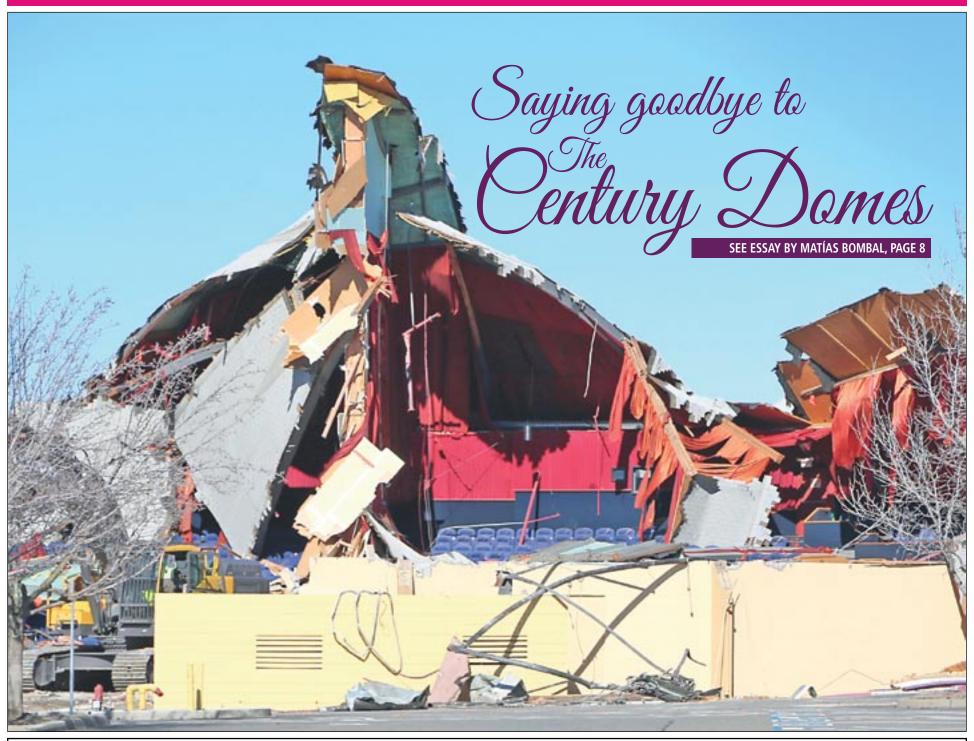
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Pickleball: A sport for all comes to Carmichael

By MONICA STARK

It's been called a sweet sport with a sour USA Pickleball Association, it's a paddle sport are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but it can develop into a quick, fastpaced, competitive game for experienced players. A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, pickleball is played both indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net. It's a game that's played with a paddle and a plastic ball.

And ask Carmichael Recreation and Park District sports coordinator Joe Asaro about it. He's got folks hooked, as 25 to 35 people drop in the La Sierra gym on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with play going from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "I like seeing people who come in as strangers get to know each other and enjoy one another's company while getting exercise and having fun in a non overly competitive environment," he said.

All skill levels from first timers to seasoned veterans are welcome. "First timers love the beginner class and if you are more experienced and looking for a friendly and competname. Pickleball. What is it? According to the itive game then our program is the one for you," Asaro said. Enjoying what he likes to created for all ages and skill levels. The rules call the equalizer effect, he said it's more important to have good patience, touch, and finesse rather than being aggressive, fast, and strong. "There are few games where a retired senior citizen can compete and often defeat someone in their 20s or 30s, and this is one of those games. It is a sport designed to be played by all ... If you are a somewhat seasoned player we have five courts available for 'drop in' pick up games that we coordinate on a chalkboard, with a good mix of players and skill levels. If you are new to the sport we offer a beginner class on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m., this class focuses of the rules, fundamentals, and basic strategy of Pickleball. We also have an Intermediate class on Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m., this class delves into various types of skill shots as well as next level

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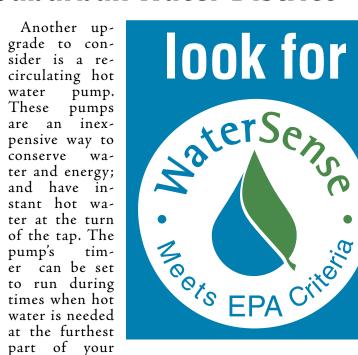
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Mission North Park unveils new nature trail

A nature trail stretching in length a third of a mile will be unveiled at Mission North Park on Thursday at 4 p.m. and will include a ribbon cutting and kids' activities. Circling the perimeter of the park, the parking lot is the starting point and ending point for the concrete trail which runs along the Chicken Ranch Slough and has an outdoor nature education area for schools and groups. It has many environmental features such as interpretive signs and nature trail signage. Fifty percent of the \$330,000 trail was funded by the state with a matching grant. The planning and developing of the trail has taken one year.

- This new paved trail has numerous benefits:
 1) A safe route to school for those attending Churchill Middle School
- 2) An accessible means to enjoy better views of the creek and other park features
- 3) An improved path for exercise through walking, jogging, and bicycling.

Mission North Park is located at 3344 Mission Ave. in Carmichael. For questions or comments, please call the District Office at 488-2810.



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The news items below are collected from police dispatchers' notes and arrest reports. The information in them has ofpects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Reporting Date: Friday, ed for theft, possession of Jan. 29

Officers responded to the call of a stolen vehicle at the narcotic paraphernalia. corner of West El Camino Avenue and Northgate the call of a welfare check. at 1:43 a.m. The driver and passenger were contacted. scene, they located a de- checked multiple locations suspect reportedly assaulted The driver was ultimately ceased male inside the resarrested for possession of a idence at the 1800 block of report was generated. stolen vehicle and a parole El Monte Avenue at 2:53

the 2500 block of Del Paso a factor. The victim sustained a 1700 block of Arden Way non-life threatening injuat 7:30 p.m. when they ob-The suspect was safely de- stolen property.

tained and ultimately arrested for assault.

Linda Boulevard at 11:46 ten not been verified beyond a.m. Officers quickly arthe initial reports. All sus- rived on scene and located stolen property, a probation violation and possession of

Officers responded to When officers arrived on a.m. The coroner was re-The victim was assault- quested to respond as foul

business at the 2900 block Jan. 30 of Del Paso Boulevard at

report of a missing person arrested for burglary. at the 4200 block of Balsam

Officers responded to the call of a vehicle collision on Reporting date: Sunday, eastbound I-80 near Nor- Jan. 31 ed by a female suspect at play did not appear to be wood Avenue at 10:47 p.m. One involved subject fled section of North Avenue Boulevard at 11:09 a.m. Officers were patrolling the from the scene prior to of- and Rio Linda Boulevard, ficers arriving but was later officers made contact with checked the area for the rested for an outstanding ries and were not transport- stolen. The driver was ar- suspect fled from the area suspect and located her. warrant and possession of ed to area hospitals. A re- rested for vehicle theft and port was generated.

A male suspect entered a Reporting date: Saturday,

Officers responded to the 10:06 p.m., selected miscel- residence regarding a report the 2500 block of Aimonetlaneous merchandise items of a burglary on the 700 and began to leave when block of Northfield Drive arrival, the officer discov-Officers responded to the an employee intervened. A at 5:57 p.m. The unknown ered evidence of a burglary call of a bait bike activation struggle ensued and the sus-suspect forcibly entered the and spotted a man inside of at the 2400 block of Rio pect assaulted the employee apartment, armed himself causing a non-life threaten- with a weapon, and tempoing injury. The suspect fled rarily refused to come out in a vehicle, later determined prior to officers arriving on after police arrived. SWAT to be stolen, causing damage the male suspect riding the scene. Officers canvassed and negotiators were called to the property. The man stolen bicycle. The suspect the area for evidence and the to the scene for assistance. was never located, follow-up was detained and arrest- investigation remains active. The suspect eventually sur- was conducted, and a report Officers responded to the rendered to officers and was

Officers responded to the male adult ran away from a of domestic violence at the group home and has done 1300 block of Pebblewood this in the past. Officers Drive at 10:02 p.m. The for the missing person. A the victim and was arrested as a result.

At midnight at the interother charges.

An officer responded to the residence regarding a report of a ringing alarm at ti Avenue at 1:34 a.m. Upon the home. The suspect ultimately fled from the location was generated.

Officers responded to the 2800 block of Del Paso Street at 10:25 p.m. The feresidence regarding a report Boulevard at 3:51 a.m. regarding a report of a vehicle accident with minor injuries. The driver struck two parked cars in the area and was detained by officers. She was arrested for suspicion of DUI.

Officers responded to a residence, located at the 900 block of Regatta Drive at 5:29 p.m., regarding an attempted burglary. The residents were home when an located and safely detained. the occupants of a suspi- unknown juvenile suspect ry and was transported to served a stolen vehicle. The The passengers sustained cious vehicle and later dis- attempted to enter the locaan area hospital. Officers driver was contacted and ar- non-life threatening inju- covered that the car was tion without success. The

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in an unknown car prior to police arrival. A report was generated.

the 2400 block of Empress was generated. Street at 10 p.m. regarding took his property, and fled from the area in a vehicle. follow-up was conducted.

Officers responded to a residence at 10:47 p.m. regarding a report of an assault and a ShotSpotter activation. A Feb. 2 known suspect assaulted the victim and also discharged a len vehicle at the intersecfrom the area. Follow-up detained the driver at 12:58 was conducted and a report a.m. The man was arrested was generated.

Officers responded to the

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garding a report of a robbery. 8:25 a.m. to check the wel- the victim's car. A report subject who had the above Two unknown suspects en- fare of a man who report- was generated. tered the location armed with edly made threats to harm firearms, demanded money, family members. Upon arfled to an awaiting vehicle, rival, officers safely made Officers responded to and left the area. A report contact with the man and

Officers conducted a pro- ammunition. The suspect of River Plaza Drive at 3:47 a report of a robbery. Three bation search at a residence was arrested as a result. unknown suspects confront- at the 2400 block of Rio ed the victim, assaulted him, Linda Boulevard at 10:39 a.m. During the search two handguns were found. One a report of a vehicle burglary A report was generated and subject was arrested for and determined that properweapons offenses and outstanding warrants.

Reporting date: Tuesday,

An officer stopped a stothe ground prior to fleeing and Edgewater Road and up was conducted and a refor a violation of probation, ty, and vehicle theft.

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found him in possession on residence at the 2300 block

Officers responded to the ty was taken. A report was generated.

idence at the 5000 block of regarding a report of a ringing port was generated.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report possession of ammunition, of a carjacking at the 2500 Reporting date: Monday, possession of stolen proper- block of Colfax Street shots detected via Shotspot- ing his roommate after they at 6:42 p.m. The sus- ter. There was no evidence

Officers responded to a pect reportedly confront- of a shooting but a nearby ficers made entry into the 3700 block of Northgate residence located on the ed the victim in his vehicle, resident believed the shots

Boulevard at 8:58 p.m. re- 1800 block of Zurlo Way at threatened him, and fled in cers made contact with the

Reporting date: Wednes- safely detained the subject day, Feb. 3

Officers responded to a a.m., regarding a report of domestic violence. The sus-

ringing alarm and found that forced entry had been eight windows over the past Officers responded to a res- made into a residence on the 24 hours. The child was 100 block of Allaire Circle Kankakee Drive at 11:47 a.m. at 10:06 a.m. It was deter-felony vandalism. mined that several electronalarm and determined that a ics had been stolen during round from a handgun into tion of El Camino Avenue burglary occurred. Follow- the burglary. A report was call with unknown circumgenerated, this remains an stances on the 1000 block active investigation.

Officers responded to the rival, officers contacted a 1200 block of Diamond Avenue at 10:11 a.m. for three taneously confessed to hurtoccurred near Arcade Creek. The area was checked but ground with a head injury. had negative results for anything suspicious. A report to a local hospital with sewas generated.

On the 600 block of Haggin Avenue at 11:13 a.m., booked for assault charges. officers responded to a despondent subject that had reports of a suicidal felocked himself in his room male that had taken a large armed with knives, an axe, and a baseball bat. Offi-

mentioned weapons in his room with him. Officers and transported him to have a mental health evaluation completed at a local hospital.

Officers responded to the 3500 block of Auburn Bou-100 block of Promenade pect reportedly assaulted his levard at 7:29 p.m. regarding Circle at 9:50 a.m. regarding girlfriend and fled in a vehi- a 9 year old that was breakcle. A report was generated. ing windows. Upon arriv-Officers responded to a al, officers discovered that the child had broken out booked into juvenile hall for

> At 8:17 p.m., officers responded to an emergency of Olivera Way. Upon arsubject on scene who spongot into an argument. Ofhouse and located the victim conscious and lying on the The victim was transported rious, non-life threatening injuries. The suspect was

Officers responded to

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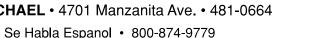
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amount of pills at the 2000 11:55 p.m. The complain- outstanding warrant. ant relaved that her friend to the hospital where she

Reporting date: Thursday,

mental evaluation hold.

observed fleeing at a high and officers noticed that the rate of speed. Officers were front tire on the suspect's ficers discovered that that lated violation. there was a passenger in the tween several intoxicated tive investigation. subjects on Del Paso Blvd.

at this point. ject fled on foot. SPD as- port was generated.

the suspect was eventually located hiding in a nearby residence. He was booked

was making suicidal threats injury accident at 5:49 p.m. and the assigned School Re- cate him. Information was report was generated. on the phone and had sent at the corner of Auburn Bou- source Officer identified the disseminated city-wide and pills. Upon officers' arrival, a person was trapped inside port was generated and the the investigation. they contacted the female one of the vehicles. The vic- 12 year old was cited and and confirmed that she had tim was ultimately removed and transported the female ported to a local hospital. The victim sustained minor for the rest of the day. was treated and placed on a injuries and was treated at the hospital.

intersection of Traction and merous calls of a fight on Upon arrival, officers ob-Avenue at 1:20 a.m. As disassembled by a subject. they arrived, a vehicle was The subject was detained been stabbed during the been removed from the bait fight and stopped it in front bike. The subject was cited of the Arden Fair Mall. Of- and released for a theft re- Units arrived and detained

Officers responded to the scription. The female was turbance on the 900 block vehicle which had sustained 700 block of Dixieanne Av- found to have a replica fire- of El Camino Avenue where a non-life threatening stab enue at 9:13 p.m. where sev- arm in her possession. She the victim told officers that wound during the fight. eral car windows had been was transported to an area her husband attempted to Medical personnel respond- broken out. It is believed ed and transported the vic- this was related to fight and tim to a local area hospital. stabbing that occurred earfight had broken out be- ing and this remains an ac-

A report was generated and to the area for a Shotspot- of Millcreek Drive without idents in the area who de-Probation officers at- scribed what they thought tempted to arrest a subject were gunshots but did not for a probation violation on see anything. Officers could the 1500 block of Orlando not locate any evidence that Way at 10:40 a.m. The sub- a shooting occurred. A re-

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A student reported to school officials that anoth- PD that he had returned the released from school. Two were dedicated to the school

Officers responded to a Officers responded to a the area. Upon arrival, of-

A caller reported a despondent female pointing a gun of Northgate Boulevard and Arden Garden Connector. narcotic related charges. a subject matching the dehospital where she her mental health was evaluated.

Upon further investigation, ly in the morning. The dispatched to the above ad- arrival. A report was genofficers determined that a suspect(s) are still outstand- dress regarding a 17 year old erated and this remains and who got in an argument with open investigation. his mom. He left the home Officers were dispatched located on the 2600 block this remains an active and ter activation at 9:24 p.m. permission and did not let location regarding a report on-going investigation. No Upon arrival, officers made his parents know where he of an assault at the 3700 suspects have been arrested contact with several res- was going. The juvenile has block of Clay Street at 4:07

mother never advised the

dence as they pulled up and a search of the subject's resi-Officers responded to nu- Plaza avenues at 6:09 p.m. 12:21 p.m. No victims or be a convicted felon. Upon witnesses were located at further investigation, the port was generated. the 700 block of Dixieanne served the bait bike being this time. A report was gen- subject was booked for negerated and the case remains ligent discharge of a fire- on the 3700 block of Lily arm and several gun related charges. Officers also located narcotics and a honey oil advised that someone had bike was the tire that had in the air at the intersection lab in the residence. A sec- tered by her son who had ond subject was booked for

At 10:51 p.m., officers responded to a domestic dischoke her. The victim had no visible injuries and the At 9:01 p.m., officers were suspect fled prior to officer's

Saturday, Feb. 6

Officers responded to the





sisted with a perimeter and Reporting date: Friday, been listed as a missing per- p.m. The victim provided son since May 2015 as his limited information to officers who determined that he had possibly been assaulted block of Riggs Avenue at for resisting arrest and an er student was showing off last time he returned. Offi- by multiple unknown susa gun on campus. It was cers did an extensive search pects. The victim was treat-Officers responded to an determined to be a BB gun of the area but could not lo- ed at an area hospital and a

At 4:21 p.m., officers reher a photo of a handful of levard and Bell Street where students involved. A re- the following shift took over sponded to the intersection of Stonecreek Drive Officers responded to a and West El Camino Av-Shotspotter activation at enue regarding a report of taken pills. Fire responded from the vehicle and trans- School Resource Officers 10:15 p.m. Officers contact- a vehicle accident with mied a subject leaving a resi- nor injuries. Officers made contact with one party and she was detained for sus-Shotspotter activation in dence was conducted. Dur- picion of DUI following ing the search a firearm was an evaluation. The woman bait bike activation at the ficers located evidence that located hidden in the attic. was treated at an area hosa shooting had occurred at The subject was found to pital and more follow-up will be conducted. A re-

Officers were hailed Street at 4:30 p.m., regarding a report of an assault. The victim had been batfled from their residence prior to police arrival. A report was generated.



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The sun sinks sadly for modernists who loved the **Century Theatre domes, which died in Ioneliness**

By MATÍAS BOMBAL

theaters at Ethan Way in Sacramento will never again show another movie, despite fans of the giant spaces to tile takeover of the Crest Theatre over a year ago share movie dreams that rallied to try and save them. October by a new owner, forcing out 28 year ten-I made these observations:

was. Where were the 750-plus folks that like the "Save the Domes" Campaign Facebook page? That would have been four times the number of folks that attended the final night on all of the theater's screens.

It's no wonder then that SyWest, the property company that owns the domes and land feels that box theaters are better. They are alleging to build box theaters on the site, and have gone so far as to obtain the necessary permitting. When the movie theater exhibition be easier to change into stores, restaurants and retail, which I am sure SyWest knows all too well. They certainly could not have that flexibility with dome shaped buildings. They see the writing on the wall of their personal devices, Netflix and streaming. I would venture to guess that even though they have theaters permitted for construction, they may not even build them, but rather go directly to retail. This is backed up by the recent events at the Sundance Film Festival where all of the major buzz movies were sold not to movie distributors, but online streaming services Netflix and Amazon. Only one movie,"The Birth of a Nation" (2016) was sold to be distributed theatrically by Fox Searchlight from the well over 30 entries.

I stood there all night to see who cared enough to show up for the Century's last hurrah. Earlier in the day, I phoned Cinemark for permission to photograph inside, but was denied. I hope these mid-century modern theaters will continue to live in the hearts of those who had memories made there, like many Sacramentans, for that will soon be the only place that they may be visited. At 7 a.m. on the morning of the last day the

The late 1960s concrete domed Jello-mold shaped equipment to prepare for demolition. Everything was out by the following Friday. Unlike the hos-Standing outside the box office on the last night, Jan. 18, ant CSLM, Inc., which caused irreparable loss of many jobs, many of the Century's employees will I was amazed how sparse the last night's attendance simply be transferred to the chain's theaters in Laguna and Greenback.

I watched as a Mexican man in his late 30s held up his daughter to look at the rounded shapes that would soon be gone, the two looking wistfully at what would only exist in their mind's eye in the future. The mother joined them and they walked away around 9:10 p.m. They were the last family to see a movie together at the Century domes.

Moments later, an employee by the name of Sarah industry tanks in a few years, the new box theaters will left crying, "Bye, theater: I want to cry; this is so stupid." She reached up to take a last photo of the box-office with her phone, hopeful that she will be placed at the Greenback Theatre. Most of the arriving patrons had no idea the theater was closing, until they handed their tickets to the doorman, Lash. Announcing "Welcome to our final night at the Century," Lash tore off the stubs and handed them back to the patrons, directing them to the correct auditorium.

> rived to the box office with her son in a gray "hoodie". They were the last folks to buy tickets to "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" at the Century Domes. There were only eight people in the entire auditorium. Brandon Dustin, wearing

An African-American lady in her early 50s ar-

a lavish purple soft blazer, pinkish-red A's baseball cap and orange shoes bought a ticket for himself and his pal Gregory Spielman for the non road-

trucks arrived to remove all of the furnishings and Hateful Eight", which was not the last movie to start that night, but would be the last one to get out. They had to come for the last time; having seen the news on television that the end had come. They were the only two in that auditorium to see it.

Át 11:50 p.m., Amanda Yancey and Steven Schneider arrived five minutes late to the last movie to start that evening, "Joy", which hit the screen at 11:45 p.m. The two bought the last two tickets ever sold at the Century Theatre domes. I snapped their photo together at the door, feeling a bit sentimental knowing that was it.

The parking lot, with only 12 cars visible, took on an eerie fog-like mood, like that of a gravevard, a silent witness to the end of an era. At 1:23 a.m. the morning of the 19th of January, Brandon Dustin and pal Gregory Speilman, exited the glass doors. They were followed by Lash. The three posed for a "selfie" mobile phone photograph, which they then posted to social media.

Inside, the ocean of seats would never be used again. There would never be the sound and smell of popcorn greeting the senses. The green exit signs showed the way out only to ghosts of audiences past. The screens would never again reflect the faces of the idols of the movies. The game room's machines fell silent at last, after making for a noisy lobby for years. They had been unplugged at the beginning of the last show.

Silence.

These theaters opened for the roadshow premiere of "Camelot" in 1967. First with one big dome, then a second in 1968. For many of my generation, the first film many of us saw there was "Star Wars" in 1977. Earlier that night, as I walked around taking photos, the sound effects of blasters, the voice of Harrison Ford and John Williams' music bled through the doors, this time from "Star Wars: The Force Awakens". That was an indelible flash back to 1977 and will be my last memory of the domes... with my first memory: The applause after the original "Star Wars" in 1977- that sound... is still ringing in my ears.

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a "fixer" for the fictional Capitol Studios, Eddie Mannix. We see that he has a quiet home life with his wife and two kids, although hardly there as he's up at all hours keeping wayward studio assets from disaster. At the beginning of the picture, he's pulling away an underage starlet from a photographer taking French post-card type photos of her and bribing about the issue in the press. Mannix has a stressful life, and

with two kids, a job with less stress would be helpful. He finds himself going to confession every day, where he tells the priest that he lies to his wife about quitting cigarettes. Mannix is being courted, in a rather clandestine fashion, by a leading aeronautical company to come work for them for much better money. The disappointment. It was great to see core of this movie is about his un-

ie business or take the job with more security and less stress.

Hollywood

Hail, Caesar!

nate publicity.

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

Universal Pictures releases the lat-

est Coen Bros. picture, "Hail, Ceasar!"

a comedic look at a classic movie stu-

dio so very close to the real M-G-M

of the Golden Era that the characters

are named after real M-G-M execu-

tives. It was even filmed at Sony Stu-

dios, what had once been the M-G-

M studio. Set in the 1950s, it relates

the experience of the studio's cover-

up executive, the man in charge of

keeping the company's human assets,

actors and others under long term

contracts, from any bad or unfortu-

In an era before the tabloid insani-

ty of today, the movie studios careful-

Josh Brolin stars as just this type of

must not reach the press.

Matías Bombal's Hollywood

Peppered around this thin core story are several delightful vignettes evocative of movie studio life in classic Hollywood. Mannix's stress is bound to get worse when a group of disgruntled communists have kidnapped the studio's biggest male star, Baird Whitlock, played by George Clooney. They hold him for ransom. Whitlock is loosely modeled after a Robert Taylor type. Thus, this movie studio's biggest biblical epic in production, "Hail, Caesar!", so very much like M-G-M's two versions of "Ben-Hur" comes to a grinding halt.

Eddie Mannix in real life was indeed a "fixer" at the M-G-M studios. Although Brolin's role has the ly controlled all publicity about their same job and name, the movie is personalities, which they built up over not a depiction of, or a biographical account of the real Eddie Mantime with considerable investment. From arranged marriages and dates nix. You'll also hear the name Nick for publicity that would benefit the Schenck talked about on the phone in the movie as a studio boss. It is studio, to the more unseemly issues covering up homicides, underage sexnot supposed to be the real Nichual encounters, sexual deviance and a olas Schenck, chief executive of host of other issues that some mov-Loews, Inc. which owned M-G-M, ie starts might get involved with that the real life boss of Louis B. Mayer, Irving Thalberg and others.

We also get to visit the studio's big swimming star, DeeAnna Moran, played by Scarlett Johansson, who gives us her best Esther Williams, in sequences actually shot in Esther's original pool stage at what had been the real M-G-M. She has a child with no father for Eddie to fix. Then there is the tension be- Hill, and Channing Tatum. tween the director of refined drawing room comedies, Laurence Lauthe police, who he knows on a first rentz (Ralph Fiennes) and cowboy name basis, not to mention a thing star Hobie Doyle (Alden Ehrenreich), an Audie Murphy type struggling with his drawl to say lines in a clip Brit accent trippingly.

It is 26-year-old Alden Ehrenrich

which makes this picture so enjoyable, along with some very brilliant comedic vignettes that classic movie fans will really enjoy. Sadly, the movie's thin plot and very rushed unsatisfactory ending was a great some great vintage Hollywood spots



1950s Hollywood. Scarlett Johansson and Josh Brolin in "Hail, Caesar!



Teresa Palmer to nis special island n "The Choice" Photo: Dana Hawley, Lions

the old Hollywood Palladium, which that he's a ladies' man which few find serves as supper club where Hobie takes his arranged date, Carlot- boyfriend, Ryan (Tom Welling). ta Valdez (Veronica Osorio). You'll also see the beautiful Los Angeles Theatre, where Hobie's movie premières. The Los Angeles is one of them values not seen in many modthe nation's last great movie places.

ces McDormand and an old film editing device called a Moviola. Also in the picture, Tilda Swinton in a double that's a value. It's nice to see these lessrole as sister gossip columnists, Jonah

The Choice

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

Lions Gate offers "The Choice", the latest movie adaptation of a Nicholas Sparks romance. The cast is not made up of major players other than ship in the 1927 silent movie "Flesh the great actor Tom Wilkinson as and the Devil", right down to the row Shep, the local veterinarian in a coast- boat. This movie will likely quickal town where opposites begin to at- ly be forgotten. It is not very good, tract between two neighbors, Travis but yet, for the reasons I mentioned, (Benjamin Walker) and Gabby (Te-not that bad either, Nicholas Sparks' resa Palmer).

The two fall in love after a rough ease in choosing to stay in the mov- in the movie, including the inside of Naturally, there are complications, in but without much life.

hard to resist, and she actually has a

As much as my colleagues deride these Sparks movie romances, which he also partially produces, I find in ern movies. The story development is I was so disappointed that this mov-slow, which I like, allowing the characie did not meet the excellence of the ters to be properly established. There past work of the clever and artistic are no explosions, nasty dialog or loud Coen Brothers, yet it has fun moments music. Nor will you find all those for movie fans, the best of which oc- computer graphic infested elements curs with a film editor played by Fran- of pop culture garbage that may be seen in most major releases. They are in a way rather old fashioned. To me, er known actors have a chance to have dialogue advance the story with some rather beautiful photography; in this, it is the fine work of Alar Kivilo.

In one sequence, Travis takes Gabby to his tiny private island, his special place. This is evocative of the scene between Greta Garbo and John Gilbert on the Isle of Friendmovies are the movie version of Hallmark cards or paintings by Thomas start as they annoy each quite a bit. Kinkade: A pleasing, pretty serenity

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Faces and Places:

100 Years of

Photos courtesy of Eskaton

Eskaton celebratd the lives of the seniors they serve by bringing together 100 Years of Fashion on Jan. 23. By partnering with the Sacramento Art Deco Society, 10 decades of clothing were on display along with 300 handbags from 1900 to 1999. In addition, 10 wedding dresses from Recapture Designs highlighted the changing styles from the Titanic era to modern day bridal fashions. The 80 residents living at Eskaton Lodge Gold River participated by displaying old photos and vintage clothes from their own collections. "I am so excited," says 90-year old Lavern Hayden who lives at Eskaton. "I had my daughter bring my wedding dress and engagement dress over from Australia. I am also having my son put

together my husband's military uniforms."

A special contributor included the granddaughter of Maybelline of Hollywood, Cherise Williams, who loaned artwork for the show. Ms. Williams also donated coffee table fashion books to be sold, proceeds going to Eskaton Foundation which supports the needs of aging adults.













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time at all we put forth a nets, and build our Pickleball barriers to place in beconfined to their respective games. As a finishing touch, two instructors Kate Lahti and Kent Slangstrom who have continued to help us grow our program by teaching our classes here at the La Sierra Community Center. After our initial kick off event this past September we have only improved in terms of attendance and skill level as a community."

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to exhibit the elite and pres- the Street." tigious American Watercolor Society traveling exhibition. The opening gala will be held local pickleball ambassadors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Sacramento Fine Arts center is located at 5330B Gibbons American Watercolor Society is a nonprofit membership organization that began in 1866 to promote the art of watercolor painting in America. Each year the Society holds a juried exhibition of watercolors from artists throughout the world.

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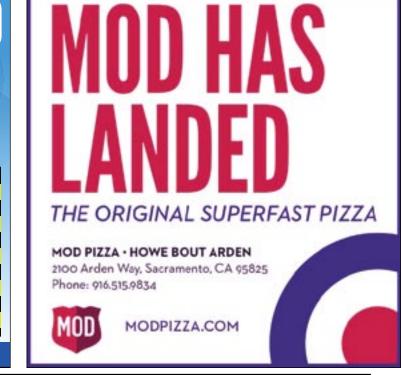
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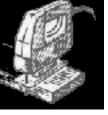
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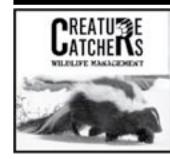
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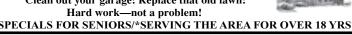
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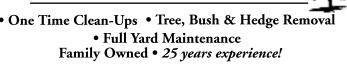
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tine's themed event I Heart Sacramento Zool This event is a perfect way to celebrate the love we have for the animals and spend time with the special people in your lives. I Heart Sacramento Zoo is jam-packed with valentine-themed animal enrichments, activity and game tables, and informative animal talks. When you think of an event that includes so many aspects, you may be surprised to find out that it is completely organized and run by a group of teenagers. That's right, teenagers! The Sacramento Zoo Teens consists o 70 teens aged 13-19 years old. They begin planning for this big day in November and spend countless hours researching and creating unique animal enrichments, preparing animal talks, and coming up with valentine themed activities and games. 2016 will be the 5th year of I Heart Sacramento Zoo and we ask that everyone crosses their fingers, toes, and tails for lovely weather!

Visit the Zoo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for what is sure to be a paws-itively wild event. Festivities are included with admission

Tips for choosing cell phone service Feb. 16: If you are thinking about buying a

cell phone or changing your cell phone service provider, this class is for you! Join us for this free workshop to learn what ques tions to ask when choosing a service, what you should know before you sign a contract, and how to cut your cell phone costs. Find out how you can qualify for a free Federal Lifeline cell phone. Anyone who brings their cell or landline phone bill for review will receive a free gift. Pre-registration is required. Free of charge. Class will be held on Feb. 16 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at ACC Senior Servic-

call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org

Music at noon Feb. 17: Free music programs, offered at tminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy music by cellist Susan Lamb Cook & Friends play Brahms

es, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details,

VA family caregiver support program Feb. 17: This presentation from Shon Tam-

blyn, LCSW/Caregiver Support Coordinator, VANCHCS will provide an overview for services offered by Veteran Affairs to support family members caring for a veteran. Pre-registration is required. Free of charge. Class will be held on Feb. 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at ACC Senior Services. 7334 Park City Drive. For more details call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org

Burma & Beyond: Another Bicycle Adventure with Willie Weir

Feb. 17: Join Sacramento native, bike advocate and adventure traveler Willie Weir for an evening of stories from Burma (also called Myanmar), including being tossed out of a monastery and hosted by the police; greeted by a bazillion friendly people, and never once chased by a dog; to passing hun dreds of ox carts and witnessing President

Obama's motorcade zip by on the streets of Yangon. Willie will entertain and inspire you. Tickets are \$10. Proceeds benefit Sac ramento Area Bicycle Advocates. Seating is limited to 80 people. The talk takes place at REI,1790 Expo Parkway. Learn more about Willie at http://www.willieweir.com/.

New Millennium Music Series

Feb. 17: The Telegraph Quartet kicks off Sac State's New Millennium Music Series this spring. The group performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Capistrano Concert Hall, on campus, 6000 J St. Winners of the Fischoff Cham ber Music Competition, the quartet will perform Schubert's Death and the Maiden . Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students. Special subscription rates for the series are available. University Ticket Office, (916) 278-4323 or www.csus.edu, hornettickets. Contact: (916) 278-5191.







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