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Take walking up a notch

Pole-walking, sometimes called Nordic walking, has come to the Pocket. Wednesday mornings on the Elks Lodge No. 6 parking lot, instructors and students get out their poles for a free class, courtesy of Cure Arthritis Now. Thirty minutes of pole walking is equal to 50 minutes of regular walking,' says instructor Karen Vicari. Taking up the jaunt on a recent morning were, from left, Lynette Porter and Josh Ward of East Sacramento, instructor Vicari in the black jacket, and Ken Kuhl. For more about the class, see page 4.





Six scouts earn their Eagle rank



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There's some symmetry between President Barack Obama and new Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson.

The two men were elected on change. The two men face drastic cutbacks in uncertain economic times. And, here just as in Washington, D.C., the honeymoon period only lasts so long for new leaders.

Still enjoying the honeymoon, Johnson visited Libson Elementary School in the Pocket area on Jan. 26 in the first of eight planned town hall meetings during his first

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With golf, practice can make 'permanent'

Jenni Martin knows golf - she's an LPGA teaching pro in Sacramento - and she's ready to share her knowledge with those who wants to improve their game. Look for her column of advice, tips and strategies each month in the East Sacramento News.

Wanna beat Obama?

If your goal this year is to break 90 (or even 100) follow these simple tips and -- don't give up.

1) Roll some putts indoors. Bring your putter to work and rehearse your putting pre-shot routine. Sink some putts into a paper cup or roll 'em over a paper clip. Remember to take dead aim. Getting your brain to trust your eye is an important skill. More than 60 percent of our strokes in a



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round typically come from the short game.

2) Consider using that gym membership. A strong flexible "core" involves more than just the abs. Flexibility and strength in also the low back, butt, hips will give you a better coil, and more stamina after the turn. Consistency and length comes from a good mid section.

3)See your swing. Take a video lesson. Most pros now offer this benefit. Usually

seeing your swing aids in applying the changes and doing the correct drills. Remember what Dave Pelz always says: "Practice makes permanent ... not perfect.' Get good information and practice correctly.

This should give you a fighting chance to beat the new prez in 2009. Good luck!

Ienni Martin is a LPGA teaching professional in Sacramento. E-mail her with your questions: galgolfg2@me.com, phone 837-8952.



Correction

ryant Philip Lee, a UC Irvine freshman **J** who was recently promoted to Eagle Scout in Troop 50 ceremonies, was featured in an article in the Jan. 22 Pocket News. His last name was given incorrectly in that article.

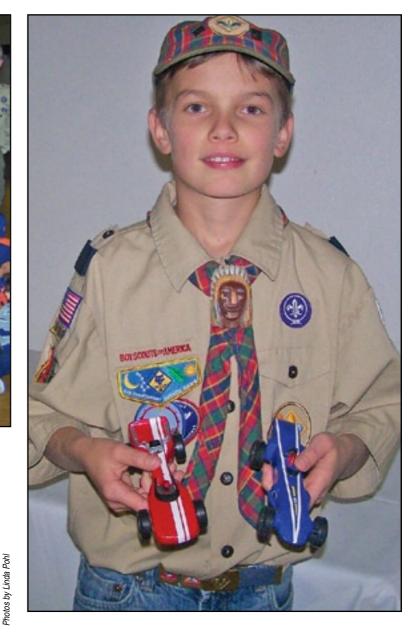




Derby feast

A new pine car derby track for Boy Scout Troops 259 was the goal at a fund-raising spaghetti feed recently held at Elks Lodge No. 6 on Riverside Boulevard. Nearly 300 people came to the feed, raising \$1,755 to help replace a 15-year-old wooden track that has seen its day. 'I can't tell you how much the Elks did for us,' said Russ Hudson, spokesman for the troop. 'Not just the volunteers on the dinner, but we have over 90 in attendance.' Troop 259 was out in full force for setup, serving and cleanup.







Free classes every Wednesday **Nordic walking finds its way to the Elks' Pocket parking lot**

By Tyrone Bowman THE POCKET NEWS

group of people walking around Elk's Lodge parking lot with ski poles, despite there being no snow, have not lost their minds. Instead, they have found a new form of exercise.

Pole walking, also called Nordic walking, has come to the Pocket. It could be the answer for people who are trying to get back in shape and its students insist that it's a great activity for people who have arthritis.

There's a big difference between pole walking and regular walking.

"Thirty minutes of pole walk-

ing is equal to 50 minutes of regular walking, because you are using your whole upper body," said Karen Vicari, executive director of the non-profit organization Cure Arthritis Now, a group that sponsors a free pole walking class at 10 a.m. Wednesday mornings.

The instructors, Quaint Brylski and Vicari, have both been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and have been pole walking for more than five years.

"It helps ward off arthritis and if you already have it, it can keep it in check," Vicari said.



Pole walkers join in the Wednesday morning walk at Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. From left are Catherine Kirk, Elks Exalted Ruler Steve Clazie and Joan Clazie.



Pole walking is regular walking with two ski poles strapped to each hand at a 90-degree angle, while keeping the elbows bent. It increases cardiovascular activity and improves balance and posture, which makes it also a great exercise for people with arthritis.

"It is more fun than walking and encourages people to exercise together and exercise more regularly," said Brylski.

According to Foot Solutions (a local store specializing in walking paraphernalia), pole walking tones more of the body's core muscles while improving body alignment. It decreases stress "Thirty minutes of pole walking is equal to 50 minutes of regular walking, because you are using your whole upper body."

Karen Vicari Instructor

to the knees, hips, and back while alleviating pain and tension to the whole upper body. Recent studies by the Cooper Institute in Dallas have shown that pole walking can burn up to 46 percent more calories than regular walking. lt's 'natural'

Pole walking, imported from Europe, is not entirely foreign to the U.S. A Wisconsin-based company has been selling Exerstrider poles since 1988.

In 2004, LEKI USA, based in Germany, brought over a lot of trainers to educate U.S. retailers, including those in Seattle and San Diego.

"As long as the upper body is engaged in some way, the result is better than regular walking," said Jim Garfield, LEKI USA's fitness consultant. He said that there is no wrong way to use the poles, but if used correctly, the benefits will be the greatest. Burning the most calories does take some diligent and unrelenting practice, he said. Having a trainer is one of the best ways to get the greatest benefit from pole walking.

Unlike regular walking, a skill most toddlers pick up before 2, pole walking is not a naturally learned task, but can be learned by anyone.

"Even though it may feel unnatural, it is perfectly natural," Brylski said. If you can walk, you can pole walk."

For information and reservations for the Cure Arthritis Now-sponsored class at the Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd., phone 208-8700. Additional information is at www.CureArthritisNow.org.



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It's all on the table Merging schools, cutting principals part of school use discussions

By Miranda Menestrina THE POCKET NEWS

the state calling for more budget cuts from the education system, the Sacramento County Unified School District turned to the community, Tuesday, Jan. 20, to brainstorm new ways to raise money.

The meeting, held at John F. Kennedy High School, was the third of 11 meetings in the district's five "study areas" (north, south, east, west and central) that have been organized to discuss ideas on how to best use the city's school facilities and other sites to gain back money that lost from budget cuts and falling enrollment.

Since 2002, the district has cut \$90.4 million and, since 1999, has lost roughly 10,000 students. A \$15 million deficit is projected for the 2009-2010 school year.

"Our school facilities are underutilized," said Susan Miller, interim schools superintendent. "We need to develop strategies for saving money and generating revenue."

Suggestions, please

Speaking to about 75 community members, school staff, and parents who

"Our school facilities are underutilized. We need to develop strategies for saving money and generating revenue." Susan Miller Interim superintendent

are in the west study area — meaning all schools west of Interstate 5 — Miller asked for input and recommendations.

"We want to bring services into the district neighborhoods," she said, "and we value your suggestions."

Among the proposals was to combine two elementary schools and dedicate the open facility to a middle school for sixth through eighth graders.

"Right now we have no middle school," said May Clark. Her son goes to the School of Engineering and Science, which has grades seven through 10 this year, but will add grades each year until it has grades seven through 12. "Having a middle school will bring the correct amount of funding for these particular grade levels, the right number of counselors, increase students' test scores, and allow for better sports."

But another parent expressed his concerns when it came to combining schools.

"When Bear Flag and Caroline Wenzel combined, the students weren't matched academically," said Dale Fong, whose daughter attends Caroline Wenzel. "You can't just drop (students) off and expect them to get caught up. Reserve money would have to be put aside for tutors to help students who aren't quite up to speed."

Other ideas to save money included removing unused portables and trimming administration.

"Each school in this district, no matter its size, has a full-time principal, secretary and plant manager," said Leo Bennett-Cauchon. "There are some schools out there that share principals and have an automated call center. Why not try that here?"

With concern to the falling enrollment, parent Michelle Miranda declared that test scores needed to be addressed.

"That's a major factor in the declining numbers," she said, noting that she's seen a drop in the test scores at Lisbon (K-6), which also has the lowest number of enrolled students. "Students who live within blocks of Lisbon are going all the way to Elk Grove."

A mother of a fourth-grader agreed, saying, "I wouldn't send (my daughter) to Lisbon if she hadn't been accepted into the GATE program."

Those with ideas on how to best use the district's facilities are encouraged to come to future meetings, post their thoughts online at the district's website -- www.scusd.edu, under the Facility Use Community Meetings section -- or call the district directly at 643-9043. All comment, questions and responses will be posted online.

Future meeting sites

All meetings are scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m.

Central Study Area • Wednesday, Feb. 11 Leonardo da Vinci K-8 School 4701 Joaquin Way

North Study Area • Tuesday, Feb. 10 Sacramento Charter High School 2315 34th St.



Long journey of dedication **Troop 259 honors six Eagle Scouts at Court of Honor**

By Kim Worl SPECIAL TO THE POCKET NEWS

oy Scout Troop 259 celebrated the advancement of six of

their Scouts to Eagle rank at a Court of Honor on Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6.

The freshly minted Eagle Scouts included Anthony Fong, Miguel Francisco, Travis Murata, Matthew Puliz, Andrew Toy, and Kory Worl. These young men join 148 other Eagle Scouts who have risen through the ranks of Troop 259.

Achieving Scouting's highest rank is a significant challenge that requires a keen interest in nature and the outdoors, a commitment to learning and mastering new skills, dedication to achieving a goal, and planning. For those that complete the journey it a tremendous source of pride and accomplishment. Fewer than 3 percent of Scouts achieve Eagle rank.

What it takes

To earn the rank of Eagle, the Scouts must advance through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life. Throughout the advancement the scouts are required to earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required for Eagle (such as Camping, Citizenship in the Community, First Aid, Personal Fitness and Personal Management). Each Eagle Scout also must earn nine elective merit badges. More than 100 different elective merit badges are available with subjects ranging from architecture to wilderness survival.

Each of the Eagle Scouts must also maintain positions of responsibility within the troop. The final, and for many, the most challenging Eagle requirement is the community service project, where the scout must conceive, develop, plan and complete a project that benefits the community.

Service projects

Anthony Fong designed and constructed a meditation garden park for the Chinese United Methodist Church; Miguel Francisco organized and coordinated the planting of 15 trees at St. Anne's Elementary School; Travis Murata organized the painting of addresses on the sidewalk curbs for numerous houses for the South Pocket Homeowners Association; Matthew Puliz restored the tables, benches, and amphitheater at Camp Fire USA at Goethe Park; Andrew Toy organized a significant re-landscaping effort for the local Ronald McDonald House; and Kory Worl organized the planting of six shade trees adjacent to the sports fields at West Campus High School.

These projects required considerable effort and time from the Scouts as well as the many volunteers who were mobilized to help.

Steve Clazie, Elks Lodge No. 6 Exaulted Ruler, congratulated the Scouts and described the Elk's continued support for Troop

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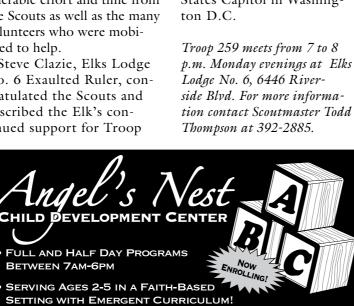
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259. To honor of the Eagle Scouts, the Elks Lodge donated individual U.S. flags and display boxes to each of the Eagle Scouts. To commemorate their achievements, each of the flags will be flown over the United States Capitol in Washing-



Eagle Scouts from Troop 259, from left, are Andrew Toy, Kory Worl, Matthew Puliz, Anthony Fong, Travis Murata, and Miguel Francisco.





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Proceeds will benefit the Elks Lodge Deceased Members Memorial.

Pick-up requests for those unable to drop by Feb. 8 can be made to Don Puliz, 429-6465.

Afghan aid in focus

Budd MacKenzie, a Bay Area lawyer who now spends months in Afghanistan each year, risking his life to provide secular education and alternatives to opium-based subsistence farming, will speak in an open forum at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Faith Presbyterian Church, 625 Florin Road.

MacKenzie founded Trust in Education, a grass-root, non-profit, secular organization in 2003. TIE provides education, health care and economic development programs in Afghanistan.

TIE first provided funding to build a co-educational school in Lalander that opened in March 2005. The school is

within a 15-minute walk from home, instead of the three hours it once took to reach schools in Kabul. In March 2006, adult education courses were added. Now, more than 300 girls attend TIE-funded classes. TIE financed playground equipment, a soccer field, and a soccer program that brought "fun" into the curriculum, thereby dramatically increasing enrollment.

A TIE sponsored irrigation project was completed in 2005. More than 23,000 fruit trees provided by TIE have been planted by hundreds of Afghan farming families.

TIE provides farmers with seeds, fertilizer, and farming courses. Farmers grow better produce, obtain higher yields, and generate more income.

For further information, contact DiAnne Brown, 395-6129.

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To qualify, a person must have been out of a job for six months in 2008 or have a foreclosed house. It is not for business owners, landlords, those with stock market losses, or officers in a corporation of the tax return to be prepared.

Senst will provide all necessary forms for state and federal taxes. A \$5 kit is available that includes envelopes, stamps, calculator, pen and other hardware needed to complete the forms. If the items are self-provided, there is no fee.

Forms will be completed in a class setting, with experts walking taxpayers through their forms.

"The whole process will take less than an hour," according to Senst, "and the result will be their tax return prepared by them and supervised by us."

For more information or to register for a class, phone 640-3820, e-mail taxirene@iwon.com, or see the website at www.taxirene.info.

Local burglaries increase

From the Sacramento Police Department

Since the middle of January, there has been an increase of residential burglaries in the northeast area of the Pocket. The burglaries have taken place at all hours of the day. Entry has been by force to the side garage door, breaking out sliding doors, or through unlocked doors.

Televisions, electronics, laptops, jewelry, video games, and cash have been stolen.

Locations include:

900 block of Johnfer Way, Jan. 24, unknown time frame. 6300 block of Oakridge Way, Jan. 17, between 3:30 and 4:30 a.m. 1100 block of Lake Glen Way, Jan. 20, between 3:05 and 9:45 p.m.

5900 block of Riverside Blvd, Jan. 21, between 2:20 and 4:20 p.m. 6400 block of Holstein Way, Jan. 15 and 24.

1000 block of Woodshire Way. Jan. 25, between 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

1200 block of 41st Ave, Jan. 26, at 8:48 p.m.

1400 block of Kitchner Rd, Jan. 27, between 1:50 and 3 p.m. 1200 block of 42nd Ave, Jan. 27, between 1:10 and 5:30 p.m. 900 block of Woodshire Way, Jan. 27, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. 5900 block of Lake Crest Way,

Jan. 27, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. There were no descriptions of the suspect(s) as of press time. Information is asked to be given to Detective McMillan at NCU South, phone 808-5220.



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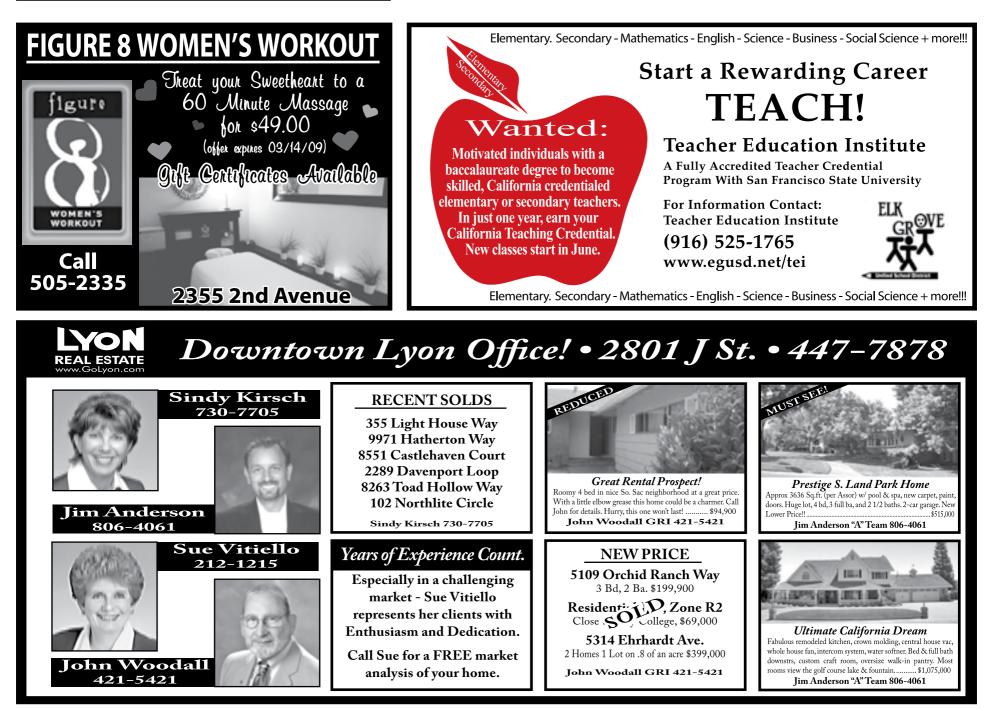
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New pastor in Greenhaven

Paige Vincent Vorhies is the new minister at Greenhaven Neighborhood Church, 630 Ark Way. The pastor hopes to bring a practical, no-nonsense approach to the how-to's of loving God and others to his ministry. He enjoys a game of golf on occasion, although he says he plays very badly, and loves long trips on his motorcycle. Married to Joanne for 20 years, the couple have two grown daughters, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Contact the pastor at pastorpaige@greenhaven.org; for more information about the church, see the website www.greenhaven.org.



year in office. About 350 people attended the meeting, hosted by Councilman Robbie Waters, who represents District 7. Police Chief Rick Braziel spoke as well.

Public safety was the main focus for Johnson, although he also discussed the strong-mayor initiative (since the meeting, Johnson has set-side that initiative), the budget, education and even fixing potholes.

'Sense of purpose'

"I didn't set out to be a politician. I'm not going to be a normal politician," Johnson told the crowd before the question-and-answer period. "I ran because I thought I could make a difference and I ran because I felt a sense of purpose to do something in our community. I know that's why each of you are here today."

Johnson's supporters have collected about 37,000 signa-

tures for a strong-mayor initiative, which would give the mayor the authority to propose the budget and appoint department heads. The strong-mayor system has been used in other cities, like Fresno.

Even though mayor is a fulltime position, Johnson said he doesn't believe the job entails "full-time responsibility." He added that the strong-mayor system would provide a better form of checks and balances between the mayor and the City Council.

Johnson said he doesn't mind if there's more dialogue about the initiative before a special election is called.

"At the end of the day, who are you holding accountable?" he said. "To me the buck should stop where there's clear accountability. When I was campaigning, I said that this was a discussion that our city should have."

Safety issues

Johnson and Braziel discussed the challenges of public safety. Braziel pointed out that Sacramento has 1.49 officers per 1,000 residents, the lowest among all U.S. cities of the same size. Johnson later said he would like to get that number increased to at least two per 1,000.

Braziel said one of the unique characteristics of Sacramento is the amount of protests around the state Capitol, something that only San Francisco and Los Angeles deal with on a daily basis. Those protests and demonstrations always require a police presence. Braziel also mentioned the need to increase safety on the roads.

"We're the worst city in the state of California for injury accidents or fatal accidents and accidents related to alcohol, and that's not something to be proud of," Braziel said.

A question about education was one of the final ones of the night, but it struck a chord with Johnson. He pointed to a program in Washington, D.C., that helped employ young people. Johnson said an education summit is scheduled for March 9 to discuss some of those issues.

"We need our businesses in our community to understand that we need a highly educated and highly skilled work force," Johnson said. "We have to make sure businesses are making this a reality."

Initial regret

Johnson talked about his first 55 days in office and admitted he was "embarrassed" that he couldn't spearhead an effort for an independent firm to look at the city's books. Sacramento faces a deficit around \$45 to \$50 million for 2009-2010. The City Council defeated the idea in January.

"That's my loss. I fell short," he said. "I have to do a better job, that's the bottom line." Waters said he thought the meeting was the best attended District 7 session he had ever seen. He would like to bring Johnson back next year for a similar town-hall setting.

Johnson opened and closed the meeting talking about his trip to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration. He appeared on the "Larry King Show" two of the days. The one point he emphasized from the inauguration speech was Barack Obama saying that people were "the change we've been waiting for."

Johnson reiterated that point to the Pocket residents: "It's you, it's us collective-

ly that's going to make a difference," he said. "If we sit on our cans or think we're involved in a spectator sport, Sacramento will never reach its potential."

To read Johnson's blog about the town-hall meeting, check out www.kevinjohnsonformayor.com/ kjfm/.

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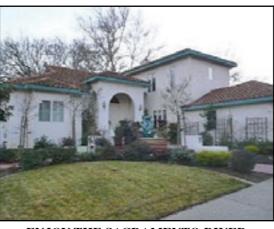
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he 2014 Sacramento Believers, a seventh grade girls AAU basketball team of girls from the Pocket-Greenhaven and Elk Grove areas stands at 81 wins, 18 losses over the past three seasons with some prestigious trophies to their name.

The girls finished fourth in the 2008 AAU National Championships, Division 1, took first place in the 2008 AAU West Coast National Championships, and another first place in the AAU Memorial Day Jam in Reno, Nevada.

The Believers team is once again made up of local talent: Jamie Fong, Alyna Kanae, Kristen Lau, Jessica Lauderdale, Rachel Lee, Katie Lee, Najah Queenland, Sabrina Wu, and Carmen Garcia. The team is coached by Russ Fong and John Kanae.

Six players attend Sutter Middle School, one at Toby Johnson in Elk Grove, one at T. R. Smedberg in Elk Grove, and one at Holy Cross in West Sacramento. All nine players received straight A's last quarter.

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High school basketball update First-time coach at Christian Bros; Kennedy starts off strong

By Matt O'Donnell The pocket news

o say that Christian Brothers High School plays standard, up-tempo basketball would be a gross understatement.

The Falcons are almost always in fast forward. When the team is in transition, it's like the final seconds of a game and the coach is out of timeouts. Even during a regular possession, Christian Brothers motors past half-court and eyes the defense, just in case an opponent is napping.

Head coach Bill Benford wants to take advantage of his team's superb athletic ability. The trick for the Falcons is – how do they walk the line between speed and sloppy?

"We have some athletes and we like to get out and run, but we have to be smart when we do it," Benford said. "We don't want to have to force shots or force the tempo when it's not there. We want to take what the defense gives us."

Turn-over trouble

In a game against Galt on Jan. 22, the team showed its Jekyll-and-Hyde issues. While Galt found seams in the defense, Christian Brothers forced up a number of ill-advised shots. In the final two minutes of the first half, however, the Falcons found themselves, breaking the zone with three 3-pointers. Martin Harris stole the ball near midcourt and made a driving lay-up in the final 20 seconds to finish off the 11-0 run.

But even in the fourth quarter with a comfortable lead, the Falcons turned the ball over five times in the first five minutes, letting Galt close to single digits again. This time, however, senior point guard Sterling Arterberry saved them, as he made six of seven foul shots to ice the 66-53 win.

Arterberry scored 23 points against Galt, but the Falcons are almost always balanced offensively. Asante Cleveland, Paul Sikes, Harris and Arterberry all average nine points or better per game.

"That's a great thing – everybody is happy, everyone is getting their points," Arterberry said.

Coming out ready

The Falcons won 10 of 12 in the preseason, but lost two of their first three in the Sierra Valley League. They rebounded, however, with solid wins against Oak Ridge and Galt. The 70-49 blowout win over Oak Ridge was especially satisfying considering the Trojans beat them twice last season, one of those an ugly 88-51 setback.

The performance even surprised Benford, who is in his first year as varsity head coach.

"Oak Ridge is a very good basketball team, and we were just ready that night," he said. "We had two good practices before that game. We came out and got after them early."

Even though the Christian Brothers team is balanced, the Falcons figure to go as far as Arterberry will lead them. He leads the team in scoring, steals and assists.

"He's our catalyst out there. He's been the sparkplug the last two games," Benford said. "He's had it going and we've been successful because of it. He doesn't necessarily always have to put the points on the board. As long as he's leading us and keeping us in line, we're going to be successful."

Arterberry said he is hoping for a 1 or 2 seed in Division IV for the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs, which begin Feb. 25. Christian Brothers owns a number wins against schools with bigger enrollments, which will help its power ranking. Playoff seeds in the section are determined by power rankings, so strength of schedule is a major plus for the Falcons.

Kennedy's Cougars

At Kennedy High School, head coach Robert Fong is hoping that his young team can improve dramatically enough to sneak into the Division I playoffs. The Cougars were 4-11 in the preseason, but had won three of four to start the Delta Valley Conference. One of those victories was a 53-50 upset over league favorite Franklin on Jan. 16.

"That's probably one of the best games we've played all year," Fong said. "You always want your team to perform at a certain level, but I think we performed beyond that level."

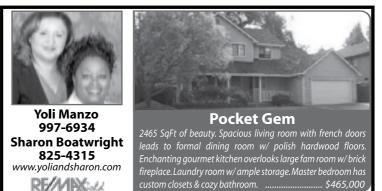
The play of senior point guard C.J. Brown has been a major reason for the success of late. Brown is one of the few holdovers from last year and Fong

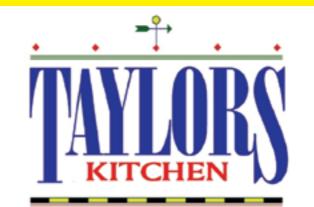
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expected big things from him this season.

One of Brown's best attributes is his ability to stay calm and focused on the court. In a recent game against Valley, Brown showed the ability to go right at defenders in the lane. And he made all four foul shots in the final minute to ice the 59-53 victory.

"I'm trying to be more aggressive because we lost a lot of our scorers from last year," Brown said. "Coach wanted me to step up and be more of a leader."

Learning the system

The Cougars are young, but that could pay off big in the future. They feature three freshmen: Derrick West, Kyi Thomas and Mitchell Aaron, along with two sophomores, Raymond Montoya and Peter Flint, a transfer from Australia.

"The freshmen class we had coming in this fall was pretty strong. I wanted to keep a couple of them because potentially



(left) The play of Kennedy High School senior point guard C.J. Brown has been a major reason for the team's successes. (right) Christian Brothers Coach Bill Benford talks to his players during a timeout against Galt.

I know they can be pretty good ballplayers," Fong said. "I wanted to have them for four years so that they know my system that we run here at Kennedy. Hopefully, by next year and then their junior years, they'll be very solid players."

For now, however, Kennedy would like to finish near the top of the DVC. It's a realistic goal since only Franklin was the only league team to finish the preseason with a winning record. Fong said it may take a 10-2 or 9-3 record in the conference to sneak in as a 15 or 16 seed for the postseason. "We had a really tough preseason," Brown said. "We played a lot of higher-ranked teams. That's why our record is so low, but we definitely feel like we can compete in the league."







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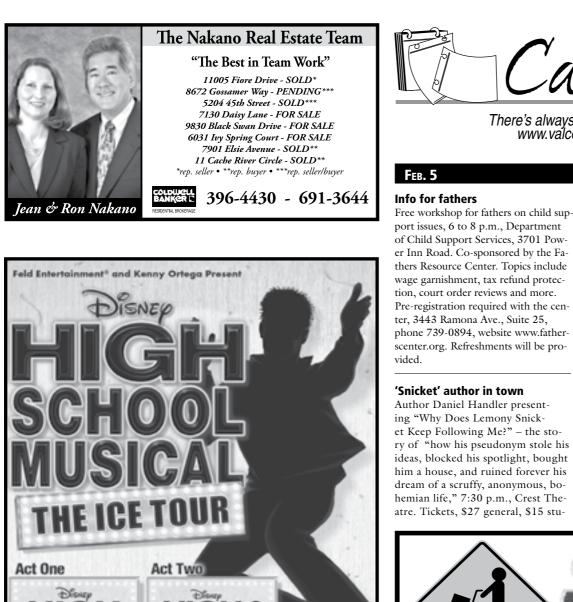
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Writers' Club networks

California Writers' Club's Nonfiction Network meets, 9 a.m., IHOP Restaurant, 2216 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Author and columnist Tim Hererra speaks on "Writing the Personal Essay." Guests welcome. Information at 944-3185.

Forest Service speaker

Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County meets, 10 a.m., at the Carmichael Park Administration Building, Room 1, 5750 Grant Ave. "Penny Pines Reforestation" will be presented by guest speaker Gina Torvinen, Forest Service. Call 635-6724 for information.

Kiwanis cook up crab

East Sacramento-Midtown Kiwanis Club third annual crab feed, 6 p.m., Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. All you can eat crab and pasta, silent auction, DJ dancing. Tickets, \$45, at 215-1460 or 947-0778.

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'A Choral Tapestry'

Reconciliation Singers Voices of Peace continue the concert series, "A Choral Tapestry," 7:30 p.m., Faith Presbyterian Church, 625 Florin Road. Benefits WEAVE, a safe house for women escaping a violent environment. Includes Sacramento Children's Chorus. Donations accepted. For more information, see the website www. rsvpchoir.org.

Crab feed at St. John's

St. John the Evangelist School hosts its 26th annual Crab Feed Dinner Dance, 6 p.m. to midnight, at the school, 5701 Locust Ave., Carmichael. Tickets, \$39, on sale in the school office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information at 481-8845.



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'Pocket Vine and Dine'

Rotary Club of Pocket-Greenhaven hosts "Pocket Vine and Dine," a fine wine and cuisine festival, at the Old Sugar Mill, 35265 Willow Ave., 6 to 9:30 p.m. Live, silent auctions, and raffle. Funds raised benefit DART, the Drowning Accident Rescue Team, Rotary Children's Dictionary Project and other community and international causes. Tickets, \$25, available from Louise at 424-2698.

Museums open free today

Eleventh annual Sacramento Museum Day, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., presented by the Sacramento Association of Museums. Twenty-five participating museums will be open free of charge. For detailed information about participating sites and more, see the website www.sacmuseums.org.

Military Widows meet

Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter No. 5, meets at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park for an 11:30 a.m. luncheon followed by "Celebrating our 35th Birthday Anniversary." Call 635-6724 for information.

AAUW hears author

Annual American Association of University Women Authors' Luncheon, 11 a.m., Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, features Cheewa James speaking on her most recent book, "Modoc: The Tribe That Wouldn't Die." Public welcome; cost \$28 for chicken marsala. Reservations with Wendy Haydon, 539-3235.

Crab feed and kid party

Sierra Arden United Church of Christ's eighth annual crab feed and auction, 6 p.m., 890 Morse Ave., with pizza and movie party for kids. Crab feed tickets, \$40 in advance, \$45 after Jan. 30 or at the door. Kids party, \$5. Information and tickets at 483-5501.

Christian Singles dance

Christian Singles Network's annual Valentine's Dance for single adults, 7 to 11:30 p.m., Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave. DJ dance music of all types, dance lessons in the Cowboy Cha Cha. Dress is party or business attire. Tickets, \$15 presale or \$20 at the door, include Valentine buffet, desserts and the dance lessons. For more information call the 24-hour event line at 658-0606 or the CSN office at 530-878-8606.

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Jewish Film Festival Twelfth annual Sacramento Jew-

ish Film Festival, Crest Theatre, 1013 K St. Begins at 7 p.m. Saturday with "The Secrets," concludes at 5:15 p.m. Sunday with "Blessed is the Match." General admission for each screening is \$10, seniors and students \$8.50, with combined film tickets available. Advance tickets are available at the Crest Theatre box office. Admission includes three hours of validated parking at the Sacramento City Garage at 10th and L. For more information, visit www.thecrest.com or call 442-7378.

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'Toy Story' movie night

Free showing of 'Toy Story' with potluck and arts and crafts, hosted by the Elmhurst Parent's Group with funding from First 5 Sacramento, 4 to 6:30 p.m., Coloma Community Center Auditorium, 4623 T St. Drinks and popcorn provided, bring dish to share. More information from Phoebe De-Mund at 452-8997.

Feb. 9

Seminar on love Valentine's Day seminar on love and relationships, 7 p.m., Hubbard Dianetics Foundation, 1010 Hurley Way, suite 505. Information at 925-2545.

Feb. 11

School district seeks input

Sacramento City Unified School District community meeting for residents to "share ideas for providing exceptional learning environments and maximizing district facility use," 6 to 8 p.m., Leonardo da Vince K-8 school, 4701 Joaquin Way. Study all district real property and K-12 school sites. Comments, questions and responses will be posted on the district web site at www.scusd.edu.

Networking lunch

Referrals Plus, a networking group of business women in the Land Park, Pocket, and South area, meets for lunch. Reservations to Chris at 492-6278. Information at www.referralsplus. org.

Feb. 11,12

Falls prevention workshop Asian Community Center hosts a free, two-day "Falls Prevention Workshop: Live Strong and Safe." Wednesday, 10 a.m., nutrition, 11 a.m., medication management. Thursday, 10 a.m., exercise, 11 a.m., home modification and safety. At ACC Greenhaven Terrace, 1180 Corporate Way. Reservations with Lucy Chao, 393-9026 x 222, or e-mail lsc@accsv.org.

Feb. 12

Computer Club meets

Mission Oaks Computer Club meets, I to 3 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. Bob Leblond will discuss voice recognition software -- Type it faster and with less wrist stress. Question and answer session follows the meeting. Visitors welcome. Information from 366-1687 or visit the website: www.missionoakscomputerclub. org.

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How diet affects the skin Maddening case of eczema has client desperate for solution

t was a hot and humid summer day and 40-yearold Elizabeth sat across from me, peeping at me occasionally through the sunglasses dangling on her nose, filling out the client's questionnaire. The lenses were so dark, I

could not see her eyes.

("How odd, she still wears sunglasses indoors," I said to myself.)

I started observing her appearance. She wore a longsleeved shirt with buttons up the front, long blue jeans and a pair of red-rimmed, dark sunglasses. On her feet were a pair of red sandals.

Scratch ... scratch ... scratch. She was writing with the right hand, her left hand constantly scratching - her neck, her face, she put her hand inside her shirt collar ... scratch ... scratch ... scratch. She



rubbed her face and squished down in the seat. Finally, she took off her sunglasses and rubbed both eyes with both of her hands for a full minute.

Extensive itch

"I have had severe eczema since I was 13 years old," she said in an apologetic tone. "Every year I searched for a new dermatologist hoping to find a solution, but they all threw up their hands. Nothing seems to help, it's getting worse as years go by.



"I cannot stop scratching day and night," she continued. "I wonder if Chinese herbs could help me."

Scratch ... scratch ... scratch. Both her checks were tinted with tiny red dots. The skin around her eyes looked puffy, rough, dried and scaly.

("That's why she wears sunglasses indoors," I thought. "To hide the rough skin around her eyes.")

She rolled up both sleeves, showing her entire arm and the back of her hands fully marked

with scratchy scars; some open wounds with dried blood. She pulled up the shirt, showing her abdomen, her back -- eczema all over her body.

She pulled up a leg of her pants -- eczema on both legs, bumpy-looking skin, not a inch of good skin. I touched the calf, the skin was hard, rough, dried, bumpy and had lost its elasticity.

She never stopped scratching.

Probable cause

She crooked her head, squinting at my astonished expression, waiting for my words. I knew why she wore a longsleeved shirt and long pants -- just to cover up her skin condition. Honestly, I had never seen anybody's eczema worse than hers. My heart went out to her.

I started to explain:

"Well, in Chinese medicine, the skin is related to the Lung. (When I capitalize the name of an organ, it is referring to the organ's energy. Lung energy is different from a lung's function.) When the Lung energy is weak, damp heat and wind invade and get trapped in the skin, make it itchy and rough.

"You must like hot and spicy food and have not been eating well-balance meals for a long time."

"How did you know!" she exclaimed, then protested: "You see, my husband works out of town a lot and I have four children. When I get off from work, I pick them up from three different schools. I have only one hour to cook and feed them their dinner

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so I can help them with their homework, bathe them and put them to bed.

"Most of the time we eat pizza, or fast food -- french fried and junk food. But I really don't have time to prepare a good meal. And I do like hot and spicy Mongolian Beef."

"If you eat balanced meals every day," I explained, "and stay away from hot and spicy food, you will not have this problem. Hot and spicy foods dry up your lung tissue, making your skin dry. I bet you don't sleep well and are tired most of the time?"

"Wow, you are right again," she said. "I have very poor sleep. I sleep two to three hours most nights, scratching all night, never finding a comfortable position."

"When you don't eat nutritional meals," I said, "the Spleen cannot produce sufficient blood from your food to nourish the skin. Due to blood deficiency, the body creates Heat -- the Wei Qi -- defensive energy on the skin will be weak -- which leads the skin pores to open and then the invasion of dampness and wind, causing itchy eczema.

Plotting the course

"In order to clear the eczema, I would like to blend a special formula to expel all those evils out of the skin." I started lecturing her: "As for insomnia, it has many reasons. Again, your condition is due to insuf-

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ficient blood to sooth the Liver and Heart so they will shift into relaxation mode, then you can fall into deep sleep, wake up refreshing. Having sufficient blood is very important to maintaining good health."

Finally she gladly accepted my suggestion to try a special formula. She also agreed to change to a better, more balanced diet for the children and her own sake.

It has been six months now. Every month she comes to refill the herbal formula. I routinely checked her pulse and tongue and modified the formula accordingly. So far, her condition is improving as expected. It may take a while to clear up the eczema, but at least we are on the right track.

Eczema is very difficult to treat. A proper diet makes a big difference.

In addition to eliminating hot and spicy food, if you have eczema, try to avoid foods like bamboo shoots, pineapple, goose and duck, potato chips, seafood like shrimp, fish crab, lobster, etc. These foods may increase the itch.

Consume more cooling food like Asian pears, raw lotus roots, dried chrysanthemum tea, and sugar cane in the can or fresh

Since we must eat to survive, why not eat food that can prevent ailments and help to maintain good health. Avoid those harmful to our health agreed?

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NEW LISTING LOVELY 5 BDRMS/3BA, 2-STORY HOME OF APPROX, 2,137 SE IN NATOMAS PARK W/ CLUB PRIVILEGES. LIGHT & BRIGHT FLOORPLAN INCLUDES SEPARATE FAMILY & LIVING RMS, OPEN KITCHEN W/ GAS COOKTOP, BUILT-IN MICRO & PANTRY SPACIOUS BREAKFAST NOOK & FORMAL DINING. BED W/ FULL BA DOWNSTAIRS. GINA LAPLACA 548-1628

WALNUT GROVE

1261 N B STREET-\$150,000 LOCATED IN THE CHARMING TOWN OF WALNUT GROVE. THE BUILDING CAN BE RETURNED TO SINBLE FAMILY IF WANTED. **TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

1259 A STREET-\$280,000

NEWER WINDOWS, DRYWALL, FOUNDATION, PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, SIDING, INSULATION & INSTANT HOT WATER HEATERS, NEWER CARPETING. PROPERTY COULD BE CONVERTED BACK TO SINBLE FAMILY. **TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

540 VORDEN ROAD-\$250,000

LOCATED IN A RURAL AREA IN WALNUT GROVE. THIS HOME IS A CHARMER. LARGE LIVING AREA & BEAUTIFUL BACKYARD WITH EVERY FRUIT TREE IMAGINABLE. **TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

WEST SACRAMENTO

1000 RIVER CREST DRIVE-\$315,000 FANTASTIC LOCATION TO BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME.OVERLOOKING THE SACRAMENTO RIVER. THE HOMESITE IS LOCATED IN THE GATED COMMUNITY KNOWN AS THE RIVERS AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA. **TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

940 RIVER CREST DRIVE-\$315,000 BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME AT THIS LUXURY GATED COMMUNITY KNOWN AS THE RIVERS AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINA. LOCATED ON THE RIVER W/ WATER VIEWS. MILES OF WALKING TRAILS & CLUB HOUSE. **TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

WTI TON

12540 LEE SCHOOL ROAD-\$430,000 STATELY SETTING FOR DREAM HOME ON GENTLY SLOPED LOT (4.96 ACRES). LOT FRONTS ON LEE SCHOOL ROAD BUT ALSO HAS PRIVATE ROAD EASEMENT ON EAST FOR OPTION ON DRIVEWAY. PLANS AVAILABLE. JERRY LANDRETH 502-0928

11940 WALMORT RD-\$374,500 SEMI-CUSTOM ON 5 ACRES, FEATURES INCL. DOUBLE SIDED FRPL, LNDRY RM W/ SINK & CABS. LRG DECK. OPEN FLR PLAN, HIGH CELLINGS, ABOUT 2,500 SQ FT LIVING SPACE. **BOB WILSON-686-6868**

BILL BONNER 320-1888

ELK GROVE 5707 ANCHOR BAY WAY-\$224,900

3-4 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, LARGE MASTER W/ FIREPLACE, LOFT, TILE KITCHEN WITH ISLAND. THIS HOME IS IN A TERRIFIC LOCATION, IN A WONDERFUL NETGHBORHOOD

MELODY TACTAQUIN 612-0825

5201 LAGUNA OAKS DR #15-\$99,000

1 BDRM, 1 BA CONDO! GAS FIREPLACE, WASHER/DRYER, REFRIGERATOR, COVERED PATIO, CLUBHOUSE W/ WORKOUT ROOM & POOL/SPA & MUCH MORE! **JOLEEN A JARVIS 717-3559**

5201 LAGUNA OAKS DR #70-\$136,000 2 BDRM, 2 BA CONDO! GAS FIREPLACE, WASHER/DRYER, REFRIGERATOR, COVERED PATIO, CLUBHOUSE W/ WORKOUT ROOM & POOL/SPA & MUCH MORE! **JOLEEN A JARVIS 717-3559**

5201 LAGUNA OAKS DR #73-\$156,000 3 BDRM, 2 BA CONDO! GAS FIREPLACE, WASHER/DRYER, REFRIGERATOR, COVERED PATIO, CLUBHOUSE W/ WORKOUT ROOM & POOL/SPA & MUCH MORE! **JOLEEN A JARVIS 717-3559**

FOLSOM 116 WHITING WAY-\$323,500

NEW PRICE 3 BD 2 BA HOME. PERGO FLOORING, CUSTOM PAINT, CROWN MOLDING, NEWER DESIGNER LIGHT FIXTURES. BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED. NEWER EXT PAINT & 50 YR ROOF. ELIZABETH GONZALEZ 718-4753

LOOMIS

9816 HUDSON COURT-\$375,000 BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME AND CAPTURE SOME OF THE MOST CAPTIVATING WATER VEIWS THAT FOLSOM LAKE HAS TO OFFER. ONE THIRD OF AN ACRE WITH BEAUTIFUL OAK'S AND GRANITE OUTCROPPINGS. **TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**



HALFPLEX W/NEWER DUAL PANE WINDOWS, ROOF APPROX 1 YR OLD, RECESSED

LIGHTING, CUSTOM TILE, PERGO TYPE WOOD FLOORS, REAR YARD IS TO BE RE-

LANDSCAPED & NEW WINDOW TRIM IS BEING PAINTED. MASTER BD DOWN WITH

SACRAMENTO 1920 21ST STREET-\$540,000

PENDING A CLASSIC CRAFTSMAN BEAUTY. REMODELED & UPDATED KITCHEN, BOX BEAM CEILINGS, LARGE DINING & LIVING ROOM. HOME HAS COMMERCIAL ZONING AS WELL. **TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

2314 K ST (COMMERCIAL)-\$1,060,000

FREESTANDING STOREFRONT ON BUSY K ST. APPRX 3000SF DIVIDED INTO 2 STOREFRONTS. GREAT TENANTS & PLENTY OF CUSTOMER PARKING IN REAR AS WELL AS STREET PARKING. PLENTY OF WALKING & DRIVE BY TRAFFIC **TERRY MULLIGAN 775-1908**

1116 ROSA DEL RIO WAY-\$239.500

2 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHS, INSIDE LAUNDRY AREA, LIVING/DINING COMBO W/ FIREPLACE & 2 CAR GARAGE. ONE STORY ACROSS FROM CLUBHOUSE, POOL & TENNIS COURTS. HOA DUES \$130 PER MO. INCL. ROOF, EXT PAINTING, FRONT LANDSCAPING. MARY LEE 425-3749

1074 PERKINS WAY-\$449,000

OLD LAND PARK DUPLEX. INVITING LIVING ROOM W/ FIREPLACE, BATHROOM W/ SEP BATH & SHOWER, 2 BDRMS, INSIDE LAUNDRY & 2 CAR GARAGE. BACK UNIT IS A 1BD/1 BA & LARGE LIVING AREA W/ FIREPLACE, APPROX 700 SQFT. LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

4320 53RD STREET-\$275,000

MANY UPGRADES, NEW CABINETRY, SALTILLO TILE, REFINISHED HRDWD FLRS, UPDATE BR W/ TILE, DUAL PANE WINDOWS. NEWER ROOF. LARGE REAR YD. **BOB WILSON 686-6868**

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TWO UP. NEW STAINLESS FRIDGE. STOVE & DISHWASHER.