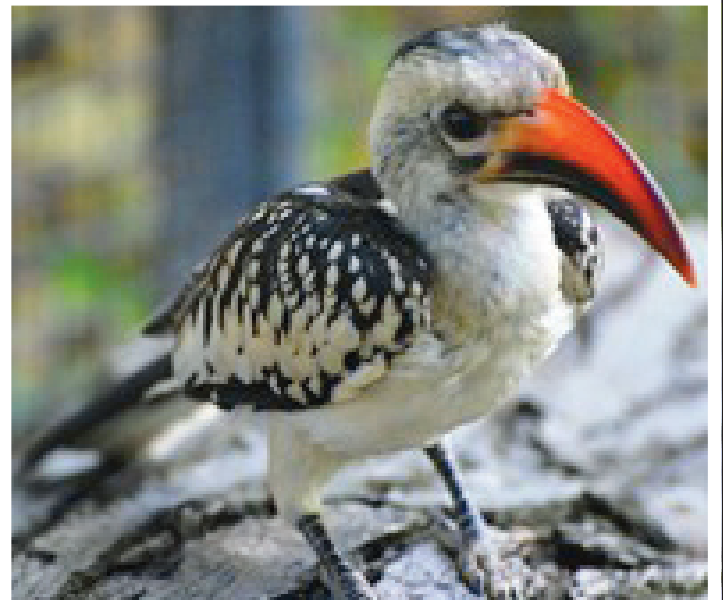


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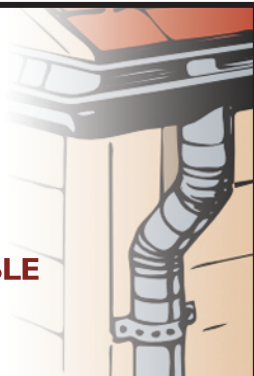
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with Greg Brown



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Slow down for wildlife in Land Park

Feathers flew everywhere in Land Park when a driver hit a goose slowly waddling across Land Park Drive between the baseball fields and the pond area. Details of the fowl fatality are sketchy. Perhaps the driver was speeding, texting, or just not paying attention. No clue on the make and model of the car.

A witness said the goose was suffering and in obvious pain. Suzanne Vice of Land Park told me via e-mail "It was very difficult for me to see." She went on to say, she was tearful and what got to her the most was the gaggle of geese standing next to the dying goose. The geese gathered around their fatally injured friend and made loud, frantic noises.

It was a chaotic scene.

The City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation website mentions "do not feed the wildlife" They should add, "and don't hit them with your Ford Focus either."

Suzanne mentioned to me that "maybe better sig-

nage for drivers to be aware of wildlife crossing the street as well as many pedestrians, children, and joggers that cross the street as well." She just thinks people should slow down.

Maybe a wildlife crossing sign could get drivers to slow down on that stretch of Land Park Drive. Maybe a goose crossing guard...hey, they have one for DMV workers on 24th!

I see a sign

Hollywood Park deserves a sign. Plenty of other established Sacramento neighborhoods have signs marking their territory. Why not Hollywood Park? Hollywood Park resident John Maradik-Symkowick is spearheading an effort along with his wife Christina to get a Hollywood Park sign placed along Freeport Boulevard to "put the neighborhood on the map," as John put it.

They found a perfect spot too, a small rectangular piece of city-owned property next to the Regional Transit bus stop. The little strip of land is located between the King of Curls



John and Christina Maradik-Symkowick stand where they hope a new Hollywood Park sign will be constructed along Freeport Boulevard.

and the Freeport Dental office. There's a beautiful large pine tree and even some small palm trees growing on the "perfect place for a sign" spot. John joked about making the sign look like the Hollywood sign in the hills of Hollywood.

It obviously wouldn't be that large and extravagant but John hopes it would make a similar impact. Maybe a 1950s era type sign.

A lot of Sacramento residents don't even know where Hollywood Park is.

When people ask "Where is Hollywood Park?," the replies are usually, "Across from Raley's" or "Do you know where Hollywood Hardware is?"

If there's a sign, residents can say, "Look for the Hollywood Park sign."

At least that's the plan. John, who is also on the HPNA Board, has met with Sacramento City Council member Jay Schenirer's office to discuss the possibility of a Hollywood Park sign. The proposed site is

on city owned property. There's even electrical that can be used to shine a light on the sign and surrounding area at night.

John and his wife came up with the idea together. Then John brought it to the attention of the HPNA.

When we were standing at the proposed spot for the sign, his wife Christina told me, "This is the fun phase. The dreams and aspirations as well as engaging with the

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Q and A with Mr. Sacramento, Walt Gray

By GREG BROWN
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Popular local TV news anchor Walt Gray could be called Mr. Sacramento. He's been a TV news fixture in this town covering stories for more than 25 years. On the air, and in person, he's friendly, affable, and makes you feel at ease. He can also throw out some zingers that might sting! (He had a few in our Q & A.)

Walt started off at KCRA doing sports and then moved on over to the anchor chair. He left the cozy confines of KCRA to host a morning radio show at KSEG-FM. It was a really bold move. After his brief encounter at the Eagle, he's back in the anchor chair of his new home, KXTV News 10, where he "has the keys to the 5 p.m. newscast" as Walt put it.

He also gets to work with his wife, meteorologist Monica Woods, who's a popular TV personality in her own right. Walt and Monica reside in Land Park with their three children.

Wanna know Walt's favorite craft beer, most memorable story, and who should join the Deadbeat Club? Check out the Land Park News Q & A with Walt Gray.

Q. Let's get to the important stuff first. You seem to enjoy a refreshing adult beverage. I've run into you at Track 7 in City Farms and I saw you tipping back a pint at New Helvetia on Broadway with some co-workers. What is your go-to local craft beer?

A. New Helvetia's Buffalo Lager is my favorite. I like the location and I'd been talking to David Gull about his "project" before the doors opened. I can walk home from there if I have too many. It doesn't take much anymore. I like lagers and avoid light beer. Light beer is like flavored yellow water.

Q. How long have you lived in Land Park and what are some of the things you enjoy about the neighborhood?

A. Seven years in LP. I like our friends...the schools...the zoo/golf course... everything. The Broadway vibe with the ethnic restaurants is great too. Plus, we're five minutes from News10!

Q. Lots of great places to grab a bite in Land Park: Tower Café, Jaime's, Willie's Hamburgers to name a few. When

you get the hungries where does Walt go?

A. The kids order Famous Pizza on Freeport every Friday night, so I get what they don't finish. Iron Restaurant for a bite and Riverside Clubhouse too. I used to live in India so I hit the Katmandu Kitchen on Broadway for some tandoori and a Kingfisher or Taj Mahal lager.

Q. You were at KCRA for over 25 years. Then you transitioned to Morning Radio on the Eagle with the Walt Gray Show. What made you decide to leave KCRA and do mornings at KSEG besides getting to wear shorts and a t-shirt?

A. I had been at KCRA for 25 years and would have been fine dying there. I'd always been part of their current and future plans and didn't feel that was the case anymore. That's not acceptable, at least to me. Being relevant to a station is relevant to me.

Q. Seemed like they pulled the plug a bit early on the Morning Show. Did you see the handwriting on the wall or were you completely blind-sided?

A. I was surprised, sure. The show was highly rated for men 54-plus, but the other demographics needed work. The big boss who hired me retired shortly after I came in...and my immediate boss



Walt Gray

Photo courtesy News 10

was let go a week before my show was canceled.

It went from handwriting on the wall to blaring, flashing neon lights. The new big boss was brought in to be a *^%*, and he did perform his role quite well. Had I known the two guys that hired me would have departed so quickly, I'd have stayed at KCRA.

Q. What music are you listening to these days?

A. Current pop (100.5 FM) and New Country (105.1). When James Taylor passes

away, I may have to take the day off. I did when Sinatra died.

Q. You're an avid biker. What kind of motorcycle do you have and what are some of the rides you like to go on?

A. I am in-between bikes right now. I've had a Harley Softtail and Dyna wide glide. It's tough to ride on weekends when the kids have soccer, theater, play dates and sleepovers. I just can't take off

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for five hours on the bike and tell Mom, "good luck."

Q. Now you're back at it with News 10. How is News 10 different than KCRA?

A. As of today, I have the keys to the 5 p.m. newscast and a mandate of "go out and be myself." That's very unusual for a newscast anchor. They want me to opine and guide viewers through the newscast with my experiences. I've often said I think I've been to every tavern on every road within a two hour drive from Sacramento. I've met lots of good and real people. They want me to tell those stories.

Q. What is it like working so closely with your wife, meteorologist Monica Woods? "Let's go to Monica in the weather center and yes I forgot to pick up a gallon of milk."

A. We drink vanilla almond milk to be specific! She's very passionate about everything she does and keeps me on my toes during the newscast. We don't see much of each other during the day...She's in her "weather zone" and doing KFBK radio hits.

It's not much different for us getting the kids off to school or making dinner. We've known each other for 17 years so familiarity helps on TV.

Q. Do you ever keep in touch with the old school Sacramento TV broadcasters like Dave and Lois, Stan Atkinson, or Bette Vasquez?

A. I see Stan Atkinson on a semi-regular basis. He really was my mentor. He taught me about community service and giving back. He didn't do it because he had to. He was in a position to help those who needed it and he chose to go all in. I served 11 years on the Mercy Foundation All-Star Weekend board with him, and then I transitioned to my own charity for 12 years, the "Walt Gray Ride for Make a Wish." I was lucky to clear \$600,000 for kids. I follow Dave and Lois' retirement travels on Facebook. They're an amazing couple on and off the air.

Q. How is local TV news different today than it was back in the "Stan and Margaret Era"?

A. It's not all that different, except people have many more choices of how they get news. As recently as the mid-80s, you didn't have cable or satellite. It was just the local stations. Budgets are tighter now because the ad dollars are smaller (but still good). We, like all businesses, try to do more with less.

Q. Which broadcasters do you look up to and admire?

A. Colin Cowherd on ESPN radio is incredibly gifted with the word. I love listening to him but wonder why couldn't I be like that! I think ABC World News Tonight anchor David Muir is what the future face of network news. Young guy who gets out of the studio a lot.

Q. You've covered many stories over your career, but I'm sure the Jaycee Dugard kidnapping case must have been the most memorable. I remember convicted rapist/kidnapper Phil Garrido contacted you at KCRA. He even wrote several letters to you personally. That must have been strange and creepy. How did you feel about that?

A. I don't know why he contacted me, except that he lived in Antioch which meant he did get Sacramento TV. Once we talked on the phone, I became his media contact to the outside world. I wasn't opposed to that because it was a huge story which I was on top of. I was live on CNN, MSNBC, the Today Show and national radio. It was surreal, but the only upside was my folks got to watch me more on TV back in Rhode Island.

Q. Way back when you were the sports anchor on KCRA you had an entertaining fea-

ture called "The Deadbeat Club." You'd call out a sports figure for being a deadbeat underneath the song of the same name from the B-52's. Who would make the Deadbeat Club these days?

A. I think I'd put the Sacramento Kings in it today for retiring too many players' jerseys these days in order to promote those nights to sell tickets. The Kings have more retired jerseys than the Lakers now. That's just silly.

Q. What do you think of the Sacramento River Cats switching AAA affiliates from the Oakland A's to the San Francisco Giants?

A. I can see why the River Cats made the switch, but I feel bad for the A's organization that was nothing but loyal to the River Cats ownership and moved the team here from Vancouver. Once again, another defeat for the A's organization versus the Giants. It's the tackle of those two

cities. Everybody loves San Francisco.

Q. I read where your Dad was a Rhode Island State Senator. There were actually some rumblings and whispers that you might run for public office in Sacramento. Was that just a rumor or are you still considering running for office?

A. I talked to my Dad and he was actually angry it even came up. Serving in public office is difficult...you actually can't win. I'm not in a position right now with a young family to be spending time in Washington and flying back and forth. I wouldn't want to miss Land Park Soccer games. Time goes by quickly with the kids and I don't want to miss that.

Q. Okay, last question. Vic's Ice Cream or Gunther's?

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community. Then comes the nitty gritty stuff.”

The nitty gritty stuff... like funding for the sign and implementation.

Where will the dough come from? The HPNA could pitch in some funds. The City of Sacramento might be able to contribute as well. There has been discussions about fundraisers too.

Local volunteers are also welcome. John put out a call for local artists, craftspeople, or “anyone with a creative itch that needs scratching”. He’s also been in talks with City Signs on Freeport with design ideas.

If the project moves forward, the HPNA board plans to pick a set of final designs to be voted on at a future Neighborhood Association General Meeting. A neighborhood sign that would reflect the neighborhood. Nothing too flashy...but something that would complement all the 1950s-era homes in the quaint little neighborhood that wants to burst out of the shadows of the more popular local neighborhoods.

Pho comes to Freeport Boulevard

Fatty Cow Hot Pot along Freeport Boulevard is the res-

taurant that never opened. They never served one hot pot. A lot of remodeling was done inside the former Futami Japanese Restaurant earlier this year but Fatty Cow never actually opened its doors for business.

People who like Hot Pot will have to set their sights elsewhere. I noticed a new sign had replaced the old sign of the fat cow licking his spoon.

The new restaurant will now be called Pho Garden, only this time the restaurant will actually open. The doors were not open when I dropped by, but Sherry, the psychic next door, looked into her crystal ball and told me they would open Oct. 6.

Never doubt a psychic.

There are new neon signs in the window and some giant palm tree like plants ready to be placed around the restaurant.

I spoke over the phone with Jonathon Lam, who’s in charge of hiring the restaurant employees, and he told me they are “very excited about opening in the neighborhood.” He couldn’t give me any information on why Fatty Cow Hot Pot never actually opened. They never served one hot pot. So forget the hot pot and get ready for some pho on Freeport.

Got an item for Over The Fence? Greg@valcomnews.com.

A Chinese food extravaganza coming to the Chinese Community Church

Admission is free to this one-day only Chinese food frenzy event. Set for Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., there will be delicious Chinese food (including barbecue chicken, pot stickers) as well as fun cultural activities (such as live entertainment, games and crafts for the kids). Held over at the Chinese Community Church off of Fruitridge Road, between South Land Park Drive and Freeport Boulevard (at 5600 Gilgunn Way), there will be free parking and a shuttle service from Belle Cooledge Community Center, courtesy of ACC. For more information, visit www.cccsac.net

Parishner Maybelle Whang has been involved with the food festival since the beginning and said besides moving the event from the summer to October and holding it on just one day instead of two, not much has changed over the 30-plus years. “We are well known for the food. We don’t dare change the food,” she says. “We’re



well known for the barbecue chicken. We’re told it’s the best in town. And our chow mein – we use a secret marinade.” She said the aroma lifts through the air and permeates through out the neighborhood. Though most of the food is made day-of, some of it is made ahead with the help of hundreds of volunteers making pot stickers.

What follows is the entertainment schedule for the festival, which features three worship bands, Asian Community Center’s Pocket Pickers, the Filipino Sinagtala ensemble, line dancers, two award-winning local vocalists, the College Fund Street Band, and of

course, CCC’s own Ukulele and Hula Fellowship groups.

The Xaris Worship Band will perform at 11:15 a.m. and noon. The Sinagtala Theatre Ensemble will perform at noon and 12:15 p.m. Tim Clements will perform at 12:15 p.m. and 1 p.m. Zoey and Grace Giammona will perform at 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. ACC Pocket Pickers will play at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m.; Line Dancers at 2:15 and 3 p.m., Dance Revolutions at 3 and 3:20 p.m., Mady Frei at 3:30 and 4 p.m., CCC Worship Band at 4 and 4:30 p.m., CCC Ukulele and Hula at 4:45 and 5:30 p.m., The College Fund Street Band at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

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Local family pays forward the benefits they receive from the YMCA

By MONICA STARK
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The YMCA's annual The Kids Are Y, Tasting and Benefit Auction will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 at the Masonic Temple Ballroom in Downtown Sacramento. The Kids Are Y, will provide guests with food and wine from local restaurants, wineries, and breweries while bidding on unique silent and live auction items.

Funds from the event provides year-round program support and scholarships for local kids who would like to participate in YMCA activities but cannot afford the program fees due to financial hardship. The event will feature: the company of good friends, food and wine tasting, live and silent auction and to top it off, music and entertainment. Tickets are on sale now for \$60 per person. For more information contact JR Springer, Development Director, at jrspringer@ymcasuperior-cal.org or by phone at 452-9622, ext. 103.

The Land Park News caught up with one local family, the Smiths, to discuss their gratitude for the assistance they receive from the YMCA. The parents, Joe and Jasmin Smith, have five kids (all with the initials JC): Jehlani, 13; Javay, 6; Joe Jr., 5; Jordan, 3 ½; and Jada, 2 ½.

The family has helped out with different projects over the last five years, including being Santa Claus for a holiday program the YMCA has had for the kids. They've helped build cribs for the infant room at the Child Development Center and now they are trying to procure items for the Kids Are Y Tasting and Benefit Auction.

The three youngest Smith children currently attend the full-time daycare program offered at the YMCA. Made possible through the Y-Assist Program, the YMCA's financial aid program, the Smiths have been able to work toward their professional goals and strike a balance in their lives.



It's fun to stay at the YMCA. Shown here are parents Joe and Jasmin Smith with their children, pictured from the left: Jordan, 3 ½; Javay, 6; Joe Jr., 5; and Jada, 2 ½. Photo by Monica Stark

Jasmin, a student counselor at DeVry University, and Joe, a supervisor at the Boys and Girls Club, both enjoy what they do for a living, but, as Joe acknowledges, his work for a nonprofit isn't the most financially rewarding, though the work itself is. "The pay isn't the best, but the work is rewarding. For the amount of time we have to put in, the financial return isn't the best. So if it wasn't for the Y and them being able to say – 'we can help you out on the financial end, so all your kids can go to daycare and then we'll keep them from when we start work until we end work' – it means the world to us."

For Jasmin, who has been working just shy of five years in the student central department, she said being able to afford childcare means the world to her as a working mom and wife. "As a mom, as a woman, and I know some dads feel this too, they feel like their roles push them to have

to (stay home and care for the kids). That was one of the things when I first came to Sacramento, I wasn't working. I typically worked all my life except for maybe one and a half years when I took care of my little ones.

"When I first started working at DeVry I had to think, 'Do I really want to start working?' Because of the cost of childcare, you're pretty much just working for childcare. I learned I am a career-driven parent. So all that means for my sanity, as a mom, I get to have a separate arena. It's important for balance.

"At the end of the day, I'd say to moms who are torn between 'do I quit my job to just stay home to take care of the kids?' You have to think about where you are right now. You have to think about where you are in the future, what skills that you have to bring to the table."

And, as Joe added, there are supports like the YMCA that can help you out that make those dreams

you have become realities. "And I think because of the support they are giving us, we will pay it forward. I think that's important."

As he speaks in future tense, however, he and Jasmin have already helped out the YMCA so much and the community at large for sharing their story.

Summing up, as Jasmin said: "It truly does take a village to raise a family. And sometimes you have to go outside of your immediate family to do that for the kids."

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Faces and Places:

Small Wonders of Africa

Photos by MONICA STARK

Opened on Friday, Sept. 28, Small Wonders of Africa is home to new species at the Sacramento Zoo. Small Wonders houses Straw-colored Fruit Bats, an Aardvark, Wolf's Guenons, a Red-billed Hornbill and a Crested Guineafowl.

Each of these species help tell the story of East Africa, presenting the challenges of conserving wildlife in this unique corner of the world. The Sacramento Zoo has been an active participant in many East African conservation programs to educate the African people who share the landscape with native wildlife.

Small Wonders has expanded and improved an existing structure – both on-and off-exhibit animal facilities. It replaced the existing mesh with modern, finer-grade stainless steel and glass to allow for greater visibility. The previous parrot, owl, porcupine and lemur habitats (six exhibits in all) were combined to form three large spaces. The renovation also includes an artificial termite mound where guests will be able to observe nocturnal Aardvarks even as they sleep.

Thanks to presenting sponsor The Ron & Shirley Watkins Family as well as many additional donors, over \$600,000 was raised to make this project possible.

Come see Small Wonders of Africa.



Sacramento Zoo introduces its new executive director

In a statement to the community, Jim Naify, president of the Sacramento Zoological Society Board of Trustees, announced Dr. Adrian Fowler as acting director in light of the tragedy surrounding the late Mary Healy's death.



Adrian Fowler

Included in his letter, Naify stated: "By now you have heard the shocking news that Sacramento Zoo Executive Director and CEO Mary Healy passed away in early August during a trip to Galapagos Islands. Our condolences go out to her husband Steve and the rest of Mary's family as they deal with this very personal tragedy. We are devastated by the loss of our Director, who was a Sacramento community leader and a personal friend to many of us. As the Board of Trustees, we are responsible for assuring continuity and accountability in the Zoo's operations – including animal care, visitor experience and fiscal stability. Here are the initial steps the Board of Trustees will be taking to make sure we meet that responsibility.

"We have appointed Dr. Adrian Fowler as Acting Director. Dr. Fowler was the Zoo's Deputy Director and his background assures the Zoo will remain in good hands. He will be ably assisted by the Zoo's very capable management team and Dr. Ray Wack, Zoo veterinarian."

According to the statement, Naify will be meeting with Zoo's managers regularly for the foreseeable future as appropriate to review ongoing Zoo operations.

Once an individual accepts a position on a board, they have inherently accepted certain fundamental responsibilities, in addition to a commitment of time and accountability to the organization. The key responsibility of the board is to monitor the organization on behalf of the members of the public that it serves; the board possesses ultimate legal responsibility for the organization.

The Sacramento Zoological Society (SZS) currently has 22 trustees on the board, including the Zoo's director. Members may serve up to three three-year terms. The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the SZS is to set policy, govern and raise funds for the Sacramento Zoo in support of the Zoo's mission.



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Introducing the new superintendent of schools: Mr. José L. Banda

(Editor's note: Look for ongoing guest columns from school officials, teachers, students in this publication. This first column is an introduction for the new year from the new Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent, José L. Banda.)

Sacramento is a city on the move, a rising and diverse urban center known for smart leadership, innovation and creativity. It's a city that respects its past while pushing toward a brighter future. As Superintendent of the Sacramento City Unified School District, I am honored and thrilled to serve a community so rich with history and brimming with possibility.

Our goal at Sac City is to prepare every student to work, thrive and participate in the community in which they were raised. As such, I am committed to ensuring equitable access, closing pervasive opportunity gaps and providing an excellent education to every single student. Sacramento has embraced local sourcing in food and other products. Our schools are working to develop locally sourced innovators by educating the leaders of tomorrow.

Implementation of Common Core State Standards will help us ensure that every student graduates from high school fully prepared for college and careers. These standards, adopted by the state Board of Education in 2010, detail what every student should know and be able to do at every grade level. The math standards challenge students to think by emphasizing problem-solving over memorization. The English language arts standards focus on academic writing and deep reading. Although the new standards are more rigorous, we believe our teaching staff and our students are up for the challenge.

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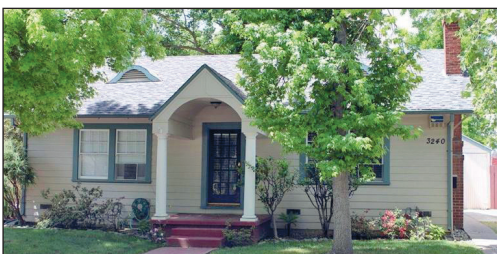
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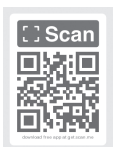
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Matias Bombal's Hollywood

'This is Where I Leave You'

The MPAA has rated this R Warner Brothers' "This is Where I Leave You" is based on a book written by Jonathan Tropper, who adapted the screenplay himself, offering a playground for the talents of Jane Fonda, Jason Bateman, and Tina Fey.

This snarky comedy is set in the childhood home of a large family whose patriarch has died. His widow, played by Fonda, wants all the siblings under one roof for seven days in keeping with her late husband's wishes.

This movie features several of today's bright quick wits, including Adam Driver, Rose Byrne, Corey Stoll, Kathryn Hahn

and, playing someone not so quick, Timothy Olyphant.

The expected childhood rivalries resurface, and lost loves are reinvestigated. The majority of the story follows Jason Bateman's character, Judd Altman, who is trying to conceal from his family a recent personal loss, which is forced out of him at an inappropriate moment by Tina Fey.

This is a fun comedy that will please most people and likely will resonate with movie patrons that came from large families. I was delighted to see Jane Fonda on the big screen again, and enjoyed her "revealing" performance.

Tina Fey, who is a quick and brilliant comedienne, has never been one of my favorites in spite of her enormous and clever talent. However, in this picture, she has some very fine screen moments near the end, which I found most effective. The photography by Terry Stacey is excellent. It is directed by Shawn Levy.

The story, based on Alan Snow's book "Here Be Monsters" follows a young boy that is raised by Boxtrolls, odd little trolls that use a box as a clothing cover that live in the sewers of an old town that is obsessed with fine cheese.

An evil exterminator, Archibald Snatcher, who looks like Dame Edna Everage, and voiced by screen legend Ben Kingsley, is out to kill them all. He wishes to become accepted by high society and to possess the mark of distinction of that class, a tall white top hat. Our young boy hero, "Eggs", named after the markings on the box that he wears, finds the courage to save the day.

Actor Jared Harris voices the leader of the land, "Lord Portley-Rinde" who looks just like the classic British actor C. Aubrey Smith.

Simon Pegg voices "Eggs" natural father, and Tracy Morgan is Mr. Gristle, one of Archibald's hench men. The sets are cleverly and painstakingly designed with many retro and almost "steampunk" elements. This works well for kids and adults alike, with a positive message for all. Stay through the very end for some neat footage!

'The Boxtrolls'

The MPAA has given this a PG rating.

Focus Features offers something for kids and adults with "Boxtrolls", a movie I dreaded to see after having seen the preview, but was pleasantly surprised to find that the actual feature was quite good and lovingly made in the classic style of a George Pal Puppetoon. In this age of CGI and computer animation, to see figures molded in stop motion, not unlike the classic "King Kong" is a rare treat of human craftsmanship.

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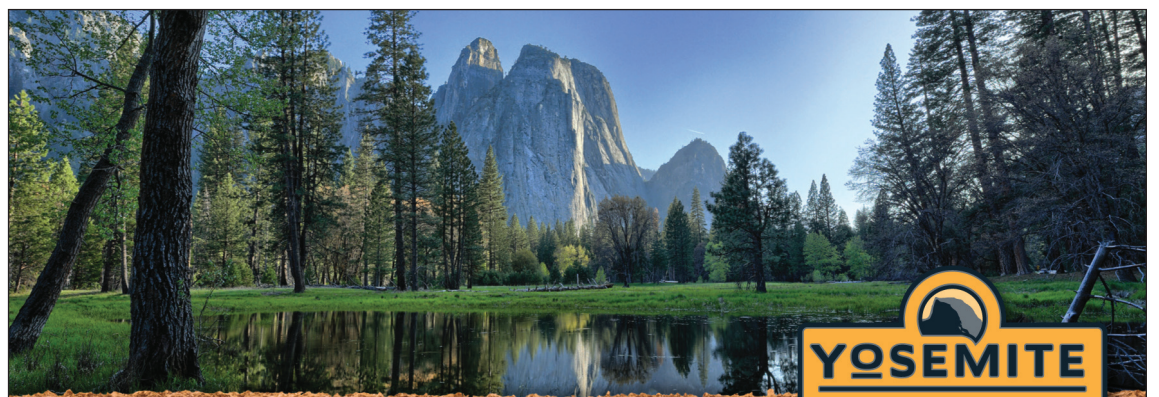
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Former resident recalls early Japanese presence in Riverside-Pocket area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part three in a series regarding historic Asian districts of Sacramento.

When it comes to Japanese history of the Riverside-Pocket area, Emmie (Kato) Makishima is someone who has no trouble recalling first-hand details about that area.

After reading the first articles of this series, Emmie, 88, expressed a desire to share various details regarding her memories of that area.

Emmie, who presently resides in Rio Linda, spoke about the main concentration of early day Japanese of the Riverside-Pocket area.

"It was actually from Sutterville Road – Japanese lived across from the zoo and had farms over there – to all the way to the brickyard (which was located next to today's Lake Greenhaven)," Emmie said. "And past the brickyard was mostly the Portuguese."

In regard to the farming site of the family of Rose (Ishimoto) Takata, who was noted in the initial article of this series as having resided near today's Cabrillo Civic Club #5 at 4605 Karbet Way, Emmie said, "There weren't that many Japanese farming there, but further down south there were quite a few."

Emmie added that she grew up on a ranch a short distance from the old brickyard.

"I lived on (the old Riverside Road), near the Portuguese's Lisbon (area), as they called it," Emmie said. "I lived near where the brickyard used to be (located), where (the development of) Greenhaven 70 (was later constructed) with all those homes. That was our farmland that we rented. And there were about a dozen Japanese families that rented from this one lady (Marion J. Donnellan). And with the war, we had to evacuate and the lady sold the land. So, somebody else bought it and they developed it into all these homes."

A 1908 surveyor's map of the Pocket area, by Ashley and Campbell, shows three parcels of land in the area that were owned by Donnellan. The acre-

ages of those parcels were listed as 317.9, 110.5 and 17.6.

Additionally, a 1962 city document refers to the "525.386-acre tract of land designated 'Marion J. Donnellan.'"

During her interview with this publication, Emmie named the surnames of several Japanese families who resided near her former Riverside area home. Those names were Hikiji, Kimira, Oto, Suyama, Kobayashi, Muramoto, Miura, Morita, Tsugawa and Tanaka.

And in speaking about her parents, Emmie said, "My father was Yohei Kato. He came from Shizuoka, Japan. He went to Hawaii to work in the sugar cane fields on the big island (of Hawaii in) Naalehu. He got to know the man who was the supervisor and he had three sons. So, he hung around with them. And during the First (World) War, all of them were in the Army, but the war ended before they were sent overseas. So, they trained at Schofield Barracks (on the island of Oahu). So, he got to know the supervisor, because of his sons, and then they had a younger sister (named Satski). That's who my father married. A few months after they got married, (Yohei) came to Sacramento (in 1919) and farmed with some of his buddies he was in the Army with in Hawaii. And this was in Sacramento where they call it Swanston Drive now. They had a big farmland there owned by the Swanstons, and so they farmed over there. About a year later, he called for my mother and she came. Soon after that, they moved down to Donnellan's ranch, where they rented this property. It was 30 acres that they farmed. And it was a rental."

Emmie said that not counting her Naalehu-born brother, Kiyoshi, who died when he was about a month, she had three siblings, George, Lily and James.

In recalling her own family farm and other Japanese farms near her old Riverside home, Emmie said, "Everybody in our area were truck gardeners, (who grew) vegetables. Most of the farms were close to Riverside Road, either on the side of the river or the opposite. My father grew all kinds of vegetables. We grew, let's see, corn, cab-

bage, cauliflower, radish. I don't think we had anything that took too (much) time to bundle. Let's see, we didn't have tomatoes. We had watermelons. Most of these things we had to put on the wagon with the horse pulling the wagon. We brought (the filled wagon) to the tank house, where we washed the vegetables up by the house. The roads were not paved out in the field. It was dirt, so when it was raining and muddy, that's why we had to use the horse and wagon. They would bring (the produce by truck) to the farmers' market on 5th Street, near Broadway. And then he got orders from different grocery stores, too, like Arata Bros. And there was a Red & White market. So, (Sohei) would deliver (produce) to these grocery stores, and in exchange he might get some groceries or money."

Through his service during the war, Yohei acquired his American citizenship.

Emmie recalled that following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, her father was approached by the FBI, who immediately departed after learning that he was an American citizen.

She added that although Yohei did not own his own land, he did own his own house and



Photo courtesy of Emmie (Kato) Makishima
Lily, James and Emmie Kato are dressed up for an Independence Day gathering in this 1933 photograph.

crops, which proved additionally important to him in 1942.

"When they were working (on that property) and they had to evacuate, (Yohei) was able to sell (his assets) to a group of Chinese people from San Francisco," Emmie said. "So, all the crops and the house and the farm equipment, everything was sold to them. So, in that way he was lucky, because he didn't lose everything."

Following the war, Emmie resided in Minnesota, where she underwent training to become a registered nurse. She later passed the state board for that work in Washington.

Emmie moved to Sacramento in 1950, where she worked at Sutter Hospital at 2820 L St. and resided near Curtis Park.

She also spent some time residing in Fresno before returning to Sacramento, where she married Joe Makishima in 1957. Joe died at the age of 80 on July 22, 2003.

Joe and Emmie, who had three daughters, Kimi (Joanne), Keiko (Diane) and Sherri, moved to Rio Linda in 1959.

Emmie is presently active in her community, as she volunteers for the Rio Linda-Elverta Historical Society and the Friends of the Rio Linda Library.



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Home to a variety of plants, the WPA Rock Garden at William Land Park also features an arbor with a circular wall and seating area that was built in 2005. The WPA Rock Garden is sandwiched between this pond and Fairytale Town in William Land Park.

Land Park's WPA Rock Garden turns 75 years old

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part one of a two-part series regarding the WPA Rock Garden at William Land Park.

The rock garden in William Land Park reached a milestone in its history, as it has been 75 years since it began as a project of the Work Projects Administration, which was a federal government Depression era system for work relief. The WPA was established as the Works Progress Administration in 1935 and renamed in 1939.

Located on a hillside off Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue, a short distance from Fairytale Town and adjacent to the William A. Carroll Amphitheatre, the nearly 1-acre rock garden includes granite block walls that line its walkways and a wide variety of plants, shrubbery and trees.

Also included in the garden is an arbor featuring a circular wall and seating area built in 2005 with cobbles that were used as ballast in clipper ships more than a century ago. The arbor was dedicated during the same year as a memorial to Norma Clevenger, a Sacramento gardener, and Aurora McGinnes, who was dedicated to caring for her brother, Esque Frost, during the Depression.

The beauty of the garden was detailed in the Feb. 24, 1940 edition of *The Sac-*

ramento Bee, as it was noted: "The flowering peach trees (at the rock garden) are most appealing with their richness and quantity of rosy pink blossoms near plantings of deep green pine.

"Paths bordered with huge clumps of white snowdrops, rosy flowered dwarf heather, iris *stylosa* in light purple tones, bronzy wallflowers, white perennial candytuft, magenta *mesembryanthemum*, rosy lilac saxifrage, pansies of rich gold, deep purple, pure white and sky blue, orange marigolds and gleaming basket of gold *alyssum* lead down to the waterside, where dozens of paper white narcissi bend to the breeze."

A brief reference to the garden was published in the May 18, 1940 edition of *The Bee*, as it was noted that James Mangan, city director of playgrounds, had requested that attendees of a May pageant at the amphitheater be careful not to walk on the garden's flowers.

In its Aug. 31, 1940 edition, *The Bee* referred to *nemesia*, which is also known as the "baby snapdragon." The plant was mentioned to have been "used with great success at the edge of the rock garden in William Land Park, close to the road which winds around the garden."

Small shrubs and ground covers in the garden were mentioned in *The Bee's* Feb. 22, 1941 edition as "making a carpet of brighter color and richer texture."

The scenery of the garden was once again mentioned in *The Bee*, on March

28, 1942, as it was noted: "Many trailing plants ideal in rock gardens are at their best. *Lamium maculatum*, for example, is out on parade in the rock garden at William Land Park."

In her gardening column in the May 8, 1943 edition of *The Bee*, Curtis Park resident Christine Abbott Morrison noted that it was common for local garden clubs to highlight their May meetings with field trips.

Morrison mentioned that the Mignonette Garden Club would then soon partake in a picnic before heading to the rock garden for a tour conducted by Frederick Noble Evans, superintendent of the city's parks department.

Evans, who held the same position at the time the garden was constructed, was referred to in an April 3, 1945 *Bee* article as having called the attention of local flower enthusiasts to the more than 5,000 daffodils which were adding color to the rock garden.

William G. Chorley, then-maintenance supervisor of William Land Park, was pictured in *The Bee's* May 9, 1953 edition, as he was working on herb plantings.

In another *Bee* photo, which was published in that paper on July 8, 1955, Miriam Hall, Zelpha Smith and June Wallace are shown enjoying a break on a wall of the rock garden.

In present times, a sign on the south end of the garden reads: "WPA Rock

Garden." That year represents when the project was completed.

The garden was named by Daisy Mah, the city maintenance worker and gardener who would become synonymous with the garden.

Mah is credited for having restored the garden, which had become neglected.

In an article paying tribute to Mah in *The Bee's* Jan. 20, 2007 edition, it was noted that prior to Mah's assistance, the garden was a "rough and tumble patch of overgrown ivy, weeds and half-dead scrub oaks."

The same article mentioned that after Mah became involved with the site, it had become a "cottage garden with a decidedly California/Mediterranean twist [with] thousands of shrubs, perennials, annuals, bulbs and trees.

Mah, who shared her story about restoring and maintaining the rock garden for the second part of this series, expressed her satisfaction with the garden's present anniversary and with her work with the garden.

"Wow, 75 years, and to think I was part of one-third of those years," Mah said. "I'm surprised, because I haven't thought of it in that (historical) way for years. I feel proud to be a part of the WPA legacy and I did what I could to keep the garden alive and thriving. I feel a little bit like I was connected to an important part of the past."



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California Capital Book Festival offers fun and excitement for book lovers of all stripes

By BONNIE OSBORN

More than 100 authors and thousands of book lovers from 2 to 102 will attend the first California Capital Book Festival, Oct. 25 and 26, at the Sacramento Convention Center. The book festival, which will be a free public event, will be similar to the annual Los Angeles Times Book Festival. It is the first book festival of its scope and size to be held in Northern California.

"Atlanta's book festival draws some 75,000 visitors each year; Miami, with a population slightly smaller than the Sacramento region's, attracts hundreds of thousands to its book fair," said festival organizer Marion Englund, who is a Curtis Park resident. "The greater Sacramento region has hundreds of book clubs, amazing public libraries, and hundreds of authors. We are putting together a program that we believe will bring people from all over the state to Sacramento."

The festival is designed for widespread appeal, featuring

author panels and presentations, storytelling, interactive displays, poetry, history exhibits, demonstrations, live entertainment, publishers and booksellers, sports memorabilia, rare book displays, and more. Featured authors include New York Times best-sellers and award-winners such as John Lescroart, Brenda Novak, Rhys Bowen and Cindy Sample as well as newly published authors such as the "15-ers," a group of authors debuting their first books in 2015. Authors span all genres: romance, mystery, fiction, history, historical fiction, non-fiction, fantasy, YA, kid lit, biography, memoir and more. The list of authors confirmed to date, and still growing, is available at the festival website (CCBookFestival.com).

The California Capital Book Festival is designed not only to celebrate books and reading, but to explore the spaces where literature intersects with real-life experience. An All Things Pets area will feature dog training demonstrations and pet

tricks. The Culinary Delights stage will feature cooking demonstrations, wine and beer pairings, and Farm-to-Table ideas from authors and local celebrity chefs. In Kids Alley, kids of all ages can solve mysteries with the Code Busters Club, conduct science experiments with the Galactic Academy of Science, sing along with the authors of Seasons, Rhymes in Time, and learn how comic books are created at the interactive School of Comics, with comic book writer E.B. Burgoon and local literacy organization 916 Ink. Aspiring authors may attend a track of workshops on how to get published and promote their books. More than 40 area poets will be reading their work and inviting guests to participate in open-mic readings on the Poetry Stage, hosted by the Sacramento Poetry Center. Take a photo with the Wells Fargo stagecoach, centerpiece of the California history section.

The Book Festival will open with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony led by the

participants in the first Sacramento Walk4Literacy (walk4literacy.org). The ribbon cutting will take place at 10 a.m., Oct. 25, at the J Street

entrance to the Convention Center.

For more information about festival attractions and featured authors, visit www.ccbookfestival.com.

California serves for literary stage for Land Park-area authors

By BONNIE OSBORN

More than 100 authors and editors will be featured at the California Capital Book Festival Oct. 25-26. Among them are California State University, Sacramento history professor Lee M.A. Simpson, a Curtis Park resident, and romance/mystery author Michelle Drier of South Land Park.

With co-editor Christopher J. Castaneda, also a professor of history at CSUS, Simpson has compiled a collection of essays that examine Sacramento's extraordinary relationship with its natural surroundings. The book, *River City and Valley Life: An Environmental History of the Sacramento Region*, comprises 416 pages with 47 photographs, divided into four themes: "Boomtown," "Valley Reclamation," "Government Town" and "Reclaiming the Past."

"Every essay looks at how humans' actions have altered or been altered by our natural environment," Simpson says. "Being located at the confluence of two rivers shaped everything that happened in Sacramento's history."

Drier is a native Californian, born in Santa Cruz, with family roots in San Francisco dating to the Gold Rush, and she has lived just about everywhere in the state. Drier is an award-winning former journalist with the San Jose Mercury News and several Central Valley dailies. She will help host a booth at the California Capital Book Festival Oct. 25-26 in her role as president of the local Sisters in Crime chapter, Capitol Crimes.

Drier is perhaps best known for the vampire romance series SNAP and the Kandesky Vampire Chronicles. Her two mysteries, *Edited for Death* and 2013 re-



Michelle Drier

lease *Labeled for Death*, draw on her journalism background, featuring protagonist Amy Hobbes, managing editor of the *Monroe (California) Press*. Her eighth SNAP book, *SNAP: All That Jazz*, was published in June, and the third Amy Hobbes Newspaper mystery, *Delta for Death*, is scheduled for release later this year.

Look for Drier at the Sisters in Crime/Capitol Crimes booth Oct. 25-26, and check the schedule for Simpson's presentation, coming soon at ccbookfestival.com.



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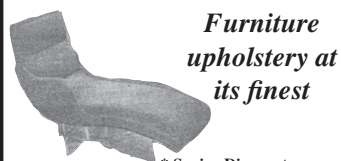
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ONGOING

"Stretch, Strengthen, and Thrive" at ACC:

This class is designed for the needs and abilities of active older adults, who are interested in gaining or maintaining mobility, 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. \$5 per class if pre-paid; drop-in fee is \$6. ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr., 393-9026 x330, www.accsv.org.

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Senior Fitness meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:45 a.m. at St. Anthony's Memorial Hall at 660 Florin Road. Cost is \$2 per class. Do not have to belong to the church. Class incorporates dyna bands, small hand weights, balls, and rubber bands plus cardio. Chair and standing exercises for flexibility, strength and balance accompanied by music of "the good ol' days." Participants do not have to get down on the floor! Paula has a Masters in Exercise Physiology and has been in the fitness business over 25 years. Equipment supplied if needed.

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Community Skill Exchange (time bank) monthly potluck/meeting

On the second Thursday of the month, monthly meetings will be held at the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. Information presentation and questions will be discussed between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Interested new friends encouraged to attend. Potluck and sharing is 6:15- 7:30 p.m.

Members and past friends welcome. Please bring a dish to share and be prepared to record ingredients before serving. 3333 3rd Ave., Oak Park. Community Room (Big Blue Door on 34th Street)

Sacramento Zoo needs wheelchairs

The Sacramento Zoo is looking for a few "gently used" wheelchairs, 808-5888. Your wheelchair can be a tax deductible donation, and four zoo tickets will be offered as a thank you.

Support group for alienated grandparents

Meeting is the last Friday of each month at 2717 Cottage Way, suite 4. Meeting is at noon. 761-9121.

Rotary Club of South Sacramento accepting applications for funding from crab feed

The Rotary Club of South Sacramento and its 501(c)(3) charitable foundation are accepting applications for funding from the proceeds of the annual Crab Feed, to be held on Jan. 24, 2015. It is our intent to select one to three organizations for our annual giving based upon the organizations' submitted applications. Deadline for applications is Sept. 2. Visit www.southsacrotary.org for more information and to apply.

Emotions Anonymous

Meets regularly Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Meeting information is available at www.emotionsanonymous.org. Free 12-step program/support group for those who desire to become well emotionally healthy. Acquire a new way of life, sharing experiences, and learning to live with unsolved emotional problems. Meets Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parkside Community Church 5700 South Land Park Dr.;

Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Sierra Arden Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave (at Northrup), Room F-4. Thursday 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1615 Morse Ave. (at Arden Way) left of choir room. An optional newcomer orientation occurs on Saturdays from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Wellness Recovery Center, 9719 Lincoln Dr. Ste. 300. Also on Saturday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be a topic for discussion at WRC, 9719 Lincoln Dr., Ste. 300.

Mahogany Urban Poetry Series - Queen Sheba - poetry readings

Each Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. at Queen Sheba in Sacramento, local talent makes it way to the restaurant for weekly open-mic events. \$3-\$5. 1704 Broadway.

Brain Gymnasium

Exercise your mind and have some fun at this on-going Brain Gymnasium class! Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays. \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

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Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings

A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

OCTOBER

Friends of Sacramento Public Library Warehouse Sale

Oct. 11: More than 100,000 "gently used" books, videos, and audio books will be offered for prices from fifty cents to \$2 at the Saturday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 11 sale at the warehouse of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. There will also be a \$6 bag sale outside the warehouse on sale days. The warehouse is at the rear of the Friends' "Book Den" store at Suite E, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, just south of 14th Ave. between Power Inn Rd. and Florin-Perkins Rd. Plenty of parking is available, but visitors should be careful not to park between the "No Parking" signs on the south side of Belvedere. Sale hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be a preview for Friends members only on Friday October 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (You can join at the door for \$15). Income from the sale helps pay for programs, equipment, and materials local libraries need but can't afford. The "Book Den", with most items priced individually from \$3 up, will be open during the sale, as well as weekly on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. For more information, call 731-8493 or go to fspl@att.net.

All Sacramento Public Libraries closed

Oct. 9: All Sacramento Public Libraries will be closed all day for staff training.

NorCal Bats at Belle Cooledge Library (Family/All Ages)

Oct. 10: Learn about the importance of bats as they relate to food, insect control, pollination and seed dispersal in our region. NorCal bats will follow it all up with a viewing of live native California bats! The program starts at 4 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Saturday Sleuths Book Club (Book Club)

Oct. 11: Starting at 2 p.m., this group discusses popular and classic mysteries. The October selection is *Sister* by Rosamund Lupton. Belle Cooledge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Pirate Treasure Scavenger Hunt at McKinley & McClatchy (Family/All Ages)

Oct. 11: Put on your pirate costume and join us for a fun-filled afternoon! Festivities will begin at the McKinley Library where we will be making pirate maps, eye-patches, hooks, and hats from 11 a.m. to noon. Then join us for a scavenger hunt through midtown, finding clues along the way until you reach the McClatchy Library. Scavenger

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hunt finishers will find prizes at end their journey along with pirate games and snacks from 2-3 p.m. Come for any or all parts of our Pirate Treasure Hunt Extravaganza! The fun starts and ends at the McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd.

One Book One Film Series at Pocket Library (Adult)

Oct. 11, 25: Starts at 1 p.m., TBA. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is located at 7335 Gloria Dr.

Tolkien Book Club at McClatchy (Book Club)

Oct. 11: Starting at 1:30 p.m., the Tolkien Book Club is open to all who enjoy the works of R.R. Tolkien. All are welcome to this book club meeting the second Saturday of every month at the McClatchy Library, 2112 22nd St.


Preschool Storytime at McClatchy Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

Oct. 14: Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. children and their families are invited for to read books, sing songs, tell stories and have fun. Everyone is welcome to "stay and play" time with our great toys. McClatchy Library is located at 2112 22nd St.

Pumpkin Carving Contest at McClatchy (School Age (6-12))

Oct. 14: Want to get ready for Halloween and show off your artistic skill? Join us for an afternoon of pumpkin carving! You will have one hour to hollow out your pumpkin and create your own jack-o-lantern design. Those interested can have their pumpkins judged at the end of the hour for a chance to win prizes. All pumpkins will be provided and you will be able to take yours home! Contest starts at 3:30 p.m. at the McClatchy Library, located at 2112 22nd St.

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Baby Storytime at Belle Coolege Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

Oct. 14: Join us for nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. This program is for children up to about 18 months old or until they are ready for toddler storytime. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Following the program babies and their caregivers

are invited to stay and play with activity learning toys. Fun starts at 12:30 p.m. Belle Coolege Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Noni's Knit-Wits (Adult)

Oct. 14: Every Tuesday starting at 1:30 p.m., enjoy a relaxing afternoon of knitting with fellow yarn enthusiasts. Anyone interested in knitting and crocheting, even be-

ginners, are welcome to join in. This is not an instructional class, but assistance is available. Bring your own supplies and a project to work on. Belle Coolege Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Bricktastic Block Party at Belle Coolege Library (School Age (6-12))

Oct. 14: Join the monthly block party and make a mess creatively with an amazing selection of Legos, Duplos, and Megablocks. Engineer something new or build something classic! For builders of all ages! Bricktastic starts at 4 p.m. at Belle Coolege Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr.

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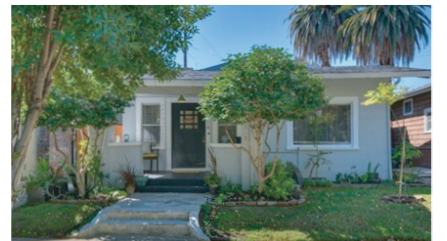
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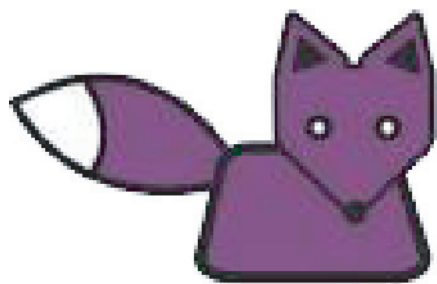
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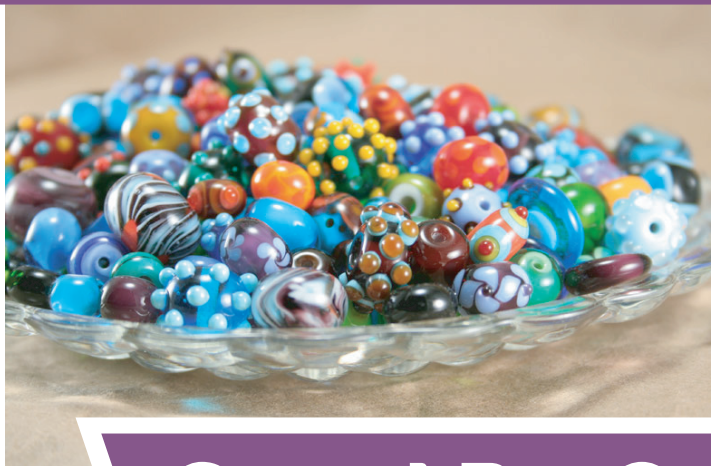
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Global Local at McClatchy Park

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Curated by Land Park art activism center, Sol Collective, Global Local, a co-created celebration of art, culture, activism and healthy living was held at McClatchy Park on Friday, Aug. 29. The event was co-created by Sol Collective, The California Endowment, City Council member Jay Schenirer, On Native Ground, Cleo Cleo Cartel, Sacramento Native American Health Center, Upper Cloud Media, Brick House, Spanglish Arte, Unseen Heroes, Yisreal Farms, Foreign Native, Gorilla Knitting Crew, Hacker Lab, Brown Berets, Sacras Aztlan, Soil Born Farms/Harvest, ARTober Sacramento, Alchemist CDCD, Oak Park, Neighborworks (Oak Park FM and Oak Park Crop Swap), ZFG, Stephani Bouzard Portraits.



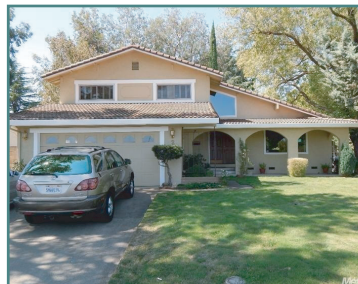
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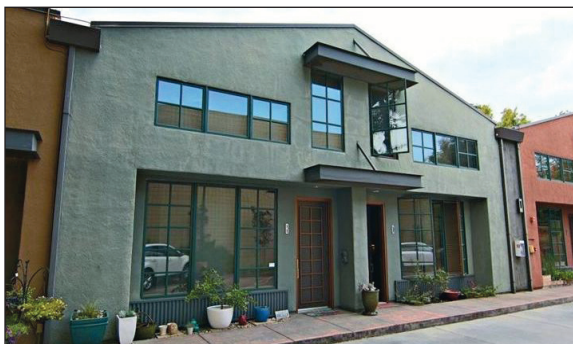
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FACING CURTIS PARK

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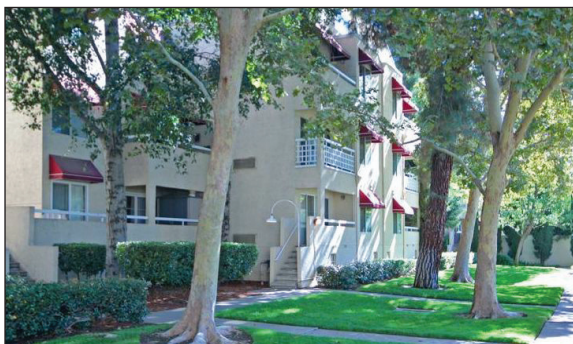
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