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Rancho Cordova Resident Dazzles in Disney on Ice Performances

By Russell Hartley, City of Rancho Cordova

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RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce held its Best In Business Awards (BIBA) last week, honoring those who have dedicated their time to growing their business and making the community a better place. The River City Christian Church hosted the event that saw no empty seats and West Coast Events & BCoffee catered for those in attendance.

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On growing up in Rancho Cordova, Justin says, “It wasn’t the busy part that was so fond, but rather the landscapes that I would like to see it.”

Since joining the Disney on Ice tour, Justin has traveled all over, but has noticed the changes in Rancho Cordova every time she returns.

“Whenever I get to go home during a break from tour, I take notice of the establishments that have grown in businesses around the area. Other than that, the same feeling I get when I’m home is always there. Nostalgia,” says Lopez. And what’s next for Justine Lopez? She is currently finishing the West Coast portion of her tour and making her way to Florida for rehearsals to prepare for the Asia/Australia/New Zealand shows. With all the time and hard work Justin puts into the best skater she can be, she still finds the time to work on earning a Bachelor’s degree in Business after receiving her Associate’s degree this past year.

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Project Linus Seeks Blanketeers for Local Children in Need

By Elise Spleiss

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On Christmas Eve morning, 1995, Karen Loucks came across holding her special “blankie.”

Written by Palitzer Prison-winning photograph contributor to the article in Parade Magazine told of Laura’s battle with leukemia and how her blankie has helped her get through more than two years of grueling chemotherapy.

After reading that article, Karen Loucks, who was 23 at the time, and had just learned to crochet, decided she could crochet blankets to help children like Laura, thus started Project Linus.

Today, Project Linus has a network of hundreds of volunteers who have presented thousands of homemade, handmade blankets to Darvon’s Rocky Mountain Children’s Cancer Center and many other venues locally and worldwide.

“Linus” is the name of the logo, the image of Charles Schultz’s beloved Peanuts character with his trademark security blanket that serves as the mission of the project perpetually.

Since 1995 Project Linus volunteers nationwide have delivered close to 7,000,000 blankets to children in need of all ages.

In a recent phone interview with Loucks, she said, “For me, it’s fulfilling to be a part of this… I don’t like to do something unless I can make a difference. I don’t get it in the hamster wheel just to see it turn… I can see results every day. We can’t stop the doctors but can have a positive effect and help where we can… It’s kids helping kids, they use their own hands, their own hearts.”

The Sacramento Chapter, with Clare Gliddon at the helm since 1995, works to ensure that their own blankets or others are delivered to children in need in Sacramento and Placer counties. Local “Blanketeers” made and delivered 12,437 blankets to needy children in 2017.

Today Gliddon is seeking more volunteers of all ages and organizations that need this “hug” for children. Donations of material and yarn to make even more Blanketeers are needed and others who love to knit, crochet, splilt or sew can join in the fun and camaraderie of creating something that will make a big difference in the life of a child or teenager. These “blanket hugs” can be as simple or complex as the creator chooses.

There are no limitations, no quotas. The only requisite is for blankets to be new, handmade and washable. Whether you are a Blanketeer or an expert, whether you can make one blanket or 100, all are needed. Blankets can be made at home, with friends, at a community facility such as the Fair Oaks Library, at or one of the many chapter gatherings that take place all over Sacramento and Placer County. Yarn and fabric is available if needed.

“Blanketeers” include seniors, members of faith communities, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs and both junior high and high school students needing community service hours, Yarn is even provided to the Chollisters Woman’s Prison and men at Folsom State Prison to make blankets for the children.

Blankets are donated to over 100 local organizations all year. These include hospitals, low-income elementary schools, food closets, shelters, police departments, child abuse prevention programs, the Sheriff’s Department, Ronald McDonald House, My Mother’s Voice, My Sister’s House and Wellspring Women’s Center to name a few. Blankets are also donated to children of veterans. Every blanket gets a tag sewn on that says, “Made with Love for You.”

The children know the difference between a handmade blanket and are “touched a lot by the time that one child made something for them.” One child stated, “This is the only thing in the hospital that’s mine.”

Following the Columbine school shooting in 1999, blanket donations expanded to victims of other disasters. Besides maintaining local, children affected by 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, fires in California and school shootings are just some of the recipients of blankets from Gliddon’s blanketeers.

Gliddon and her volunteers have been invited to exhibit their blankets at the California State Fair since 2015. A special place is going out to all collectors for new or almost new Beanie Babies. The project starts at the beginning of each December when they choose a handful of low income schools and present every kindergartner with a warm blanket. A very special touch is the addition of a Beanie Baby in a little package with each blanket. In 2017, 700 blankets were delivered in schools just before Winter break.

Those who join receive an information packet with a list of gatherings, drop-off sites and suggested stores. For more info, contact Clare Gliddon at (916) 965-8953, e-mail claire@sac.energy.com for more info, or visit their website www.sacprojectlinus.org and Facebook page at Project Linus - Sacramento Chapter.

SMUD and Simple Energy Offer Home Services Via SMUD Energy Store

By SMUD

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Simple Energy and SMUD are expanding SMUD Energy Store to include home services. A variety of basic services including smart-home products. New customers can also choose from a variety of home services categories, each featuring fantastic deals, available SMUD rebates and financing options, including a selection tool and educational resources.

The contractor matching tool, approved by HomeAdvisor, helps homeowers connect with a significant service professional to complete home projects.

“This addition to SMUD Energy Store will make it easier for our customers to complete energy-saving home improve- ment projects,” said Nicole Howard, SMUD’s chief cus- tomer officer. “It brings together our product catalog, rebates, financing and HomeAdvisor’s network of pre-screened service providers, and we think our customers will love it.”

SMUD Energy Store’s home improvement helps cus- tomers in a variety of ways. Customers who know what they’re looking for—such as a contractor to do a furnace tune- up—will quickly match with available pre-screened con- tractors for a hassle-free quote. For inspiration can browse services that help customers achieve their goals right in the store, or at home on the SMUD Energy Store website. Customers who don’t know what they’re looking for will find SMUD Energy Store’s personalized energy audits provide a snapshot of where they can save the most money.

SMUD Energy Store makes it easy for customers to browse and shop at one convenient location. Simple Energy CEO Yoav Lurie said: “Our utility-branded marketplace has been proven to drive the most customer trans- actions, and this product launch is a significant step forward for our platform. We’re excited to help SMUD deliver a delightful customer experience and services for our customers’ trust and respect for all of their energy-related needs.”

By providing project inspira- tion, a network of pre-screened local contractors, cost guides, how-to information and access to available rebates and finan- cing options, SMUD Energy Store gives customers the tools they need to successfully complete their improvement projects. Over time, SMUD Energy Store will continue to expand the services and products it offers.

As the nation’s sixth-largest, not-for-profit, publicly owned electric utility, SMUD is a recognized indus- try leader and award winner for its innovative energy effi- ciency programs, renewable power technologies, and for its sustainable solutions for a healthier environment. SMUD’s mix of power is about 50 percent non-carbon emitting. For more information, visit simpleon.com. SMUD Energy is the lead- ing provider of utility-branded services for large-investor-owned, municipal, and cooperative utilities including Exelon, Southern Company, Xcel Energy, National Grid, and SMUD. Simple Energy’s software as a service (“SaaS”) technology provides full service engagement, digital market- ing, relationship and performance management tools, enabling customers to engage, drive energy savings, facilitate the sale of energy-saving products and services, and serve as the plat- form for all utility services. Learn more at SimpleEnergy.com.
BIBA Awards Honors Those Who Make Community Great

By Rich Peters, MPG Editor

The Rancho Cordova Police Department hosted its monthly luncheon last week, this time bringing up Police Chief Chris Pittman to the stage. Pittman discussed the current state of crime around the city, what they have been doing to lower those rates and what can be expected from them in the future.

Pittman, his officers and the City of Rancho Cordova have been working together to construct a system that is both transparent and efficient for the community. Most recently, RCPD has been using a blend of proven police tactics combined with the newest technology to help continue to lower crime rate around the city.

One tactic being used in the community crime map. This shows exactly where and when crimes are happening and allows officers to visually see “hot spots” and paint those areas accordingly. You can access the community crime map by visiting ranchocordova.org.

Chief Pittman’s message to the community: The Rancho Cordova Police Department’s goal is to create a safe and vibrant community by developing and maintaining stakeholder partnerships and community involvement. Providing Police Service is more than reactive policing; it is civic engagement coupled with proactive innovation that spurs development and growth. I invite you to become a partner in making your neighborhood and business thrive.

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And Another Thing...

Mather Veterans Village

By Bob McGarvey

RANCHE CORDOVA, CA (INPM) - April 10, 2018 at 11 AM will be the ground breaking ceremony for the Mather Veterans Village Phase Two and Phase Three. Whether it is going to be blue sky weather or you will need to bring along some warming umbrella, the ground breaking will be done. It will be a little different from the ground breaking ceremony, because some of us made it in and some of the audience will be current residents of the Mather Veterans Village. They will be very glad to see the 50 new apartments being added to their community. They know that it will be a short time before the new residents will be able to move in and share their own community. A tremendous amount of time and energy will be spent in the two-story building, and I am really glad that the finances came through for Phase Two. The second floor will be transformed into rooms for 50 homeless veterans, and many of these veterans aren’t aware of the benefits that they are eligible for. The first floor will continue to be where the office is located, but there will be more offices and rooms where the veterans will be able to receive information and also go to classes.

We meet with very helpful people at the Fisher House and have a question headquarters where we learned that like many other things in life, the Fisher House took longer than we originally thought. However, that doesn’t mean to say the way things are done today, because we all have learned “the devil’s in the details.” So we have the property plans, we changed the letters and added a room to all those who need to send them, they head to the Veterans Administration for approval. They are then sent to the Fisher House Foundation, and then back to all of us who are waiting for the final OK to begin more construction. Time will tell, but being patient is something that will provide a much better end result than losing your temper and face the result of being unconstructive.

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - In partnership with the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission (SMAC), the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) unveiled four light rail trains that have been wrapped with art designed by four local artists, Judy Chase, Linda Nunez, Kerri Warner and Donna Wellman at the 7th & Richards Township 9 light rail station in the River District.

“I want to thank the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission for being a great partner in our endeavor to bring creative energy and joy to our community,” said Henry Lus, SacRT General Manager/CEO. “We are continually looking for ways to improve our riders’ experience, contribute to the beautification of Sacramon, and operate in a fiscally prudent manner. Art-wrapped rail trains accomplish each of these objectives.,”

Chase’s art creates spaces of belonging and builds community through art. Nunez’ artwork is a surreal and condensed landscape created with improbable vegetation, many colors, and subtle texture. Warner wanted her art to be colorful, whimsical and relatable to the people of Sacramento. Wellman chose bright and cheery colors with a countdown as the main attraction in a whimsical city.

The artists were selected from a juried registry based on their individual bodies of work that would suit the scale of light rail trains. Their colorful masterpieces will be traveling throughout the Sacramento region at various speeds – while also reflecting joyful expressions of our diverse Sacramento communities.

“These four artists represent such range in terms of their subject, content, style and design. Each artist comes up with a unique message, completely different from the other, which is what I love about this exhibit,” said Patric Kennedy, Chair of the SacRT Board of Directors and Vice Chair of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. “Art does many things – it inspires, it creates conversation and it brings joy. SacRT is proud that our trains can bring a positive visual impact and message in each community.”

Look for advertised sale items every week at www.petclubstores.com

By Kate Townsend

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Local communities can donate new towels, toiletries and luggage for local foster youth through United Way’s Women United Project happening now through April 17. Items will be donated through Sacramento County Foster Youth Emancipation Program to more than 260 local foster youth preparing to leave the system and live on their own for the first time.

“Many of them will be reaching out from the Amazon wishlist at http://www.yourlocalunitedway.org/event/spring-towel-toiletry-donations for local foster youth. This is a very promising event to significantly increase the number of students who graduate from high school ready for success in college and beyond through nine decades of work and research accomplished by the local United Way.”

United Way’s Women United Project is a California Capital Region is a powerful tool of 75 local women and supporters making sure local foster youth are prepared for success or college or career when they leave foster care. This focus is part of the Square One Project, the local United Way’s 20-year promise to significantly increase the number of students who graduate from high school ready for success in college and beyond through nine decades of work and research accomplished by the local United Way.

Women United believes ending poverty starts in school and is working to ensure kids meet important milestones for preparation to succeed in college or career.

Formerly known as Women in Philanthropy, the local United Way group is now part of the United Way of Northern California network of more than 70,000 women leaders across six counties, the local United Way said, “Our United group is now part of the United Way of Northern California, which is a collaborative and network of more than 70,000 women leaders across six counties, the local United Way said. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.yourlocalunitedway.org/WomenUnited.
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Building a Business While Re-Building Lives

By Don Troutman, Founder, Clean & Sober Transitional Living

SACRAMENTO’S CA IMPU

- Out of the blue, I received a surprising message last week. A friend had just read an article on my business and wanted to know if I was available to speak to an email to tell you how he had been rescued.

Back in 1989 when you were 17, you were an adult, I remember the struggles you faced, the choices you made, and the business up and running. Well, here I am, with all the lessons of living, a lot of admiring respect for what you are working so hard to make Clean and Sober a reality. I just wanted to thank you for your support and making your program a success.

I was so touched by this letter, and then I had an epiphany: building a strong recovery community really does have a purpose.

Starting a business is a tough process, but building a recovery community is even harder. When I first opened the doors to Clean and Sober Transitional Living, I knew I wanted to follow or assurance of getting clients. I had great people talking to me about what other sober living offered.

Not in my back yard was famous because people didn’t want to go. They didn’t want to live in an apartment or a house and make decisions about what they were going to do. They didn’t want to make decisions about what they were going to do.

That’s how important it was for the Clean and Sober Transitional Living community. That’s how much I want to see receive.

At first, the only people to follow or assurance of getting clients were those who were getting help in their lives. And I saw that they could build strong recovery communities because they were sharing recovery in their everyday life, in their daily lives, that became my driving force.

Building a strong business sounds to me a lot like building a strong recovery. At first, you are found and vulnerable. Your critics are looking over your shoulder at everything you are doing, wondering if you can “stick” your recovery. People talk about you and speculate about the staying power of your sobriety. Some of your “friends” may even try to undermine your resolve to bring their drinking buddies back home.

Just as it takes tenacity and dedication to build a strong business in spite of the odds, it takes tenacity and dedication to reclaim your sobriety and rebuild your life. I’m proud, and so are many of the 6000-plus residents who have called CSTL “home” since 1989. I used to live behind the flea market on Folsom Boulevard, and now I have 14 sober living homes for people who’ve left campuses and affordability lives behind. Together, we’re reclaiming our prey to build a business and build sobriety....

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World Easter Treats
Easter is coming and with this celebration, there will be lots of good eats from around the world. So I thought I’d share a few with you. It seems almost every Easter-celebrating country has its own special Easter bread or cake. Hot Cross buns are an Easter favorite in many areas including Britain. The tradition allegedly derives from ancient Anglo-Saxons who baked small wheat cakes in honor of the springtime god- king. After conversion to Christianity, the church substituted with sweetbreads blessed for the honor of the springtime god- king. The bulging top represents a Christ. Thus, the initials XB for Xpucmoc Bockpece or Christ is decorated on the side. It’s a symbol of atonement on the cross by Jesus which is ground like the Pacoca de Amendoim from Brazil which is ground from the nuts, flowers, and salt. It’s served through- out the world. So I thought I’d share a great site here’s wishing you and yours a blessed Easter!

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Easter is the perfect time to share Jesus Christ’s incredible love and His Resurrection with our hurting neighbors in our community. It starts with a special holiday meal from Union Gospel Mission Sacramento. Just $1.92 provides a hot meal to someone who is homeless and alone this Easter. That’s why I’m asking you to send your most generous gift today – thousands of lonely, lost, and broken souls will be coming to the Mission this Easter, looking for a meal and the chance for a new beginning.

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Cordova Blanks Florin 10-0

By Rich Peters, MPG Editor

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Cordova Tasmania Murphy pitched six dominant innings, allowing just three hits while striking out six.

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By Ron Richardson, Folsom Lake College Athletic Coordinator

Computer River, the FLC baseball team’s offense was awakened by one swing of Jake Gross’ bat when he launched a second inning grand slam. Gross wasn’t the only offensive producer for the Panthers; Andrew Williams, Nate George and Aidan Malm all had two-run hits in the six-run third inning. The Lancers now won three of their last four games, scoring a combined 40 runs in those three victories. They sit in third place of the Sierra Valley Conference standings behind El Dorado (5-1) and Liberty Ranch (5-2), but league play has just gotten under way this week and those standings are likely to change quickly with a full slate of games lined up.

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SACRAMENTO REGION, CA - Aerojet Rocketdyne recently completed delivery of all of the crew module engines for Boeing’s Crew Space Transportation (CST-100) Starliner spacecraft. Boeing will integrate the engines into the Starliner crew module as it is Commercial Crew and Cargo Processing Facility at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The Starliner crew module is designed to transport up to seven passengers or a mix of crew and cargo for missions to low-Earth orbit destinations. Developed in partnership with NASA’s Commercial Crew Program, the Starliner will carry up to four astronauts to and from the International Space Station for NASA missions. Each capsule is designed to be used up to 10 times and features 12 Aerojet Rocketdyne MR-1044 engines to properly orient the spacecraft during atmospheric re-entry.

“Astronaut safety is paramount at Aerojet Rocketdyne, which is why we are providing a reliable propulsion system for the Starliner crew module to ensure a safe re-entry for all of Starliner’s passengers,” said Aerojet Rocketdyne CEO and President Eileen Drake.

Each MR-1044 engine produces more than 100 pounds of thrust and draws on a legacy dating back to NASA’s Voyager probes, which have traveled further in space than any other human-made objects. Key to the realizability of CST-100 Starliner crew module engines is a patent-pending design approach that strengthens the engine to withstand extreme operating temperatures without significantly increasing its weight. The total weight of the delivered flight engines met the Boeing requirement with more than a 12 percent margin.