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Here is a piece by artist Maggie Jimenez who will be having an artist reception at the Ella K. McClatchy Library on Saturday, Feb. 28.

## Artist kicks off the first of four quarterly art shows sponsored by the McClatchy Library Friends

On Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m., artist Maggie Jimenez will kick off the first of four quarterly art shows this year at the Ella K. McClatchy Library. Then on Saturday, March 21, school age children can participate in clay art with Maggie, starting at 2 p.m. She will help kids make masks, then fire them and bring them back to the library for each child when they are finished. Registration is required for the 10 slots. Children should be between the ages of 7-12. A versatile artist, Jimenez has created creates murals, collages, mosaic pieces and sculptures. She has done murals for Sutter Hospital, the Sacramento Metro Arts Commission and Sacramento City Unified School District. The Ella K. McClatchy Library is located at 2112 22nd St.

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## Over the Fence

with Greg Brown

By GREG BROWN  
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### Run With a Recruiter

Like to jog through the neighborhood? Interested in law enforcement? The Sacramento Police Department hosts "Run with a Recruiter" every Friday morning at the Public Safety Center on Freeport Boulevard.

Just meet at the front doors at 6 a.m. and be ready to run.

Run with a Recruiter is a great way to burn some carbs with Sac PD and learn about what it takes to be a police officer. You'll also get to run along with others who have an interest in law enforcement.

And, no, they're not running to Marie's Donuts and back.

They run all throughout the neighborhood and try to switch it up every week, whether it's jogging the tree-lined winding hills of South Land Park or through the foggy mist of William Land Park. Different scenery makes it more interesting. Sometimes they run near the Sacramento Zoo and do some stretching exercises at the halfway point; then head west.

Run with a Recruiter is no pressure. It's not a race or mad

dash to the finish line. It is a group activity with group exercises, which is what they do at the Sacramento Police Academy. "We try and foster that kind of community sense of exercise," Officer Nevik told me.

Officer Nevik also said, "It's not only meant to evaluate fitness, it's about getting out, getting to know people, and having the opportunity to talk with other officers and other applicants in the process."

I wonder if they've ever been running through Land Park and they come across a crime in progress? Some guy is hauling a big screen TV through a shattered window just when the cops and recruits come jogging up the street.

I guess I'll have to ask them if that's happened on the next...Run With A Recruiter. Every Friday at 6 a.m.

### Dash To Marie's For Some Donuts

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## San Francisco Giants president, CEO entertains local Rotary Club

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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San Francisco Giants President and CEO Larry Baer was the guest speaker at last week's Rotary Club of Sacramento luncheon at the Red Lion Hotel in the historic Woodlake area.

In speaking to about 300 people in a packed room of the hotel on Feb. 3, Larry mainly shared details about the Giants' marketing success, and the organization's drive to maintain a "culture of stability and professionalism."

Early in his speech, Larry commented about the move to have the Sacramento River Cats become a Triple-A affiliate of the Giants.

"(River Cats CEO and majority owner) Susan Savage put out the interest in bringing the Giants to Sacramento," Larry said. "It was a very easy call for us to come to an area that has been so supportive of the Giants over the years. We're starting year one with the River Cats (in April) and we couldn't be more thrilled."

Larry said that he has a special connection to the capital city that predates the Giants' association with the River Cats.

"My father (Vernon B. Baer) was actually raised in Sacramento (by Walter H. and Estelle Mae Baer) and was in the (February 1941) graduating class of McClatchy High School," Larry said. "My dad would talk about going to Pacific Coast League (baseball) games. It was (teams such as) the San Francisco Seals and the Oakland Oaks, and it was the Sacramento Solons. So, those were great days."

Larry mentioned that his experiences with the Giants organization began in the 1980s when he began working with then-Giants owner Bob Lurie as the franchise's marketing director.

After leaving the Giants to attend Harvard Business School, Larry returned to the organization and became involved with Larry McGowan in the establishment of the ownership group that kept the team from moving to Tampa, Fla. in 1992.

Larry said that with the construction of Pacific Bell Park – today's AT&T Park – eight years later, the Giants are secure in San Francisco for "a long, long time."

Among the most important moves for the Giants was the hiring of former Major League Baseball All-Star outfielder Dusty Baker to serve as the team's manager, Larry explained.

"We wanted to get somebody that could really provide leadership for the organization, as well as be somebody that could resurrect the franchise, because in 1992, the team had lost 90 games," Larry said. "And all roads seemed to lead to the individual who was the Giants batting coach at the time, in 1992. And that was Sacramento's own, Dusty Baker."

"I think that the beauty and magic of Dusty was he really knew how to manage those 25 guys. He was our manager for 10 years. We could not have done better with anybody (else) during the first decade of our ownership as a team (than with Baker)."

Larry, who replaced Bill Neukom as the Giants' CEO on Jan. 1, 2012, said that the Giants organization emphasizes keeping its ballpark "100 percent customer friendly," having a vibrant surrounding neighborhood around the



Photo by Lance Armstrong

San Francisco Giants President and CEO Larry Baer shows off his 2014 World Series ring.

park, and winning baseball games.

And in regard to the latter point, the Giants are certainly doing extreme-

ly well in that category, as they won three World Series in five years, including last year's series against the Kansas City Royals.

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# Quick Lunch sign is a reminder of earlier times on Broadway

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Quick Lunch, 513 Broadway, Sacramento."

The notice also mentions that the proposed alcoholic beer license was for the sale for "beer only."

Quick Lunch's next proprietor was Dora M. Allen, who resided at 1114 Yale St., which is located between Broadway and X Street and 10th Street and Riverside Boulevard, near the old city cemetery. Allen, who purchased the business in 1946, advertised her restaurant as serving "home-cooked food."

who acquired the business in about 1951.

From June 1 through Oct. 16, 1954, the restaurant site, with its 18 counter seats, was vacant and advertised for rent in The Bee.

Quick Lunch was purchased by Okla and Dana E. Wright in about November 1954.

About a year later, the old, 14-foot by 20-foot corrugated iron Quick Lunch building was torn down and its materials were placed for sale to the public.

A new, 16-foot by 40-foot building was constructed, and made available for lease in December 1955.

Additionally, the small building, on which the post of the sign is affixed, also adds character to the area.

For those who have grown fond of seeing the Quick Lunch sign and building along Broadway, the following historical summary of the site should be of interest.

At different times during the history of this Broadway site, various restaurants have operated at 513 Broadway.

A city building inspector's card, dated Jan. 23, 1929, notes that Louis A. Rouppe, Sr. (1881-1957), then-owner of a structure at Y Street (today's Broadway), was granted a permit to have the building's kitchen enlarged.



Photo by Lance Armstrong  
The old, neon "Quick Lunch" sign still exists above an old restaurant building at 513 Broadway.

Apparently, the building's sleeping quarters were once also available to employees of the business, as is indicated in an advertisement, which appeared in the March 5, 1941 edition of The Sacramento Bee, as follows: "Inexperienced young girl to work in small lunch room. Board, small wages. 513 Broadway."

In about 1956, Bernard E. Swope, who resided with his wife, Barbara, at 1614 G St., Apt. 1, opened Bar-Bee Lunch restaurant at the 513 Broadway building.

A year later, John B. and Jeanne Sells acquired the dining spot and began running their own restaurant, which they called The Quick Lunch.

In 1959, while The Quick Lunch was still in operation on Broadway, a Quick Lunch restaurant opened at the former site of Eugene I. Jensen's business, Gene's Coffee Shop, at 1413 21st St.

The 21st Street Quick Lunch, which was originally owned by Aldo and Joan Belletini, who resided at 2019 I St., remained in business for an entire decade.

This 21st Street business was owned by Joan Achor in 1960 and Andrew and Helen Mackis from 1961 to at least 1965.

While under the management of Leo Tagawa in 1966 and 1967, the 21st Street

eatery was known as Leo's Quick Lunch.

Tagawa was replaced as manager in 1967 by Geraldine M. Budmark, as Tagawa became a chef at El Rancho Bowl at 900 West Capitol Ave. in West Sacramento.

The 21st Street Quick Lunch closed in 1969, and today, the 21st Street site is home to Jalapeño's restaurant, which opened in 2001.

In continuing with the history of 513 Broadway, Lucille Satos became the proprietor of The Quick Lunch in 1966, and she remained the restaurant's owner until 1969, when Budmark purchased the business.

Later proprietors of this eatery were Ruby D. Wendt, who purchased the business in 1973, and Dan Y. and Lily Chan, who became the restaurant's owners in 1979.

The Quick Lunch remained in business until about 1992.

During its latter Quick Lunch years, the eatery was known as Kim's

Quick Lunch Vietnamese Restaurant.

Other eateries that later operated at that site were Arandas (Mexican food), Edokko Japanese Noodle Restaurant & Kitchen, Sim's Diner, Sim's Soul Food and Curtis's Hole in the Wall.

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  - 4 Furniture wood
  - 5 Bone near the ear
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  - 8 Cotillion VIP
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  - 29 Contest hopeful
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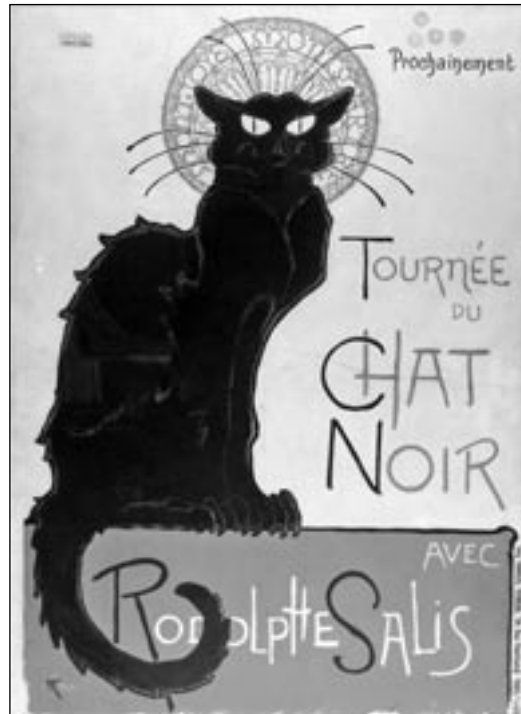
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The Crocker Art Museum is pleased to announce "Of Cottages and Castles: The Art of California Faience," on view now until May 17. Consisting of more than 120 of California Faience's most beautiful vases, tiles, lamps, and figural works, this exhibition is an exploration of the best-known art pottery in Northern California. Asian, Hispano-Moresque, Art Nouveau, and Art Deco styles and techniques show the full range of the pottery's innovation and success.

One of the longest-lived art potteries in the American West, California Faience was founded in 1913 and remained a leader in the field until production ceased in the late 1950s. Along the way, the small company explored styles and techniques to the fullest, from Arts and Crafts vases to modernist figural works, from matte Cuenca-type tiles to dazzling ginger-jar pots with crystalline glazes.

The founder of California Faience, Chauncey R. Thomas, moved from Deerfield, Massachusetts, to Berkeley in 1912. Trained at the New York State School of Clayworking, he had led a pottery in Deerfield, a center of artisanal craftsmanship. Within two years after Thomas opened California Faience, one of his friends from the New York school, William V. Bragdon, was teaching at the California School of Arts and Crafts. The success of their wares at the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition in 1915 convinced them to join forces.

Their partnership was the core of California Faience, which retained its artisanal outlook throughout its history. Their tiles attracted the attention of the famed architect Julia Morgan by 1920. Finding their tiles the perfect complement to her plans for William Randolph Hearst, she sent them designs to produce for Hearst's San Simeon mansion, then under construction.



Théophile-Alexandre Steinlen, *Tournée du Chat Noir*, 1896. Color lithograph, 55 7/8 x 39 3/8 in. Stichting Het Kattenkabinet, Amsterdam.

This collaboration on "Hearst Castle" lasted ten years, during which time the company expanded and moved to new quarters.

Thomas and Bragdon's creative spark continued to drive them towards new achievements, including crystalline glazes, new forms, and innovative glazes. This creativity was to save them and their company when, almost at the same time, the Hearst commission ended and the Great Depression began. The later years of California Faience brought their refined techniques to a new generation, not only in the market but also in collaborations with Northern Californian artists and artisans.



Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, *Ambassadeurs*, Aristide Bruant, 1892. Color lithograph, 52 1/4 x 35 3/4 in. Musée d'Ixelles, Brussels.

# The Met Sacramento student accepted to West Point, Air Force Academy

The Met Sacramento High School senior Abbie Kizer learned this month that she has been accepted to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The process for admittance to one of the U.S. military academies is extremely difficult to navigate: Students must be nominated for consideration by the President, the Vice President, a Congressional Representative or a U.S. Senator. Only one student per Congressional district can be nominated.

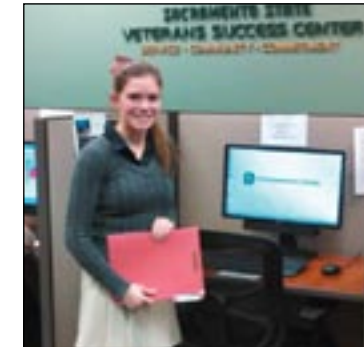
From the 15,000 applications that West Point accepts as complete, 1,200 freshmen are selected to attend. Those selected receive a world-class college education with tuition, room and board and expenses fully paid.

Kizer was also accepted to Point Loma Nazarene University.

In addition to excellent grades, Kizer interns at

the Sacramento State Veteran's Success Center. "She put her interest in the U.S. military and her exceptional ability to help others do good work," says Met advisor Katy Hensley.

Adds Principal Vince Wolfe: "She is a phenomenal young lady and we are proud to see her graduate this year from the Met Sacramento High School."



The Met Sacramento High School senior Abbie Kizer is shown here at her internship.

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# Theater performances held March through August

Fairytale Town will showcase a diverse selection of theater performances for children and families on the first weekend of each month from March through August and the second weekend in July. Performing companies include the Fratello Marionettes, Puppet Art Theater Company, Magical Moonshine Theatre, The Puppet Company and Sean's Shadows.

"Fairytale Town is home to one of the oldest theaters in Sacramento built specifically for children and used for children's theater productions," said Kathy Fleming, executive director of Fairytale Town. "Thousands of children have had their first experience with live theater in the Children's Theater, and we are excited to continue that legacy for today's children."

The Fratello Marionettes will kick off the series the weekend of March 7 and 8 with the Grimm brothers' classic story of "The Frog Prince." The Danville-based Fratello Marionettes produce marionette shows using the cabaret style of manipulation and have entertained audiences since 1989.

On April 4 and 5, Magical Moonshine Theatre will present "Tales of Br'er Rabbit," the traditional African American stories featuring Br'er Rabbit, Br'er Fox and Br'er Bear, with large table-top puppets, a live banjo and singing. Based in Vallejo, Magical Moonshine Theatre has been recognized for fine quality programming with an emphasis on puppetry, masks and music since 1979.

Puppet Art Theater Company will present a zany, updated version of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" the weekend of May 2 and 3. The Sacramento-based

Puppet Art Theater Company performs hundreds of live performances for family audiences at theaters, festivals and public events all over California.

On June 6 and 7, The Puppet Company will perform a traditional African folktale, "Anansi, the Spider," using hand and rod puppets with authentic African music, colorful costuming and classical African design. Based in the Bay Area, The Puppet Company was created by Randal Metz and has been producing imaginative family entertainment for more than 30 years.

On July 11, 30 aspiring young performers from I Can Do That/Arts for All will showcase a unique production at Fairytale Town as part of the Arts for All Day celebration held the same day. I Can Do That's mission is to encourage arts appreciation, increase academic and life skills, and cultivate awareness and acceptance of children and youth with disabilities in schools and the community.

On July 12, Sean's Shadows will present "The Bloom Tree," a tale from China about listening to the little things in life. Sean's Shadows, based in Humboldt County, takes their shadow plays based on stories from around the world to schools, libraries and theatres throughout Northern California.

Puppet Art Theater Company returns to wrap up the theater series with performances of "Cinderella" on Aug. 1 and 2.

All performances take place in Fairytale Town's indoor Children's Theater. Tickets are \$2 for non-members, in addition to park admission, and \$1 for



Photo courtesy of The Puppet Company. Shown here are puppets from The Puppet Company's Anansi the Spider puppet show, which will be showing at Fairytale Town on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7.

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members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. Admission to the July 11 performances are free with paid park admission.

For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462. Theater performances are sponsored by ScholarShare College Savings Plan.

### About the shows

**"The Frog Prince"**  
Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8  
Show times at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

The Grimm Brothers' classic fairytale "The Frog Prince" comes to life through marionette puppets in this production by the Fratello Marionettes. A wicked witch has transformed a handsome prince into a frog, and he is destined to live out his life in the wishing well. While playing in the meadow, the Princess Ofelia accidentally drops her new golden ball into the well. The Princess promises to grant the frog three wishes if he will retrieve her ball. Will the Princess follow through on her promises, and will the frog turn back into the handsome Prince?

**"Tales of Br'er Rabbit"**  
Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5  
12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Magical Moonshine Theatre brings the traditional African American tales of Br'er Rabbit to life with humor, large table-top puppets, a live banjo and singing! Br'er Rabbit may be small, but he has his wits. That doesn't keep him out of trouble, but does tend to get him out of it, once he gets into it. When he comes up against the likes of Br'er

Fox and Br'er Bear, it turns out they are no match for the clever rabbit.

**"The Boy Who Cried Wolf"**  
Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3  
Show times at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

In this zany version of the classic tale by Puppet Art Theater Company, a boy is bored watching his lamb and decides to make things more exciting by turning on his dad's wolf alarm, the "Wolf Alert 3000." Tricking his dad is all fun and games until a real wolf shows up. Will the audience help the boy escape from the wolf?

**"Anansi, the Spider"**  
Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7  
Show times at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

In the jungles of Africa lives a tiny spider known as Anansi. Believing the children of Earth need stories to tell each other, he begins a quest to get the golden box of stories from Nyami, the sky god. This story is presented by The Puppet Company using hand and rod puppets with authentic African music, colorful costuming and classical African design.

**"Arts for All Presents"**  
Saturday, July 11  
Show times at 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Thirty aspiring young performers with and without disabilities will showcase a unique production at Fairytale Town as part of Arts for All Day, presented by I Can Do That/Arts for All.

**"The Bloom Tree"**  
Sunday, July 12  
Show times at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Sean's Shadows presents "The Bloom Tree," a tale from China about listening to the little things in life



Photo courtesy of Fratello Marionettes. Shown here are characters from Fratello Marionettes' The Frog Prince, which will be performed at Fairytale Town on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8.

featuring an unlikely group of characters working together for the common good. The show begins with a special musical presentation.

**"Cinderella"**  
Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 1 and 2  
Show times at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Puppet Art Theater Company will perform the classic tale of "Cinderella." Cinderella wants to attend the ball and dance the night away. Unfortunately her stepmother and awful stepsisters conspire against Cinderella, and it is up to her Fairy Godmother to get her to the ball.

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# Over the Fence:

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7 in William Land Park. Run, jog, or walk two miles, chomp on some Marie's Donuts and dash back to the finish line at William Land Park.

The Donut Dash is gluttony for a good cause.

The proceeds go to The Child Life Program at Sutter's Children Center, which is more than a good cause. The program helps purchase iPads, video game systems, and arts and craft projects for the sick kids. Hospitals aren't exactly an amusement park. The games and gadgets help pass the time in a fun way while children recover from their illness at the hospital.

The Donut Dash brings the local community together and has been growing every year since 2009. Last year's Donut Dash raised \$60,000 for the Child Life Program. That's a lot of donut holes.

I asked event organizer Zack Wandell: Why Marie's Donuts? I mean, they ARE a Land Park institution and they have delicious donuts.

Zack said, "Oh yeah. Best in town." And Zack knows donuts.

He actually grew up in the Greenhaven-Pocket area and was always a Marie's Donuts fan. He told me about Greenhaven Donuts and how he and his friends used to go over there after their paper routes and get the glazed; once he became a teen and was able to drive, "it was Marie's Donuts," he said.

Donut Dash Factoid: 260 dozen donuts and 500-600 dozen donut holes will be consumed at the Donut Dash.

For registration info go to [www.donutdash.org](http://www.donutdash.org). You can also find them on Facebook.

## CPV Safeway gas station proposal still simmering.

Things seem to be heating up with the Curtis Park Village development. Aren't they always?

The latest is a mass email being circulated by Paul Petrovich to local residents about the Safeway supermarket and gas station proposal. In the email he states, "My effort to bring Safeway and its \$25 per hour jobs to Curtis Park Village is in trouble."

The hourly wage is a bit overstated. According to Glassdoor.com, the average salary for a Safeway checker is \$11.27. A food clerk makes \$14.27 and a head clerk can average up to \$18.34 – a good hourly wage, but it's no \$25 an hour.

Looks like Petrovich is using union labor jobs as a PR tool to get the Safeway gas station approved. Will it sway public opinion? Petrovich Development hopes so.

The personal email from Paul ends with "Should I continue to fight for Safeway or give up and let a lower-wage operator take their place? This is the last issue. I don't want to make the wrong decision."

Some recipients weren't too happy with the email correspondence from Paul. "How did he get my email?" one Hollywood Park resident complained. Sounds like Paul has a master list of emails he's sending out to the outskirts of the community.

Another recipient, Dustin Dyer, wrote a scathing response to Paul: "As an attorney I do respect the tactic of misdirection in your argument to attempt to characterize the main purpose your development as an opportunity to benefit the com-



Shown here is are two runners from the Fifth Annual Donut Dash, in support of Child Life Program at Sutter Children's Center, was held on Saturday, March 9, 2013. This year's run will be held on Saturday, March 7. The four-mile race starts and ends in William Land Park with Marie's Donuts as a turnaround spot.

munity rather than the opportunity to maximize profits."

The Safeway gas station is Petrovich's last stand. Safeway and Petrovich say if they don't get the fueling station along with the Supermarket, they can't compete. They noted they especially can't compete with the new Raley's flagship market that will be taking over the old abandoned Capital Nursery spot. Steve Berndt specifically mentioned "the Raley's fuel center" at the SCNA meeting last month. Recently, I was told there would no Raley's gas station although there were blueprints as far back as a couple years ago. The Raley's Development team had been scheduled to appear twice at the Land Park Neighborhood Asso-

ciation, but they canceled both times saying they were not ready to present to the board.

Poker-face. I think Raley's is waiting to see how the Safeway gas station pans out before revealing their blueprints for the new Land Park Raley's.

The Petrovich email also suggests what will happen if Safeway and the gas station do not become part of the Curtis Park Village Development. They might have to put up with a Food Source, Winco, or the fear of all fears...a Wal-Mart.

It's either A or B. I would think Petrovich would want his signature development to be something the entire Sacramento region would be proud of.



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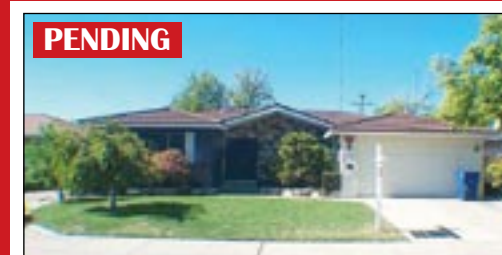
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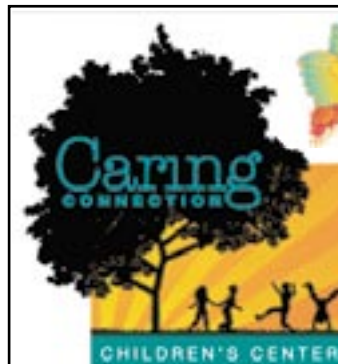


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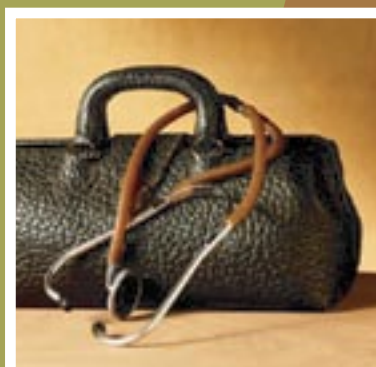
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## Sacramento's Premier Youth Symphony presented its Winter Concerto Concert

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

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

At just 12 years old, Sophie enjoys SYS because in her words, "you get to play with friends and in an orchestra." Sophie, who has been playing violin for six years and piano for four years, said the most challenging piece she's played included the Lalo Symphonie Espagnole or Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor and Bach Preludio in C major. "Kind of nervous" about the concert, Sophie said she got through Lalo Symphonie Espagnole 1st movement "pretty good."

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

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

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



Photo courtesy Samuel Primack, flute soloist and Sophie Zhang, violin soloist.

land. It was a great experience to meet people you didn't know from different backgrounds but be able to immediately sit down and make music together. I will never forget that trip. I have been in the Premier Orchestra of SYS for three years now. Mr. Neumann also gave me the chance to play the double bass in the Folsom Symphony. I have been in the Folsom Symphony for two years and I love performing in that as well."

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

## Post-Japantown business section has long history

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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The city of Sacramento is rich with cultural histories, including the story of Japantown, a community that once thrived in an area bordered by 3rd, 5th, L and O streets.

That community was lost twice in its history, with the first time being to the World War II internment, and the second time to redevelopment.

Although Japantown was eliminated for the final time through the redevelopment project that led to the establishment of Capitol Mall, a new Japanese section was established in the vicinity of 10th Street, between T and W streets.

More than a half-century has passed since that time, and the area has undergone many changes.

Nonetheless, several Japanese-American owned businesses can still be found in that area today.

The history of people and activities of various addresses within this area of 10th Street will be presented in this series. And the initial address summaries are presented, as follows:

### 2130 10th St.

On June 26, 1959, *The Sacramento Bee* ran an advertisement, which reads: "We've moved! Due to the redevelopment program, we've left our 4th and L (streets) address (sic). We wish to welcome our friends...both old and new. Complete prescription service, drug supplies, sundries and greeting cards. Always courteous service at Ouye's Pharmacy. Free Delivery - Free parking. 2130 10th St. (northwest corner of 10th and V streets) HI 4-7370."

Ouye's Pharmacy, which was then owned by brothers, Fred M. Ouye (1911-2002) and Harold N. Ouye (1907-1991), opened at its original location at 400 L St. in 1947. Fred's history as a pharmacist also included operating Nippon Drugs in Lodi in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Ouye's Pharmacy remained in business until about 2007.

The old, 10th Street pharmacy building, which was

designed by George Mura-ki and constructed by Bob Guro, has been occupied by Aspire Strength and Wellness, a fitness coaching, workout facility, since 2013.

The address of 2130 10th St. dates back to about 1894, when an earlier built structure became the home of William Balsz, Jr. (about 1853-1936), who was the son of William Balsz, Sr. (1822-1894) and Mary Balsz (1825-1886), a native of Germany.

William Balsz, Jr., who had eight siblings, was then working as a teamster.

The home was the residence of William Lewis Balsz, a laborer at the Southern Pacific rail yard, just north of Japantown, from as early as 1904 until his death at the age of 75 on January 14, 1958.

### 2215 10th St.

Another business that was established in Sacramento's Japantown and relocated to 10th Street was the Senator Fish Market.

Originally known as the Senator Bait & Fish Market, the business first operated at 1314 4th St. in 1946 under the proprietorship of Niro Sanada and Harry K. Masaki.

Harry became the sole owner of the business while it was still located in Japantown.

In 1962, Harry purchased a home at 2215 10th St. and had it demolished in June of that year. The home dated back to as early as 1912.

A commercial structure was built in its place, and Harry had his business moved into that structure.

Harry's son, McClatchy High School and University of California, Berkeley graduate Akito Masaki, then became the store's owner.

It was also at that time that the business, which specialized in fish and tofu, became known by its aforementioned shortened name of Senator Fish Market.

Among the longtime employees of the store were George Wada and John Enkoji.

Akito continued to operate the business until its closure on Jan. 21, 1995.



Photos by Monica Stark (above left) Shown here is a sign for local business, Osaka-Ya, which operates in the location of the old Senator Fish Market at 2215 10th St. (above right) Shown here is a tall neon sign, which reads: "Wakano Ura, chop suey, sukiyaki."

The vacancy created by the absence of Senator Fish Market was filled by Osaka-Ya, one of the area's most popular businesses.

Osaka-Ya, which continues to operate in that location today, will be featured in the next article in this series.

### 2217 10th St.

One of the more iconic images along 10th Street is a tall neon sign, which reads: "Wakano Ura, chop suey, sukiyaki."

Wakano Ura restaurant also had a previous exist-

ence in Japantown, as it was located at 1224 3rd St. prior to the internment and at 1219 1/2 4th St. following World War II.

Longtime owners of the business were Nobuichi Hanada (1901-1965) and his wife, Mary Hanada (1913-1977).

This eatery, which was the site of many banquets, meetings and wedding receptions, was moved to its final location in about 1959.

According to an article in the Dec. 28, 2005 edition of *The Bee*, one of the restaurant's popular entrées was peanut duck - "pressed duck

coated and cut into squares, with peanuts and sweet and sour sauce on top."

Wakano Ura remained in operation until 2008.

As for the earlier history of 2217 10th St., another house dating back to as early as 1912 previously stood at that site. The longest term resident of that house was Edwin S. Trood, who lived in that structure for at least 25 years.

Today, the old Wakano Ura building also includes a sign advertising for that old business's former menu of Japanese and Chinese food.

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# Matías Bombal's Hollywood

Mortdecai

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

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

His Lordship fancies his new mustache, much to the displeasure of this wife who finds it the cherry-on-the-cake of ridiculousness. What ensues is an attempt by director David Koepf to recreate the magic and plastic lighter than air world of Blake Edwards comedies of the 1960s or the nutty "Carry On" series.

Johnny Depp is clearly channeling the famous British actor Terry Thomas here. Paul Bettany as Mortdecai's man and Gweneth Paltrow are the best in the picture and the unusual casting of Ewan McGregor as the Mi5 agent who has a passion for Paltrow has moments of humor. This is not a very good movie overall, but I found it amusing and without any expectation for greatness, enjoyed the screen shenanigans and the parody of the stiff upper lip British world that only exists in satirical movies. Absent something to do, this is an acceptable way to pass a carefree afternoon.

Until next time, this is your pal, Matías Bombal, bidding you a fond farewell.

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# Land Park children's musician releases best album yet

By MONICA STARK  
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Hailed by children at Tiny Tots Preschool in William Land Park, "Pirate Ship" in the new album by Land Park children's musician Mister Cooper, includes eight Mother Goose rhymes, the title track, and a song about the adventures of a doodle bug.

With many songs kids already know, Mister Cooper mixes in a lot of fun little lines here and there, adding in what he calls, "some new information." What happens to Humpty Dumpty after he fell off the wall? Well, he says, that's for the children to find out.

Mister Cooper created a catchy version of "Hey, Diddle Diddle" that is set to the tune of Hank Williams Sr.'s "Hey, Good Lookin'." With a steel guitar and a pedal, Mister Cooper's adaptation of the song invites audience participation with a call back of "Hey, Diddle Diddle," something, of course children really enjoy.

Playing for little ones at Tiny Tots, Leonardo da Vinci Elementary School, a daycare in the Pocket area and three libraries, Mister Cooper has built up a fan base among kids, their parents and teachers who appreciate that his songs enhance their curricula.

The story behind the song, The More You Read (a song that encourages reading), has

a deep Land Park community connection. "A librarian at (C.K.) McClatchy High School taught (second grade) for one year (2012-13) at Sutterville Elementary, where I sang with the kids. Her name is Donna Vann. And on the door of her room, she put the poster of that song. 'So the more you read, the more you know.' It had two lines. I started humming it right as I read it. I didn't get halfway down before I knew what it was going to be. But it recorded well. I'd sing it at the libraries and with the kids. They seem to go for it and it's positive."

Asked to describe what they like about Mister Cooper and his new album, Tiny Tots children discussed their love for the musician's storytelling and his invitations for them to dance along during live shows.

Declan, Faylenn, Kate and Molly reported back saying they like the freeze dancing that Mister Cooper incorporates into his program. Aleah loves "pirate ship"; Santi likes "Mister Cooper's guitar"; and Payton likes "his songs."

While children love the pirate sounds, adults have come to enjoy the line: "My mother's name is Margaret and the captain called her Peg."

"Hardly any kids are called Margaret anymore and almost no one is called Peggy, so I have adults come up to me and say, I had an aunt Peggy. Her name is Margaret. That's hysterical. I love it," Mister Cooper said.



Children's musician Mister Cooper with his fans from Tiny Tots preschool in Land Park. The group of pirates got together to sing some tunes from Pirate Ship, Mister Cooper's latest album.

In an interview with this publication, Ken Cooper, the name behind the moniker, discussed the making of "Pirate Ship" and his long term involvement singing at local libraries and schools.

To Ken, singing children's songs conjures up memories of his own youth, specifically memories of his mother singing "This Little Piggy."

"I remember the bathtub, the little portable bathtub she'd pull into the tub - that's one of the first memories that I have of her singing that song. So then I start-

ed working on that song and after I heard it I was telling a couple of my friends that I'm starting to work up songs for Mother Goose rhymes and then people started giving me books and (saying): 'Here, look at this website or check this out.' I had never known that 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' had five verses in it." But it's the adaptation of the songs, that makes his music so inviting as he often uses the same melody but different chords, as he does in "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star."

And, in the album's title track, his voice carries like a scary pirate singing to the tunes of a sea shanty.

After 25 drafts and critiques from his most critical listeners - children at his sing-alongs - Ken is proud to say he's happy with the results. "I just could not get it right. I had all kinds of weird stuff and the kids were going: 'No, the captains on a ship don't have dogs. Pirates have parrots. You got to put a parrot in. You got to take the dog

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Image courtesy

Shown here is the album cover for Mister Cooper's "Pirate Ship" album.

## Mister Cooper:

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out.' So the dog was out and the parrot was in." And, in the end, as far as the recordings go, he said Pirate Ship is the Matilda of his latest album. Those die-hard Mister Cooper fans would recall Matilda is a singing gorilla from the CD Mister Cooper is for the Birds, which was released in 2011. Suffice to say, children love Matilda and they also love Pirate Ship.

For instance, shortly before the interview with this publication, Mister Cooper said kids came up to him, holding their tongues, singing one of the repetitive lines: "I was born on a pirate ship."

Mister Cooper started recording the CD at the end of last June and by August the album was mixed and fixed. In November, it was sent to the manufacturer and he had before copies for sale the week before Christmas.

Pirate Ship lists the following musicians as the album's "singers and players": Leo and Max Adams, vocal; Marisa Atha, vocals; Eric Bianchi, bass and vocal; Ethan Bianchi, vocal; Keith Cary, steel guitar; Richie Lawrence, piano, accordion and vocal; Michelle Lewis, vocal; Scott McChane, drums and vocals; John O'Kennedy, dobro; and Mister Cooper, everything else.

In order of release date Mister Cooper's albums include: Mister Cooper, which was released in

2006; This World, on Jan. 1, 2009; Mister Cooper's for the Birds, April 2011; I Like Your Hat, March or April 2013; and Pirate Ship on Jan. 6, 2015.

The Friends of the Pocket-Greenhaven Library and the Friends of the Belle Cooledge Library pay for the music program with Mister Cooper, but, for the Colonial Heights Public Library, Mister Cooper said despite best efforts by that branch's Friends of the Library, there was not enough money from book sales and other fundraisers, so parents formed the Facebook group: "Mr Cooper Funding: Maintain the Weekly Music Program at Colonial Heights!" Posted on that page on Feb. 6 at 12:13 p.m. was the following announcement: "Great news! We have officially donated enough to keep the music program running through APRIL!! Amazing!"

Beaming with gratitude, Mister Cooper said the following regarding parents' ongoing efforts: "They're chipping in wherever they can and it seems to be working out alright. So, I'm very thankful."

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Saturday, March 14, 2015, 5p.m. - 9p.m., Hyatt Regency Sacramento  
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**PENDING**

**FANTASTIC LAND PARK**

Spacious home in Old Land Park. 4 bedrooms 3 baths, updated for today's lifestyle. Perfect for entertaining. Parks, Transportation, Shopping and Midtown - All close by! Walk to Vic's for ice cream, or go to the Zoo or Fairytale Town. A Happy Place! \$785,000

**SHEILA VAN NOY 505-5395**



**PENDING**

**FABULOUS LAND PARK REMODEL**

A work of art in Land Park! 4 bedrooms (3 upstairs and In-Law quarters downstairs). 3 baths with marble heated floors. All new electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning and solid oak hardwood floors. Gourmet kitchen, private balcony off master. \$1,140,000

**CONNIE LANDSBERG 761-0411**



**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

Renovate your dream home! On almost a 1/4 acre in Oak Park, this 3 bedroom and 1½ bathroom home is a fixer with loads of potential. The original hardwood floors, woodwork and beautiful staircase can all be restored. Nice street, curb appeal and original charm make this a must see! \$180,000

**JAMIE RICH 612-4000**



**PENDING**

**ADORABLE HOLLYWOOD PARK**

Darling 3 bedroom home with hardwood parquet floors, living room fireplace, cute kitchen and formal dining room. Central heat and air, dual pane windows and bonus rooms at the back have been used as family room and 3rd bedroom. Fruit trees and work shop in backyard. \$159,000

**PAULA SWAYNE 425-9715**



**SACRAMENTO JEWEL**

Beautifully renovated from head to toe - The Didion House - Rich wood, fine detailing and spacious rooms. Historical in in both style, heritage and culture. 4 bedrooms 2 full baths and 2 half baths with new kitchen, three floors, including media room, and a full basement. \$1,395,000

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**SOLD**

**CUTE AS A BUTTON LAND PARK**

Sunny home in great location! Two eating areas, hardwood floors and newer roof. 2 bedrooms plus playroom or office plus a converted garage which could be used for guest quarters or a home office. It has a huge bathroom, kitchenette, cathedral ceilings, and more! \$490,000

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**PENDING**

**HOLLYWOOD PARK CUTIE**

Move-in-ready 2 bedroom home within easy walking distance of James Mangan Park! Updated kitchen and nook, updated bath; central heat and air. Nice sized backyard with small patio, 1-car garage with extra storage closet. \$175,000

**PAULA SWAYNE 425-9715**



**PENDING**

**AMAZING HOLLYWOOD PARK**

Amazing remodeled 3 bedroom home. Brand new designer paint inside and out. New refinished real hardwood floors throughout. Newer window, roof, kitchen, bath, granite counter, island, appliances, heat/air, and 2-car garage. Pretty fireplace, larger lot; close to downtown, city college, golf and park \$299,000

**MONA GERGEN 247-9555**



**SOLD**

**HANDSOME LAND PARK**

Spanish style home in the heart of Old Land Park. 3 bedrooms 2 baths, spacious rooms, great floor plan, full basement and a backyard made for entertaining... One of a kind detailing and style. Paradise is personal but I think you might just find it here. \$799,500

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