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Oh, What a Christmas Tree!

By Shelly Blanchard

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - They came, they danced, they cheered Sunday night as the 14th Annual Cordova Community Christmas Tree came to life amid fireworks and snow.

The Cordova Community Council and supporting sponsors returned over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with "Let it Snow," an evening of free holiday entertainment and activities – and a series of snowy "blizzards."

The perfect way to shake off the turkey hangover, the traditional tree lighting event was complete with free hay rides, free steam train rides, free kid's activities, free music, treats and more.

The highlight of the event came at the moment the giant tree was lit. Fireworks chased up the tree and exploded off the top as the tree came to life, lit by more than 15,000 twinkling white and colored lights. The crowd roards.

Merry-makers brought toys to "Stuff the Squad Car" to benefit Christmas in Cordova, a collaborative holiday outreach program for needy Rancho Cordova families.

A brigade of food trucks served up treats, and children rollicked down a giant slide and inside a human-sized snow globe. It was "all aboard" as the Live Steamers Railroad shuttled event-goers around the 30 foot tree – all part of the enduring Christmas Tree Lighting event.

On stage, award-winning children's magician Trevor Wyatt conjured up Christmas magic as emcee, with the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band filling the air with music. Dancers, singers, a Ukrainian Bandura Ensemble performance, plus Santa and the big countdown to

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Commentary By Shelly Blanchard

When I was growing up in snowy Northern Michigan, my hometown dressed up for Christmas.

A harbor town nestled along the shores of icy Lake Superior, the unique geography spawned regular arrivals of something called "lake effect snow," so a White Christmas was never in doubt. On super-cold nights, I would snuggle under the covers, hearing a foghorn in the distance, knowing that meant sugar snow was piling up outside my window. Would tomorrow be a snow day? One could always hope!

At the foot of Front Street, each year a giant evergreen would sprout from the corner of a parking lot. It was covered in big, fat colored lights, with a star on top. By the second or third day, this tree would be wearing a coat of white, and the lights would soften and somehow look bigger glowing under the snow. And at the appointed hour, on the appointed day, my parents would herd all five of the sisters and brother that made up my family into the station wagon to look at it. Thus, Christmas had begun.

I always think of this when we engage in the annual ritual that is the Cordova Community Christmas Tree. And I wonder

At the foot of Front Street, to myself: will some child be thinking of what they see 50 years from now, the way I do parking lot. It was covered in

If you were there as we lit our tree on a perfect Sunday night after Thanksgiving, you were not alone. There were thousands of people and thousands of lights – on a 100-foot Ferris wheel, on a 30-foot tree and in the eyes of all. Fireworks exploded from the tree as it was lit, and the crowd of thousands broke into cheers.. It even snowed – not the real deal of my childhood -- but the next best thing, because Christmas is full of enough magic to turn even

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Tax Reprieve Brings Holiday Cheer

By George Runner

Thousands of struggling Californians who short sold their homes to avoid foreclosure can rest easier this holiday season knowing they won't be hit with huge income tax bills.

The threat was real. A California law protecting homeowners from paying taxes on forgiven debt associated with a short sale expired at the end of 2012, and legislative efforts to extend it failed. Furthermore, a federal law providing the same protections expires at the end of this year.

Nearly everyone believed the result would be that debt forgiven in a short sale would be viewed as taxable income. A homeowner who short sold a home for \$300,000 but owed \$450,000 would be forced to pay taxes on \$150,000 of forgiven debt, known in the tax world as "cancellation of debt income." It wouldn't matter that the homeowner didn't receive those dollars—he or she would still owe the tax.

According to the Franchise Tax Board, the cumulative tax hit for Californians would have surpassed \$50 million at the state level alone. These tax bills would have hammered thousands who have already suffered the most during the recent economic downturn. Likely some would have been forced into bankruptcy.

Rather than simply mail in the keys when forced to move, these homeowners had taken the extra and often difficult step of negotiating a short sale with their lender. Little did they know they could be punished for doing so.

Those who became aware of the potential tax consequences have been worried sick. One homeowner told me she has literally lost sleep trying to figure out how she could possibly

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SMUD Approves 2014 Budget

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Board of Directors has approved a \$1.4 billion budget. The 2014 budget provides funding for all programs, projects and initiatives needed to meet the strategic targets set by the Board of Directors. The budget reflects a balanced approach that will keep SMUD on track to meet its longterm goals, while keeping a close eye on spending and continuing to improve operating efficiencies that provide value for customers. As the region starts to come out of the prolonged slow-growth economy, SMUD starts 2014 with a strong cash balance. When combined with cash generated from operations, SMUD expects to be able to cover the budget expenditures, including capital projects, without issuing

The 2014 budget anticipates electricity sales of \$1.3 billion, or an increase of about 3 percent over 2013. While the customer base is growing, total kilowatt-

hour usage is expected to remain flat as energy efficiency measures and new solar installations reduce average electricity consumption per customer.

The commodities portion of the budget—the cost of natural gas to fuel power plants, wholesale power purchases and transmission — is \$506.8 million for next year, about half of the total operations and maintenance budget and a slight decline from 2013.

The capital budget, which covers additions and improvements to buildings, property and equipment, is \$227.5 million, up from \$180 million in 2013. The portion of the 2014 budget earmarked for the low-income Energy Assistance Program Rate is \$46.7 million, an increase of 4 percent over 2013.

Major projects for 2014 will include preparations for renovating the SMUD headquarters building, geotechnical work to help evaluate a proposed 400-megawatt (MW) addition to the SMUD hydroelectric system and planning for the relocation of two major substations. SMUD will be working with the city of Sacramento and the owners of the Sacramento Kings on development of the downtown entertainment and sports center, a modern NBA venue that would seat 17,000 and is expected to stimulate associated development. To address reliability the budget includes funds for:

- Enhancing SMUD's ongoing underground cable replacement program.
- Developing transmission interconnection alternatives to increase load-serving capability, access renewable energy, provide voltage support, and support long-term carbon emission reduction.
- Developing a new site for new flexible thermal generation and conducting feasibility studies for a compressed air energy storage project, both of which can help support more wind and solar generation.
- Starting environmental work for a Collinsville property wind farm

development of approximately 50 MW.

• Transferring all remaining low-level nuclear waste from Rancho Seco to an approved site in Texas.

For customers, the budget includes a new energy efficiency program for small and medium business customers; driving customer transformation to LED lighting; constructing SMUD-owned fast-charging stations for electric vehicles; and presenting a more consistent online customer experience across all platforms and devices (e.g., smartphones and tablets).

Additionally, SMUD will implement the Customer Experience Excellence initiative, which will:

- Identify new business opportunities for SMUD's retail strategy.
- Proactively provide information customers want using the channels they prefer.

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Dogs and Diamonds Tax Reprieve Brings Holiday Cheer



By Gold River Resident Jodie Barringer Myers

Do you remember back about fifteen years ago, when a lot of us had kids that were in grade school, when we were frantically helping them night and day (unbeknownst to their fourth grade teacher, of course) with their California mission project? And remember when, as parents, we gritted our collective teeth and let them pick out the color of their redone big girl/boy bedroom (in our case, from a soft blush pink to a garish, electric, neon Pippin Apple Green)?

And remember when seemingly every family on the street was bringing home a new puppy, when all of the mom talk was now about Iams and Parvo shots, when we were giving out "newlydog" gifts to every new pup up on the block on a regular basis? Do you remember that season in our lives?

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But seasons change, of

In the past year, I've learned of at least eight dogs that have passed away, leaving their humans, and the friends of their humans, very, very sad. Even though each of our canine friends led happy, active and very long lives, we are left to mourn. Of course. Because they were an integral, important, fun and adorable part of our family, our 'hood, our community, our lives.

As our beloved pets are now either arthritic, incontinent or moving on to Pup Perpetuity, our children are moving out and into their own independent, self-governing realities. Our once kid/ laughter/bark-filled homes have given way to a more subdued, quieter (and cleaner!) home. The cuteness factor, what with all that tail-wagging, has decreased tenfold. The silence is now deafening, as the sibling screama-thons have ceased to exist.

But wa-, wai-, wait! Let's not throw ourselves a pity party just yet. Because there's a different and equally as happy and fun kind of season emerging.

Out of the eight heartbreaking dog stories I've shared, I have at least 10 heartwarming what I'll call diamond stories. A lot of the aforementioned kids – and friends of those kids – are changing their Facebook status from "In a Relationship" to "Engaged" faster than you can say "Believe me, if you like your insurance plan, you can keep

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Conversations with my daughters' besties have morphed from "What's your puppy's name?" to "Who are you going to Homecoming with?" to "Where are you going to college?" to, now, "Congratulations! Have you set the date?"

Finding "the one," guys getting down on bended knee, gals' left-hand ring fingers being adorned with a flawless diamond, saying Yes to the Dress: I see a lot of fat-walleted jewelers and happy bridal dress designers around these days.

From holey (dog-chewed) socks to holy matrimony. Circa 1999: "How to Potty Train Your Puppy." 2013: "How to Plan the Perfect Wedding." No more "Goin' to the bark park." Now it's "Goin' to the chapel." And, blissfully, they're "gonna get married'

'Tis the season of our lives. And that's the way it should be. Yes, the diamonds are shining and the champagne is flowing – all in celebration of pending nuptials, most probably a future family, and most definitely a sweet dog to fill a happy home.

Dogs. Diamonds. Dogs to diamonds.

Here's to the circle of life. Cheers to the change of sea-

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afford to pay.

After the legislative solution failed, I sent a letter to the Franchise Tax Board's Chief Counsel requesting a legal opinion on this matter. Perhaps there was another pathway to protect taxpayers.

Initially, FTB staff indicated they would need guidance from the IRS before providing an answer. That guidance arrived in an IRS letter to Senator Barbara Boxer. The IRS said that taxpayers would not be on the hook for income tax from cancelled debts related to short sales. This will be significant for federal purposes following the expiration of the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act at the end of this year.

Just this month FTB formally responded to my letter confirming that it will follow the lead of the Internal Revenue Service and not impose a tax penalty on Californians who have sold their home via a short sale. In her response, FTB Chief Counsel Jozel Brunett stated: "Since California conforms to the relevant portions of the federal tax law governing the forgiveness

of nonrecourse and recourse indebtedness, California would follow the federal treatment for the [California Code of Civil Procedure] section 580e transactions."

This is welcome news for Californians who have had to short sell their homes this year. We learned last month they wouldn't face a federal tax penalty in the future, and now we know they won't face a current or future state tax hit either.

The FTB's announcement that it will conform with the IRS ensures continued protection for most taxpayers without the need for additional legislation. That is truly cause for celebration.

Among those celebrating is California Association of Realtors President Kevin Brown, who issued this statement: "We would like to thank Sen. Boxer and BOE member Runner for their leadership in obtaining this guidance from the IRS and FTB. Distressed California homeowners can now avoid foreclosure or bankruptcy and can opt for a short sale instead, without incurring federal and state tax liability, even after the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007 expires at the

end of this year."

As an elected taxpayer advocate, it's my duty to help taxpayers each and every day. My job is all the more enjoyable when I'm able to report good

One constituent responded by writing: "Thank you! You've saved our family from a burdensome tax that was looming over our heads as we approached the end of the year. I'm sure there are many families that will benefit from this and will be able to get back on their feet sooner because of this determination."

It's not every day Californians receive welcome news from tax agencies. When it happens it's worth noting and applauding, especially when it helps thousands of Californians who now have one less worry this holiday season.

George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a taxpayer advocate and elected member of the State Board of Equalization. For more information, visit boe. ca.gov/Runner.



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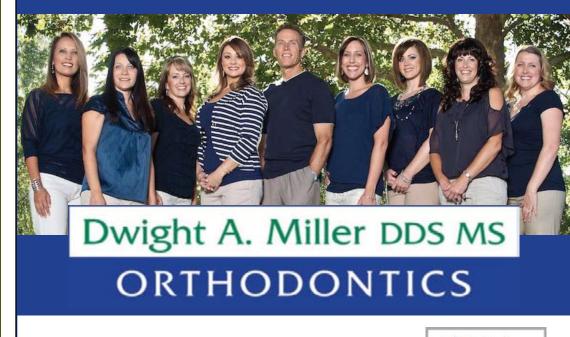
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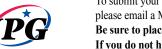
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The Power of the Mother's Tea Christmas Commentary



By Kelly Davenport

Need a hug? Craving a friendly nurturing smile? Or do you simply need a loving friend to serve you a cup of tea? If so, you are not alone! Prepare for revitalization fueled by warmth and nurturing from your new special girl friends at a monthly mother's tea.

There are moments in the day in the life of fulfilling our family's

needs when we as mothers feel alone in it all. A phenomenon known as, other mom's must do it better, creeps in when we lack fellowship in our lives. In reality the highs and lows mixed with unforeseen challenges that bombard our daily motherly existence are commonly shared by most of us. By congregating over tea, coffee and vummy food with a willingness to share, cleanses the soul and recharges our batteries so we may continue giving joyously to our families.

Making new friends is more elusive these days

as true friendships require time and energy to build the kind of relationships that support trust and vulnerability. A mother's tea group committed to monthly meet-ups gives busy mothers the opportunity to congregate in an emotionally safe and relaxed environment. Over time my personal experience has seen an exponential expansion in my friendship circle that is deeply gratifying as well as broadened

my network of helpful families I can trust my children to in times

So what is the recipe for a successful mother's tea? I do wish I could take the credit on my group of loyal moms but I am by nature shy with a chronically cluttered house. I am not likely to host parties on a regular basis. In my case all the credit goes to two beautiful ladies who expanded on our grade school's tradition of an annual mother's tea introducing mothers to teachers for the upcoming year. It began simply. These two bubbly moms put together cute invites to meet-up for tea. They opened their homes, fed our tummies and our souls with love. We all seemed to be having such fun. It was easy to start conversing about the next tea before disbanding. And so it began.

The hugs and smiles, giggles

our monthly tea has strengthened their daily lives.

Of the many countless side effects a mother's tea has to offer, is an opportunity to learn more about our child's scholastic world from observing mom's who work in the classroom. We share ideas, concerns etcetera about our child's wellbeing. These insights are powerful parenting tools guaranteed to pay dividends in the long run.

So if you are shy like me but feel a mother's tea is just the remedy you seek, befriend the extroverted mom and whisper the notion of starting a tea. Let her take the credit while you engage in hero support. Offer to create invitations or host the first tea. Smart phones, email and social networking apps make future meet-ups a breeze. A small effort at this project's beginnings, will payback large



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a cloudless 50-degree California night into a snowstorm - if only for a few minutes.

It was far more humble when this Rancho Cordova tradition began 14 years ago. With the embers of cityhood barely smoldering, it was decided what this one-horse town needed was a Christmas tree. After all, what business did we have dreaming of self-governance if we could not figure out how to light a

So it was that a tree was identified to become our first community tree. Because even in those days we liked to think big, the tallest tree visible from Coloma Road was selected. And the fact that it was in the front yard of St. John Vianney Church and the pastor allowed us to plug into some outlets there, it seemed to make sense. And so, the first great Christmas tree adventure

The Cordova Community Council passed the hat to buy some lights and the irrepressible Dave Roberts, who a few years later would go on to become our first mayor, was pressed into service. Somebody knew somebody at C.C. Myers, which loaned a boomlift to tame the

The job proved to be more of an undertaking than any had imagined. As yellow leaves sprinkled down from the trees, Dave and his band of merry-makers tried mightily to decorate the green monster. Dave, it turned

out, was better at inspiring voters than he was at decorating trees, at one point resorting to tying the end of a string of lights to a rock, throwing it skyward and hoping for the best. This process was repeated numerous times until he declared the job was done, and exhausted, everyone cheered.

The next day was tree lighting day and by some miracle enough extension cords had been plugged into other extension cords, which were plugged into still more extension cords, and the big moment arrived. A gathering of no more than 50 people seemed like thousands. The St. John Vianney choir sang a few songs and Fr. Moroney blessed our grand tree, and somebody was appointed to throw the

On went the lights and immediately the folly of the rock-throwing method of tree decoration was evident. The bottom half of our tree had lights, for sure. But the top? Well, let's just say Dave was probably a better linebacker than quarterback. It looked ridiculous. We loved it.

As we laughed ourselves silly and pounded Dave on the back, I recall somebody saying, "we will get better at this with practice." Like a lot of things we do in our city, this proved to be true.

We figured out that even putting up a big community Christmas Tree required teamwork. Over the years we cajoled Sac Metro Fire to help. Old Boyd Johnson made a star for

the top one summer, and long discussions took place among Rancho Cordovans regarding strategies on how to get the lights more evenly distributed. By November of 2002, just a few weeks after voting ourselves to become a city, the tree was looking better, if not great. It poured the night we lit it, but nobody seemed to care. We still loved it.

The evolution of our Community Christmas Tree, now looking stately and polished in position at Village Green park, is a true reflection of how we have learned and grown as a community. We become more competent when we are working together, and on occasions when we pause to think about who we are and where we live, it's nice to celebrate as one.

Our Community Christmas Tree had most humble beginnings, just like the events that inspired it 2013 years ago. May it be a touchstone for your family like that tree on Front Street in Marquette, Michigan still is to me, spinning in the memory drum of my mind, reflected in the lights sparkling on the tree of my adopted home here.

As we move through the holiday season, sharing with each other, we remember with a laugh how our first tree was far from perfect. And yet, it was beautiful nonetheless because it was our very own; a community memory we worked and built together from nothing, right here in our town, Rancho Cordova.



and laughter are plentiful. Tales of our children's antics (or our husbands, for that matter) fill the air. The energy sizzles as the high octane environment is instantly uplifting no matter how my day started. Our group prays for one another and I am always moved by how bravely these women handle challenge in their life. I feel our group of twenty moms melt in this setting of sisterly love with sighs of relief. More than one of us has confessed that

over time. Get ready to spice up your life...body, mind and soul, with a mother's tea!

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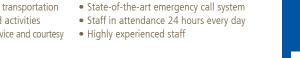
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Average Student Debt Climbing: \$29,400

New report includes state-by-state and campus-by-campus debt levels



The best national figures for public and nonprofit colleges combined show that 68 percent of their graduating seniors owed an average of \$27,850 in student loans.

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -College graduates who borrowed for bachelor's degrees granted in 2012 had an average student loan debt of \$29,400, according to a new report from the Project on Student Debt at The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS). Seven in 10 college seniors (71%) who graduated last

year had student loan debt. Even though the financial crisis caused a steep decline in private education lending while these borrowers were in school, one-fifth of their debt was in private loans, which are typically more costly and provide fewer consumer protections and repayment options than safer federal loans. From 2008 to 2012, average debt (federal and private

loans combined) increased an

average of six percent each year.

The report, Student Debt and the Class of 2012, includes lists of high- and low-debt states and colleges around the country and highlights significant differences among colleges and states. For example, new college graduates with loans owed almost twice as much on average in Delaware as in New Mexico, and in five states average debt was more than \$30,000. The odds of having student loans also differed from state to state, with 2012 graduates nearly twice as likely to have debt in South Dakota as in Nevada. At the college level, the share of graduates with loans and their average debt covered an

even wider range. Federal surveys only collect the data needed to calculate national average debt figures for new graduates once every four years (including 2012), and colleges are not required to report their own graduates' debt. To estimate state-by-state averages and identify high- and low-debt schools for this report, TICAS used figures provided voluntarily by more than half of all public and private nonprofit four-year colleges. Forprofit colleges, which accounted for seven percent of 2012 bachelor's recipients, are not included in these estimates because virtually none chose to share their

The findings come as unemployment remains high compared to before the financial crisis. In 2012, 7.7 percent of young college graduates were unemployed, and a broader measure capturing under-employment showed 18.3

percent were either unemployed, working fewer hours than they wanted, or had given up looking for a job. Still, young adults without college degrees face far worse job prospects: 17.9 percent of young high school graduates with no college were unemployed in 2012.

"Despite discouraging headlines, a college degree remains the best route to finding a job in this tight market. But students and families need to know that debt levels can vary widely from college to college," said TICAS president Lauren Asher. "If you need to borrow to get through school, federal student loans are the safest way to borrow. Whatever you earn, income-driven plans like Pay As You Earn can help keep federal loan payments manageable."

State highs and lows: State averages for borrowers' debt at graduation in 2012 ranged from \$18,000 to \$33,650. Highdebt states remain concentrated in the Northeast and Midwest, with Delaware the highest. New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Rhode Island also had average debt over \$30,000. Low-debt states were mainly in the West and South, with New Mexico the lowest. Other low-debt states include California, Arizona, Nevada, and Wyoming.

College highs and lows: At the campus level, average debt varied even more widely, ranging from \$4,450 to \$49,450, and the share of students graduating with loans ranged from 6 percent to 100 percent. Colleges with higher tuition tended to have higher average debt, but there are many examples of high-cost colleges with relatively low average debt, and vice

The report notes that colleges that receive scrutiny for their voluntarily reported debt levels may be more likely to stop providing such data. For example, 20 percent of the schools on the list of high-debt public colleges in our 2011 report, and 30 percent of the schools on the list of low-debt colleges, chose not to report data in 2012. In comparison, overall only 10 percent of all the colleges that reported debt data for 2011 didn't report for 2012.

Need for better data: Even for those colleges that do report voluntarily, the college-level debt figures in the report may understate actual borrowing because

they don't include transfer students or any private loans the college is unaware of. The report's state estimates are based on the available college-level data, so actual state averages may be higher as well.

The best national figures for public and nonprofit colleges combined show that 68 percent of their graduating seniors owed an average of \$27,850 in student loans. These are lower than the overall national figures because they do not include for-profit college graduates, who are more likely to borrow and graduate with more

The report contains several policy recommendations to help ease student debt burdens, including collecting better college-level data on debt at graduation and private student loan borrowing, as well as more comprehensive data on graduation rates.

"Right now, some colleges escape accountability by opting not to report their graduates' debt, while those who do report are stuck on an unequal playing field," said Matthew Reed, the report's primary author. "Students, researchers, and policymakers need and deserve better and more complete information."

This issue is especially crucial as President Obama has proposed developing ratings before the 2015 school year aimed at helping consumers compare colleges' value and encouraging institutions to improve. "The success of the President's proposal to rate colleges based on access, affordability, value, and student outcomes will depend on the quality of the data used in the ratings, underscoring the urgency of gathering better information," said TICAS research director Debbie Cochrane.

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College Students Are Pursuing Online Opportunities In Other States

(NAPS) - A growing number of California college students believe there is a benefit to attending school in another state—and they're doing it without leaving

That's because, increasingly, students are choosing online schools that present a more affordable higher education alternative, if you take out-of-state housing and other fees into account. One such school, for example, is Arizona State University (ASU) Online.

Many current California-based ASU Online students cite the rising cost of in-state tuition in California as a reason they've considered online education options.

Plus, other students have shared that they've had more success getting the courses they need to graduate on time through ASU Online versus select in-state schools.

For many, it's not just a matter of getting courses they need to graduate. Online students have access to the same high-caliber faculty and rich curriculum as students who register at and attend the university's "brick and mortar" locations.

Further, a number of students report that they are choosing to enroll in ASU Online because it offers them a chance to maintain their current home and work situation while pursuing a degree.

Access To Classes

One student, Justin McDonald, started his collegiate career at the



accredited universities in other states are looking increasingly attractive to many California college students.

University of Nevada in Reno. Eventually, a job transfer moved him back to California.

"Once I got back to California, there really was no way to take classes because of my crazy schedule that changes almost every month," said McDonald.

"So I started taking as many

classes as I could online through community colleges all over Northern California because only certain colleges offer certain classes. And the amount of people trying to get into those classes was just huge. Every class was wait listed and you have no idea what classes you will get into.

You put in for five classes and you might get one.'

By comparison, he described his ASU Online experience as "exceptional." He's been able to work full-time and go to school full-time

"It's sometimes a little bit stressful but I get my classes and the support is amazing. Instead of you fighting to get something

done, people are actually helping

every penny," said McDonald.

Reasonable Tuition

Another student, Keri Taylor, says that she was discouraged by what she describes as the higher education "crisis" in California.

"At the community college I was attending in California, it was getting really hard to get the classes that I needed that would transfer to Sacramento State or other UC and state schools," said Taylor.

"ASU offered reasonable tui -tion and I got the feeling that they really look out for their students.

at the campus if I want to and, when I graduate, I can walk in the ceremony to get my diploma resonated with me. I really feel like a part of Arizona State." She added that numerous

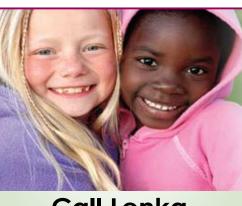
The fact that I can take classes

tuition hikes and the inability to get required classes helped to drive her decision to look

Ultimately, Taylor felt that enrolling in ASU Online offered her the opportunity to be part of the Arizona State community while still remaining firmly planted in California.

Recently, ASU Online introduced a new, all-inclusive pricing structure to simplify financial planning. As of this fall, the percredit hour cost will reflect tuition and all the program fees.

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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.ranchocordovahistory.com Info: Meets in the American **River Room**

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CORDOVA SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB Time: 1st and 3rd Mondays,

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Contact: 638-8065 for bridge or 858-1660 for membership Info: Brown bag lunch, bridge party. Free.

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Railroad Museum to Exhibit

California State Parks, 150 Years

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to debut an all-new exhibit titled "California State Parks, 150 Years: A Gift from the People, to the People" on Saturday, December 21, 2013. Timed to coincide with the 150th anniversary of California State Parks in 2014, the exhibit will feature compelling and diverse historic images of parks along with a variety of cultural and natural history objects of importance to State Parks.

The 150th anniversary exhibit will be located in the front lobby of the Railroad Museum – North America's most popular railroad museum - and will offer an opportunity for visitors to gain a

Department of Toxic Substances Control

greater appreciation for historic milestones and the important role State Parks plays in California's history and identity. In fact, on June 30, 1864, and in the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, protecting Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove and ceding them to the State of California as the nation's first State Park. While Yosemite is now a National Park, it did mark the beginning of the State Parks movement. The landmark act — the first instance of park land being set aside specifically for preservation and public use by action of the federal government — created a legacy for California and the nation, and the entire world.

Through numerous name changes the Department of Parks and Recreation has continued to grow. It now oversees 280 units including parks, historic parks, beaches, recreation areas, vehicular recreation areas and natural reserves. The parks serve more than 70 million visitors annually from throughout California, the U.S. and around the globe, making California State Parks the biggest and most visited state park system in the world.

The "California State Parks, 150 Years" exhibit will remain on display at the Railroad Museum through 2014. For more information about the California State Railroad Museum, please visit www.csrmf.org or call (916) 445-6645.

December 2013

Public Notice

EMERGENCY PERMIT AMPAC FINE CHEMICALS RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA November 13, 2013 to February 12, 2014

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued an Emergency Permit to AMPAC Fine Chemicals (AMPAC) to store and treat hazardous waste. The hazardous waste to be treated consists of approximately 30 gallons of an intermediate product from the manufacture of a pharmaceutical. AMPAC has determined that the component has the potential to form Diazomethane, a shock sensitive compound, cannot be transported to a hazardous waste disposal site. Treatment will consist of deactivating the hazardous compound onsite. AMPAC has requested an emergency permit for storage, in the event that treatment and disposal is not completed with the allowed 90-day accumilation time.

DTSC requires an Emergency Permit because AMPAC does not have a permit for this type of hazardous waste treatment. It is unsafe to ship

Since this is a high priority threat to human health and the environment, DTSC issued this Emergency Permit to AMPAC effective November

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA): DTSC has determined that this Emergency Permit is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under Title 22, CCR, Section 66270.61 (d), actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. DTSC filed a Notice of Exemption which starts a 45-day time period for any legal challenges to DTSC's CEQA determination for this Emergency Permit.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-07869. Elizabeth Mendiola, 7767 Reenel Way, Sacramento, CA 95832 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Power Express Transport" at 2186 Woodlawn Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on October 2, 2013. Publish: December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013 POWER 131204

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-09302. Adrian Petersen, 836 57th St., No. 203, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Total Home Solutions" at 836 57th St., No. 203, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on November 26, 2013. Publish: December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013 TOTALHOME 131204 12-25-13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-08623. Sima Khatamimoghaddam and Mozafar Hendessi, 123 Mountain Oak Ct., Folsom, CA 95630 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Fun Att" at 4096 Bridge St., Units 1 and 2, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on October 29, 2013. Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-009284. Maycloud, Inc., 5093 Archcrest Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "GBT Capital, Inc." at 5093 Archcrest Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on November 25, 2013. Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 2014 GBT 140101 01-01-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-09412. Langdon's Home Buyers Assistance Corporation, 2200 Sunrise Blvd., Suite 240, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Home Buyer Assistance" and "Home Buyer Assistance Real Estate" at 2200 Sunrise Blvd., Suite 240, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 3, 2013. Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 2014 HOME 140101

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-09174. Jane F. Naify, 6817 Rappahannock Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Floral Designs By J" at 6817 Rappahannock Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on November 20, 2013. Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 2014 FLORAL 140101

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-09672. Chris Chandler, 6105 Merywood Dr., Rocklin CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "NU Concepts Audio & Accessories" at 4635 Aubum Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 13, 2013. Publish: December 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 8, 2014 NU 140102 01-08-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-09584. Thomas P. Gonsalves, 701 48th St., Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Sharper Offices" and Gonsalves Real Estate Properties" at 5600 H St., Ste. 100, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on December 10, 2013. Publish: December 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 8, 2014 SHARPER 140102 01-08-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-09052. Matthew T. Tyng, 3640 Astral Dr., Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Wild Tyng Fabrication and Restoration" at 2353 Rudaqt Cir., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on November 18, 2013. Publish: December 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 8, 2014 WILDTYNG 140102 01-08-14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT #FBNF2013-08728. Woodfield Investments, LLC, 2900 Sienna Ln., Sacramento, CA 95862 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name "Woodfield Patio Homes, 3600 Karl Dr., No. D, North Highlands, CA 95660" at 5600 H St., Ste. 100, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County on November 4, 2013. Publish: December 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 8, 2014 WOODFIELD 140102 01-08-14

ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE #FBNF2013-00611.

The following individual has abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "ENERNET," 2817 La Paz Way, Sacramento, CA 95821: Eugene E. Wetmore and Carlene A. Wetmore, 2817La Paz Way, Sacramento, CA 95821

Wetmore, 2817 La Paz Way, Sacramento, CA 95821
The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on January 23, 2013, in the County of Sacramento.

Abandonment filed with the Clerk of Sacramento on September 11, 2013. Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 2014 ENERNET 140101 01-01-14

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE #FBNF2013-08945.

#FBNF2U13-08945.

The following individual has abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of "Lisa Wiese and Associates," 6538 Via Sereno Dr. Rancho Murieta. CA 95683:

Via Sereno Dr., Rancho Murieta, CA 95683: Lisa A. Wiese, 6538 Via Sereno Dr., Rancho Murieta, CA 95683 and Eugene K. Wiese, 1212 Robertson Way, Sacramento, CA 95818 The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on November 13, 2013, in the County of

Sacramento.

Abandonment filed with the Clerk of Sacramento on November 27, 2013.

Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 2014

140101 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00151610

WHEREAS, Latasha Hurd has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Shawnte Branden Jamal Alston to Branden Jamal Shawnte Alston, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on January 21, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition

for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 20, 2013 Raymond M. Cadei

Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2013
HURD 131203 12-18-13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00153760

WHEREAS, Frshta Abdul Malik has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Frshta Abdul Malik to Freshta Malik, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in

the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on January 22, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 20, 2013

David I. Brown

Judge of the Superior Court
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MALIK 140101 01-01-14



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00153718

WHEREAS, Andrea Corpus has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Zabrina Diane Corpus to Sabrina Gloria Hernandez, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in

the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on January 22, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of

this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 20, 2013
Raymond M. Cadei

Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013
CORPUS 131204 12-25-13
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154149 WHEREAS, John Scott Driver and Victoria

for a decree changing the name of Joss Allegra Lee Driver to XiaoXiao Joss Allegra Lee Driver,
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on January 28, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street. Third Floor, Sacramento.

Anne Lee have filed a petition with this court

CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 27, 2013

David I. Brown

Judge of the Superior Court
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DRIVER 140101 01-01-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154135

WHEREAS, Artemisa Vega Heredia have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Artemisa Vega Heredia to Artemisa Vega Heredia to Artemisa Vega De Green, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court

the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on January 28, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition or Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general

Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 27, 2013

Raymond I. Cadei

Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154108

WHEREAS, Taylor Lee Lane have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Taylor Lee lane to Rosalia Theresa Caico, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on January 23, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 27, 2013

Raymond M. Cadei

 Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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#34-2013-00152151
WHEREAS, Herbert Glenn Lucas has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Herbert Glenn Lucas to Glenn Herbert Lucas.

of Herbert Glenn Lucas to Glenn Herbert Lucas. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 26, 2014, in Department 53,

the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2:00 p.m. on January 26, 2014, in Department 53, coated at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of

This FURTHER ONDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: October 16, 2013

David I. Brown

Judge of the Superior Court
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LUCAS 131204 12-25-13

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

#34-2013-00154133
WHEREAS, Don W. McCullough have filed a petitionwith this court for a decree changing the name of Don W. McCullough to Brooke M. McCullough, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on January 24, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 27, 2013

David I. Brown

BONES LAW FIRM

811 Chippendale Dr., Suite 307, Sacramento, CA 95841

Judge of the Superior Court
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MCCULL 131204 12-25-13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00153021

WHEREAS, Whitney Strong has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Whitney Strong to Whytnei Strong, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on January 9, 2014, in Department 53, located

at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general

Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: October 11, 2013 David I. Brown
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154366

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WHEREAS, Christie Anna Call has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Christie Anna Call to Christie Anna Harris-Call,

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on January 29, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition

for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: December 4, 2013

Raymond M. Cadei
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CALL 140101 01-01-14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154111

WHEREAS, Rachael Delgado Mendez has filed a petition with this court for a decree Delgado changing the name of Rachael to Gabriel Delgado Mendez. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on January 23, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the

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 Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154146

WHEREAS, Torrey Cole Morris has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Torrey Cole Morris to Victoria Ariel Geisser, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on January 28, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 27, 2013
David I. Brown
Judge of the Superior Court

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CHANGE OF NAME
#34-2013-00154396
WHEREAS, Eric John Woodward
has filed a petition with this court for a
decree changing the name of Eric John
Woodward to Walne Eric John Woodward

decree changing the name of Eric John Woodward to Walrus Eric-John Woodward, IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on January 29, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento,

CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

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Dated: December 4, 2013

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154126

WHEREAS, Shatrisse Long and Levonzell Taylor have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Dezmond Jerome Niheem Long to Desmond Niheem Levonzell Taylor. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in

the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on January 23, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the

This FURTHER ORDERIED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: November 27, 2013

Rawmond M. Cadei

Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154795

WHEREAS, Michael Edmond McGowan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Michael Edmond McGowan to Meghan Elizabeth McGowan

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 2 p.m. on February 4, 2014, in Department 53, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: December 11, 2013

David I. Brown

Judge of the Superior Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154782

WHEREAS, Muhammad Abdullah has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Muhammad Abdullah to Blake Clark. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court

at 9 a.m. on February 4, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation printed in Sacramento County.

circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: December 11, 2013 Raymond M. Cadei Judge of the Superior Court Publish: December 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 8, 2014

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #34-2013-00154783 WHEREAS, Abdul Rehman Muhammad has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name of Abdul Rehman Muhammad to Roy Clark.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this court at 9 a.m. on February 4, 2014, in Department 54, located at 800 Ninth Street, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in the Carmichael Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Sacramento County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition. Dated: December 11, 2013
Raymond M. Cadei
Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF AMENDED SUMMONS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFONRIA COUNTY OF SOLANO UNLIMITED JURISDICTION AMENDED SUMMONS CASE NO. FCS041215

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: LEROY BUCKNER YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: JAYUZLE ROBINSON-PIGA 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 ages, 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 Web site (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. The name and address of the court is: Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA

94533
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is:
Denise Eaton May (SBN 116780)
Law Offices of Denise Eaton-May
1290 B. Street – Suite 120
Hayward, CA 94541
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PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EDITH M. FAIRCLOTH (deceased) ESTATE NO.34-2013-00154113

ESTATE NO.34-2013-00154113

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both of EDITH M. FAIRCLOTH (deceased):

both of EDITH M. FAIRCLOTH (deceased):
A petition has been filed by DAVID FAIRCLOTH
in the Superior Court of California, County of
Sacramento, requesting that DAVID FAIRCLOTH
be appointed as personal representative
to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of

the estate under the Independent Ádministration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative 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 29, 2014, 9:00 a.m. in Dept. No. 129, at William R. Ridgeway Family Relations, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections

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 the petitioner is: Pamela Jones, 1050 Fulton Avenue, No. 218, Sacramento, CA 95825. Publish: December 11, 18, 25, 2013, January 1, 2014 FAIR 140101 01-01-14



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of an ordinance proposed for adoption by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of December 16,

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA AMENDING CHAPTERS 1.01, 6.60, 6.90, 6.120, 8.04, 9.80, and 16.18 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CODE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND INCREASING FINES FOR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AS ALLOWED UNDER STATE LAW

The full text of the proposed ordinance is

available in the City Clerk's office, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova,

Printed in the Grapevine Independent on

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of an ordinance proposed for adoption by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova at its meeting of December 16,

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY CORDOVA AMENDING THE FOLSOM BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN AND THE ZONING FOR AREAS WITHIN THE FOLSOM BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN AREA AND AMENDING THE CITY'S ZONING CODE MAP

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Establishment of Community Facilities District **CORDOVA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT** Community Facilities District No. 2014-01 (Montelena)

Notice is hereby given that, on November 20, 2013, the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") of the Cordova Recreation and Park District (the "District") adopted its "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Cordova Recreation and Park District of Intention To Establish Community Facilities District" (the "Resolution of Intention"), in which it declared its intention to establish "Cordova Recreation and Park District Community Facilities District No. 2014-01 (Montelena)" (the "CFD") under the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, constituting Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, commencing at Section 53311, of the California Government Code (the "Act"). Under the Act and the Resolution of Intention, the Board of Directors gives notice as follows:

- 1. The text of the Resolution of Intention, with Exhibits A and B thereto, as adopted by the Board of Directors, is on file with Clerk of the Board and reference is made thereto for the particular provisions thereof. The text of the Resolution of Intention
- a. Under the Act, the Board of Directors is undertaking proceedings for the establishment of the CFD, the boundaries of which are shown on a map on file with the Clerk of the Board.
- b. The purpose of the CFD is to provide for the financing of the municipal services (the "Services") as more fully described in the Resolution of Intention and Exhibit A thereto.
- c. The method of financing the Services is through the imposition and levy of a special tax (the "Special Tax") to be apportioned on the properties in the CFD under the rate and method of apportionment described in the Resolution of Intention and Exhibit B thereto. The Special Tax requires the approval of two-thirds of landowner votes voted at a special election called for that purpose by the Board of Directors, with each landowner having one vote for each acre or portion of acre such owner owns in the CFD.
- d. The Resolution of Intention directed the preparation of a CFD Report that shows the Services by type that are required to adequately meet the needs of the CFD and the estimated costs of the Services. The CFD Report will be made a permanent part of the record of the public hearing specified below. Reference is made to the CFD Report as filed with the Clerk.
- e. As set forth below, the Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the establishment of the CFD with its Services and
- 2. The time and place established under the Resolution of Intention for the public hearing required under the Act are Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Board Chambers, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho
- 3. At the hearing, the testimony of all interested persons or taxpayers for or against the establishment of the CFD, the extent of the CFD or the furnishing of the specified Services will be heard. Any person interested may file a protest in writing as provided in Section 53323 of the Act. If 50% or more of the registered voters, or six registered voters, whichever is more, residing in the territory proposed to be included in the CFD, or the owners of one-half or more of the area of land in the territory proposed to be included in the CFD and not exempt from the special tax, file written protests against the establishment of the CFD and the protests are not withdrawn to reduce the value of the protests to less than a majority, the Board of Directors shall take no further action to create the CFD or levy the special taxes for a period of one year from the date of decision of the Board of Directors, and if the majority protests of the registered voters or landowners are only against the furnishing of a type or types of Services within the CFD, or against levying a specified special tax, those types of Services or the specified special tax will be eliminated from the proceedings to form the CFD.
- 4. The proposed voting procedure shall be by special mail or hand-delivered ballot to the property owners within the territory proposed to be included in the CFD.

Dated: as of November 20, 2013 Clerk of the Board, Cordova Recreation and Park District

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They Came, They Danced

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the lighting of the tree made it a

Santa arrived aboard the Mills One antique fire truck right and consulted with children regarding their wish lists until tree lighting time. Tree lighting honors went to Ross Johnson, the 2013 "Rancho Cordovan of the Year," assisted by an assortment of grandchildren.

With a dash of magic and some theatrical know-how, snowstorms occurred during the event, which sent children of all ages cavorting under the lights.

In addition to hay rides and steam train rides, New Life Center brought out their miniature train and provided rides. For a few bucks event-goers took in the sights from the heights aboard a Ferris Wheel brought in especially for the festive occasion.

The Cordova Community Christmas Tree Lighting is produced with the support of the City of Rancho Cordova, Cordova Recreation and Park District, SMUD and a host of businesses including Republic Services, California



The perfect way to shake off the turkey hangover, the traditional tree lighting event was complete with free hay rides, free steam train rides, free kid's activities, free music, treats and Santa!. Photo courtesy of Sandcastle

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Slim Randles' HOME COUNTRY

There is a secret selfish longing we all share this time of year. It is traditional to give gifts at Christmas, of course, but there's always the chance that those who adore us for our sterling qualities won't give us what we really want or unquestioningly deserve. Therefore ... we are allowed to have Christmas present dreams.

Just take Doc. He knows he'll be getting neckties from the grandkids and socks and

Her Secret Christmas Dreams...

underwear from Mrs. Doc. His daughters? Well, they're the wild cards. They work hard each year to get Doc something different and special. But for Doc, when he sits quietly and dreams, there's just that nine-foot Sage fly rod. Oh yes. With that, he'll be able to feel the fish breathe down in Lewis Creek.

Anita Campbell knows Dud will give her clothes that look really good to him but are either the wrong size or the wrong color, or they are a style she wouldn't wear to the grand opening of a septic tank. But she always wears them for one day, anyway, and it's a day when Dud is home and she knows she doesn't have to go anywhere.

Her secret Christmas dream has a lot to do with warm, sandy beaches, a tall, fruity adult beverage with an umbrella in it, and surfing lessons. She's willing to compromise, of course, because of the expense. It doesn't have to have an umbrella.

Steve, like many cowboys, has been gratifying his secret Christmas dreams in the wellworn pages of catalogs. His compadres in the bunkhouse will shower him with snoose, of course, as that is his drug of choice, but for himself, there's that pair of Tony Lama boots. Oh yes, the ones with the filigree-looking tops. He knows he'll just naturally ride Ol' Snort better if he's wearing them.

You know, every bride has this registry thingie she uses so Aunt Mims won't get her a butter dish that doesn't match the sugar bowl, so why doesn't someone come up with a Christmas dream registry? You're welcome. No

Equations of Christmas: What Does "X" Really Mean?

Commentary by Dr. Gary Welton

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, a White Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Season's Greetings; but most of all, I wish you a Blessed Christmas.

Being at our season of life, in those years between teenage children and endearing excitable grandchildren, my wife and I recall our various memories of Christmas past. We remember our common extended family traditions, which involved cramming scores of beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins into small houses that comfortably held only a handful, in which we enjoyed a fantastic spread of holiday treats (though most of us ate primarily from the food that our own mother had prepared, as familiarity always trumped the risk of change).

Not every memory is positive, however, as there were moments of boredom, serious sledding accidents, cattle breaking through the fence, sibling-like spats between kissing cousins jammed into such close quarters, and the trip to the ER when grandma fell off her chair. Nevertheless, I always smile when I remember the moments we shared and our common Christian tradition. We celebrated our sacred faith in the mystery of Christ's provision of redemption.

Our society, however, is moving away from the shared sacred holiday. As we become a more diverse society, we begin to replace the Christmas carols with the holiday music. We replace the infinite incarnation with the stice. Separating Christmas from

maudlin focus on white snow and its sacred meanings is simultagreen trees. One particular holiday greeting, however, is more sacred than it first appears.

Some of my Christian friends and mentors have waxed eloquent about their rejection of the "Xmas" greeting. They argue that we have taken Christ out of Christmas and replaced Christ with "X," an algebraic symbol for a variable unknown quantity. The history of the term Xmas, however, is not algebraic, but rather rooted in the Greek language and the letter chi (x).

Early Christians used the fish as a symbol of their faith. The Greek word for fish, icqus (ichthys), was used as an acrostic reference to the incarnate Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. It is said that during the life and death persecution of the early church, a Christian meeting someone new would begin to draw a fish in the sand. If the other person was a Christian, he or she would complete the drawing. If the second person was not a Christian, the ambiguity of the half-symbol would not reveal the first person as a Christian. The letter x quickly became a recognized abbreviation for Christ. Hence, it was natural to shorten the term Christmas to the term chi-mas, or

Some in our society will argue that Christmas should become a secular holiday, separated from the Christian tradition, given the early historical celebration of the winter solstice. It is no accident, however, that Christmas is the most significant holiday in America, totally eclipsing any celebration of the summer solneously robbing Christmas of its lasting impact in our society and

our individual lives. Although some will use the Xmas greeting in an attempt to separate the secular from the sacred, the historical roots show that the term Xmas is an indirect reference to Christ. The use of Xmas by some might be an attempt to suggest that the speaker is trying to replace Christ with the algebraic symbol for the unknown. Nevertheless, we can solve for the value of X in Xmas. The experienced hearer will solve for X and find the value of X is equal to the infinite focus of our Christmas season.

As a growing secular society attempts to remove Jesus Christ from the equations of Christmas, take joy in the fact that despite these efforts the ultimate truth remains: The reason for the season is a gift from God—a baby's birth nearly 2,000 years ago—the world's Savior.

Have yourself a blessed little Christmas this year.

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CORDOVA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Close Games

By Mike Bush

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

Close but no wins was the theme for the Cordova High School girls basketball team last week. At the Lancer Gym on Dec. 13, Cordova (1-6) capped off a four-game schedule in five days against Folsom. The Lady Lancers rallied in the last three quarters but fell to Lady Bulldogs, 49-38. After watching the Bulldogs jumped out to a 20-3 lead after the first quarter, the Lady Lancers rallied in the second quarter to trim their opponents' lead to 27-14. Cordova outscored Folsom in the second half, 24-22, but it wasn't enough. "We should've had that game,"

Bradley said. "Folsom made its Kayla Hontz, Monar Newton shots down the stretch."

Vista del Lago 50, Cordova 38

At the Lancers' gym Dec. 12, the visiting Eagles had a 22-18 halftime lead over the Lancers. But Vista was about to outshoot Cordova, which had strong rebounding on offense in the game. "We just didn't execute," Bradley said. "We are supposed to execute down the stretch. We rebounded strong against Vista, we just didn't make our put backs."

Lancer guard Brianna Clark had 11 points, followed by Cauje Curney with eight and Monique Newton six. Andalena Ware had

and Jullissa Reis had two points

Capital Christian 53, Cordova 31

Another non-league game at the Lancers' gym Dec. 10, the visiting Cougars led 37-15 at halftime for the win.

Argonaut 67, Cordova 43

This non-league game was played at the Lancers' gym on

Earlier this week, Cordova played at Rocklin and hosted River Valley of Yuba City.

Today - Friday - Cordova continues non-league action at Ponderosa.

Lady Lancers Lose Lancer Boys Hoops Improve to 6-2

By Mike Bush

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) -Five games for the Cordova High School boys basketball team led to more wins last week.

The Lancers (6-2) topped Hiram Johnson, 88-74, on Dec. 14 to conclude action in the Mc Donald's Classic at Edison High School of Stockton for a seventh place finish. The win capped a 3-2 record for the week, and 6-2 for the season.

Against Hiram Johnson, Cordova jumped out to a 28-11 lead in the first quarter, and led 48-31 at halftime.

"They turned the ball over quite a bit," said Cordova head coach Fletcher Johnson of Johnson

But the Warriors made most of their shots that made the last 16 minutes of the game very competitive.

"Johnson played better than the first time," said Johnson, whose Lancers beat the Warriors 115-60 on Dec. 6. "They made buckets and they competed with us. It was a pretty competitive game."

Four Lancer players scored in double figures; Lamar Brewer had 16 points, JaQuan Lewis 14 and C.J. Coles and Alex Yakimchuk had 12 each.

Brewer had eight of the Lancers' 41 rebounds. Marquis Bolden and DeMario Newman had seven each.

Chavez 86, Cordova 83, double overtime

In last Friday's consolation Hendrix had four each. game, Cordova rallied in the fourth quarter after Chavez led

49-45 entering the quarter. The Titans led 35-24 at halftime.

Both teams scored nine points each in the first overtime period. But in the second OT, the Lancers took an early lead and held off the Titans for the win.

"It was a very competitive game," Johnson said. "We shot the ball real poor, even though the game was close. We shot the ball very well from the outside."

Cordova made adjustments on defense to pressure Chavez's shooters prior to the second OT. That worked as the Titans were held to seven points in the second OT while the Lancers had 10.

Four players also scored in double figures for Cordova; Jordan Roberson led the way with 25 points that included a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line. Brewer had 15 points, Nathaniel Hendrix 14 and Bolden 11.

Hendrix had seven of the Lancers' 37 rebounds, and Bolden and Brewer had six each. Bolden had four of Cordova's 16

Brookside Christian 65, Cordova 60

In the second game of the tourney on Dec. 12, the Lancers were outscored by the Knights in the second half, 34-28, which proved to be the difference.

Roberson had 18 points and Brewer 12. Hendrix and Yakimchuk scored seven points each and Kyle Lorena had five.

Coles had five of the Lancers' 27 rebounds. Newman and

Cordova 65, Sierra 64

In the first game of the tournament Dec. 11, the Lancers were held to a combined 15 points in the second half. The game was tied at 30-30 at halftime before Cordova outscored the Timberwolves, 20-15, for a 50-45 lead after three quarters.

Roberson had 17 points in the game, Coles 13 and Brewer 12. Lewis and Yakimchuk had six points each. Brewer and Newman had five boards each. Cordova pulled down 26 rebounds. Coles had four of the team's 10 assists.

Cordova 69, McClatchy 68

In a non-league game at McClatchy on Dec. 9, the Lancers led 49-41 entering the fourth quarter. They held off a late Lions charge to post the

Roberson led Lancer scorers with 21 points. Brewer followed with 18 points, and Hendrix 10. Bolden and Hendrix had six rebounds each, Newman five and Lewis four. Cordova had 35 rebounds.

Johnson has been pleased with his team's fast start.

"We're running the ball, we're making adjustments," Johnson

Cordova returns to action Thursday, Dec. 26 when it starts action in its own Cordova Christmas Classic at the Lancer Gym. Cordova plays Rosemont at 7:30 p.m.

Other Sacramento schools competing are power houses Christian Brothers and Jesuit, plus McClatchy, Encina, Inderkum and Will C. Wood. ★

three points for Cordova, and Cordova head coach Raymond WANT TO BE A SPORTS WRITER? CALL 773-11

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Prime Time Players

MATT FLYNN, QB, PACKERS

With MVP quarterback Aaron Rodgers sidelined by a collarbone injury, Flynn stepped up to deliver his best performance of the season in an unlikely 37-36 come-from-behind win on the road in Dallas. Trailing 26-3 at halftime, Flynn threw four second-half TDs — while Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo threw two INTs in the final three minutes — to earn the Packers' second straight win and keep Title Town in the NFC playoff picture. Flynn finished 26-of-39 for 299 yards, four TDs and one INT in an unbelievable winning effort. "What a feeling," Flynn said. "As we were taking a knee, we were thinking, 'Is this real? Is this happening?'"

GREG JENNINGS, WR, VIKINGS

No Adrian Peterson? No problem. Minnesota's offense was too much for Philadelphia to handle in a 48-30 victory. Jennings hauled in a career-high 11 catches for 163 yards and a 57-yard TD from quarterback Matt Cassel. On the ground, the Vikings were without A.D. and backup Toby Gerhart but were still able to gash the Eagles with third-stringer Matt Asiata, who finished with three TDs - or the same number of career carries he had entering his first start.

ROBERT QUINN, DE, RAMS

St. Louis' pass rush battered Drew Brees in a 27-16 upset win over New Orleans. Quinn led the charge with two sacks for 16 lost yards, a forced fumble and fumble recovery. In his third season, Quinn has an NFL runner-up 15 sacks and league-leading seven forced fumbles, establishing himself as a legitimate candidate for Defensive Player of the Year. Quinn continues to show marked improvement — with five sacks as a rookie, 10.5 sacks last season and 15 (and counting) this year. The sky is the limit for the 6'4", 264-pound 23-year-old.

JAMAAL CHARLES, RB, CHIEFS

Give the ball to Jamaal. That was the motto of Kansas City coach Andy Reid and quarterback Alex Smith during a 56-31 win at Oakland. Charles had just eight carries for 20 yards and one trip to the end zone on the ground. But through the air, the track star out of Texas had eight catches for 195 yards (24.4 ypc) and four scores, including a highlight-reel 71-yard sprint to the end zone. Charles' five total TDs tied the Chiefs franchise single-game record and his 195 receiving yards were the third-most by a running back since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger.



Athlon Fantasy Flash

Sure, Dallas Cowboys quarterback TONY ROMO may struggle in "reality" — when an ill-timed fourth-quarter INT costs the Boys another loss. But in "fantasy," Romo has been just fine. The best example of fantasy vs. reality came in Week 5, when Romo threw for 506 yards and five TDs before throwing his only INT of the day to set up the Denver Broncos' winning FG. With two weeks to play, Romo is on pace for his fifth career 4,000-yard season and third 30-TD campaign, while posting career-low INT totals.



Dez Bryant

Athlon Sports Power Rankings

1.	Seahawks	(12-2)	Legion of Boom has five INTs in shutout victory.
2.	49ers	(10-4)	Frank Gore records seventh 1,000-yard season.
3.	Broncos	(11-3)	Loss to Bolts snaps 14-game home winning streak.
4.	Saints	(10-4)	Good grief! Charlie Brown benched in loss to Rams.
5.	Panthers	(10-4)	Captain Munnerlyn posts team-record fifth pick-six.
6.	Chiefs	(11-3)	Clinch playoff berth one year after finishing 2–14.
7.	Patriots	(10-4)	Tom Brady unable to pull off game-winning drive.
8.	Bengals	(9-5)	Kevin Huber has broken jaw, cracked vertebrae.
9.	Colts	(9-5)	Robert Mathis breaks franchise sack record (16.5).
10.	Cardinals	(9-5)	Escape with wild overtime victory at Tennessee.
11.	Eagles	(8-6)	Chip Kelly to Texas? Rumors are pure "speculation."
12.	Ravens	(8-6)	Justin Tucker 61-yard FG ices road win at Detroit.
13.	Packers	(7-6-1)	Matt Flynn keeps hope alive in epic win at Dallas.
14.	Bears	(8-6)	Jay Cutler returns, leads comeback at Cleveland.
15.	Dolphins	(8-6)	End seven-game losing streak against New England.
16.	Chargers	(7-7)	Time of possession (38:49-to-21:11) beats Denver.
17.	Lions	(7-7)	Megatron defends Matthew Stafford after MNF loss.
18.	Cowboys	(7-7)	Dez Bryant leaves field early after epic collapse.
19.	Steelers	(6-8)	Antonio Brown shines on Sunday night in Cincy.
20.	Jets	(6-8)	Geno Smith "let Rex (Ryan) down" with pick-six.
21.	Rams	(6-8)	Rattle Drew Brees, shock the Saints for upset win.
22.	Titans	(5-9)	Score 17 points in final 3:12 to force overtime, lose.
23.	Giants	(5-9)	Eli Manning ties career-worst with 25th INT of year.
24.	Bills	(5-9)	EJ Manuel earns first road win in return to Florida.
25.	Vikings	(4-9-1)	Optimistic Adrian Peterson will return this week.
26.	Falcons	(4-10)	Score 20 points off of seven Washington turnovers.
27.	Raiders	(4-10)	Matt McGloin tosses four INTs, loses fumble in loss.
28.	Buccaneers	(4-10)	Convert just 1-of-10 on third down in loss to 49ers.
29.	Browns	(4-10)	Have lost at least 10 games in six straight seasons.
30.	Jaguars	(4-10)	Leading receiver Cecil Shorts (groin) placed on IR.
31.	Redskins	(3-11)	RG3 watches from sideline as Kirk Cousins loses.
32.	Texans	(2-12)	Lose 12th straight, fall to 0–12 all-time at Indy.

Athlon Spotlight

Athlon Sports

Fantasy Dream Team

The best in the business of fantasy football

By NATHAN RUSH

Athlon Sports Editor

It's fantasy football Super Bowl time. This week, the majority of leagues across the country will crown a champion who will win bragging rights, trophies, a few dollars, a trip to Vegas, who knows? And while every league is different, there are several key players acquired throughout the season who push a contender over the top, regardless of scoring, league size or any other variable.

With that in mind, here's a look at this year's best fantasy stars — with a mix of high-rounders who lived up to expectations, longshots who panned out and undrafted All-Pros who helped make up for a few expensive, high-pick busts.

QB - Peyton Manning, Broncos

Obviously, Manning wasn't the fantasy risk in 2013 that he was in 2012, when he was fresh off four neck surgeries and playing for a new team. But the Manning faithful have been rewarded with his best statistical season yet (4,811 yards, 47 TDs).

QB – Nick Foles, Eagles

A waiver wire goldmine, Foles has thrown 23 TDs and just two INTs in just eight starts in place of the injured Michael Vick.

RB – LeSean McCoy, Eagles

"Shady" has bounced back from an injury-riddled 2012 season and thriving in Chip Kelly's new-look Philly offense — with a league-leading 1,343 rush yards, 507 receiving vards and eight total TDs.

Athlon Board of Experts

Dolphins at Bills

Vikings at Bengals

Broncos at Texans

Titans at Jaquars

Saints at Panthers

Cowboys at Redskins

Buccaneers at Rams

Cardinals at Seahawks

Falcons at 49ers (Mon.)

Raiders at Chargers

Steelers at Packers

Patriots at Ravens

Bears at Eagles

Browns at Jets

Colts at Chiefs

Giants at Lions

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Light

Dolphins by 3

Bengals by 7

Broncos by 14

Jaguars by 3

Panthers by 3

Chiefs by 10

Cowboys by 7

Rams by 7

Lions by 17

Seahawks by 10

Chargers by 10

Packers by 4

Ravens by 1

Eagles by 7

49ers by 14

Jets by 7



Philadelphia Eagles running back LeSean McCoy has been a fantasy football star bouncing back from an injury-plagued 2012 and thriving in Chip Kelly's new offense.

RB - Eddie Lacy, Packers

The rookie out of Alabama got off to a slow start, with 51 yards through the first three games. But he's been a beast since, with 977 yards and seven TDs in the last 11 games.

WR - Josh Gordon, Browns

Those who stashed away Gordon during his two-game suspension have been rewarded with an NFLbest 1,467 yards and nine TDs.

WR – Alshon Jeffery, Bears

Teammate Brandon Marshall was the early-round pick, but Jeffery has been a second-year sensation, with 1,265 yards and seven TD grabs.

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Dolphins by 4

Bengals by 10

Broncos by 14

Titans by 6

Jets by 3

Saints by 6

Colts by 4

Rams by 3

Lions by 10

Seahawks by 14

Chargers by 5

Steelers by 6

Patriots by 1

Eagles by 9

49ers by 17

Cowboys by 8

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Dolphins by 3

Bengals by 6

Broncos by 12

Panthers by 2

Cowboys by 7

Seahawks by 8

Chargers by 6

Packers by 1

Patriots by 3

Eagles by 1

49ers by 10

Chiefs by 5

Rams by 6

Lions by 7

Titans by 4

Jets by 1

WR - Eric Decker, Broncos Manning's WR3 in Denver has been a fringe WR1 in fantasy, with

TE - Jimmy Graham, Saints

1,130 yards and eight TDs.

Drew Brees' red zone target has scored in nine games, with five multi-TD contests to his credit.

K – Justin Tucker, Ravens

A recent fantasy football playoff hero with six FGs — including two from 50-plus yards — in Week 15.

DEF – Seattle Seahawks

The Legion of Boom has held six opponents to 10 or fewer points.

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Dolphins by 3	Dolphins by 4	Dolphins by 3
Bengals by 9	Bengals by 10	Bengals by 8
Broncos by 14	Broncos by 10	Broncos by 13
Titans by 3	Titans by 1	Titans by 2
Jets by 1	Browns by 1	Jets by 2
Panthers by 2	Panthers by 3	Panthers by 1
Chiefs by 7	Chiefs by 7	Chiefs by 5
Cowboys by 4	Cowboys by 4	Cowboys by 6
Rams by 6	Rams by 7	Rams by 5
Lions by 10	Lions by 4	Lions by 10
Seahawks by 12	Seahawks by 10	Seahawks by 11
Chargers by 9	Chargers by 7	Chargers by 8
Steelers by 3	Steelers by 1	Steelers by 1
Ravens by 3	Ravens by 3	Ravens by 1
Bears by 4	Bears by 1	Eagles by 3



Fast Forward

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Sunday, Dec. 22			
Miami	at	Buffalo	1 p.m
Minnesota	at	Cincinnati	1 p.m
Denver	at	Houston	1 p.m
Tennessee	at	Jacksonville	1 p.m
Cleveland	at	N.Y. Jets	1 p.m
New Orleans	at	Carolina	1 p.m
Indianapolis	at	Kansas City	1 p.m
Dallas	at	Washington	1 p.m
Tampa Bay	at	St. Louis	1 p.m
N.Y. Giants	at	Detroit	4:05 p.m
Arizona	at	Seattle	4:05 p.m
Oakland	at	San Diego	4:25 p.m
Pittsburgh	at	Green Bay	4:25 p.m
New England	at	Baltimore	4:25 p.m
Chicago	at	Philadelphia	8:30 p.m
Monday, Dec. 23			
Atlanta	at	San Francisco	8:40 p.m

Weekend on Tap

DOLPHINS (8-6) AT BILLS (5-9)

Buffalo edged Miami, 23–21, in Week 7, thanks to a fourth-quarter forced fumble from Mario Williams that set up a game-winning FG. VIKINGS (4-9-1) AT BENGALS (9-5)

Andy Dalton is happy to be back in Cincinnati, where he has thrown 14 TDs and five INTs, compared to 13 TDs and 11 INTs on the road.

BRONCOS (11-3) AT TEXANS (2-12) Peyton Manning carries a 16-3 career record

vs. Houston — a team with 12 straight losses. TITANS (5-9) AT JAGUARS (4-10) Talk about a slump-buster. J-Ville was 0-8 before beating Tennessee, 29-27, in Week 10, The

Jags are 4-2 since their winless start. BROWNS (4-10) AT JETS (6-8) Cleveland has hit the 10-loss mark yet again. New York still has a shot with Geno Smith at QB.

SAINTS (10-4) AT PANTHERS (10-4) The game of the week pits the NFC South's top two teams against each other in a winner-take-

all heavyweight fight. New Orleans defeated Carolina, 31-13, in Week 14.

COLTS (9-5) AT CHIEFS (11-3) A pair of former No. 1 overall picks go head-to-

head when Andrew Luck plays Alex Smith. AFC playoff pecking order is also up for grabs in what could be a potential postseason preview.

COWBOYS (7-7) AT REDSKINS (3-11) Who would have guessed RG3 would have more detractors than Tony Romo this season?

BUCCANEERS (4-10) AT RAMS (6-8) Tampa Bay is 4–2 since an 0–8 start to the year. St. Louis has only won two straight weeks once this year — against the Jaguars and Texans.

Matthew Stafford is coming off a rough week, but nothing like Eli Manning's five-INT debacle. CARDINALS (9-5) AT SEAHAWKS (12-2) This NFC West birdfight is a rematch of Seattle's

GIANTS (5-9) AT LIONS (7-7)

34-20 win at Arizona in Week 7. RAIDERS (4-10) AT CHARGERS (7-7) The Silver-and-Black shocked the Bolts, 27-17, in Week 5, as Philip Rivers threw three INTs.

STEELERS (6-8) AT PACKERS (7-6-1) Odds are, Matt Flynn will continue to start in place of Aaron Rodgers when Blitz-burgh visits Title Town in a rematch of Super Bowl XLV.

PATRIOTS (10-4) AT RAVENS (8-6) New England lost to Baltimore twice last year - 31-30 in Week 3 and 28-13 in an AFC title game defeat Tom Brady blamed himself for.

BEARS (8-6) AT EAGLES (8-6) Strange coincidence, the current division leaders in the NFC East and North are both plus-15 net

FALCONS (4-10) AT 49ERS (10-4) ESPN executives at Monday Night Football were loving this matchup preseason. But not now.

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