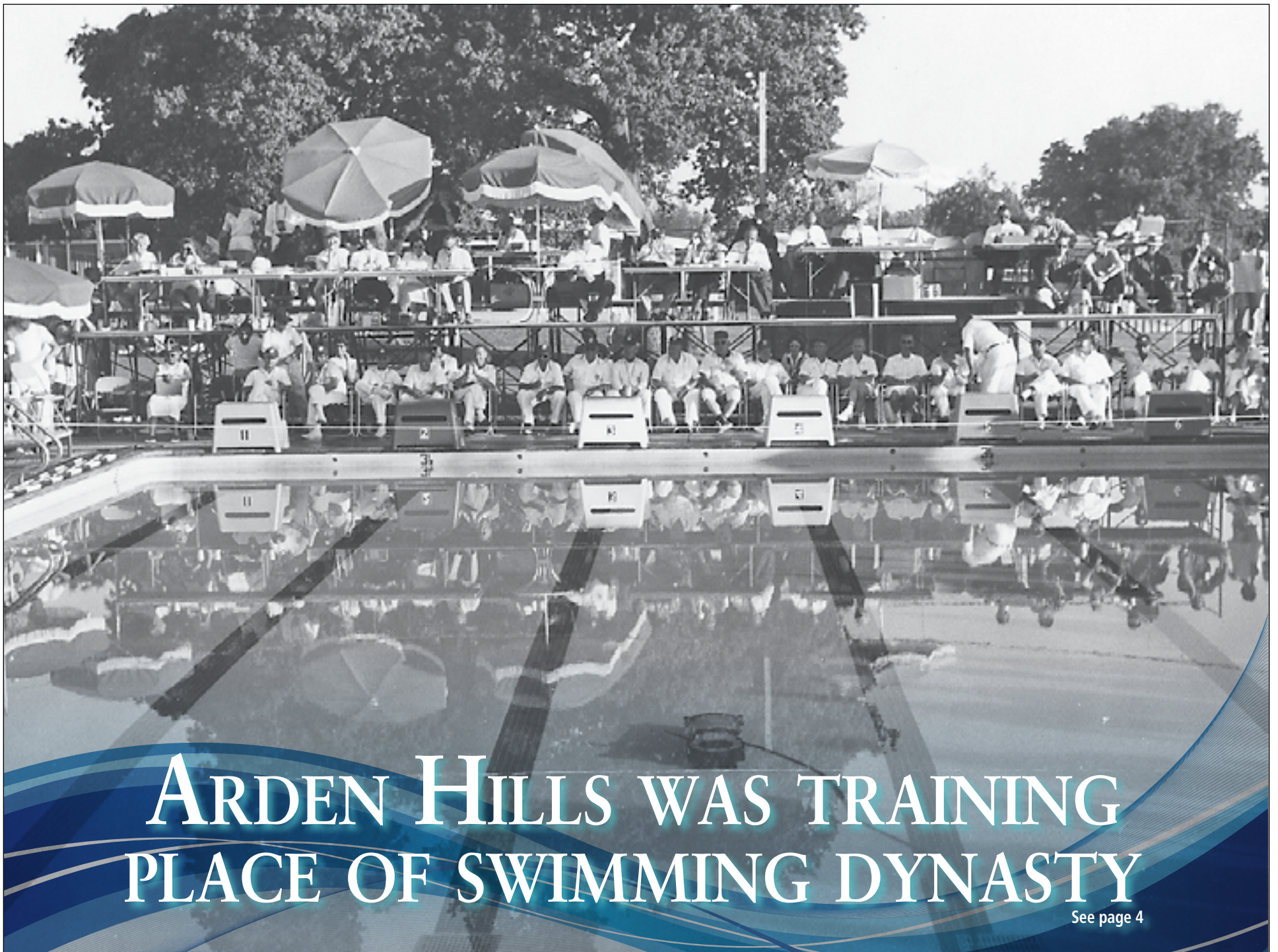


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Students at Arden Middle School have a new gym, which they celebrated with various rallies and fun activities on Jan. 22.

Gym class gets new digs at Arden Middle School

By TIFFANY REVELLE

Thanks to the school's new \$5.5 million multi-purpose room, all 950 of the students at Arden Middle School can now eat lunch together, and without having to deflect errant basket balls, among other benefits.

"For events, we couldn't fit all the kids in at one time," principal Jeff Banks said. "When we had an assembly we had to split the students in half, and people were packed in and had to sit on the floor."

Before the grand opening on Jan. 21, the school had to break students up into two groups for rallies and had two different lunch periods. Each lunch period also shared the space with a P.E. class. One student who took the stage – also a feature of the new gym – at the grand opening celebration said the new gym meant she could eat lunch with her friends.

The smaller gym had a capacity of just fewer than 450, while the new one can accommodate more than 1,000 people, according to Banks.

The new gym is not only a high school size basketball and volleyball court (complete with six basketball hoops), but also features a stage with lighting and a sound system, 10 rows of bleacher seating and an outdoor stage.

"This is more than what (the San Juan Unified School District students) are used to seeing in this area," Banks said.

The gym was funded by Measure J, a \$350 million bond measure voters approved in 2002.

Banks says that, among other things, the new space means the students will see performing arts classes phased in over the next few years, including expanded theater and



arts programs, and hopefully a choir class next year. The new space "more than doubles" the school's existing arts and performing arts classes, according to Banks – a proposition he hopes will keep students engaged and looking forward to school.

"The more students you can have coming to school, the greater chance you have for student success," he said.

Banks also expects to make the space available to the community as a venue, and specifically to youth recreational leagues and

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KVIE Gallery presents Maureen Hood exhibit Longtime Carmichael art teacher shows works at KVIE

KVIE Public Television announced the third show in the new KVIE Gallery, which will highlight works from mixed media artist Maureen Hood. A reception for the opening of the new show will be held Thursday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m.

A native Californian, Hood received a Bachelor's Degree in Art Studio from the University of California at Davis, studying with Robert Arneson and William Wiley. She continued her studies, earning a Master's Degree in Art with a Mixed Media focus, at California State University, Sacramento, tutored by William Allan and Jack Ogden. Technically inspired by the works of Romare Bearden, she draws emotional strength from her own experience and her relationship with the natural environment. Hood's work has been exhibited throughout the State and is owned by private and corporate collectors nationwide.

Hood was awarded Best of Show in the 2012 KVIE Art Auction for her collage "Shop Girl," and received a curator's award in 2013 for "The Final William, Wileying Away the Hours." She worked for 25 years as an art teacher at Deterding Elementary School in Carmichael and Mira Loma High School before retiring.

The KVIE Gallery offers visitors a chance to view the art of past KVIE Art Auction award winners and California Masters. The solo exhibition rotates every two months and is curated by D. Oldham Neath, KVIE Art Curator. For information about upcoming exhibitions, or to purchase displayed art, email arts@kvie.org.

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Arden Hills was training place of swimming dynasty

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Note: This is the fifth article in a series about the Arden Hills wellness resort.

During its lengthy history, Arden Hills has been the training place of many fine athletes, including 10 Olympic swimmers.

Certainly, when many people think of Arden Hills' history, they first think of swimmers Mark Spitz and Debbie Meyer, who were featured in the last article of this series.

But the history of this facility, which is located near the northwest corner of Fair Oaks Boulevard and Mission Avenue, extends well beyond those famous Olympians.

Overshadowed by Spitz's Olympic accomplishments is Mike Burton, another well-known, former Olympic swimmer, who trained at Arden Hills.

But those who are familiar with Burton's success as a swimmer know that he was once Arden Hills' best known swimmer.

In fact, former Arden Hills swim coach Sherman Chavoor at one point claimed that Burton was this community's best all-time swimmer.

But Burton, who graduated from El Camino High School in 1965, was not an instant success as a swimmer.

When he was 13 years old, Burton was riding his bicycle when he was hit by a furniture delivery truck and had a tendon severed below one of his knees and the ball joint of one of his hips pushed into his ribs.

Burton spent a month in the hospital and was laid up for about four months.

A year after doctors determined that he would likely never be able to compete in sports again, Burton opted to become a competitive swimmer.

When he was 15 years old, Burton began working with Chavoor at Arden Hills.

Initially struggling as a competitive swimmer, Burton was then unable to win competitions against the club's female swimmers.

Burton's determination to win, led him to constant improvements and eventual Olympic qualifications.

Prior to becoming an Olympian, in 1966, the then-5-foot-10-inch, 155-pound Burton joined weightlifter Tommy Kono as the only other local athlete to set a world record.

Burton would end that year having set two world records and one national record and being named the United Press International's Swimmer of the Year and The Sacramento Union's Athlete of the Year.

Burton, who would set many swimming records, resided in Carmichael before at-



Photo courtesy of Arden Hills
Former Carmichael resident Mike Burton was once Arden Hills' best known swimmer.

tending the University of California, Los Angeles on a swimming scholarship.

An article in the Aug. 14, 1967 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle notes that Burton had broken the world 1,500-meter mark in successive Amateur Athletic Union meets.

Like Spitz and Meyer, Burton was also a multiple, Olympic gold medalist.

Burton won two gold medals in the 1968 Summer Olympics and another gold medal in the 1972

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Summer Games in Munich, West Germany.

Another big name in Arden Hills swimming history is Sue Pedersen.

Pedersen, who was born in Sacramento, was already being considered as a possible future Olympic swimmer when she was 13 years old.

At that time in her life, Pedersen, who was then attending St. Ignatius School at 3245 Arden Way and was a member of the Arden Hills Swim Club, had already set nine AAU Junior Olympics records.

She also won three AAU titles and three silver medals at the Pan American Games in 1967.

At the age of 14, Pedersen was among the Arden Hills swimmers to earn a spot on the 1968 Chavoor-coached U.S. Olympic women's swim team.

During the 1968 U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Los Angeles, Pedersen won the 100-meter freestyle finals in 59 seconds. And at the same time, she set a new U.S. record in that event.

Prior to Pedersen's record setting mark, only four women had ever completed the event under one minute. One of those women was Arden Hills' swimmer Erika Bricker, who was the 1967 titlist of the Pan American Games.

And while competing in those Olympics, Pedersen, who was then a student at Rio Americano High School, earned four medals – two golds and two silvers.

Furthermore, the Chavoor-coached women's team won 65 percent of the medals won by the U.S. at the 1968 Olympics.

A downtown celebration was held in honor of the returning Olympians, who were residents of the Sacramento

area at that time. They were: Pedersen (double gold and single silver medalist), Meyer (triple gold medalist), Burton (double gold medalist), John Ferris (double bronze medalist) and Vicki King (1,500-meter alternate).

During the celebratory event, Vice Mayor Albert Talkin said, "You have brought glory to Sacramento. We haven't had anything like this since the Gold Rush. If people don't know where Sacramento is now, they'll never know."

Other local residents who participated in the 1968 Olympics were U.S. kayak team crew members Cleve and Mike Livingston.

In presenting this story of Arden Hills' Olympic swimmers, it is certainly important to name John Nelson, the club's first Olympic medalist.

Nelson, who attended Yale University, earned a silver medal in the 1,500-meter



Photo courtesy of Arden Hills

Many Olympic swimmers were trained in competitive swimming at the Arden Hills Swimming and Tennis Club. The photograph above shows one of the many swimming meets that was held at the club.

ter freestyle event at the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

In the 1968 Summer Olympics, Nelson was a teammate of Spitz on the gold medal winning, 4-by-200-meter freestyle relay team. And Nelson also earned a bronze medal in the 200-meter freestyle.

Another former Arden Hills swimmer, Ellie Daniel, was a two-time Olympian and world record holder.

She competed in the 1968 Summer Games and earned a gold medal in the 4-by-100-medley relay, a silver medal in the 100-meter butterfly and a bronze medal in the 200-meter butterfly.

In 1972, Daniel competed in the Summer Olympics and received a bronze medal for her third place finish in the 200-meter butterfly.

Today, Daniel serves as a prosecutor with the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Among the other Olympic swimmers who trained at Arden Hills were Sacramento natives John Ferris (two bronze medals at the 1968 Summer Olympics; former world record holder) and Dave Fairbank (two gold medals at the 1972

Summer Games; former world record holder).

Arden Hills had no Olympic qualifiers for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, and only one for the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. That one qualifier was Jeff Float.

Although Float was denied an opportunity to compete in the Moscow Olympics due to the American boycott of those Games, he did qualify for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

During the latter named Olympics, Float, a former world champion swimmer, won a gold medal in the 4-by-200-meter freestyle relay.

Float, a graduate of Jesuit High School, has the notoriety of being the first legally deaf, American athlete to win an Olympic medal.

Another one of Float's many accomplishments as a swimmer was winning a gold medal in all of the 10 events that he competed in at the 1977 World Games for the Deaf in Bucharest, Romania.

Altogether, Arden Hills-trained swimmers earned 32 Olympic medals, 22 of which were gold medals, and set more than 200 U.S. and world swimming records.

ARC professor wins awards for children's book 'Imani's Moon'

By MONICA STARK
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"Look at tiny Imani! She's no higher than a lion cub's knee!"

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Every night, Imani headed home sad and ashamed for Mama to lift her spirits with stories. This night, Mama told her of Olapa, goddess of the moon, who fought great battles.

—Excerpt from *Imani's Moon*, a new children's book by Sacramento author, JaNay Brown-Wood

American River College professor and author JaNay Brown-Wood has always had a passion for writing. She loves coming up with new characters and watching them grow. With the publication of *Imani's Moon*, she has attained her ambition to become a published children's author.

Imani's Moon is about Imani, a young Maasai girl with a loving mother and a desire to do something great. When Imani decides she wants to touch the moon, she works hard to reach her goal, even in the face of teasing from the naysayers around her.

Imani's Moon is JaNay's first picture book, though she has recently sold poetry to Highlights Kids and one to High Five, both scheduled to be published later this year. Published by Mackinac Island Press (a subset of Charlesbridge Publishing), *Imani's Moon* was honored by the Brown Bookshelf for Black History Month in celebration of children's literature. JaNay's book also won the 2013 Children's Book Contest sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

JaNay spoke with the Arden-Carmichael News about the inspiration behind the book and about children's general love of reading.

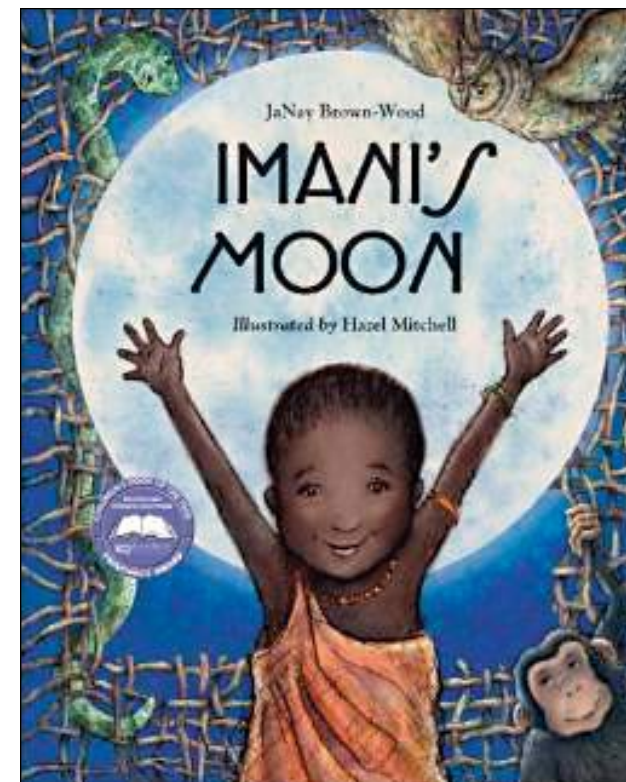
Speaking about the character development of Imani, JaNay said, "Imani started off as a male in earlier drafts. I had this vision of a child jumping to the moon. As I wrote more drafts and spoke to my older sister, she reminded me of the Maasai and we learned that the Maasai did these jumping things. From there, I started doing research on the Maasai, these people from Africa. And then, these pieces started falling into place and this last piece was to switch Imani to female. And it just worked because the story as it was, was good, but making her female and giving her the name Imani – which means faith in Swahili – worked out great. I liked it better because we need more diverse female characters that are overcoming obstacles for young children to see."

Bullying, a much needed conversation, is a central theme in the book as Imani learns how to care for herself and surpass humiliation from her peers. "Nobody believed her. Everybody teased her. It's easy for a child who goes through that to feel knocked down, to lose confidence. So I wanted to show you don't have to listen to what they say. Continue to push on and do what is important to you. So I like that aspect."

At previous readings of *Imani* with children at book signings and other events, JaNay said she is generally well received by attendees. "I generally find kids that are interested. They are engaged. They are listening, but also when I talk, when I read, my gestures are all over the place. At last October's California Capital Book Festival, at the end (of her reading) I would ask them a question. I asked them to make connections, and found that they are engaged and actually listening and internalizing it."

In the future, she plans on bringing up the topic of bullying to older classrooms.

Speaking about her love of writing, JaNay said: "I have always had an interest in writing and as I grew older I realized I liked writing for children. All the way back to elementary and probably before, I loved creating stories, writing poetry. So, when I was younger, I always had it in the back of my mind."



I had all of these supporters, teachers who, I guess, saw my talent."

For example, JaNay had a sixth grade teacher named Paula Welch at Ainsworth Elementary in Fresno who used to make predictions for all of her outgoing students. "Her prediction of me was that I was going to be a best-selling author who writes books, no joke. When the book came out this last October at my book launch party, I tracked her down."

Getting the book published was a unique experience for JaNay. Winning the 2013 Children's Book Contest actually included getting her book published and getting an illustrator. "I heard people talk about contests and I say, go for them because that's how I was published. That's how others have been published."

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El Camino Fundamental High School Theater Arts Department announces its up-coming production of "Kiss Me, Kate!"

El Camino Fundamental High School (ECFHS) Theater Arts Department will present Cole Porter's musical "Kiss Me, Kate" at the Eagle Theater located on the ECFHS campus.

The play runs March 4-7 and 11-14. Show time is 7 p.m.

"Kiss Me, Kate" is a play within a play that follows an acting company opening in Baltimore in a musical, version of *The Taming of the Shrew*. The company's actor-director has cast his ex-wife, Lilli Vanessi, as Kate opposite his Petruchio, with all its attendant baggage and conflicting emotions.

The show features Adam Severeid as Fred Graham; Natalie Meagher as Lilli Vanessi; Chris Harley as Bill Calhoun; and Jessica Padilla as Lois Lane. Musical Direction is under Kevin Glaser; vocal direction by David Vandebout; choreography by Sarah Souther and Sam Williams; and Production Direction by Ed Santillanes.

"Kiss Me, Kate" combines great energy, musical exuberance, and superb wit making it one of the most admired musicals of all time," states show producer, Ed Santillanes.

"Let's not forget to mention the music," interjects musical director, Kevin

Glaser. The audience will enjoy some of musical theatre's most famous songs and Cole Porter at his very best, like: "So in Love," "Another Op'nin' Another Show," "Too Darn Hot," and "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," to name a few.

Because of the story's widespread appeal, organizers anticipate large crowds for "Kiss Me, Kate" and encourage the community to get their tickets early.

"The students (both on stage and off) have worked many long hours to put on a great show. It means so much to see the entire community support us in such a huge way. Our cast and crew can't wait to share this production with them," says Santillanes.

Parents spoke with a few of the actors who had the following to share for the purpose of this article.

Samantha Cullifer: "I love the people that I am working with, the music, and all of the dancing! I have done 37 roles in 20 ballet productions. I am planning on perusing a career in musical theater and other types of acting."

Alyse Simmons-Batholome: "I love the people that I get to work with and all the new techniques that I learn and can use in the future. This is the second show I have performed in and



Cast members practice scenes from "Kiss Me, Kate."

the sixth show I have worked on. I am planning on performing arts career."

Chris Harley: "Besides attending several professional musicals and theatrical productions, I have never personally performed or studied theater arts before. After working back-stage last season, I got to know many of the cast members and liked everyone so well I decided to give the front side of the curtain a try! They are all a very supportive group. Although I do not expect to go into the performing arts as a career, I am really glad to have this opportunity to participate and now have a much greater appreciation of what it takes to put together a production."

Tickets available at the door on show nights or can be purchased through Brown Paper . Tickets are available at <http://ecfhs-theaterarts.bpt.me>. The El Camino Fundamental High School Eagle Theater is located at 4300 El Camino Ave. Additional questions regarding the performance can be emailed to elcaminotheaterarts@gmail.com or call 971-7453.

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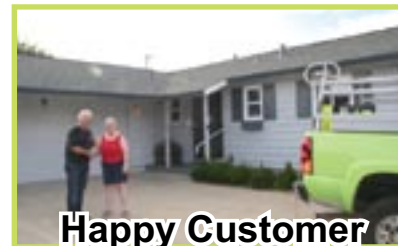
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Sacramento's Premier Youth Symphony presented its Winter Concerto Concert

On Saturday, Feb. 7, 80 young musicians performed under the direction of Michael Neumann, Artistic Director and Premier Orchestra Conductor. Works presented included: Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole* with violin soloist, Sophie Zhang, Reinecke Flute Concerto with Samuel Primack as flute soloist, Mendelssohn's *Scottish Symphony* No. 3, Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé* Suite.

Sophie and Samuel wrote into Valley Community Newspapers describing the experience of the concert and about their love for SYS.

At just 12 years old, Sophie enjoys SYS because in her words, "you get to play with friends and in an orchestra." Sophie, who has been playing violin for six years and piano for four years, said the most challenging piece she's played included the Lalo *Symphonie Es-*

pagnole or Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor and Bach *Preludio* in E major. "Kind of nervous" about the concert, Sophie said she got through Lalo *Symphonie Espagnole* 1st movement "pretty good."

Samuel, also an extremely talented musician, plays the flute, piccolo, double bass, and piano. He has been playing the flute and piccolo for 6 and a half years, the double bass for 4 and a half years, and the piano for six years. He plays the flute and piccolo in the SYS Premier Orchestra and double bass in the Folsom Symphony.

Speaking generally about his love of music, Samuel said, "I love music so I like everything about playing. I like to practice. I like the challenge of learning a new piece, memorizing it, performing it with an accompanist, and then performing it for an audience. I love that I can convey the

beauty and emotion in a piece of music for others to enjoy.

"I love being part of this orchestra and getting the chance to play classical symphonic music. Everyone is part of the team and every instrument is important. It is a very powerful feeling when you play in a group like SYS. Maestro Neumann is a very supportive conductor. He picks challenging music for us and has high expectations for us. He really cares that kids have a chance to learn and play classical music. He cares about our experience at SYS and is always positive and listens to us. I have loved being a part of this organization. I like spending time with other kids who love classical music. I always look forward to our rehearsals and our performances. I have had the opportunity twice to perform as a soloist with the Premier Orchestra and that was a thrilling experience. I



Samuel Primack, flute soloist and Sophie Zhang, violin soloist

got the chance to go on tour to the UK with the Premier Orchestra two years ago and that was an amazing trip. We got to play with other youth symphonies and perform in England and Scotland. It was a great experience to meet people you didn't know from different backgrounds but be able to immediately sit down and make music together. I will never forget that trip. I have been in the Premier Orchestra of SYS for three years now. Mr. Neumann also gave me the chance to play the double bass in the Folsom Symphony. I have been in the Folsom Symphony for two years and I love performing in that as well."

Playing as a soloist with the SYS Premier Orchestra on Feb. 7 was a thrilling experience, Samuel explained. "Playing a concerto with a symphony is one of my favorite things

to do as a performer. It is like a duet or a dance between two people. Both partners need to know their individual parts but then you have to know how to dance together. The soloist has to know when to come in and out and the orchestra has to know how to follow the soloist. It is really thrilling to have an orchestra as your accompanist. It is a wonderful feeling to make beautiful music together for an audience to enjoy and to be able to convey the beauty in the particular piece of music. I played the first movement of the Reinecke Flute Concerto. This concerto is a beautiful Romantic Era piece. I have been working on this piece for several months with my teacher Isabelle Chapuis. I had to learn how to play it, then how to play it with piano accompaniment, and then with orchestral accompaniment. My accompanist Sabine Klein has been wonderful to work with and has helped me tremendously in learning to perform this piece. The orchestra and I practiced together as a group for a little over a month before our performance on Saturday night. I personally practiced this piece hundreds of times in order to play it with the orchestra. The job of the soloist is to make it look easy to play a piece because it was rehearsed so many times. I hope I made it look easy and I hope that people thought that it was a beautiful piece of music. I was very excited to perform this concerto and I would like to thank Mr. Neumann and the entire SYS staff for the opportunity to be a member of this organization and to be able to perform (on Feb. 7)."

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Poetry, art, live jazz at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center

On March 7, the Sacramento Fine Arts Center will present a unique and exciting concert rarely performed in the Sacramento region or anywhere else in California. The Dave Brubeck Institute Jazz Band, world class musicians, and prominent Sacramento performance poets will offer works inspired by the art at the Center's annual Animal House show.

The musicians and poets will choose art entered in the center's animal themed art classic that inspires their creativity, compose the music and poetry and combine that with the art and artists in concert at the center's beautiful galleries in Carmichael. The concert, co-sponsored by the Sacramento Poetry Center and the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, will begin at 7 p.m. The galleries are located at 5330B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Tickets are \$25. Space is limited to 150 guests. The concert, the fourth annual, is expected to be sold out. Call 971-3713 to reserve tickets.

The annual Animal House reception, at which awards will be presented, will be the following day, March 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center. There will be great food and drink, live music and wonderful art, paintings, sculpture, photography, and fabric art from a wide genre.

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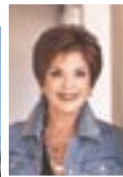


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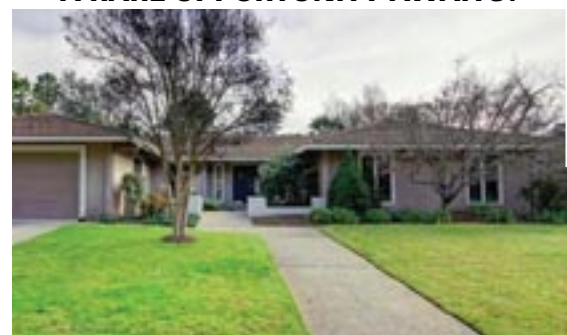


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Mortdecai

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Lionsgate brings us "Mortdecai", featuring Johnny Depp as Lord Mortdecai, a British Lord and fop who is many things: art expert, rouge, bounder, and lover of women, mostly his wife, who is played in the picture by Gweneith Paltrow.

A Goya painting with connections to the Nazi's hidden treasures is lost in a swirling mist of intrigue. The British intelligence, Mi5, enlists Mortdecai to find the stolen painting which drifts between violent Russian collectors, an international terrorist and a wealthy California art collector played by Jeff Goldblum.

His Lordship fancies his new mustache, much to the displeasure of this wife who finds it the cherry-on-the-cake of ridiculousness. What ensues is an attempt by director David Koopp to recreate the magic and plastic lighter than air world of Blake Edwards comedies of the 1960s or the nutty "Carry On" series. Johnny Depp is clearly channeling the famous British actor Terry Thomas here. Paul Bettany as Mortecai's man and Gweneith Paltrow are the best in the picture and the unusual casting of Ewan McGregor as the Mi5 agent who has a passion for Platrow has moments of humor. This is not a very good movie overall, but I found it amusing and without any expectation for greatness, enjoyed the screen shenanigans and the parody of the stiff upper lip British world that only exists in satirical movies. Absent something to do, this is an acceptable way to pass a carefree afternoon.

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CALENDAR

Send your event announcement for consideration to: editor@valcomnews.com at least two weeks prior to publication.

FEBRUARY

Dr. Seuss birthday celebration at La Sierra Community Center
Feb. 28: Come celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with the Carmichael Library and the Carmichael Recreation and Park District on Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. The party will be held in the John Smith Hall at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road., Carmichael. This event is ideal for ages 3 to 7. Parent participation is required and the event costs \$2 per child. Register by Feb. 20 to reserve your spot, 485-5322.

Author and historian Judy Yung (Adult)

Feb. 28: Starting at 1 p.m., author and historian Judy Yung will visit the Pocket Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., to present a book talk, poetry reading, and storytelling program from her book, "Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island, 1910-1940." In the early 20th century, most Chinese immigrants coming to the United States were detained at the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco Bay. Many detainees recorded their anger and frustrations, hopes and despair in poetry written and carved on the barrack walls. Author Judy Yung collected these stories in her book, Island, which tells these immigrants' stories while underscoring their relevance to contemporary immigration

issues. First published in 1980, the book has been updated and expanded to include a new historical introduction, 150 poems in Chinese and English translation, extensive profiles of immigrants gleaned through oral histories, and dozens of new photographs from public archives and family albums. Island is a testament to the hardships Chinese immigrants endured on Angel Island, their perseverance, and their determination to make a new life in America.

MARCH

Fairytale Town announces the start of its spring, summer fall hours
March 1 - Oct. 31: Beginning March 1, Fairytale Town will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the spring, summer and fall seasons, weather permitting. Weekday admission is \$4.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Weekend admission is \$5.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr.

Lunch and wine social at Casa Garden restaurant

March 3: There will be a lunch and wine social with sips offered by Sentinel Oak Vineyard and Cellars from Plymouth and Casa hors d'oeuvres at 11:30 a.m. [one seating only], Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road. Entree choices: Braised Beef with Feta or Asian Noodle Salad with Chicken

and Vegetables; dessert: Strawberry Margarita Torte -- \$24 per person, includes tax and gratuity. Reservations a must. Call 452-2809 for more information. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

Music at noon free concert at Westminster Presbyterian Church
March 4: Bring your lunch and enjoy fine music. This week there will be music featuring Kathy Canan's Baroque & Beyond recorder ensemble. Upcoming concert information and "printed" programs can be accessed from www.musicatnoon.org. Westminster Presbyterian Church is located at 1300 N St.

Writing with the Great 19th Century American Poets (featuring Emerson and Thoreau: Nature and Transcendentalism)
March 4: In this module-based class, participants will hear a brief lecture about nature and transcendentalism, specifically from writers Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. They will read works by these writers together in class and write their own poems. Critiques are offered by the instructor and fellow classmates in a friendly and supportive workshop style environment. This is the fifth of six sessions. Writers at any level are welcome. The classes are free and held in the lovely Reagan

room of the Clunie Community Center at 601 Alhambra Blvd. All sessions are taught by editor and published poet Frank Dixon Graham and sponsored by the McKinley Library. Class will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Frank at Frank.Graham@Goddard.edu for more information.

2nd Annual Smoke Detector Battery Campaign
March 7: The Rotary Club of Pocket Greenhaven and JFK High School's Interact Club are partnering with the Sacramento Fire Department to distribute smoke detectors.

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CALENDAR

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tor batteries free of charge to those Pocket/Greenhaven and neighboring community residents requiring the service. Keiko Wong, a Pocket/Greenhaven Rotary member and Cook Realty Agent, can be reached at 718-7400 or at kwong@cookreality.net to make an appointment from 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

'Wings and Wine' benefits wildlife care in Sacramento valley

March 7: From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at High Hand Nursery (3750 Taylor Road, Loomis), enjoy an evening with magnificent birds of prey. Mingle with owls,

hawks, falcons, and one beautiful eagle. Also, enjoy one complimentary glass of wine and light hors d'oeuvres. (Other beverages will be available for purchase.) Enter to win raffle prizes with the proceeds to go to Wildlife Care Association. The association provides an essential service, offers a unique assist to Mother Nature and does it all through private donations. The Wildlife Care Association helps heal the birds that fall from nests, critters hit by cars or wildlife that needs a little human help to survive in our world. Help keep the mission active and wildlife alive by attending this special benefit event at the High Hand Nursery. The 'Wings and Wine 2015' event offers a taste of the 'wild life' in wineglasses and keeps 'wildlife' alive by assisting the non-profit organization. Tickets are \$25 in advance only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Purchase online at highhand.com or in person at High Hand Nursery. For more information, call 652-2065.

Fairytale Town's Theater presents "The Frog Prince"

March 7 and 8: With shows starting at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., The Grimm Brothers' classic fairytale "The Frog Prince" comes to life on the Children's Theater stage. In this production by the Fratello Marionettes, a wicked witch has transformed a handsome prince into a frog, and he is destined to live out his life in the wishing well. While playing in the meadow, the Princess Ofelia accidentally drops her new golden ball into the well. The Princess promises to grant the frog three wishes if he will retrieve her ball. Will the Princess follow through on her promises, and will the frog turn back into the handsome Prince? Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. For more information, visit www.fairytale-town.org or call 808-7462. Sponsored in part by ScholarShare College Savings Plan. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Dr.

Discover Chinese Medicine

March 8: Starting at 2 p.m. at the central branch of the Sacramento Public Library, located at 828 I St., join Mi Kuen

Wong, a third-generation Chinese medicine practitioner, for a special presentation on acupuncture, acupressure and herbal medicine.

"Freedom Summer" movie clip to be shown at Central Library

March 10: From 6 to 7:30 p.m., poet, social worker and social justice advocate Abe Sass will share his poetry and his personal experiences from the March on Washington, and show clips from the film "Freedom Summer" at the Central Library, 828 I St. The event is part of a nationwide, multi-year "Created Equal" program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This year's series also marks the 150th Anniversary of the 13th Amendment, which ended slavery in the United States.

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