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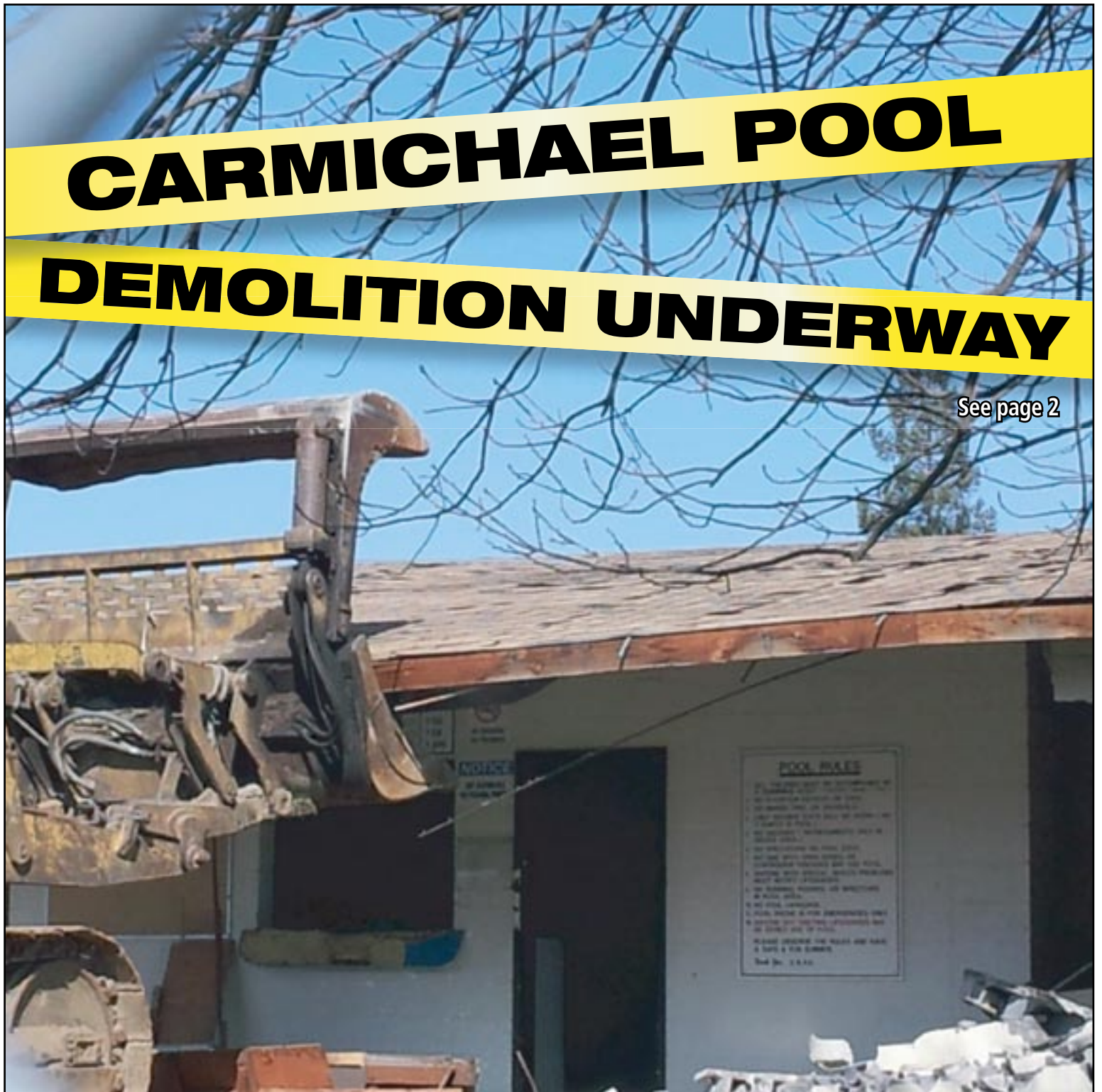
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Carmichael Pool Demolition Underway



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The District Advisory Board recently approved a project to demolish the old pool at Carmichael Park and redevelop the area for recreation use. Demolition began February 13. Park district staff will soon work to restore the area with turf.

Built in 1955, the pool served the residents of the community providing many aquatic activities. Since it was the only pool in town for years, thousands of children and adults cooled off at the pool participating in recreational swim, lessons, water aerobics classes, synchronized swimming and even scuba lessons. The pool was also home to the Carmichael Park Beavers swim team.

Over the years, governmental codes changed. The high-diving board was removed due to the shallow 10ft depth of the

pool and the baby pool was removed when it could no longer be kept clean enough to meet modern health standards. By 2002 it was clear the pools infrastructure and buildings were no longer able to meet current codes and developed major problems with the pool vessel itself failing and leaking.

The cost to bring the facility up to code was prohibitive. In 2004 the decision was made to close the pool permanently.

The old pool has sat vacant for 9 years. To some residents the pool has wonderful memories, but to others the pool is an eye-sore and a potential safety hazard. Sacramento County is allocating some of the funds under Supervisors Peters District 3's Community Programs to help demolish the old pool and make the area available for recreational use.

D.W. Babcock and Thomas Edison Students Get Ahead with Reading Partners

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A wise man named Dr. Seuss once said, "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

An organization making sure that children in the Sacramento area have a chance to build the early reading skills they will need for the rest of their lives is Reading Partners – a nonprofit that provides volunteer-led, one-on-one literacy tutoring to students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade in low-income elementary schools.

According to Deanna Berg, Sacramento/Chico regional executive director for Reading Partners, the organization works in local communities to provide early intervention for children who are behind six months to two and-a-half years in reading abilities.

"Statistics show that kids who aren't reading on grade level by third grade is an indicator for high school drop out rates and their ability to be successful as they move on through their school years," she explains. "So we really focus on those early years with the belief that if we can catch them in that first part of their education, we're going to get more impact in the long-run."

Between the Lines

Reading Partners currently operates 11 programs in the Sacramento area, including two schools in the Arden area – D.W. Babcock Elementary School and Thomas Edison Elementary School – and Caroline Wenzel Elementary School in the Pocket.

Betty von Werlhof, principal of D.W. Babcock Elementary School, says this is the second year they have had the Reading Partners program at the school. She says last year, 33 students took part in the program, and this year they have 29 students enrolled so far. "That list is growing, we're adding students every month – as we get more tutors, we get more students," she adds.

According to von Werlhof, Reading Partners is a "wonderful program" and they received "fantastic data" from last year – of the 33 students enrolled in the program 93 percent of students accelerated their rate of learning. "The average gain for every month the child was tutored, they gained two months of reading, so they were doubling their rate of progress while they were being tutored," von Werlhof says. "It's really exciting. Programs like this are helping us to get kids up to grade level. Not only do they learn to read, but they can use their reading skills to learn everything else they need to know."



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Over at Caroline Wenzel, Dennalia Harris, onsite coordinator for Reading Partners at the school, says this year the program has 38 students enrolled, however she hopes to hit her 55 enrollment goal by the first week of March. She says the students know they are behind, and through a one-on-one environment students can go at their own pace and see their progress.

"Reading Partners does make a difference -- when I did the mid-year review, I saw the difference and it's amazing," she explains. "It's outstanding how much (the students have) grown in just three months. And that's because of tutors – without tutors we wouldn't be able to do that."

Read All About It

So how does Reading Partners work? Berg says the program uses volunteer tutors that provide one-on-one tutoring sessions to each child in the program twice a week. Reading Partners uses its own curriculum created and developed by education and lit-

eracy experts. There are two tracks -- one for beginning readers that focuses on phonics and early reading skills, and a comprehension track for kids who are able to read, but not necessarily comprehending what they're reading.

Teachers refer students to Reading Partners, Berg says. "When a child is referred to our program, we do an assessment to determine where they are reading, and that places them in the curriculum," she explains. "They start there and they move through the lessons sequentially, each one builds on the next, so it's really a highly organized system that's really effective by our research that we're doing."

In addition to the initial assessment, Reading Partners also conducts assessments mid-year and at the end of year. "Our data shows for every month that they receive tutoring in our program, they make 1.6 months worth of gain in readability, so we're really helping to move them along," Berg adds.

The Reading Partners' onsite coordinators at each school also work closely with the teachers and principal to keep them informed of each student's progress. According to Tina Khatcherian, community builder and onsite coordinator for the Reading Partners program at Babcock Elementary, teachers are given the results of the students' initial assessments, plus what strategies and goals Reading Partners will be working with. Additionally, she provides progress reports for each student when report cards are due.

"There's not only written forms of communication, but I sit down and I observe classes in the beginning of the year, and I also find out what things they are studying so that I can do what I can to reiterate what they're learning in class and support the teachers," Khatcherian adds.

Helping Hand
To keep a program like this going, a strong set of volunteers is needed. Berg says their goal is to have 750 volunteers in the Sacramento area, which serve 575 children, and their volunteers range from high school students to business professionals to retirees. Berg says they look for volunteers that are willing to make a commitment to a child for at least one hour a week for one semester, and volunteers do not have to be a literacy expert or credentialed teacher to help out. "The nice thing is our curriculum is really designed to where each lesson has one concept that's being explored, and it has step-by-step instructions for a tutor to be able to pull out the instruction sheet and be able to teach that lesson following the steps in the packet they're given," she explains. Volunteer tutors participate in a new tutor orientation and a shadow session to get started.

Khatcherian says anybody can volunteer, and they provide constant coaching, feedback and ongoing training throughout the year "in order to make that volunteer the best tutor they can be."

And von Werlhof says the tutors also provide a support for the children, as they are able to form strong relationships with an adult. "It's just wonderful to see the relationships that the children are forming with these tutors that come, and care about them and support them, not just in the 90 minutes a week -- I've even heard of tutors going to some of their sporting games and other events in their lives," she explains. "It's very heartwarming."

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Sacramento Suburban Writers announce 2013 officers



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The Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC) 2013 officers are: President-Mary Lou Anderson, Secretary-Suzanne Shephard, Vice President-April Edsberg, Treasurer-Brittany Lord. Established in 1955, the club is a non-profit organization open to writers, aspiring writers, poets, storytellers and the general public. The club meets the second Monday of each month at Crossroads Christian Fellowship Church, 5501 Dewy Dr., Carmichael, from 7-9 p.m. The next monthly meeting will be held on March 11. Speaker, Susan Span, will present, "The Legal Side of Self Publishing." sactowriters.com.

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The Elks provide annual award scholarships at the local, state, and national levels. The organization sponsors activities such as the Elks Hoop Shoot, drug awareness programs, Scouting, Little League, summer camps and in home treatment for children with disabilities.

Many of the Elks charitable programs are funded in part by the Elks National Foundation, a perpetual fund, having assets exceeding \$600 million.

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Growing up, my mom loved to bake. Whether there was bread dough rising on the counter, woven lattice on a homemade apple pie or chocolate chip cookies warm from the oven, our home always smelled amazing. Even today, the smell of warm sugar and buttery crust reminds me of helping Mom in the kitchen.

Over the holidays I realized Mom can no longer roll out a pie crust or knead fresh dough. Arthritis has knotted her fingers and weakened her grip. Beyond baking, even tasks that were simple for her in the past are now difficult.

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Del Paso Country Club's history began nearly a century ago

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's note: This is the twelfth part of a series related to the history of the "four corners" of Watt and El Camino avenues.

As this 12-part series comes to a close, it is quite fitting to include a brief history of the very place that the locally renowned shopping centers and several businesses of the four corners of Watt and El Camino avenues were named after – Del Paso Country Club.

This well-known private country club, which was established in 1916, is located

at 3333 Marconi Ave., just east of Town and Country Village.

When the club was founded, the north area was many years away from becoming a developed area, thus the club was constructed in a very rural location.

In selecting the name of the club, the club's founders honored the history of the property, which had been part of the old Rancho Del Paso Mexican land grant.

The rancho was most renowned as the one-time site of the breeding and training ground of thoroughbred racehorses, the most famous of which was Ben Ali,

who won the 1886 Kentucky Derby.

The idea to create a country club in the north area was that of members of the Sacramento Country Club, which was located off J Street, near Tullar Avenue (today's 48th Street).

Members of this East Sacramento country club, which featured a nine-hole golf course on rented land, saw that the area was changing.

These changes included developers Wright and Kimbrough's development of the nearby Tract 24.

In 1915, while standing with a group of people near the present day grounds of Del Paso Country Club, land developer Orlando A. Robertson, in referring to the site, declared, "This is it."

The group included Harry S. Wanzer, Fred Peck, Lau-

ren Stuart "Stu" Upson and Steve Day.

Unfortunately for the group, a crop of grain made it difficult to see the boundaries of the property, so the group reconvened to observe the land a month later, after the crop was removed.

With the 148.3-acre site meeting the approval of the group, the property was purchased for \$22,253.80. The club increased its size with its \$20,000 purchase of a 1.4-acre addition 31 years later.

With arrangements made to develop the property, a Bay Area man named John Black was called to the site due to his expertise in laying out golf courses.

The nine men behind the founding of Del Paso Country Club were Wanzer, Peck, Day, Upson, Clinton Harber, James C. Carly, Harold J. Furlley, William Murcell and Rudolph A. Herold.

Upson served as the club's first president, Carly as vice president and Peck as secretary and treasurer.

Additionally, Edward Olden and his wife were the club's first managers.

On Feb. 5, 1916, The Sacramento Bee ran an article with the headline, "Club to have fine new home."

The article noted that the construction of the club, which would include an 18-hole golf course, a clubhouse and bowling, tennis and swimming facilities, would begin at the end of the winter weather.

The Bee also reported that these amenities, as well as landscaping and roads, would be completed at a cost of about \$75,000.

Articles of incorporation for the country club were signed in January 1916.

To assist in the club's membership campaign, which was launched on Feb. 7, 1916, a dance and dinner was held at Hotel Sacramento at 10th and K streets just eight days after the campaign began.

After much hard work and deliberation, the club was finally prepared for its Sept. 2, 1916 opening.

The Sacramento Union reported on this grand afternoon and evening gathering, which included an orchestra

performance and dancing on the tennis courts.

Although the club's grounds had not been completed in their entirety, The Union noted that Sacramento could nonetheless boast a country club that could "hold its own for situation and accommodation with any (country club) in cities of similar sizes."

The club's living room was described by The Union as having colorful Oriental rugs, massive oak tables and luxurious couches and chairs.

Also located at the club were a kitchen, a dining room, a billiards room, a men's lounging room and a ladies' card room.

The club, which also included a skeet shooting range during its earlier years, hired its first golf professional, Scotland native Jim Smith, in 1916.

Three years later, Bill Selkirk was hired to replace Smith. And Selkirk continued in that role until 1924, when the club hired another golf professional, Bob Clark.

During Selkirk's time at the club, grass was planted on the fairways and greens.

The club acquired one of its most notable golf professionals, Frank Minch, Sr., in 1925. He remained with the club for the following 40 years, during which time he became one of the state's leading golf professionals.

Another early highlight of the club was its first golf tournament, which was held on Sept. 17, 1916.

A decade later, Joe Turnesa won the first Sacramento Open Championship, which was held at Del Paso Country Club.

Many local and national championship tournaments have been played at the club throughout its history.

To date, the club has hosted four U.S. Golf Association tournaments – the 1957 and 1976 U.S. Women's Amateur Golf Championships, the 1960 U.S. Women's Senior Amateur Championship and the 1982 U.S. Women's Open Championship.

And with about a \$10 million redesign and renovation of its world-renowned golf course in 2005 and 2006, the



Del Paso Country Club at 3333 Marconi Ave. was established in 1916. Shown in this photograph is the site's historic clubhouse. Photo by Lance Armstrong

Country Club: Institution boils down to community

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club earned the privilege of hosting the U.S. Senior Open from June 22-28, 2015.

The club also hosted the "Swing at Cancer" Celebrity Pro-Am, a one-day tournament that was founded by Bob Hurst and held from 1972 to 1997.

The tournament, which raised funds for the American Cancer Society and local cancer projects, featured such renowned participants as Bob Hope, Glen Campbell, Tom Watson, Johnny Miller, Sam Snead, Hale Irwin and Billy Casper.

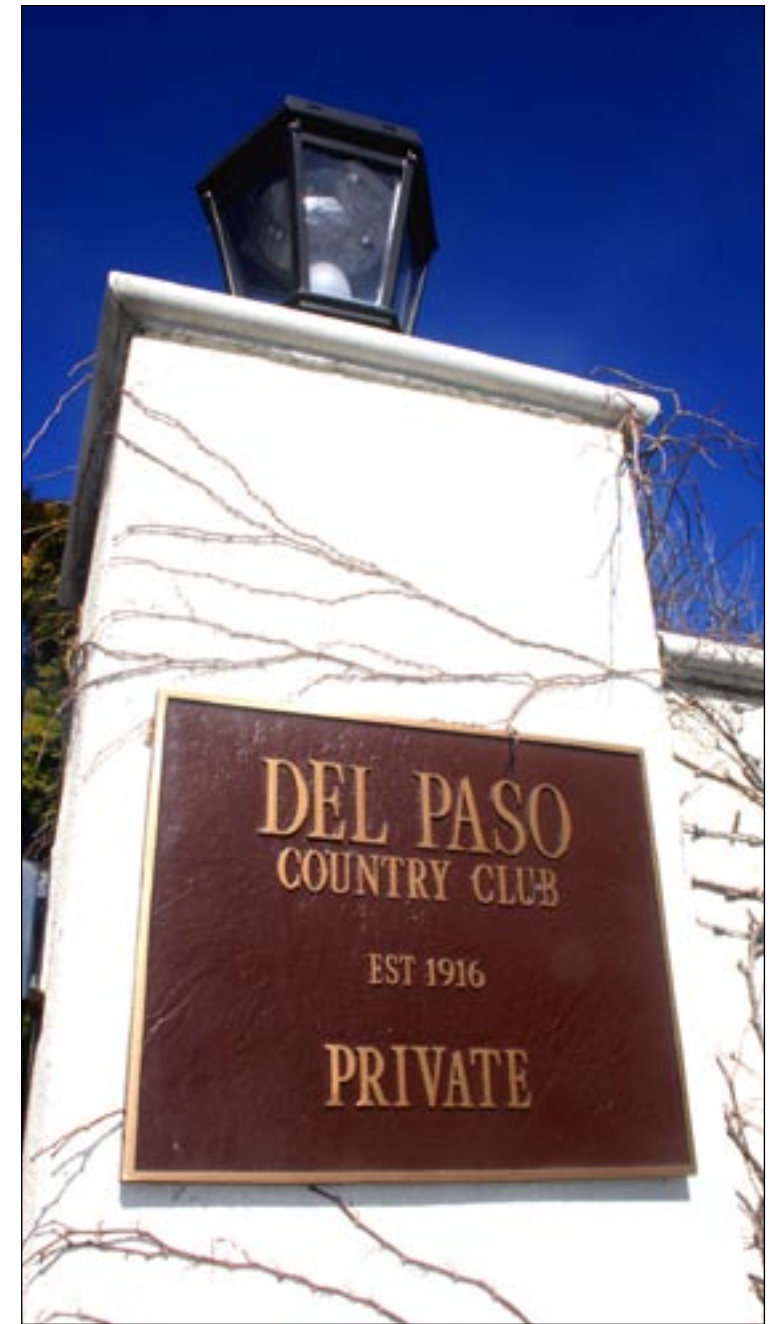
Bob Kunz, the club's general manager/chief operating

officer, described "Swing at Cancer" as "certainly the biggest golf charity in Sacramento history and maybe one of the biggest charities in Sacramento history."

Although those associated with Del Paso Country Club take pride in the various prestigious events that have been held at the club, as well as Del Paso's position of hosting the 2015 U.S. Senior Open, Kunz emphasized that first and foremost, the club is a social place.

"What (the club) boils down to on a grassroots level is community," Kunz said. "It's a reason to get togeth-

er with your friends. That's what it's all about. It's all around an excuse, if you will, to get together. A club environment; you take the physical plant, a golf course is a golf course. Whether you're here or at Ancil Hoffman (Golf Course), it's a golf course. Yeah, it's a difficult golf course, but it's a golf course. The restaurant is a restaurant. The difference is the social interaction."



A sign outside the front gates of Del Paso Country Club boasts the club's 96-year history. Photo by Lance Armstrong

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Third annual poker tournament to benefit at-risk youths in Arden Arcade community

The Arden Arcade Rotary and Sacramento Sheriff's Community Impact Program (SCIP) are sponsoring a Horsepower and Hold'em Poker charity tournament to benefit programs for youths in Arden Arcade on March 9 at the California Auto Museum.

Last year's event generated nearly \$12,000 in proceeds for SCIP programs that benefit Arden Arcade youths. This competitive, fun and entertaining tournament will be managed by Capital Casino at the California Auto Museum, and all exhibits will be open.

Entry buy-in is \$150. Spectators are welcome to

watch the action for a \$20 donation. Both players and spectators will receive a barbecue dinner. Silent auction and raffle items include Sacramento Kings tickets, San Jose Sharks tickets, a custom poker table, flat panel televisions, iPads and more.

Special guest tournament players include: Sheriff Scott R. Jones, Sacramento County, Stan Atkinson, Broadcasting icon, Chief Kurt Henke, Sacramento Metro Fire District Gary Johnson, president of Zoom Imaging Solutions.

Participants must be 21 or older. For more information, visit www.sacscip.org or www.zoomcopiers.com



At-risk youth in the Arden Arcade community kayak with volunteers from the Arden Arcade Rotary and Sacramento Sheriff's Community Impact Program, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster productive citizens by engaging youth in dynamic community programs. Photo courtesy

The Sheriff's Community Impact Program (SCIP) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster productive citizens by engaging youth in dynamic community programs. As a program of the Sacramen-

to County Sheriff's Department Youth Services Unit, law enforcement, schools and community members work in partnership to deliver high-quality programs that encourage youth to become productive citizens.

If you go:
 What: Third annual poker tournament to benefit at-risk youths in Arden
 When: Saturday, March 9 Registration at 4 p.m. Tournament: 5:30 p.m.
 Where: California Auto Museum 2200 Front Street, Sacramento, CA 95818

SPORTS

Del Dayo and Fulton-El Camino Youth soccer clubs draw hundreds of kids to the sport

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Many of us played soccer as youths, whether it was because we showed a genuine interest, a particular knack for the game, or (more likely) our parents just wanted us out of the house in the afternoons. Luckily for local children (and parents), there are numerous places in which to partake in the sport these days.

In fact, soccer is by a wide margin the most popular youth sport in Sacramento, according to Shane Singh, president of the Pocket Area's very own Greenhaven Soccer Club.

The Sacramento Youth Soccer League (SYSL), had an impressive 7,000+ children ages 4-18 play soccer for its numerous clubs in 2012, according to Singh. The SYSL is comprised of 15 soccer clubs within the Greater Sacramento area, some of which cater to our area.

When asked why soccer is the dominant sport in our area, Singh said "It's designed for younger kids to play. Four-year-olds can't really play Little League, but they can play soccer." He also point-

"It's designed for younger kids to play. Four-year-olds can't really play Little League, but they can play soccer."

ed to the fact that soccer entails constant participation, whereas other sports can have long lulls where some kids don't do anything, which can lead to boredom.

In addition to keeping the sometimes fleeting attention of younger children, Singh talked about the benefits that soccer and youth sports in general have for youths.

"(Sports) keep kids out of trouble. There have been studies that suggest kids who play sports do better in school and are more focused in the classroom. It also helps them to develop life skills, like how to work in a team environment," he said.

While there are players in most of the SYSL clubs all the way up to 18 years of age, Singh explained that the majority of the players are between ages 6-12. And while he estimates that 90% of soccer seasons within the SYSL run between August and December, the other 10% play a longer season and some of the competitive teams even play year-round.

Singh also estimated that 90% of kids play on strictly recreational soccer teams. If your child is a soccer star who wants to try his hand (or rather feet) at competitive soccer, many of the clubs within the SYSL offer competitive clubs which are generally more expensive, require more travel and often have longer seasons.

August is still a ways off, but registration for some leagues can begin as early as March. Check the end of this article for information about leagues in your area and find out when each club handles registration.

There is rarely a time when children are turned away from participating, but occasionally it does happen if there are too many kids and not enough coaches. Volunteer coaches are much needed, according to Singh.

While not affiliated with the SYSL, the Carmichael-based Del Dayo Soccer Club offers a wide range of teams for your young soccer star. In 2012, Del Dayo soccer fielded 20 teams and more than 350 players. Del Dayo Soccer Club is affiliated with the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA). For information about registration and other inquiries, visit deldayosoccer.net.

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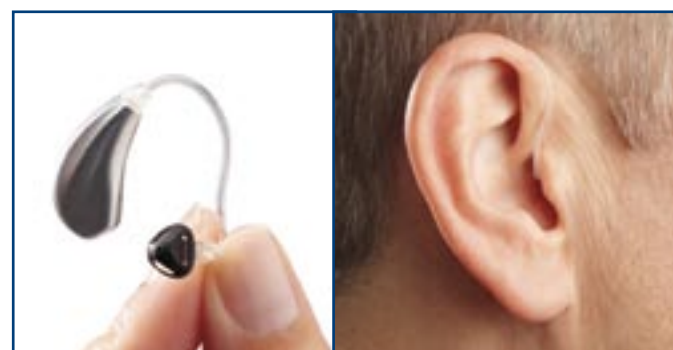
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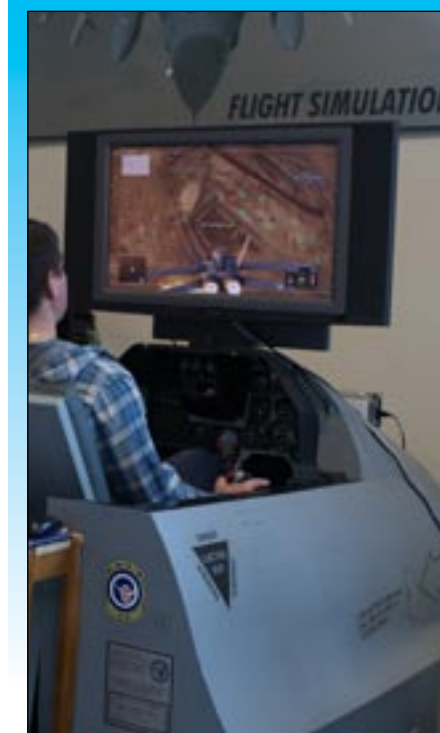
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Faces and places:

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Children were able to climb inside old airplanes on Feb. 2, as families enjoyed Free Museum Day at The Aerospace Museum of California. The museum is open six days a week excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter Sunday. Tuesday through Saturday, the museum is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sundays, the museum is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is located at 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan.



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FedEx Express Donates Boeing 727-200F Aircraft to Sacramento City College

A Boeing 727-200F aircraft operated by FedEx Express completed its final flight Friday, Feb. 15, when it landed at McClellan Park, where the aircraft is now housed at the nearby Aerospace Museum of California.

Sacramento City College, museum and community leaders gathered at the SCC hangar to celebrate a donation of the 727 aircraft from FedEx to the college.

On the day it was delivered it flew in from Roanoke, Virginia, but during its service to FedEx it flew packages all over the U.S. The 37-year-old plane flew for FedEx for 21 years.

The 727 aircraft is valued at \$550,000 and will provide real-world training opportunities for the many aviation and aeronautics students that attend classes at Sacramento City College. There are approximately 250 students each year in our Aeronautics, Air Traffic Control, Air Dispatch, and Flight Technology programs combined.

In addition, it can be used by the Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan for aviation-related programs for children and individuals in the



Photos by Paul Estabrook

FedEx donated a Boeing 727 to Sacramento City College through a donation program that was started around 1995 by David Sutton, of FedEx. They have received nearly 300 requests for aircraft donations, and during the life of the program have awarded 64 aircrafts for educational purposes. The plane is housed at McClellan Air Force Base, where students enrolled in the aeronautics program at SCC have class.

community. The aircraft will be parked near the airstrip until this summer when it will be relocated to the Museum airport where it will become a permanent training prop.

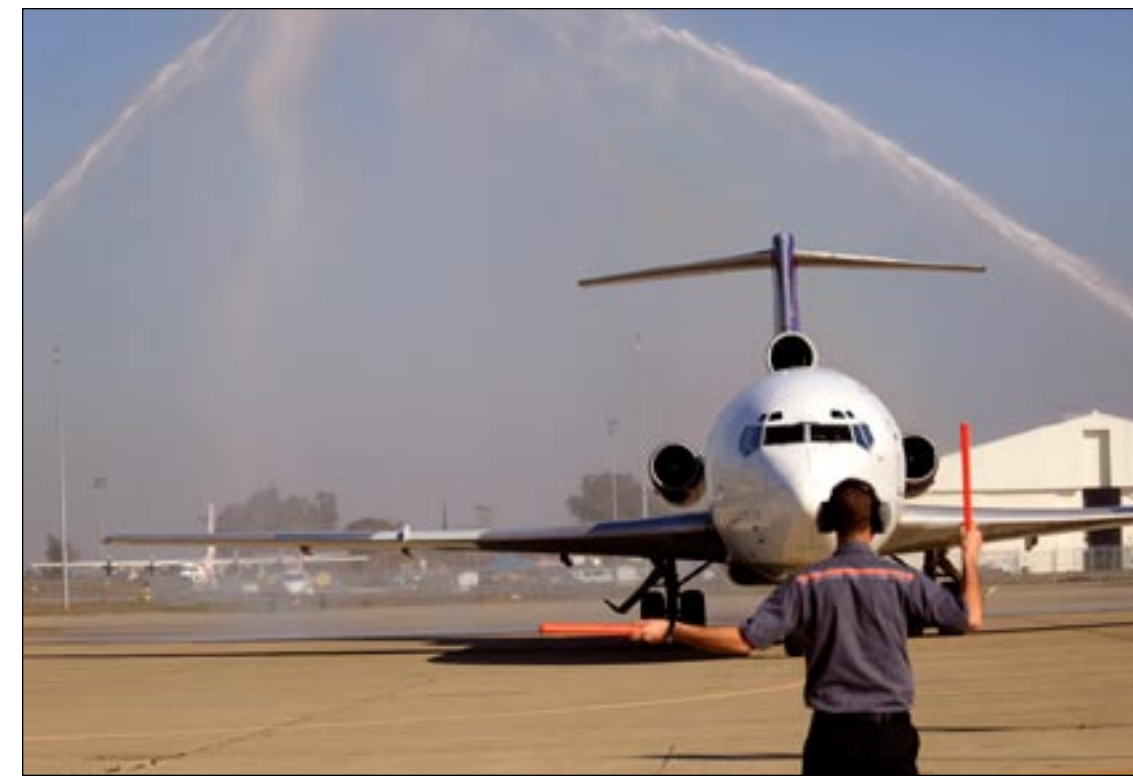
The Boeing 727-200 puts the aeronautics program light years ahead of where the aeronautics program would be without it.

According to instructor Phil Cypret, the city college program has needed an airliner like this for a

number of years, but they could never have afforded to buy it because on the open market Boeing 727-200 Freighters sell for up to \$2- to \$3- million dollars. This will allow instructors to teach large aircraft operational procedures and maintenance practices, Cypret said.

SCC has a number of much smaller general aviation aircraft that are a valuable training resource

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Boeing: 747 brings aerospace program light-years ahead

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but cannot compare to a Boeing airliner when teaching large aircraft systems and operations, Cypret said.

SCC's Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance Program started in 1932. Graduates work in every segment of aviation, such as the major airlines, regional airlines, general aviation, helicopters, and the military.

SCC also has a Flight Technology Program for students that want to work for the FAA, and an Aircraft Dispatcher Program for students that want to assist with flight operations at major and regional airlines.

Many of graduates have gone on to flying careers with the major airlines as well as the military, Cypret said. Others have gone on to careers as aviation maintenance managers in every area of aviation.

"Our graduates tend to have a passion for the field of aviation and devote their lives to their vocation. Our alumni come by to visit on a regular basis and tell us how thankful they are to the program. As an alumni of the SCC Aeronautics Program, I feel the same way," Cypret said.

This marks the 63rd FedEx donation of a Boeing 727 aircraft to various organizations for educational purposes since 2000. Before its final flight, aircraft 727-200 registration number N466FE provid-

ed FedEx with 21 years' service transporting packages to destinations throughout the United States. They have received nearly 300 requests for aircraft donations.

A former student, who presently works for FedEx, phoned Cypret and mentioned they were starting a competitive program in order to place retiring airliners with technical aviation schools such as the one at City College. Cypret completed the required paperwork and talked on the

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Now-March 23: The Sacramento Public Library will be renovating the children's room at the Fair Oaks branch, 11601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, now through March 23. The children's area will become the new Families and Books Center. For more information, call the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Kit Carson schedules additional IB info nights

Parents are invited to learn about the International Baccalaureate program. Come learn about Kit Carson's transition to an International Baccalaureate school for grades 7 through 12. Campus tours are held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tours are a great opportunity to see a school in action. There is no need to call in advance. 5301 N St, Sacramento. 95819. For more information, call 277-6750.

Register for the for the Water Spots Video Contest

Deadline is March 22: The Regional Water Authority (RWA) and Sacramento Bee Media in Education (MIE) program are pleased to announce the 2013 Water Spots Video Contest. The contest challenges teens to create compelling and original 25-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on a select water efficiency topic. Videos must focus on the selected 2013 water efficiency theme: Check sprinkler systems every month for water-wasting problems and make repairs within 48 hours. Winning spots will be presented on the River Cats Jumbotron for thousands to see and may be part of RWA's 2013 outreach campaign. For more information, rules and entry guidelines, visit sacbee.com/water-spots.

The Sacramento Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors meets every third Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sacramento Association of Realtors 2003 Howe Ave. It is a luncheon and features various speakers and topics that impact business locally.

Travel club meetings slated at Arcade Library

The Sacramento Public Library invites all travelers to its monthly "No Reservations Travel Club" meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Arcade branch, 2443 Marconi Ave. The free adult meetings feature a speaker, plus time for exchanging travel information within the group. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Carmichael clothes drive

March 13-April 13. For every pound received 15 cents will be donated to Sacramento Area Creeks Council to support Creek Week. Drop off at Carmichael Recreation and Park District, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (April 13 at Carmichael Park Band Shell). Bring clothes in plastic bags.

FEBRUARY

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Feb. 28: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown meeting

Feb. 28: Visitors welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7 a.m. and dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

'A Stitch in Time: The Past, Present and Future'

Feb. 28: Presented by the Sisters Quilting Collective in celebration of Black History Month. Closing reception from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring Sacramento's premier screening of 'Soulful Stitching', documenting the history of patchwork quilts. 2837 36th St. Sacramento. 613-7401, 475-1240.

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CALENDAR

Mayor's State of the City Address
Feb. 28: Event to be held from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, 1515 J Street.

Veterans Benefits Workshop for Seniors
Feb. 28: U.S. Senior Vets will discuss vet benefits for seniors from 2 to 3 p.m. at Chateau on Capitol Ave, Sacramento. Tax free pensions are available to help qualified veterans, spouses and their surviving spouses pay for home health care, assisted living or nursing home care. Wartime veterans and their spouses may be entitled to a significant monthly pension, up to \$2,748. RSVP

Test Taking Strategies at Arden-Dimick Library
Feb. 28: A presenter from Kaplan Test Prep will discuss the best test taking strategies for college-bound students, followed by small group workshops with tutors at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 28: Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento

MARCH
Spring, Summer & Fall Hours Start at Fairytale Town
Mar. 1-Oct. 31: Beginning March 1, Fairytale

for the spring, summer and fall seasons, weather permitting. Weekday admission is \$4 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Weekend admission is \$5 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

Bi-Polar Anonymous
March 1: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Artz for Alzheimer's tour at The California Museum
March 1: A tour of The California Museum will start at 10:30 a.m. for people with Alzheimer's. Focusing on art allows them to experience something meaningful and beautiful, without challenging areas of the brain that have been affected by the disease. ARTZ Museum Tours are designed for people with dementia and their care partners, and strive to enrich the lives of all involved. Events are free. Registration is required by contacting Tiffany Paige at 916-792-3281 or paige@artzalz.org. The California Museum is located at 1020 O St.

Dinner, wine tasting and music from Sacramento Youth Symphony
March 1: An evening of fine food and wine from local restaurants and wineries, performances by SYS students and a live and silent auction. Sacramento program's ambition is to educate and advance the musical skills of the youth of our communities in ways that engage, challenge and inspire them to reach their highest potential. Tickets are \$50 per person. Scottish Rite Center 6151 H Street, 95819 Sacramento; https://sacramentoyouthsymphony.org/magic-of-music-march-1-2013/

Cabrillo Civic Club No. 5 Annual Crab Feed
March 2: The Cabrillo Civic Club No. 5 will host its annual crab feed starting with a no host bar at 6 p.m. followed with dinner at 7 p.m. 4605 Karbut Way, Sacramento (between Sutterville and Fruiteridge Roads just off Interstate 5). Cost: \$35 per person. Reservations: DeAnna Gesdahl 916.760-7474 or deannag@darkwolfe.com. Cabrillo Civic Club No. 5 has served Sacramento since 1935 and been hosting events at the Cabrillo Club House on Karbut Way since the mid-1950s.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration at Fairytale Town
Mar. 2: "Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is younger than you." And there was no one quite

like Dr. Seuss! Celebrate Theodore Seuss Geisel's birthday at Fairytale Town with Seuss-themed hands-on activities around the park and a nonstop read-aloud of your favorite Seuss books, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This program is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is \$5 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. www.fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462.

First-Ever Crab feed to Benefit Sacramento County Animal Shelter
March 2: TEAM (Teaching Everyone Animals Matter) will host its first ever Claws for Paws crab feed fundraiser on Saturday, March 2, 2013, to benefit the Sacramento County Animal Shelter. Attendees will have the chance to enjoy all-they-can-eat fresh crab, pasta and antipasto salad. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be available for purchase. And attendees will have the chance to bid for something sweet during our dessert silent auction! Claws for Paws 2013 will be held at the Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, 95670. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person or \$40 each for a table of 10. Tickets can be purchased online at www.sacanimalshelter.org or in person at Critter Outfitter inside the Sacramento County Animal Shelter, 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, or Western Feed & Supply Stores - visit www.sacanimalshelter.org for a list of locations. visit www.sacanimalshelter.org, 361-2800, contact@acanimalshelter.org.

School Garden Workshop
March 2: Join Soil Born Farms from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an informational school gardening workshop at Theodore Judah Elementary School. The workshop is meant to support current school garden programs as well as to give ideas to parents or teachers working on developing a school garden program. The cost of participation is \$35, which includes both the workshop and lunch prepared by Chef Brenda Ruiz of Slow Foods Sacramento. To register, email Shannon Hardwicke at gardenchica@comcast.net. When registering, please include your full name, your school and an email address. 3919 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, 95819

Ordinary Women - Ordinary Accomplishments Cemetery Tour
March 2: Celebrate historic women of yesteryear on a tour of the Sacramento-Historic City Cemetery. From homemakers to politicians to teachers, this tour highlights the extraordinary accomplishments of some of Sacramento's notable women. Hear their stories and learn about the background of these local residents. Tour starts at 10 a.m. The cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. Free parking is available in the lot at 10th & Broadway, across the street from the 10th Street entrance. Tours are free; however, donations are appreciated and benefit cemetery preservation. For more information, call 264-7839 or 448-0811.

LUSO Crab Feed at SPHSS Hall
March 2: LUSO American Fraternal Federation will hold a 'Marinated Crab Feed' for \$40, which includes: bread, salad, pasta and dessert. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. and a dance at 9 p.m. There will be a silent auction and raffle prizes as well. To purchase tickets, contact Judy Allen 642-2355, dias49@sbcglobal.net; Susete Pinto

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Fourth annual Cal Middle Spring Thing
March 2: Land Park's hottest social gathering - the fourth annual Cal Middle Spring Thing - will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the social hall at Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd.

Carmichael library book sale
March 2-3: Find gently-used books, DVDs and more at bargain prices at the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library sale. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Public Library, 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org. Times are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 2; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 3: Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave.

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael
March 5: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

Identity theft prevention program at North Natomas Library
March 5: A California Department of Consumer Affairs representative will discuss how identity theft can take many forms and can be used in various ways that can damage your finances and your reputation. Program starts at 6 p.m. at its North Natomas branch, 4660 Via Ingoglia, Sacramento, 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting
March 5: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

Carmichael Triplets Earn Eagle Scout Award



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Sunday evening, February 10th Patrick, Sean and Kenneth Jagerson were awarded the Eagle Scout Award. They are all members of Troop 376, located at the LDS Church at Garfield and Locust. It is the highest award in Scouting and only about 4 percent of the Scouts who enter accomplish it.

The ceremony opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. They are administered the Eagle Scout Oath including all adults who have earned the rank, renewing their oath. The Scouts each pin an "Eagle Pin" on their mother and she in turn pins the Eagle Badge on their uniform. In addition, they receive their Certificates, a Special Eagle Picture from the Troop and their names on the troops "Eagle Plaque".

To earn the award, each had to advance through the Scouting Ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, a Minimum of 21 Merit Badges, several of which are required. Five Merit Badges are for the Start Rank and Ten for the Life Rank.

They also must complete an approved Community Service Project. The projects varied from reconstructing and painting the Del Campo High School Football Stadium visitors bleachers to constructing infrastructure for rain collection barrels at Will Rogers Middle School to constructing a large covered kiosk sign at Will Rogers Middle School. Each Scouts Eagle Project called for various skills including ability, leadership, community service and more.

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