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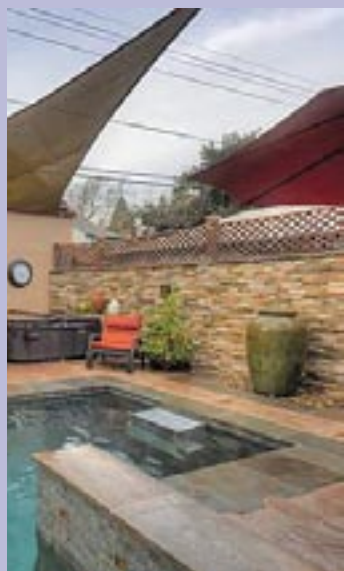
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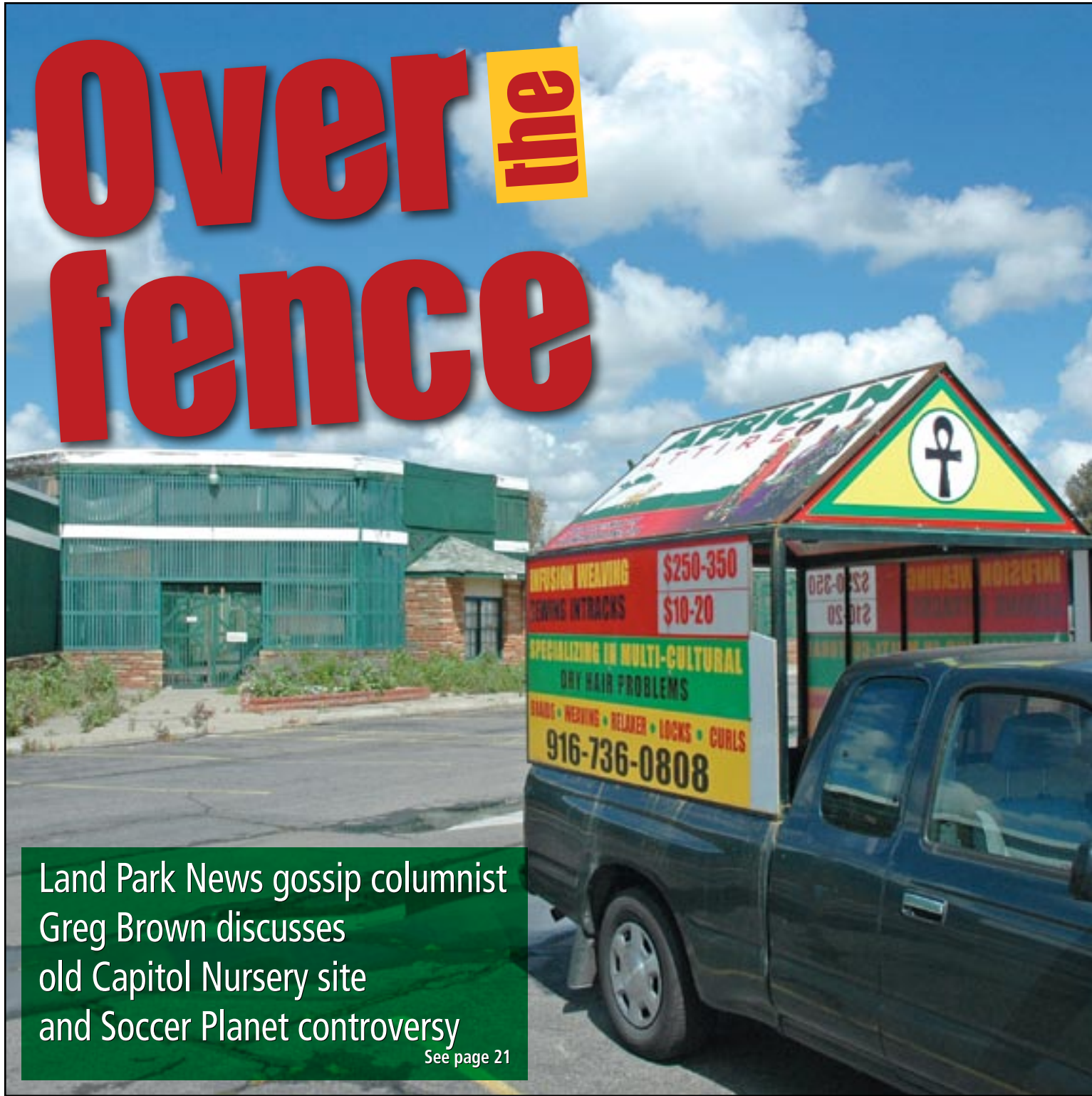
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The Central Valley YMCA will run 3 city pools this year

By MONICA STARK
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The Central Valley YMCA is adding two more city pools to their roster this summer as they will be operating Glenn Hall Park and Tahoe Park pools.

Last year the Y operated Southside and will do so again this year. Y lifeguards and swim instructors will man the three city pools. The three city pools will be open seven days a week and will offer full programming such as water exercise, swim lessons, swim team and open swim.

"We are looking forward to a good summer," said YMCA CEO Jay Lowden. "We had a good summer with Southside Park last year and we look forward to working with neighborhoods this year," he said.

Last year the city did not have the funds to operate all of its pools and this year they are ramping up to open all of them and they are having the YMCA help out with three of them. The Central YMCA has the highest volume of swimmers over the course of the year through out the city.

"Having us help out by operating three of them makes a lot of sense," said Lowden. "It will lighten their workload a little bit and we (at the YMCA) have been operating pools in Sacramento for close to 100 years." While Tahoe Pool, Glenn Hall Pool and Southside Pool will be open seven days a week, recreation swim will be open just six days a week. Some days the pools might

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YMCA: Southside, Tahoe, and Glenn Hall park pools to be operated by the Y

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open as early as 5:30 a.m. for lap swim.

The YMCA has a fund set up for scholarships primarily for families that financially cannot pay for the programs. If approved for scholarships, families can use them toward programs (swim lessons

or swim team) at the city pools. "The actual Y Assist Program is for kids who want to be in swim lessons, swim team," Lowden said. For those who may need support to pay for recreation swim, Lowden said the Y will work with neighborhood groups to

help provide funding for that. Lowden said the Y has given proposals to the city that has budgeted to pay for staffing that will be needed at each pool and the city will subsidize up to \$40,000 per pool.

Forty to 45 aquatics employees, including Y pool managers and lifeguards, will be needed at the city pools. Some will be signing up for certification classes. "Some of the lifeguards we hire have experience elsewhere and will also have new lifeguards. If we have a new lifeguard on duty, they

will be with experienced ones." While the Y has its own pay scale, lifeguards will be paid comparably with city pay, Lowden said. The pools will open mid June, right after Sacramento City Unified School District schools end their year. Pools will close Labor Day.



Photos by Monica Stark

Community members start working on details to improve the amphitheatre in Land Park

Editor's note: There will be a follow up story in an upcoming Land Park News issue about more of the details surrounding the amphitheatre and neighbors' plans to revamp it.

So about a year ago, neighbors decided they wanted to start a modernization effort and they contacted then city councilmember Rob Fong.

They started meeting with City College staff and came up with some ideas, took some pictures and then surveyed The Land Park Community Association, which indicated 85 percent polled interested in improvements.

It could become a place to hold more shows and even wedding ceremonies.

But, it's not going to be cheap, says president of the LPCA Mark Abrahams.

Mark Abrahams, president of the Land Park Community Association,

Back in February, city councilmember Steve Hansen said the amphitheatre project is "very exciting and is a much-needed modernization so that space can be better utilized." He said if it can work, it's going to be a win-win for everybody.

By MONICA STARK
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Besides the annual Shakespeare festival put on by neighboring Sacramento City College, the William A. Carroll Amphitheatre in Land Park plays host to not much else.

Its poor lighting, lack of bathrooms and ticket booth, make for a difficult place to hold events. And at a previous movie night, people had a difficult time finding their way out of their seats due to the lack of light. And if performers ever want to use the bathroom, they might be gone for 15 minutes, as the nearest bathroom is a couple hundred yards away.

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Kline Music honored for its 50 years of service in the music products industry

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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One of the success stories of local businesses is undoubtedly the story of Kline Music, which is celebrating its 50th year in business.

And in honor of its longevity in the music products industry, the store, which is located at 2200 Sutterville Road, across the street from the Sacramento City College softball stadium, recently received the Milestone Award from the National Association of Music Merchants.

According to a press release, "The award recognizes retailers and manufacturers who have succeeded over the years through best practices and strong communi-

ty standing to reach a landmark anniversary."

Joe Lamond, NAMM president and CEO, said, "Those that endure in the music products industry credit their longevity to providing exemplary customer service, becoming integral members of their communities, adapting over time and forging strong succession plans. NAMM is honored to call (Kline Music) a member and looks forward to supporting their success for many years to come."

NAMM is a not-for-profit association with a mission to "strengthen the \$17 billion music products industry and promote the pleasures and benefits of making music."



Kline Music is presently celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Photo by Lance Armstrong

The association includes about 9,000 member companies in more than 87 countries.

In commenting about her family's store, Penny Kline, one of the daughters of the business's founder, Betty Kline, and the store's afternoon manager, said, "I am proud to say that Kline Music employs four generations of the Kline family and continues to be family-owned and operated."

Candy Anderson, another one of Betty's daughters and a violin and flute teach-

er at the store, noted that considering that her father, the late W. Russell "Russ" Kline, was a musician, grew up in a musical family and established the Sacramento Youth Band, many people assume that her father founded Kline Music.

A year after establishing a very basic music accessories store in the basement of her Curtis Park residence at 3429 Franklin Blvd., Betty founded Kline Music at its original location at 5032 Franklin Blvd. at 26th Avenue in the Farm-

ers Market Shopping Center in early 1963.

During an interview with this publication last week, Betty, who graduated from Sacramento High School in 1945, shared details about the pre-history portion of her business.

"Before the store front, my husband (who was a 1942 graduate of Sacramento High School and a woodwind instrument instructor) was giving private (music) lessons at home," Betty said. "We had bought this two-story house on Franklin Boulevard, and he taught downstairs and we lived upstairs in one of those high-rise houses. People would drop their kids off and he had been teaching in our house since they were just small children in a different location (at 2511 23rd Ave.). When we moved there

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Kline: Music store to celebrate 50th anniversary on June 9 at Sierra 2

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to (the Franklin Boulevard house), I got the brilliant idea, 'We could have other teachers teaching here.' So, we got a couple more teaching rooms going downstairs in the basement. And (Russ Kline) was always sending me downtown because the kids, 'Well, they've got a broken reed,' or the mother cut off the reed or whatever. And we had a guitar teacher (Zeke Nuez) right from the beginning and he would come to (teach) a lesson and he would have a broken string. So, I ended up buying a little showcase-like thing (stocked with music supplies) and kept it locked downstairs in the basement. So, I would go running downstairs, if somebody needed something. Russ would knock on the water pipe to get my attention. And so, that's really the (unofficial) start of the store. And one day, our washing machine broke down - I had four children - so, I go down to (the FM) Laundromat (at 5036) Franklin Blvd. and there's this place for rent (at 5032 Franklin Blvd., where Bookkeepers' Business Service Corp. had previously operated). I figured I could lease this building, and so that's how the store officially started."

One of Kline Music's first instructors, a trombone teacher named Bob Lindfeldt, built the teaching rooms at the first two locations of Kline Music. Additionally, Bob and his wife, Beverly, are remembered for their longtime association with the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society.

During the store's early years, Kline Music had 10 instructors, who taught lessons in clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, piano, accordion, guitar, drums and even baton twirling by the Satellites champion baton twirlers.

Today, the store has a teaching staff of 26 and provides instruction for nearly 700 private music students per week. Classes range from trombone, saxophone, flute and piano to guitar, violin, accordion and drums.

Kline Music's longest term instructor is Mike Bobo, who began teaching piano lessons at the business in 1977.

The store has continuously rented musical instruments throughout its existence.

In recalling a certain day related to the store's musical rentals in the early 1980s, Candy said, "(On one occasion), we rented out 50 instruments. That's how busy we were. Although the store was nowhere near what it is today (in terms of renting instruments), it was still substantial."

The current location of the store opened in 1980, following about nine years of operation at 4905 47th Ave., where the business added a musical instrument repairs department.

Betty purchased Kline Music's present building, which was constructed in about 1956 and originally housed Capital Curtain and Rug Cleaners. The store's previous buildings had all been rented on lease agreements.

In addition to Kline family members previously mentioned in this article, oth-



Betty Kline sits at her ivory Yamaha piano, which she purchased from a music dealer in Placerville. Although she founded Kline Music, Betty does not consider herself a musician.

Photo by Lance Armstrong

er members of the family who have worked at Kline's Music are: Stan Kline (former trumpet teacher, Betty's son); Paul Anderson (morning manager, Candy's husband); Nick Meagher (piano teacher, Penny's son); Katie Dahl (employee, Penny's daughter); Julie Solorzano (employee, Candy's daughter); and Anisa Solorzano (employee, Julie's daughter). Betty, who also has another daughter named Melody, said that she is proud of her business's achievement of serving the public for 50 years.

"I am proud of my own ability to start the store," Betty said. "It is nice to be celebrating 50 years in business.

It's what I have always hoped for and I hope the Kline family will keep the store as a permanent fixture in the city for years to come."

In reaching a half-century in business, Kline Music will celebrate this milestone with a 50th anniversary party at Sierra 2 Center, Curtis Hall at 2791 24th St. on June 9 from noon to 6 p.m.

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McClatchy High School Music Man

By BENN HODAPP
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The days are becoming longer, the rehearsals are intensifying, and the curtain is closer by the hour to lifting upon the world famous musical *The Music Man* at McClatchy High School. The McClatchy students who make up the Lion's Pride Players have been piling up rehearsal time since the second week of January, getting ready for opening night on April 17.

McClatchy puts on two student plays each year – one a standard play and the other a musical. This year's Spring Musical choice was made by long-time actor and McClatchy English and theater teacher Patrick Stratton. He also wears the titles of producer and director of the upcoming version of the hit show. He even appears in the show as the character Jacey Squires. But in talking with Stratton, even with all these titles on his plate, the praise belongs squarely on the shoulders of his young actors.

"(The students) have been rehearsing three hours a day, five days a week for the past 12 weeks," Stratton said.

"These are young kids but a lot of them are old pros at this."

The auditions for the musical began the first week back from winter break in early January. Just one week later, the actors were up to their elbows in rehearsal time to nail down their parts.

Stratton, who has acted for over 20 years, said that he enjoys working with young actors more than he enjoys directing adults.

"I have directed adults before, but when you give them suggestions they will just nod and smile and then go right back to how they were doing it before," he said. "They are very set in their ways. But with young people I find that their minds are open to suggestions and nine times out of 10 they react positively to them."

The musical, which centers around con man Harold Hill coming to a small American town called River City to sell musical instruments and inspire the city's children to form a band, is a favorite of Stratton's. In fact, both Stratton and one of his two sons have played Harold Hill in productions of the play over their careers as actors.

The rehearsals have been grueling for the students, as a musical requires not just memorization of lines, but also dance routines and song lyrics. It's been hard, but Stratton has found inspiration in early '90s cinema.

"Tom Hanks's character in *A League of Their Own* told Geena Davis's character that baseball is great because it's hard. If it were easy, everybody could do it. And the truth is, not a lot of people can do what these students can do on a stage."

Performing a complex musical is impressive enough for teenagers, but there are 10 actors in the play who are elementary school age.

"The younger kids are amazing," Stratton said. "They have really inspired the older kids. (The older actors) will be like 'Wow, it took me three weeks to learn this and this young kid is already doing it.'"

April 17 is fast approaching, and Stratton can sense his young actors growing anxious for the first performance to come.

"They are really looking forward to it," he said. "After rehearsing in front of only each other for months, they really want to perform it in front of someone else. They want to get that feedback from the audience."

There are eight performances scheduled in all, including 7 p.m. performances on April 17-19 and 24-27 as well as a 4 p.m. show on April 22. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and special \$2 prices for admission on April 17, 22 and 24.

McClatchy has performed such musicals in the past as *Grease*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Peggi Martin, who is assisting with promotions for the performance of *The Music Man*, said that the turnouts for the plays at the high school are usually very good.

"They put on amazing performances," Martin said. "They are Class-A performers, particularly in the leading roles."

The play includes 42 performers, 17 technical crew, 12 orchestra members and 12 production staff.

Roderick (Jahid) Hickman is playing the lead role of Harold Hill in his fourth and final performance at McClatchy.

For ticket information or general inquiries about the play, McClatchy High School can be reached at (916) 264-4400.

ARTS

C.K. McClatchy students rake in the honors at local photography contest

By CORRIE PELC
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Approximately 60 students, parents and community members came out to the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library on the evening of Friday, March 15, to see more than 40 photographs taken by teens not just in their community, but all over the world.

The showing was part of a photography contest held by the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) at the library. TAB members and C.K. McClatchy High School seniors Allison Yamamoto and Michelle Sarracino had come up with the idea for contest as a way for area teens to both express themselves and learn more about what the library offers.

Yamamoto hoped the event would help draw teens to the library for more than just completing school work, but to also "show that we have these events going on at the library that are open for students to participate in and get something out of," she says.

Sarracino was pleased they were able to include photos from teens all over the country as it would allow all those that attended the gala to "not just see the changing world around our community, but also expand their horizons and get a feel for how other kids see the changing world in other places," she adds.

Tracey Joe, youth services Librarian for Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library, says the library was happy to support TAB and the contest, as well as give local teens an opportunity to express themselves through art and show it to the

community. "We just wanted to give them the opportunity to be creative and interpret it however they wanted to, and we thought it would be a really awesome thing that we could do for the community," she explains.

The theme of the contest was "A Changing World," which Yamamoto says they came up with when noticing the differences between generations that came to the library. "We thought it would be cool to see how other teens would interpret 'A Changing World,' whether they think it's a good thing or a bad thing," she explains.

Of the approximately 40 entries the photography contest received, 24 were from local students while 18 were from teens across the United States and even from other countries such as Peru and Australia. Yamamoto says she created a Facebook event for the contest, which helped spread the word to teens in other areas.

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And the Winners Are ...
Four judges – including library staff Joe and Brendle Wells,



(From left) Kathi Windheim, president of the Friends of the Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library; Sierra Brown, senior at C.K. McClatchy High School and first place photography contest winner; Tracey Joe, youth services Librarian for Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library; Allison Yamamoto and Michelle Sarracino, both seniors at McClatchy.

branch supervisor; Kathi Windheim, president of the Friends of the Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library; and Corrie Pelc, reporter for Valley Community Newspapers – determined the winners of the contest, which included top three awards for local contributors, as well as an International Award, and awards for "Best Perspective" and "Most Moving."

Top honors went to Sierra Brown, a senior at C.K. McClatchy High School who took first place for her photo "A Winter Morning." "I found that flower in the garden and just thought it was really neat how it was a yellow flower, but had this white glistening signs of winter on it even though winter hadn't hit yet, so I just took a picture of it," she says.

Brown – who has been taking photos since the ninth grade – says her photo fits the theme

"A Changing World" as it shows that the world is constantly changing. "We can see this best in even the most insignificant things, such as a simple yellow flower painted in winter's frost," she explains. "True, today winter is here and the flowers are dying. But not matter what, we can always expect that tomorrow will bring another sunrise, a new flower, and constant change."

She also believes it's "extremely important" for teens to have a way to express themselves, such as through photography. "The youth have such a different view of the world than do adults, and I think the best way to voice such a view is through artistic expression," she says. "It's great that teens have so many opportunities to share their expressions with others, such as the library's photo show."

Other local winners of the photography contest includ-

ed Benjamin Potter, a senior at McClatchy, who took second place with his photo "Abandoned," and Andrew Kageyama, a junior at Cosumnes Oaks High School in Elk Grove who took third place for his photo "Fall in Love." Daniel Escobar, a junior at McClatchy, won "Most Moving" for his photo "Soarin' Solar Dreams." The "Best Perspective" award was given to Jonathan Beach from Los Angeles, while Ashleigh Polinelli from Perth, Australia won the International Award.

Joe says the library hopes to keep the photos from the contest on display for a few more weeks so community members who were unable to attend the gala can enjoy them.

And Sarracino hopes the contest will become an annual one, "but maybe bring in some other types of art as well," she adds.

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Land Parkers gear up for 137th Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Festival

By MONICA STARK
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To Land Park resident Janet Kurnick the Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival is all about the sharing of a common passion for all things Scottish.

To the outsider – a trip to the games in Woodland provides a variety of things to see – but Kurnick likes to think of it as groups of like-minded people all dedicated to preserving the Scottish culture.

“It really is a marvelous celebration for us as well as for the guests that come to see it for the first time, or perhaps even to see it year after year,” Kurnick said.

One of the oldest and largest festivals in California, the Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Festival, held in Woodland, is April 27-28.

The Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival is the main yearly event the Caledonian Club of Sacramento hosts, which draws up to 20,000 people each year. This fun, family event includes Scottish clans, competitions, music, dance, live history, children’s activities, animals, vendors and more.

Kurnick said she started out with the Caledonian Club as a dancer. “The Royal Scottish Country Dance society is a worldwide organization and this dance form is akin to being the Scottish national form of ballroom dancing,” she explained.

Kurnick said her love of the dance brought her to the music as she played violin since childhood and befriended some of the dance musicians.

“The dancing is great fun and I am membership chair for our local branch, as well



Photo by Roni Java

as being involved in the San Francisco club as I am in several dance bands. My involvement with this club brought me to being involved with the greater Scottish community here in Sacramento as well and that is how I became involved with the Caledonian Club and our Scottish Games,” she said.

While the local Scottish games will be celebrating its 137th-year, in Scotland these games can be traced back to the druids, and there is even a Games in Fife which has been in existence since 1314, which perhaps is the oldest continuous Scottish game, Kurnick said. These events have come to mean different things in the United States, she said.

“We have a long history of Scots in the Sacramento valley

and the games have a bit of the feel of a county fair mixed in with a Scottish/Celtic flair. But within each of the games you will find various groups, all continuing on with their efforts to preserve Scottish culture,” she said.

At the Scottish Games, there are bagpipers (in this area there are four separate bagpipe bands), along with the highland dancers and Scottish country dancers.

Many of the highland dancers are children whose parents were also highland dancers. This becomes somewhat of a family tradition.

“In our club alone I can think of instances where the dancing kids are part of three generations of dancing families,” Kurnick said.

“We also have a gathering of the Clans – and for many of them

the Scottish games end up being somewhat of a roving block party, with many of the clan organizers becoming friends and traveling around to different events helping locals find out about their own heritage,” Kurnick said.

Her involvement in the Scottish Games began when she was asked by one of her co-workers to fill in for someone who had left the committee organizing the event.

“Yes, I have a day job – and so do most of the folks who donate their time to make the Scottish Games a success,” she said. “I came to enjoy all aspects of our club – it’s a wonderful bunch of people, and even the planning stages of our games is fun,” she said.

When Kurnick first got involved in the Scottish Games,

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Festival: Scottish Games to be held April 27–28

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she had been playing Scottish music for quite some time, and initially brought her Bay Area music friends together for a day of fun.

“There was little preparation in the beginning stages of her fiddling event – we all played just for the sheer joy of making music and already had a rather large repertoire of common tunes. But it became clear to me that there was very little Scottish music going on in the Sacramento area, and I began gathering a small group of local fiddlers, teaching them tunes out of my home as we went along. At this point, over 10 years later, we have a small and dedicated bunch of fiddlers in the area that can play many Scottish tunes. We have our own website: www.scotshfiddle.com, and meet regularly to play our tunes,” she said.

As to funny memories of the games, well, many of them who actually are in charge of events at the games never make it outside of their own areas. So Kurnick was very surprised af-

ter doing her event for 10 years to see that they had a birds of prey event as well – and she hadn’t even known about it.

“I was also very happy to finally make it out to see the Scottish animals – I’m a dog lover, and absolutely had a blast sneaking away one of the days at lunchtime to see the Scottish dogs for myself!” Kurnick said.

If you go:

What: Scottish Games and Festival

When: April 27-28, gates open at 9 a.m.

Where: Yolo County Fairgrounds

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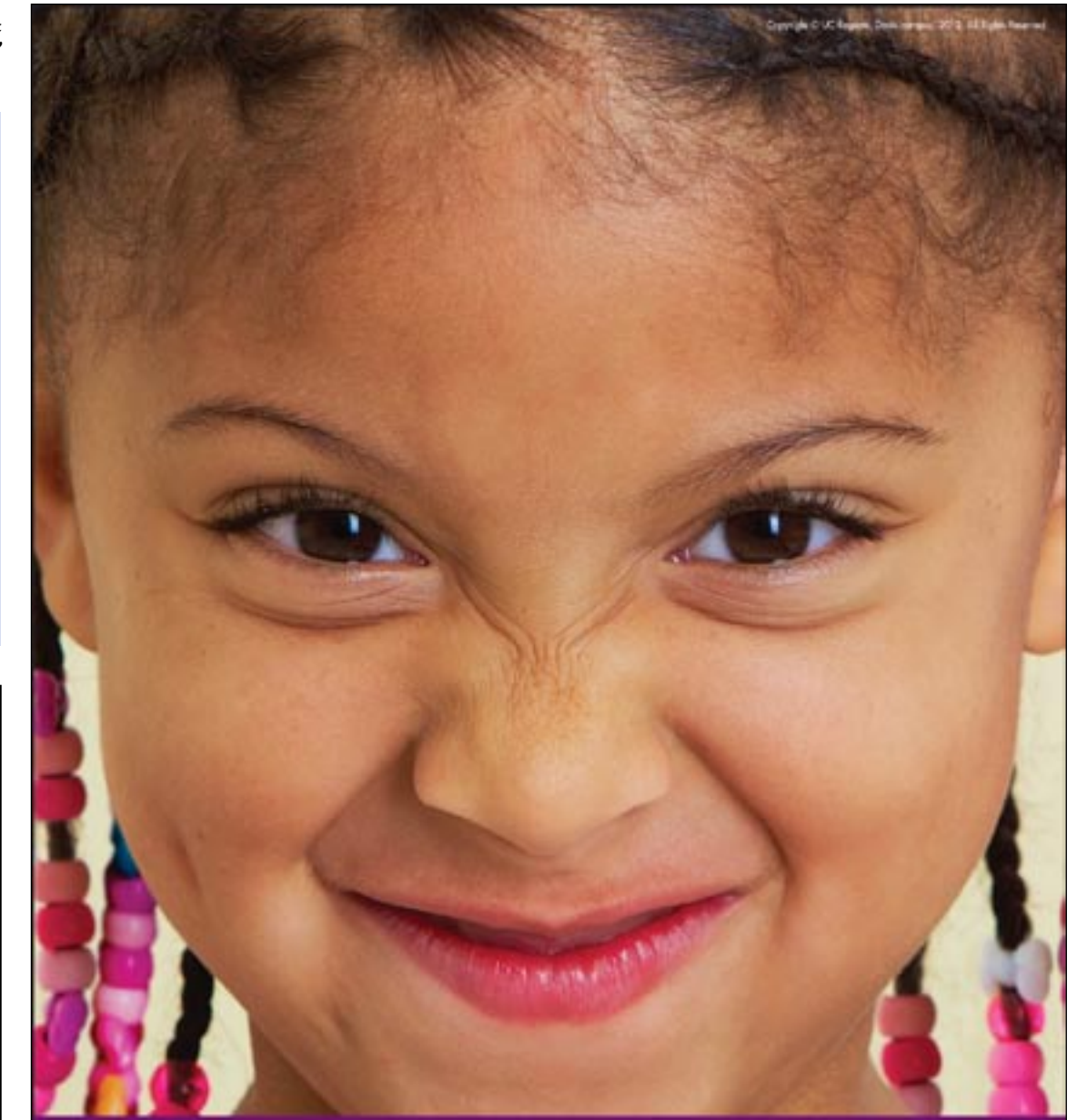
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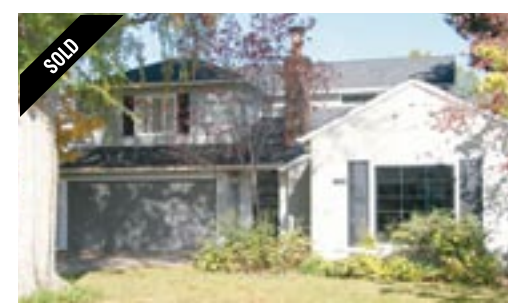
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some post-operative concerns required a longer stay for him at UC Davis, ultimately resulting in a substantially larger vet bill for the county shelter. TEAM's Special Medical Needs Fund has helped defray some of the expenses relating to Pablo's surgery, but additional funds are still needed. Community donations are now being sought to help pay for Pablo's remaining medical costs. Anyone wishing to help can donate at <http://www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/pablo-s-journey/50082>. For more information about TEAM and Pablo, call 916-876-7387 (PETS) or visit <http://www.sacanimalshelter.org>. TEAM (Teaching Everyone Animals Matter) is the nonprofit support group for the Sacramento County Department of Animal Care and Regulation. TEAM assists the shelter with fundraising and community education, makes spay/neuter services available to the pets of low-income residents, and funds specialized veterinary care for shelter animals in need. For more information, visit www.sacanimalshelter.org.

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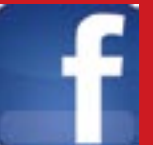
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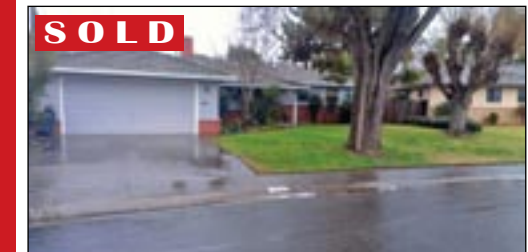


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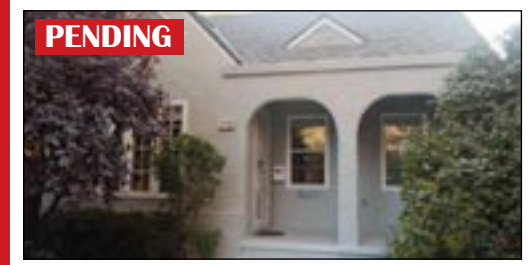


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The Curtis Park Home and Garden Tour is one of the few in the Sacramento region that offers a range of authentic and historic architectural exteriors with equally diverse and artfully designed interiors.

The tour is held in spring, so visitors can enjoy delightful weather and new foliage. The homes are not specially decorated to reflect a given theme or holiday, instead, the tour allows visitors to see how people live in these exquisite homes day to day -- how they have adapted their homes for their own enjoyment with well designed, fresh and classic interiors, while maintaining and appreciating their historical stature.

A unique stop this year will be the Sierra 2 Center for the Arts and Community, celebrating its 90th birthday. Formally Sierra School, the 2013 event included a historic plaque unveiling, visits from local distinguished guests and refreshments. In addition, volunteers are planning displays and a video history.

Another unique feature in the planning stages is a plein air art show. Artists will be invited to paint any aspect of the neighborhood in the latter half of April, whether it be majestic trees, homes, streets, parks or the Center. Paintings will be offered for sale on tour day with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association.



Those who visit all sites will log just under two miles. Bicycling through the neighborhood is an option and bike racks are provided.

The program for the 27th Annual Curtis Park Home Tour kicks off at 10am at the north end of Curtis Park. Visitors will enjoy music, vintage cars, food from Wicked'Wich and Mama Kims, and information on home restoration.

The event is a fundraiser for the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association and benefits the Sierra 2 Center and SCNA programs. The Greater Broadway Partnership and Joseph Eschelmann with Wells Fargo Advisors are supporting sponsors.

Advance tickets are \$20 (\$15 for SCNA members) and will be available in late March. On tour day, tickets will be \$25 (\$20 for SCNA members). Call the Sierra 2 Center at 452-3005 for updates, or visit their website at www.Sierra2.org

If you go:

What: 27th Annual Curtis Park Home Tour, presented by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association (SCNA)

When: Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$20 (\$15 for SCNA members) in advance; \$25 (\$20 for SCNA members) day of the event.

Tickets: Will be available online at www.sierra2.org in late March, at the Sierra 2 Center at 2791-24th Street, and area stores.

Location / Where to Start: On tour day, purchase tickets at the Sierra 2 Center at 2791 - 24th Street, or at the north end of Curtis Park at 26th Street and Donner Way. The tour winds throughout an almost two-mile area in the Curtis Park neighborhood. Curtis Park is bordered on the north by Broadway, the south by Sutterville Road, the east by Highway 99, and the west by 24th Street and Freepport Blvd.

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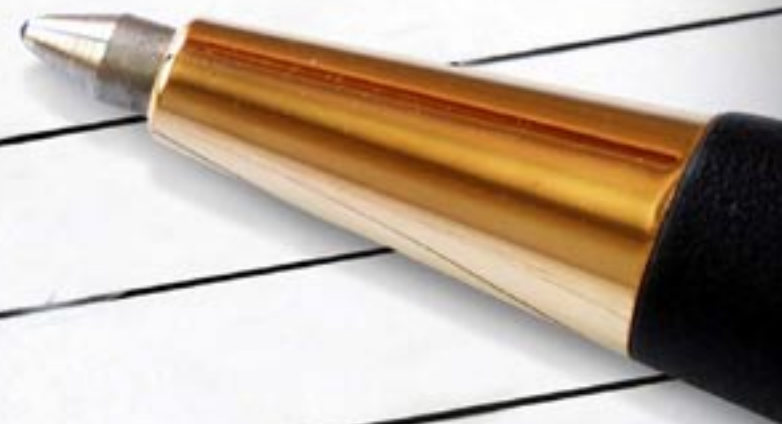
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SPORTS

Metzger and Arroyo Head 2013 La Salle Club Baseball HOF Inductees

Butch Metzger and Fernando Arroyo—two rival pitchers from the old Metro League who eventually pitched in the major leagues—head the list of eight ballplayers and one journalist to be inducted in the 2013 Class of the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame.

Also inducted in this year's Baseball Hall of Fame will be: Tom Dicktakes, Joe Gill, Mike Green, Leon Lee, Nick Peters, Gene Sackett and Gary Szakacs.

The 59th annual Hall of Fame event is set for Saturday, April 27 at Christian Brothers High School Field House. It will begin with a no-host social at 5:30, followed by a sit-down dinner at 6:30.

Arroyo, a three-sport star at Luther Burbank High (1970), compiled a 24-37 career mark while pitching eight seasons in the American League for Detroit, Minnesota and Oakland. He also played 13 seasons in the Mexican Winter League, where he once pitched a record 17-inning contest. After retirement, he coached in the minor leagues for Detroit, Florida and Oakland, and spent two years in the Taiwan Major League.

Dicktakes (Sacramento to High 1954) played bush baseball into his '40s, culminating his long career with a championship with the Sacramento Smokeys in 1981. He is better known as "Twin Cam Tommy" for developing a high-powered over-head cam nitro dragster that has topped out at 240 mph.

Gill (Bishop Armstrong 1963) recently passed away after a long illness. He starred for the Falcons and

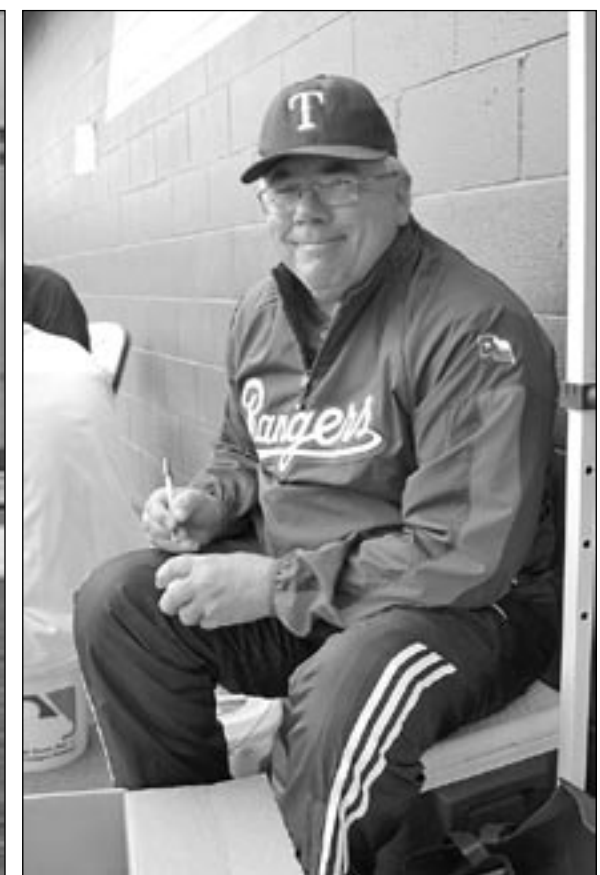
Southside American Legion, played at USF where he was drafted and played one season in the New York Yankees minor league system. He coached Christian Brothers baseball team from 1993 to 2006, leading the Falcons to two Division II North section titles.

Green (Bishop Armstrong 1962) was twice voted the area's top baseball player while leading the Falcons to a 22-2 record in 1962. He twice hit over .400 and went 9-0 his senior season with a 0.28 ERA and 127 strikeouts in 75 innings—all area best stats for pitchers.

Lee (Grant 1971) starred at Grant High and Haggin-Grant Legion when those teams had some of their best seasons. He spent seven seasons in the Cardinals farm chain before playing nine years in Japan, often dominating that league in tandem with brother Leon Lee (Grant 1966). He is the father of former major leaguer Derrek Lee (El Camino 1993).

Metzger, who prepped at Kennedy High (1970) and twice made All-City as a pitcher, pitched five years in the major leagues for San Francisco, San Diego, St. Louis and New York Mets. He was selected the National League 1976 (Co-)Rookie of the Year and tied a major league record of winning 12 consecutive games without a loss. Metzger also played in Night League and Men's Baseball League and was a staple of the Sacramento Smokeys pitching staff.

Peters—Beginning in 1962 the San Francisco-born sportswriter covered the Giants for 45 years, including



his last newspaper stint with the Sacramento Bee from 1998-2007. He also covered most major sporting events involving Bay Area teams, including the 49ers and Raiders Super Bowls, the Warriors championship and many others. In 2009, Peters was elected to the writer's wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Sackett (McClatchy 1969) was the perennial catcher for the Lions and Post 61 Legion in the late '60s. He played one season in the Dodgers minor league system, and coached locally as an assistant at Christian Brothers High for eight years, including their Division I North Section title in 1988.

Szakacs (Mira Loma 1969) led his team to the Capital Valley Conference title in 1969 and played professionally three minor league seasons, two with the Phillies organization. A fixture in the Night League and Winter League, from 1973 through the early 1990s Szakacs was a mainstay on the Sacramento Smokeys. Tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet are \$25 per person. To order online, go to: <http://www.cbhs-sacramento.org/eengine/index.php/alumni>.

For more information call Chairman Joe McNamara at

916/813-5699. The La Salle Club is a non-profit organization that has raised funds for Christian Brothers High School since 1939. The Club inducted its first Hall of Fame member—former Sacramento Senators' manager John "Buddy" Ryan—in 1953. Since that

time, more than 460 individuals have been inducted into the Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame. For the complete biographies of the 2013 inductees and a list of all Hall of Fame members, go to: http://www.baseballsacramento.com/LaSalle_Club_Baseball_HOF.html

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All aboard?!

Dogs take flight to no-kill Idaho rescue

By MONICA STARK
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All aboard! Beautiful weather was expected at 19 dogs took flight on Friday, March 29. They were probably going to be euthanized at Front Street, but they got on a plane and flew to Boise, Idaho.

Seventeen of them are small dogs and two are rottweillers. They all fit onto a tiny-two-seater plane and flew out of Executive Airport at 10:30 a.m. They were scheduled to arrive in Boise at 12:30 p.m. our time. Non-stop flight to a no-kill rescue!

"What this does is opens up all these kennels at the shelter so now. I have 160 dogs today, so I get them evaluated and move them up for adoption. It's constant. It's an inventory change all the time. The more I can get out faster, the more lives I can change," Gina Knepp, Animal Care Services Manager for the City of Sacramento, said.

"When we found out that Idaho Humane was willing to accept little dogs, even Chihuahuas, we knew a great opportunity was available to us," Knepp said Knepp. "We contacted Yehuda Netanel, founder of Wings of Rescue, and began flying dogs to Boise on a monthly basis."

Knepp said small dogs are in high demand in Idaho because Idahoans have traditionally liked large dogs, but people there have wanted lap dogs lately and haven't had access to them. "There's a population that wants littles and we've got em. It's economics. It's supply and demand," she said.

Knepp said Netanel has larger planes than the one used on March 29, including one that fits 40 dogs.

City of Sacramento Animal Care Services, The Sacramento SPCA, and Sacramento County Animal Care and Regulation are participating in the ASPCA's (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Carroll Petrie Foundation Dog Rescue Project, a new \$1 million initiative that will fund much-needed treatments and services for shelter dogs, ultimately preparing them for transport from overcrowded shelters to give them the best chance of finding permanent homes. The project is being made possible thanks to a generous donation from Mrs. Carroll Petrie, a respected international philanthropist.

Since beginning the program in September 2012, the three Sacramento shelters have transferred more than 1,000 dogs to other shelters and rescue groups, including shelters in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. In January 2013, the City of Sacramento found a new transfer partner at the Idaho Humane Society.

"We hope to work with Wings of Rescue to do a mega transport of 40 dogs in the near future," said Knepp. "Without the ASPCA, the Petrie Grant, and Wings of Rescue none of this would be possible." All of the pilots with Wings of Rescue volunteer their time. Grant money is used primarily for fuel.

The ASPCA, through The Carroll Petrie Foundation Dog Rescue Project, aims to save 16,600 dogs through a per dog or puppy subsidy for each animal transferred out through the following types of programs:

- Transfer to rescue groups;
- Transfer to other shelters;
- Adoptions through "Foster Adoption Ambassador" programs; or
- Adoptions through permanent off-site partner locations.

The subsidy per dog or puppy can be used for anything from crates and gasoline purchases for transport vehicles to "make-ready" veterinary services for the dogs (i.e. spay/neuter, health certificates, vaccines) that will prepare them to leave the shelter.

Now at the city shelter: Free microchips to City of Sacramento kitties

In 2012, 3955 cats ended up at the Front Street Shelter. Of those cats, only 92 were reunited with their owner. Unfortunately, the vast majority of owned cats rarely have any form of identification. They arrive without a collar and very few are ever micro-chipped.

In the hope of changing those numbers, during the month of April, the City of Sacramento-Front Street shelter will be offering a "complimentary" micro-chip to any owned cat living within the city limits. City residents may bring their cat to the shelter Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. for a free micro-chip. A suggested donation of \$5 would be greatly appreciated. Proof of City residency is required. Life time micro-chip registration is included.

Bowling for Bullies on Front Street!

The Front Street Shelter is at it again! During the month of April, anyone adopting a bully breed dog will have a chance to strike some pins to defray adoption costs. Roll the ball, knock down the pins and get a discounted adoption. \$5 off adoption fees for each pin successfully knocked over! We have a wide variety of bully breeds all waiting for a new home.



Over the Fence



By GREG BROWN
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When Capitol Nursery, the popular fixture on Freepoint Blvd since 1931, vacated their property last August they left a deserted lot with gobs of property. The land was scooped up by Raley's Supermarket and that's when the rumors started to fly. Some folks in the neighborhood as well as some Raley's employees were pontificating that Raley's would move to the former Capital Nursery location. The rumor was that Raley's would move from their present location, which is leased, and move it on over to the Capitol Nursery property that they now own. A new state of the art Super-Raley's! I spoke with Raley's media representative John Sagali and he said there are "no plans for Raley's to move from its present location." He said they "have not decided on a plan for the Capitol Nursery location yet." He also mentioned the fact they didn't want another grocer to move in on their territory and that's why they purchased the plot of land from Capital Nursery. He compared it to the game show Hollywood Squares. Paul Lynde for the block!

Another speculative rumor was Green Acres Nursery would take over the Raley's spot once it moved to the Capitol Nursery location. Another local rumor that is "completely false" according to Kellie Natoli, a representative from Green Acres. "We have no interest in having a store in that location." So what will become of the coveted spot? So far the only one using it is The King Of Curls. He's got his yellow and red promotional truck parked in the lot on a daily basis. He's the King Of Free Promotion.

Soccer Planet is a new premier indoor soccer facility in Sacramento that is causing some uproar in the Hollywood Park neighborhood. The goal of Soccer Planet is to make it the "Disneyland of Soccer". Unfortunately, some of the neighbors don't think it's the "Happiest Place On Earth". In fact, some are downright grumpy about the family friendly facility.

At the Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association meeting recently there were a few outraged vocal residents who were unhappy about Soccer Planet. Soccer Planet does not have enough parking spaces on-site



to accommodate their patrons; the cars overflow onto Haldis Way and 25th street. This happens mainly on weekends and evenings disrupting the quiet neighborhood. I spoke to a few of the neighbors who did not want their names used for this article. One HP resident I spoke with said he likes the soccer facility because it gives kids something to do during the summer instead of sitting in front of a TV all day. He spoke to me in hushed tones because his next door neighbor is vociferously opposed to Soccer Planet and the overflow of vehicles. This issue is actually pitting neighbors against neighbors. Some want permit parking, others do not. Another resident on Haldis stated he would like it if they "brought back Johnson/Butler rugs". Sounds like a party! One neighbor, who didn't want his name used, mentioned he had a few words with a patron who parked in front of his house and the next day he noticed his Honda Accord had been keyed.

There is also a "Neighborhood Manifesto" being passed around that advises residents how to report any and all violations by Soccer Planet. There are names and numbers of the Fire Marshall, Supervisor of parking enforcement, even the head of the Alcohol Beverage Control. The neighborhood manifesto encourages residents to "keep a watchful eye on Soccer Planet and report capacity violations to the fire marshal" which creates fines for the business. The fines get greater each time they are reported and found not complying to the 61 person capacity. The manifesto also suggests nearby residents "keep a diary and take photos of any and all violations". Reporting Soccer Planet and it's alleged violations sounds like a full time job!

There are some valid points made in the "neighborhood manifesto". 24th street can be dangerous to cross



on foot...especially at dusk. It's a four lane street with no speed limit signs and No Parking signs. Suggestions included getting a crosswalk and a flashing light for patrons and installing 35 mph speed limit signs. Another solution for the parking problem could be change the street from 4 lanes to 2 lanes and have parking and a bike lane. Similar to what they are planning on Freepoint BLVD which is much busier. Unfortunately the two lane street is also not in the plans right now.

Another piece of literature is a mysterious, sarcastic flier that was mailed out to residents in the neighborhood with the Soccer Planet logo. It says things like "With summer quickly approaching you will be happy to know that Soccer Planet will be going strong night and day 7 days a week as soon as school lets out". Another section states, "Thank you and please keep the parking spaces available in front of your homes. It will probably be a lot more livelier (sp) for you all soon; beer and wine are on the way". This is all in bold letters. (Soccer Planet has applied for a Beer And Wine license.) Maybe not the best way to get peace in the neighborhood. Perhaps some communi-

cation between residents and Soccer Planet management would be a better plan rather than inflammatory ill-conceived fliers that only create more of a rift between neighbors and businesses. What is it that Rodney King said? A board member from the neighborhood association is getting involved and trying his best to alleviate the concerns of the neighbors and keeping peace in Hollywood Park.

Another issue is Soccer Planet is in an EA3 Overlay zone which means it is in the flight path of the Executive Airport. The threshold of persons per acre allowed on an EA3 overlay zone is 50 persons per acre and Soccer Planet is on 1.29 acres. There is a current investigation with code enforcement in regards to this. The City Council would have to vote to give Soccer Planet an exemption to the overlay zone law. One resident at the HPNA meeting mentioned the tragic Farrell's Ice Cream plane accident that occurred at an air show in 1972 as well as the government sequestration that will affect air traffic control.

Perhaps Soccer Planet could move to the former Capital Nursery location and everybody could live happily ever after.

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pects of a healthy life including physical fitness, nutrition and safety.

Each day students will participate in a different activity, including Jazzercise, karate, cooking demonstrations and "boot camp." Fitness Week will culminate with a jog-a-thon.

CKM ceramics students honored at Crocker Art Museum



Three C.K. McClatchy High School students enrolled in teacher Christine Richard's ceramics class were honored by the California Art Education Association during an event at the Crocker Art Museum last month.

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Faces and Places: Spring Egg Hunt at Sierra 2

Photos by MONICA STARK
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Children as young as a few months old filled their Easter baskets with eggs at the annual hunt on March 30. The hunt was divided into two age groups (0-3 and 4-12) so that all children had the opportunity to find eggs. The event also included a pajama parade, arts and crafts and photos with the Easter Bunny.



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ONGOING:

Volunteers needed at Casa Garden
The Los Ninos Service League (LNSL) is holding its next recruitment for new volun-

teers. LNSL volunteers work at the Casa Garden Restaurant, whose proceeds help support the Sacramento Children's Home. Since 1974 the Casa, located in the Curtis Park neighborhood, has been raising funds to help support the Sacramento Children's Home. For more information on becoming a volunteer, please join us for a recruitment coffee on **Wednesday, May 8** at 9:30 a.m.,

at 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento, CA 95820. Please RSVP at (916) 452-2809.

The Sacramento Rose Society

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., in East Sacramento. For more information, visit www.sactrose.org/sacramentoosesociety.

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.

Nominations Accepted for District 3 'Volunteer of the Year' Award

Tell Councilmember Cohn about an individual or community group that gives of their time and energy to make our District 3 community a great place to live. Send a one-paragraph summary about the person or community group that shares their time and talents for the betterment of our community and why they deserve to be recognized. The award will be presented at the June 8 Pops in the Park concert at Glenn Hall Park.

Nominations are due by end of day on Friday, April 19. Please email your nomination to sbrown@cityofsacramento.org

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.

Finding the Right Path art exhibit

Throughout the month, an art exhibition of landscape paintings by local artist Jo Anne Marquardt will be held at Sacramento City College library, third floor. Hours of the library are 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Sunday except for a reception from 1-3 p.m. on Sun. March 10.

Carmichael clothes drive

Now-April 13 For every pound received 15 cans 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.

Fairytales Town presents its annual puppet festival

Thursdays - Sundays, May 2 - June 16, Weekdays at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Weekends at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 p.m. Children and adults can enjoy live puppet show performances inside Fairytales Town's Children's Theater. Puppet show performances from May 2 through June 2 will be performed by Puppet Art Theater Company. The festival will end with the premiere of Fairytales Town's original puppet production of "Rumpelstiltskin" from June 6 through 16. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. www.fairytaletown.org, 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr.

City of Sacramento announces summer youth jobs

Deadline for application, April 1: The City is hiring approximately 60 youth between the ages of 14-17 for the position "Youth Aide" which pays \$8 an hour, Friday - Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (6 1/2 hours per day - includes 1/2 hour unpaid lunch). Applications must be returned to the Belle Cooleedge Community Center (5699 S. Land Park Dr.) by 4 pm, Monday, April 1. Program runs June 21 to Aug. 11 with training scheduled for June 19 and 20. All paperwork must be submitted for applications to be considered.

APRIL

Children's Theater Festival at Fairytales Town

Saturdays & Sundays, now through April 28: Show times at 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Introduce your children to the magic of theater! During the month of April, Fairytales Town showcases a diverse selection of theater performances each weekend in the Children's Theater. Performing companies include the Fairytales Town Troupers, Shadow Puppet Theatre, Box-tales Theatre Company, Roseville Theatre Arts Academy and more. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytales Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. www.fairytaletown.org or 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sacramento, 95822

How to find your ancestors in the cemetery

April 11: "How to Find Your Ancestors in the Cemetery" will be presented by Paul E. Hodel at the Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society meeting, 7 pm to 8:30 p.m. Christ Community Church, 5025 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael. Free, visitors welcome

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greehaven

April 11: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday, Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

Teen book spine poetry

April 11: Celebrate National Poetry Month by searching the library shelves for books with interesting titles, and stacking them to create found poetry at 4 p.m. at Arcade Library. Vote on your favorite poem, and see your book spine poem posted online and in the library! 2443 Marconi Ave. 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org.

Sacramento Japanese Film Festival Screening: 'Twenty-Four Eyes'

April 12: The Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church presents 'Twenty-Four Eyes' at 6:45 p.m. One of the 10 best Japanese films of all time, Keisuke Kinoshita's 'Twenty-Four Eyes' follows a school teacher and her first grade students in a small town on Japan's Inland Sea from 1928 to 1948. The girls work or get married and the boys go to war. This film is a vivid portrayal of pre World War II Japan, the loss of innocence, and the huge personal toll war takes. (1954, 156 minutes, in Japanese with English subtitles). 6929 Franklin Blvd. 421-1017.

Bi-Polar Anonymous

April 12: 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 Automobile Museum

April 12: A tour of The California Automobile 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@artz-alz.org. The California Automobile Museum is located at 2200 Front St.

Creek Week 2013 - April 5-13

Come enjoy Sacramento County creeks by attending the week's activities or cleaning a creek. Celebration held at Carmichael Park, April 13 from noon to 2 p.m. Fun for all ages. www.creekweek.net, 454-4544.

Freeport Renovation on the Move Rummage Sale to benefit Belle Cooleedge Skatepark

April 13: Freeport Renovation on the Move Rummage Sale will be held at the Belle Cooleedge Community Center from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5699 South Land Park Dr. Tables may be rented for \$15; setup no earlier than 6:30 a.m., 392-0101; 813-0965.

The Recycling & Solid Waste Division host Free Composting Seminar

April 13: Backyard composting allows you to recycle your yard clippings and fruit and vegetable scraps into a valuable soil amendment right in your own yard. Attendees are eligible for a drawing for a free compost bin. At the seminar you will learn how compost-

ing works, what materials you should and should not compost, getting the right balance of food, air and moisture, maintaining your compost pile, Vermicomposting (composting with worms), and more. Seminar goes from 8 to 10 a.m. and will be held at Camelia Park Community Garden, 6650 Cougar Dr.

St. John's Art Festival 2013

April 13-28: Show opening and champagne reception on Saturday, April 13 from 5 to 9 p.m. with an awards ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Show will be open Sundays, April 14, 21, 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, April 17-April 26 from 4 to 8 p.m., Saturdays April 20 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Mondays, April 15 and 22.

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