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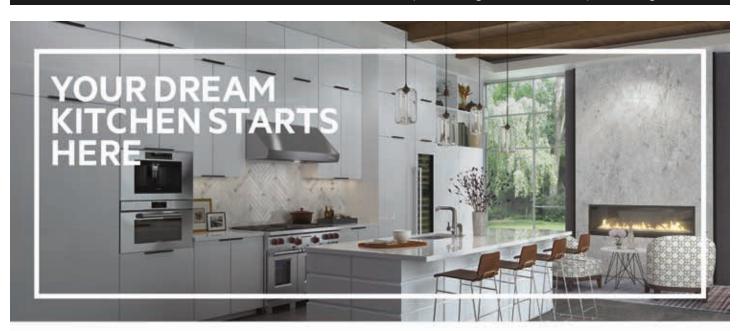


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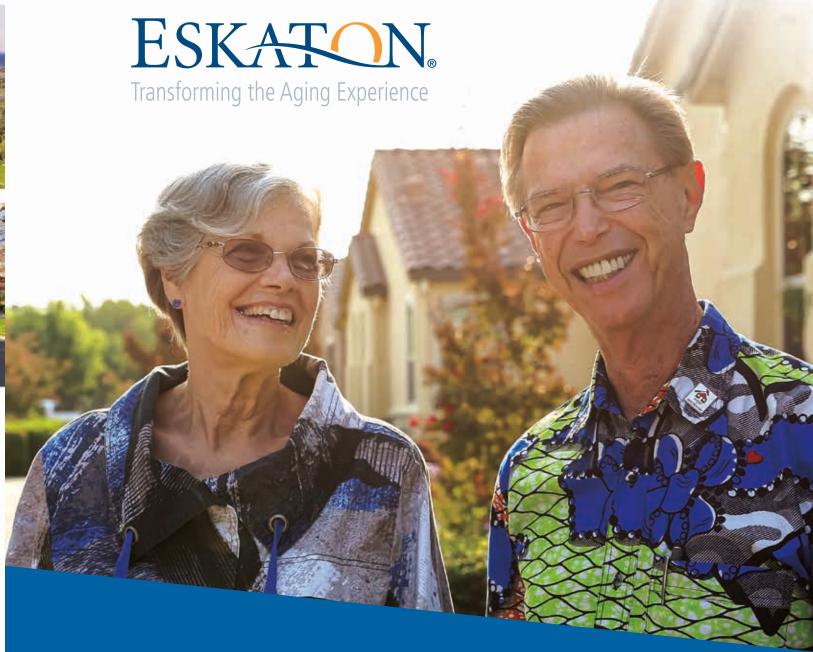
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Hello Serrano friends & family,

It is ACTUALLY New Year's Day as I write you this February note. My emotions are mixed as I step into 2021. I feel a twinkling of hope for better days ahead. I am excited about the COVID-19 vaccines and the healing they promise to bring. I am sad for all the lives lost. I am heartbroken for those who are mourning their losses. I feel compassion for those who are financially struggling. I am lonely for my friends. I feel nostalgic about how life used to be. I fear it will never be the same again. But, as I bring my thoughts full circle, I feel expectantly hopeful to see what our future brings. I have seen unbelievable triumphs of the human spirit, and believe we WILL claw and fight our way back to a beautiful future. Are you with me, Serrano?

We searched for the PERFECT family to feature in February. We think we found it in Frank and Paula Storm. Check out their Valentine love story in our 'This is Us' article. You don't want to miss this one! Guss Weis graces our 'Pet Prodigies' article! What a cutie pie this little Havanese Poodle mix is! I've already offered to puppy-sit if the Weis family ever travels and can't take Guss along! We journey to Africa with the Shoop family. Can you name all the safari animals without reading the captions? Carter Heninger shares his love of baseball and his future plans with us. Check out Carter in THL's 'Athletic Accolades' feature. Been dreaming of a custom wood piece for your home? Perhaps a dining room table or an island for your new kitchen? JT Birch can make anything you can imagine...so dream BIG! Meet Gail Avery Halverson, award-winning author. Or better yet, just buy her books and read them. Her book *The Boundary Stone* is actually about a pandemic, so it's the perfect time. There's a lot more on the pages of THL this month, so just keep reading!

Happy Valentine's Day!



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Frank & Paula Storm... Their Story of LOVE and LOSS











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Girls can't say no to a free meal! Frank, an Air Force and Commercial Pilot from Connecticut who wanted to fly since age 4, and Paula, a Pan Am Stewardess from Berkley, CA, met in Stuttgart, Germany. Frank felt safe asking Paula to dinner as a co-worker, since he saw an engagement ring on her finger.

Paula appreciated the company and said yes to his dinner invitation. After dinner, Paula asked Frank to come over to a tower that overlooked the beautiful city. Frank said he was afraid of heights. What? A pilot afraid of heights? They laughed about it!

Paula was engaged during this time but the connection between her and Frank grew as they spent more time together. After one particular dinner, Frank made a move and kissed Paula goodbye. He remembers Paula having the softest lips in the world.

Time passed and Paula continued to think about Frank. Eventually, she could not deny her feelings and she ended her engagement to the lawyer. One day Frank noticed the ring was off Paula's finger. That was when Frank knew it was time to take action.

One wet and windy day, Frank flew a fighter plane to Paula's parent's home. Arriving all scruffy and tattered, not a good first impression, Paula's mother graciously offered to iron his clothes.



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During his visit, Frank asked Paula's father for her hand in marriage. Her father replied, "You might as well take her whole body while you're at it!"

Twenty-five years of flying for Pan Am can be challenging but it provided Frank and Paula with a life of adventure. They flew around the world from Africa, Japan, the Caribbean and many European countries. After he retired, Frank built airplanes and mentored youth who were interested in flying, while Paula taught nutrition classes.

Like many of us, Frank and Paula had their fair share of losses. Two of their babies were born with a terminal genetic illness. Later, their beloved daughter passed away from a fatal car accident. Their strong faith, their inner strength and their love for each other pulled them through these difficult times. Both Frank and Paula stayed involved in many activities. They have supported many charities over the years. Philanthropy is still a big part of their lives today.

Frank continued flying until age 89, and retired as Air Force Colonel. Now 92, he enjoys going to Rancho Murrieta to share a coffee and stories with his flying buddies. Paula, now 82, still teaches nutrition class and stays in touch regularly with her Pan Am girlfriends. Fifty-six years of marriage has been a great life experience and they wouldn't change a thing.

When asked about their secret to a long and happy marriage, here's what Frank and Paula had to say:

Paula: "A Smooth Sea never made for a Skilled Sailor." Frank: "Make sure she has plenty of girlfriends."

Paula: "It's our faith and sense of humor. Yes, make sure he has friends, too."

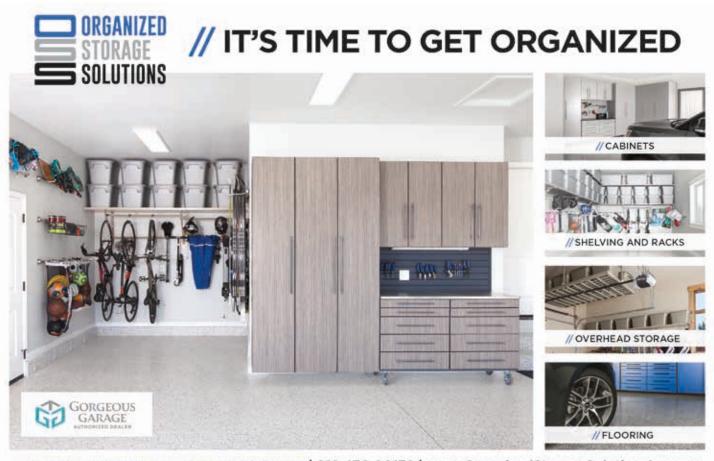
Frank and Paula lead active, healthy lifestyles and enjoy the outdoors, which is part of the reason they LOVE living. Family and friends are a big part of their lives. They are grateful that their son and his family live in El Dorado Hills. The two granddaughters keep them young at heart. And, laughter is still their best medicine.



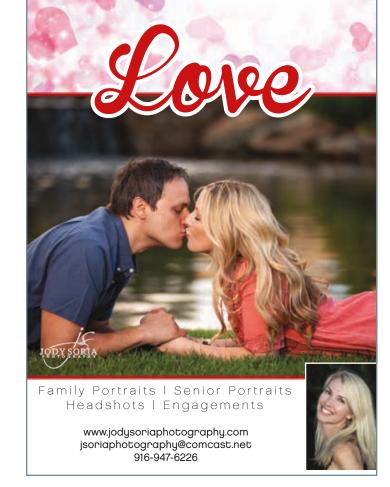


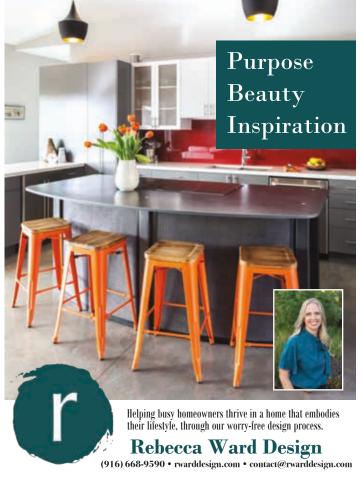






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Enter into the stately foyer, overlooking the living room, formal dining room and beautiful rounded staircase. Chefs will delight in the state-of-the-art kitchen that features granite counters, stainless appliances, a Wolf range, a built-in Sub-Zero refrigerator with a glass door, double ovens and a butler's pantry. The gourmet kitchen overlooks the dining nook and family room with an exquisite fireplace. A junior suite with a walk-in closet and a private



bathroom complete the main level of the home.

The sweeping staircase and rotunda lead to the master suite, bonus room, and remaining bedrooms and bathrooms. The extravagant master suite amenities include an impressive walk-in closet and spa-like bathroom with double sinks, a separate vanity, soaking tub, shower stall and linen closet. A Jack and Jill bath is located near two of the bedrooms. Down the breezeway towards the bonus room are another bedroom and bathroom. Enjoy movie nights in the oversized







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The Weis Family with Guss





Laine & Guss

if your legs cool off a couple degrees when I switch laps. If you give me a new bone, I will hide it in my bed (even though my family still finds it) or bury it outside! I love playing with other dogs, too, so if I see you at the park be ready to play a game of tag! My favorite toy is my small blue plush dog named Cyclops, because unfortunately one of his eyes fell off! Even with one eye he's still my favorite, and I've had him since I was a pup!

I am adventurous, excitable and love running, especially in a figure eight, even if I sometimes tumble over my own paws. In fact, I run so fast my family named me white lightning because when I sprint around fields, my white coat makes a streak just like lightning! In the summer you can find me basking in the sun or on a paddleboard sporting my yellow life vest! In the winter I'm found by the fire curled up in a blanket or on a morning walk in one of my fabulous winter sweaters! Well, that's all for now, but we can connect and you can see more of my adventures on my Instagram @Guss.poo!

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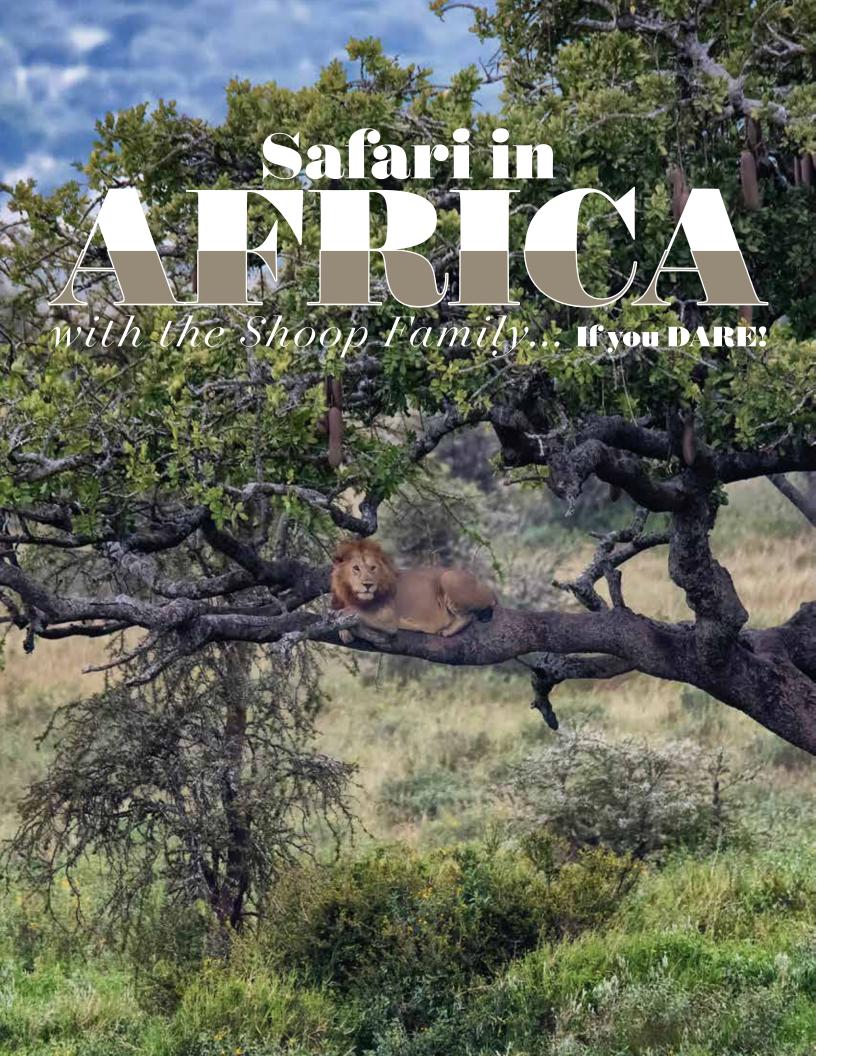
Hello everyone! I'm Guss, a Havanese-poodle mix! If you notice from the pictures, I'm completely white! I have a pink nose with a freckle, turquoise eyes, and paws spanning the length of about two marshmallows! I was born in Indiana and flew on a plane all the way to California! I now live with my brother Colin, my sister Laine, and Mom and Dad in Folsom! I even gained a new sister, Sugar. Even though she's a cat, we entertain each other and have fun playing together! I invariably dominate, but occasionally I'll let her win to spur some intrigue for the family. Some of my hobbies include digging (yes, even on the couch), playing with socks (only the dirty ones), and sitting on people's laps! However, it is necessary that the lap constructs a firm and supportive base. If not, don't be surprised







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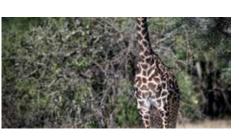




Baby Elephant



















Yawning Hippo

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Mama Leopard & Cub

After much planning, preparation and the required vaccines and visas, my friend Jim and I embarked on the very long flight to Tanzania. Upon the recommendation of friends, we selected Aardvark Safaris Tanzania and the personable guide Augustine Mwangotya. After we passed through Kilimanjaro Airport customs we were met by Augustine (Gus) and driven to our Arusha Hotel, where we were greeted with fresh juice and a plethora of "Jambo Jambo's" (Welcome Welcome).







Ostrich Romping Zebras

within the first five minutes of our safari we spotted giraffes roaming in the wild. Gus next took us to an area lions frequent, and we soon found male and female lions in the midst of their mating ritual. I was shocked to learn that lions engage each other about every 15 to 30 minutes when the females are in season. And yes, we watched! As our 12-day safari progressed, we viewed and photographed so many incredible things. We watched baboons wrestling, climbing in trees and riding on their mothers' backs. We saw a leopard mother

The next morning we flew into the Serengeti National Park and

with her cub cavorting all around her. Surrounded by a herd of wildebeests and zebras, we photographed the herd as several of the young wildebeests ran past us. The deep, loud noises hippos make was shocking as we watched them open their huge mouths, raise out of the water, then sink back under the calmly flowing river. Elephants were abundant, especially in Tarangire National Park, where we observed herds of them playing in marshes, babies nursing and two rather young males "fighting" with tusks cracking against each other as they then backed off to sink into a pond of water. There were so many other moments I wish there was room to share with cheetahs, crocodiles, spotted hyenas, impalas and more.

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda was our next destination. Excited to see the endangered mountain gorillas in the wild, we were warned that it could be a long, arduous hike. Surprisingly, our guides and trackers led us to a family of habitualized gorillas in 30 minutes on our first trek. We were instructed to stay 20 feet away from them, as the gorillas are susceptible to human diseases. Out came the cameras, and we spent an hour watching and photographing the gorillas as they interacted with each other. The massive silverback male seemed unconcerned about us, as he went about his business of eating leaves off trees. We watched mothers carrying and nursing their babies as well as juvenile gorillas in this family. The second family we observed had an unusual young gorilla with a white stripe around her wrist. Our guide said she is particularly beautiful to the other gorillas because of this marking. There are only about 1,000 mountain gorillas left in the world.

Tanzania and Uganda are wonderful ecotourist destinations. We felt completely safe with our guides, and feel the experiences we encountered were well worth the expense. Hopefully another trip to Africa is in our future!















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Gail and Jim Shoop with guides

Our Guide, Augustin



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The first question people always ask award-winning author Gail Avery Halverson is, "What made you write a book?" "I like to challenge myself," says Halverson. "I have written four children's musical plays that have been performed in Sacramento since 2004, as well as several screenplays, two of which were optioned by Longbow Productions, but always in the back of my mind was the uncharted challenge of writing a full-length novel."

"When I read an article (in 2015) about the famous plague village of Eyam, England, and the sacrifices made by the small town of 800 people quarantining



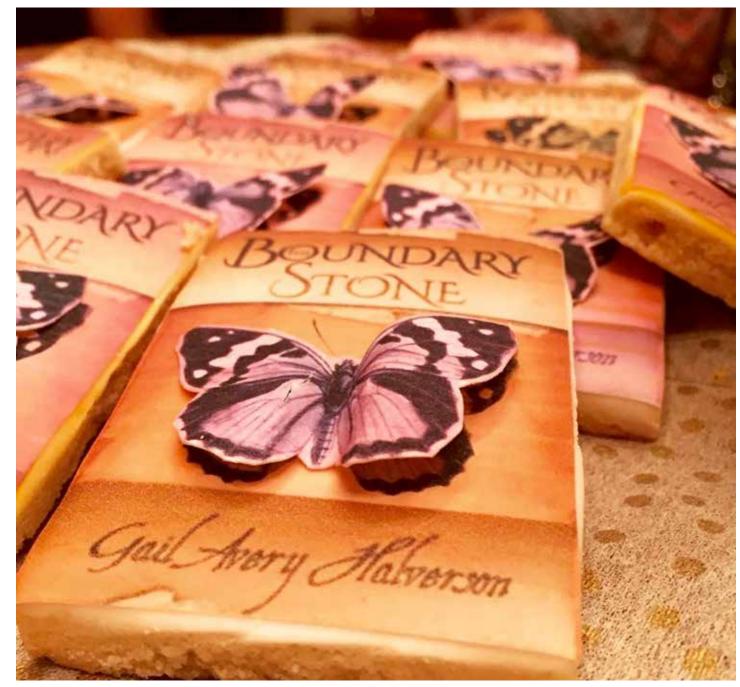
themselves within the village boundaries to protect the rest of England when the plague came in 1665, I knew I had the subject for my first book, *The* Boundary Stone," says Halverson. Its sequel, *The* Skeptical Physick, picks up four days after the first novel ends when a baker fails to extinguish his coals properly and ignites the Great Fire of London.

"These two events, one occurring right after the other, were a tremendous disaster in 17th century England, and together they provide the backdrop for the two main characters who struggle to free themselves of both societal constraints and the constraints of medieval medical practices," says Halverson.

Halverson's first novel, *The Boundary Stone* (published in 2016), was a finalist for both the Chaucer Award for historical fiction and the Cygnus Award for speculative fiction and won first place in the Chatelaine Awards for romantic fiction at the CIBA International Book Awards. This past October, *The Skeptical Physick* was short-listed for the CIBA Somerset Award for literature, won first place in the Chaucer Awards, and won the 2019 Chatelaine Award Grand Prize.

"I was thrilled and extremely honored, to say the least," says Halverson.

When asked what drew her to historical fiction, Halverson, a sixth-generation Californian and a 15th generation descendant of the original New England settlers on both sides of her family reflected that "history is full of ordinary, yet fascinating men, and especially women, who are mostly



unknown and yet we have survived because of them. I love discovering their stories, their accomplishments, their joys and sorrows, and bringing those very real people into my fictional stories."

Ms. Halverson is a graduate of UC Davis with a B.A. in English Literature/Communications and is currently at work researching for the third novel in the Stockbridge Series. When not writing, Ms. Halverson loves to play golf, garden, cook and fill her dinner table with family and friends.

Both *The Boundary Stone* and *The Skeptical Physick* are available on amazon.com. You can also contact gail @ gailaveryhalverson@gmail.com.





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Carter Heninger... On Baseball, the Pitcher's Mound and Team Camraderie

he pitcher's mound – it's where all attention focuses before each play. The stress of the position alone deters many players, yet Carter Heninger, a Senior at Oak Ridge High School, embraces the pressure of the position, claiming that it's what motivates him every time he walks on the field.

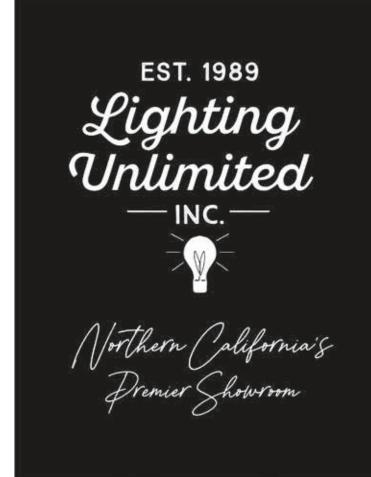
Carter has been playing baseball for the last 12 years, and has always had a strong arm. But what led him to pitching was his urge to feel the pressure of the game situation on his shoulders. Unlike other positions, which are played in a state of reaction, pitching is the only position where Carter felt in control. With such control also comes a great sense of responsibility for making the correct first move, or taking responsibility for mistakes. It is instances of mistake that motivate him to always have a ball in his hand, working on his throw. Carter felt the culmination of his hard work when he pitched an entire game and didn't allow any runs in 77 pitches.

Developing as a player, he plays for the NorCal travel baseball team, as well as Oak Ridge High School's Varsity team. With his teams, he has traveled around the U.S for showcases such as the Wilson Premier and the USA Fall Classic, winning the League Championship every year with his NorCal travel baseball team. Carter's favorite memory from playing with his NorCal team is the team dinners after winning championships where he bonded with his teammates – one of the most important parts of the sport. Carter states that although each individual may have talent, a team can never succeed unless there is good camaraderie in the group.

After graduating from Oak Ridge in 2021, Carter is excited to play baseball and earn his degree at San Jose State University. Besides the competitiveness of baseball, it has become Carter's favorite sport because it is unlike any other sport in that there is never a play that will be repeated, and there are opportunities that come with every pitch. Carter's advice to anyone interested in playing baseball is to remember that after all the hours of practice and games, to not take yourself too seriously or you will overthink and forget to enjoy each play.









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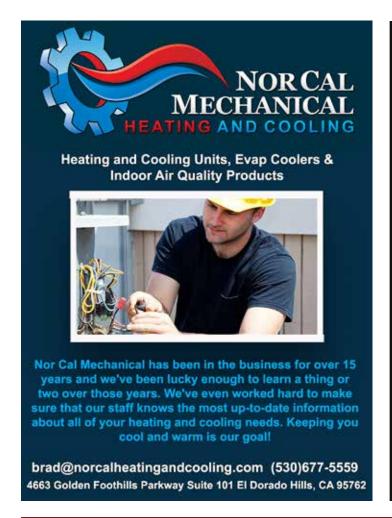


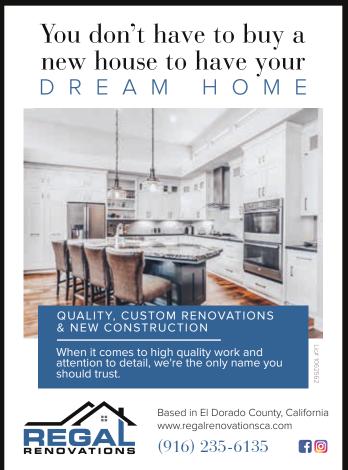






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As an El Dorado County native, I have always loved the vibes Hangtown and El Dorado County give off to anyone who visits. Huge parts of California's history formed here dating all the way back to the 1800s, where our town was a mining hub and the Pony Express was used as a mail delivery service. Taking a walk through Main Street, that has kept most of its originality over the years, takes you back to that era. My boutique was formerly a traveling boutique called Western On Wheels. Due to the pandemic and ultimately my



Knotted & Striped Long Sleeve

hopes and dreams changing, I created Rust & Rouge! The new name was inspired by my initials "RR." Rust came from the rustic vibe our old mining town shows. Rouge came from loving the look of red lipstick and roses. Growing up I have always ADORED fashion. I grew up making YouTube videos about fashion and



Flannels & Boots Long Sleeve

Cheetah Concho Bracelet Keep On Truckin' Graphic Tee



"It's Wine O'Clock Somewhere" Ballcap (my fav LOL) and "The Harper" Pullover



Burgundy Sweater





organizations. Proceeds from this batch is donated to 'Tunnel to Towers' because they consumed the mortgage of our fallen officer Deputy Ishmael.



Burnished Oval Ring...



makeup because I loved it so much! Who would have known I would be here today owning my own little boutique.

About us

Rust & Rouge is currently an online boutique located in El Dorado County. We also do pop up shops around the area! We carry women's clothing (XS-2XL), accessories, jewelry, gifts and more. We believe in a unique style and we strive to have something for everyone!

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JT Birch IMAGINE IT Woodworking... JOEL CAN BUILD IT!

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The Birch family has a long history of woodworking. Joel grew up helping his parents create in their shop first in Cupertino, then Placerville, and on to Pollock Pines. He and his brothers even built many of their own toys. Building things of the highest quality

has always been top priority, and Joel learned the best methods from his parents early on. He worked jobs in various fields before accepting his calling, joining his parents' company in 2008. Then in 2018, Joel and his wife Lorraine started their own family business, JT Birch Woodworking Company. Continuing in family tradition, their four kids all help out and are learning the ways of quality woodworking. They have produced woodworking kits, providing others with the opportunity to build something like a bird feeder or pencil box on their own. These kits include everything needed, with photo instructions teaching proper woodworking terms along the way. The kids play a large roll in this, helping to cut out parts and assemble the kits. Look for more of these again in the near future.



Joel specializes in building custom furniture pieces, kitchen and bath cabinetry, and architectural doors. He also enjoys building bars, van conversation cabinetry and any other unique creations his clients imagine. He works closely with clients throughout the design process, bringing to life their vision. Everything is built 100% in-house and Joel takes pride in building pieces that will last for generations.

Joel and Lorraine were married in Alaska, where she grew up, in 2005. They have called El Dorado County home since then, but enjoy visiting family up North when possible. They are currently building a small home and new shop on five acres in Pollock Pines. While it's not a fast process, both building and working full-time on the business, the family is excited to see each step come together! Their boys, Owen 12 and Emmett 10, are a big help and are developing some great building skills! They have big plans for a cabin of their own and a pirate ship! The girls, Helene 7 and Pearl 5, entertain themselves with building fairy houses and practicing their ballet. The whole family is excited to expand their garden and be able to raise animals with room

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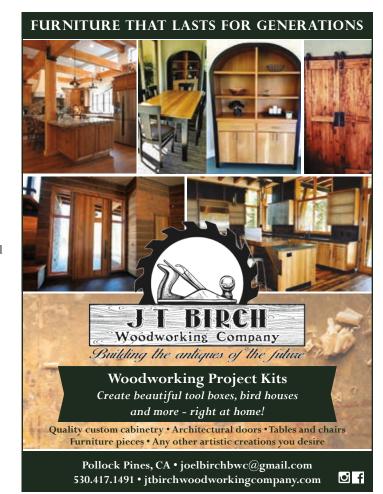
to roam on the property. Lorraine started homeschooling their children this year, allowing freedom to spend time doing more things they love. In addition to helping with the business end of the woodworking company, Lorraine is also a midwife assistant, tests birds for a disease surveillance program, and she raises Goldendoodle puppies using natural and holistic practices. The kids play a big roll in that family business, as well!

Spending time in nature as a family, whether in the Sierras or at the coast, is a refreshment to their souls. Joel enjoys free diving, even in the frigid northern California ocean! Lorraine enjoys snorkeling along on the occasion they find themselves in warmer waters. Beyond the beauty in nature that El Dorado County offers, it's the community that keeps them here. They feel incredibly blessed to have friends, family and clients who keep their wheels turning!

The Birches would love to work with you for your next home improvement project or new furniture needs. See more of Joel's work on their website or on their social media pages.

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A Kid Favorite!

Ingredients

1 pound ground turkey 1 small yellow onion, diced 2-3 cloves garlic, minced 2 jalapeños, seeded and diced

1 cup prepared salsa 1 tablespoon chili powder

1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

2 teaspoons vegetable oil

1 small garnet yam, diced cilantro for garnish salt to taste

Instructions

- 1. Brown ground turkey over medium-high heat, and set aside.
- 2. While turkey is browning, start steaming sweet potatoes. Steam until cooked through.
- 3. Heat 2 teaspoons oil and add onions, cooking until translucent.
- 4. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about a minute.
- 5. Return meat to pan and lower heat to medium-low.
- 6. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt (or more to taste), chili powder and cumin, and stir to combine.
- 7. Add sweet potato and salsa, and heat for a few minutes until most of the moisture from the salsa has evaporated.
- 8. Add chopped cilantro to taste or to individual tacos.
- 9. Serve in taco shells with your preferred toppings!





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1017 Hogarth Way	El Dorado Hills	\$949,900	\$965,000	12/16/20	5	3	4	2,837	3	\$340.15
1082 Hogarth Way	El Dorado Hills	\$1,050,000	\$1,045,000	11/13/20	12	3	4	2,837	3	\$368.35
1109 Hogarth Way	El Dorado Hills	\$1,075,000	\$1,050,000	12/21/20	11	3	4	3,064	3	\$342.69
580 Dali Ct	El Dorado Hills	\$1,048,000	\$1,075,000	10/12/20	3	3	3	3,310	2	\$324.77
4156 Greenview Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$1,199,888	\$1,231,500	11/18/20	9	4	5	4,017	4	\$302.51
5520 Sur Mer Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$1,385,000	\$1,335,000	11/10/20	79	5	5	4,762	4	\$280.34
316 Nattier Ct	El Dorado Hills	\$1,398,000	\$1,410,000	11/10/20	4	4	4	4,095	4	\$344.32
5457 Sur Mer Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$1,295,000	\$1,425,000	11/10/20	5	5	4	4,135	3	\$344.62
254 Mondrian Ct	El Dorado Hills	\$1,650,000	\$1,670,000	12/21/20	0	4	4	3,670	5	\$455.04
6006 Monet Way	El Dorado Hills	\$1,690,000	\$1,690,000	11/02/20	9	5	5	4,102	3	\$411.99
6040 Aldea Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$1,799,000	\$1,796,232	11/09/20	27	5	5	4,006	4	\$448.39
4750 Gresham Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$1,595,000	\$1,800,000	12/08/20	7	6	8	9,811	3	\$183.47
5381 Da Vinci Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$1,750,000	\$1,800,000	12/15/20	4	4	5	4,049	4	\$444.55
7516 Sangiovese Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$1,875,000	\$1,825,000	11/17/20	55	4	5	5,571	4	\$327.59
5270 Da Vinci Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$1,875,000	\$1,900,000	12/01/20	28	4	6	4,379	3	\$433.89
600 Chert Ct	El Dorado Hills	\$2,389,000	\$2,385,000	12/01/20	22	6	6	7,092	4	\$336.29
300 Bronzino Ct	El Dorado Hills	\$2,499,999	\$2,429,999	11/03/20	16	4	5	4,278	4	\$568.02
3035 Courbet Way	El Dorado Hills	\$2,649,000	\$2,649,000	12/03/20	3	4	5	4,500	3	\$588.67
3937 Greenview Dr	El Dorado Hills	\$2,800,000	\$2,675,000	12/28/20	146	4	5	6,497	6	\$411.73
4381 Berkwood Ct	El Dorado Hills	\$3,550,000	\$3,000,000	11/17/20	194	4	8	7,549	3	\$397.40





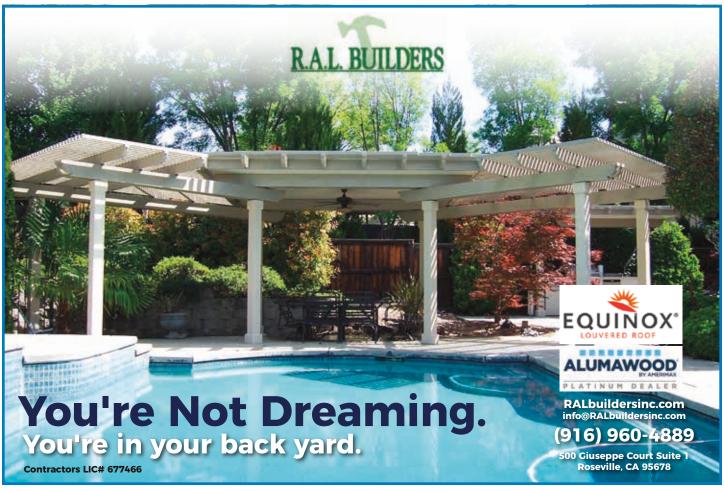
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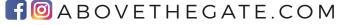


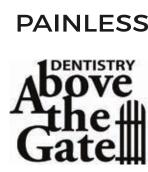
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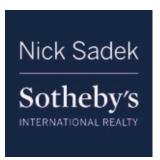
















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