 pm  
Place: China Buffet  
5623 Sunrise, Citrus Heights  
Contact: 631-1703  
Info: Hone communication skills. Beginners welcome.

**SPANISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION CIRCLE**  
Time: 4th Saturdays, 3-4:30 pm  
Place: Rancho Cordova Library  
9845 Folsom Blvd.  
Contact: 264-2920  
www.saclibrary.org  
Info: Practice Spanish in a fun

and relaxed way with library staff, community.

**BRECA MEETING**  
Time: 4th Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm  
Place: Rancho Cordova Library  
9845 Folsom Blvd.  
Contact: 361-8087  
www.breca.us

**POWERTALK INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY MEETING**  
Time: 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Place: Arden-Dimick Library  
891 Watt Ave., Sacramento  
Contact: 361-1745  
Info: Coaching, effective speaking, listening, leadership skills. Beginners are welcome.

**FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP MEETING**  
Time: 2nd Wednesdays, 2-4 pm  
Place: Rancho Cordova Library  
9845 Folsom Blvd.  
Contact: 264-2920  
www.saclibrary.org  
Info: Practice your French in a fun and casual environment.

**WRITING WORKSHOP**  
Time: 3rd Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm  
Place: 9845 Folsom Blvd.  
Contact: 264-2920  
www.saclibrary.org  
Adult writing & poetry workshops (writing for various types of genres and more).

**AA NEWCOMERS**  
Time: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Place: Sunriver Church  
11223 Trinity River Dr.  
www.sunriverchurch.com

**READING WITH THE DOGS**  
Time: 1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Place: Rancho Cordova Library  
9845 Folsom Blvd.  
Contact: 264-2920  
www.saclibrary.org  
Info: Read to a canine pal, boost reading skills. Free.

**CORDOVA SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB**  
Time: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 11 am  
Place: Cordova Community

**Center**  
2197 Chase Dr.  
Contact: 638-8065 for bridge or 858-1660 for membership  
Info: Brown bag lunch, bridge party. Free.

**FORK TAIL DEVILS**  
Date: 2nd Thursdays  
Place: Rancho Cordova IHOP  
2216 Sunrise Blvd.  
Contact: 488-2645  
Info: Lockheed Lightning P-38 enthusiasts, pilots, mechanics no-host brunch.

**WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB OF CORDOVA**  
Date: Wednesdays  
Place: Cordova Golf Course  
9425 Jackson Rd., Sacramento  
Contact: 363-0363  
Info: All players welcome.

**CORDOVA COUPLES GOLF CLUB**  
Date: Alternate Sunday mornings  
Place: Cordova Golf Course  
9425 Jackson Rd., Sacramento  
Contact: 682-2285  
All players welcome. Call for more information.

**COFFEE, TEA AND CONVERSATION FOR SENIORS**  
Date: First Saturdays, 10-11 am  
Place: Rancho Cordova Library  
9845 Folsom Blvd.  
Contact: 264-2920  
Info: For those 55+. Free. Share thoughts, memories: let the conversation flow! Light refreshments served. First Saturday each month.

**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF RANCHO CORDOVA**  
Time: 2nd Monday each month, 6-7 pm  
Place: Cattleman's Restaurant  
12409 Folsom Blvd.  
Contact: siranhocordova@soroptimist.net  
Info: Organization serving needs of women & girls in our community and around the world.



By Ronnie McBryer

## Never Left Hanging (First Week of Advent)

— on rare and unusual occasions — God does speak. He acts. He intervenes. He appears. And when he does, it often results in more trepidation than if he had held his tongue and remained elusive.

There is a story told a hundred different ways but with the same punch line; it is about a man who falls off a cliff. He slips over the edge, careening and banging downward. Then, as if by miracle, his pants snag for just a millisecond on the skinniest of tree branches. He quickly grabs hold of it, and for the moment remains alive, though he is hanging thousands of feet above the ground.

He can't climb up, and he can't lower himself to the canyon floor below. Stuck as he is, with no one else to call upon, and powerless to save himself, he looks heavenward and prays: "Dear God! Please help me!" A thunderous but calming voice answers from heaven: "Do you trust Me, My beloved son?"

The man cries out in return, "Yes, God, I trust you! Please save me!" God answers, "Okay, just let go of the branch and I will catch you." The man thinks about this offer and his situation for a moment, and looking at the jagged rocks below him, calls out: "Well...is there anyone else up there who can help me?"

Sometimes we want God to intervene. To help us, save us; to show up. His voice and presence, more often than not, are slow in arriving. But sometimes

the Promised One of God, a uniquely born gift to the world. Are we not all asked to believe the same?

And this Advent season is about listening to the voice of God. I am very much aware that when one speaks of "hearing God's voice," it might be time to call the paddy wagon. Great lunacies have been committed by individuals convinced that they were on a divine mission. Some of these insanities have crossed over into atrocity.

But to hear God speak, deep within our hearts, is not necessarily a sign of mental illness. It can be; just like finding Jesus's image in a bag of cheese puffs or an icon of the Virgin Mary on the back of a piece of raisin toast at the Waffle House. It can be a manipulative way to dupe the spiritually naive (or sell a pile of books just before the holiday season).

Yet, on those rare and unusual occasions, Annie Dillard is right: "The waking God may draw us out to where we can never return." Yes, Advent means that God has spoken and will continue to speak. It means that God has and will continue to intervene. And in the process, God will demand ruthless trust. But, he is trustworthy, and will never leave you hanging. ★

Ronnie McBryer is a syndicated columnist, pastor, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at [www.ronniemcbrayer.me](http://www.ronniemcbrayer.me).

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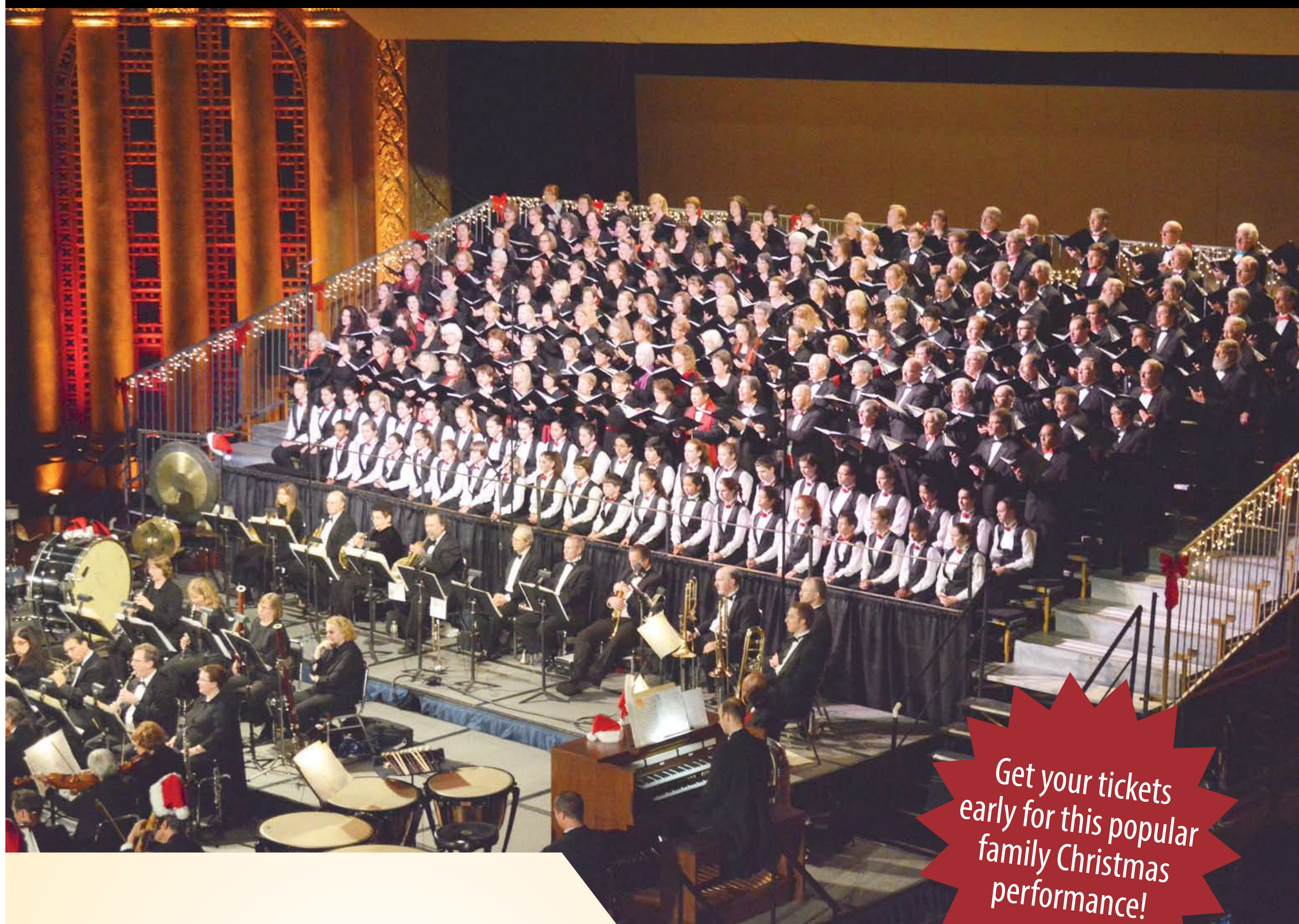
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