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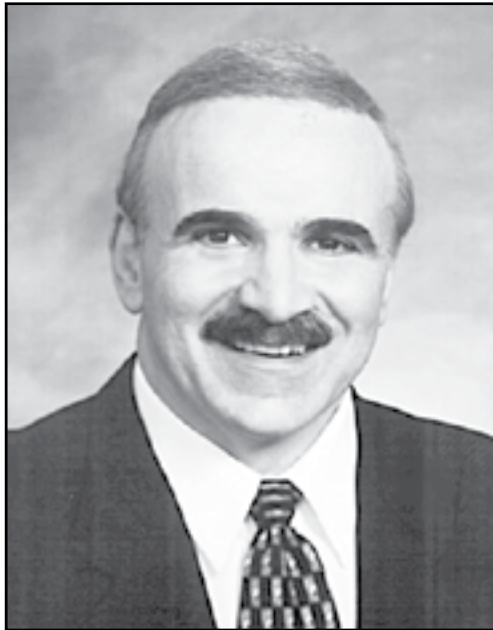
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How can you help in Haiti?

Sacramento Red Cross organizes relief efforts to support quake-ravaged Haiti

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The American Red Cross is sending money, supplies and staff to Haiti to support relief efforts there after the recent earthquake, which caused catastrophic damage and loss of life.

According to reports, as many as three million people may have been affected by the quake, which collapsed government buildings and caused major damage to hospitals in the area.

On a national level, the Red Cross is contributing an initial \$1 million from the International Response Fund to support the relief operation, and has opened its warehouse in Panama to provide tarps, mosquito nets and cooking sets for approximately 5,000 families.

In addition to Red Cross staff already in Haiti, six disaster management specialists from National Headquarters are being deployed to the disaster zone to help coordinate relief efforts. At this time, the American Red Cross is only deploying volunteers specially trained to manage international emergency operations, with the first wave of volunteers coming from Red Cross chapters closest to Haiti. However, the Red Cross is always looking for volunteers on a local level and anyone in-



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American Red Cross Matt Marek with Mari Michele Melson at a First Aid Post in Petionville, Port-Au-Prince. The American Red Cross is supporting the Haitian Red Cross with supplies and logistical and telecommunication help.

terested in becoming a volunteer can contact the Sacramento Sierra Chapter at 916-993-7070.

If you, your school, community, church, or business is interested in raising funds to donate to the American Red Cross in support of the relief efforts in Haiti, please contact Matt Lingo at the Sacramento Sierra Chapter at 916-993-7081 or e-mail lingom@sacsierraredcross.org. This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

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Special community action: 'Stand up to Falls' program

By ART GERMAN
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A citywide campaign to keep local residents, especially seniors, safely on their feet moved to Sacramento's south area this month with a four-hour "Stand Up to Falls" seminar at the South Land Park Community Center.

Thirty seniors, including me and wife Phoebe, were on hand along with just one other married couple—south area residents William and Penn Yee. The remaining 26 seminar participants were all women, creating a sex imbalance that seemed to defy normal odds.

"Is there any explanation for this 28 to 2 breakdown among women and men?" I asked Kim Metcalf, the city's 50+ Wellness coordinator, and Kelly Ward, a certified fitness trainer and Sac State graduate student in gerontology, who handled most of the anti-fall exercise program, inspiring us to devote three hours to constant calisthenics. Both shook their heads and said they had no explanation for the attendance imbalance.

In my case, the danger from falling has long been a no-brainer. Five years ago, while strolling down on 24th Street after a Runaway Stage production of "The Music Man," I tripped and fell on an uneven sidewalk. My left femur was broken and an earlier hip replacement was dislocated and had to be redone. I've never forgotten the advice of South Area Kaiser orthopedist James Sehr after all the harm was done and repaired: "Don't Fall Again!" he admonished.

That's easier said than done. I've fallen at least twice since the big thigh bone break of 2005, but lucked out both times with no further damage. It's clear, however, that getting a free ride down when you have a fall can't be counted upon forever. A show of hands in re-

ply to Metcalf's question about how many have fallen during the past year indicated a "yes" reply from about half the attendees. Audience members were not invited, however, to describe their own experiences involving falls. Coordinator Metcalf told the audience that the "Stand Up to Falls" program was devised by the city's Older Adult Services division with support from Kaiser Permanente's South Sacramento Community Benefit service. In addition to the South Land Park seminar, similar programs are being offered at five other sites around Sacramento and Elk Grove through March 6. So far, Metcalf added, the free programs have been filled to capacity and reservations to attend future dates must be made in advance by contacting her at 808-1593.

In contrast to my own concern with tripping and falling outdoors, Metcalf and Ward agreed that most falling accidents happen in the home. Bathrooms are viewed as especially vulnerable falling sites. Slippery, wet floors and glass shower doors are considered special hazards. Stairs inside and outside the home are other prime accident sites. Metcalf also advised the seniors to watch out for loose throw rugs and to steer clear of small pets that may run underfoot.

At one point, Metcalf introduced David Grantham, a project manager for Rebuilding Together, a non-profit service using volunteers who install safety improvements for low-income seniors without charge. Other seniors are charged a small fee, he added, if they can afford to pay. Offerings include grab bars, railings and banisters, stools where needed, fire alarms, safe electrical switches and other needs. Rebuilding Together can be contacted at 455-1880.

Most of the four-hour session was devoted to an exercise program led by Kelly Ward, who provided

each participant with two elastic bands that were used to challenge muscles on various parts of the body, including arms, legs, neck and stomach. Good muscle tone, she said, can help an individual respond quickly when he or she trips to head off an actual fall. And if a fall does oc-

cur, she added, the victim needs to respond carefully to make certain there were no serious injuries.

"There's no need to hurry," she said. "Remain at first on the ground. Then roll over on to your stomach, and then pause before your use your hands to get back on your feet."

She urged her audience to set up a daily exercise regimen, drink at least five glasses of waters, which she described as "like what oil is to a car" and then get plenty of rest. At the end, all hands were treated to a free and delicious picnic lunch provided by Hannibal's Catering.



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Volunteer support campaign behind Pocket-Greenhaven library

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Long before the first shovelful of dirt was moved to build a new library in the Pocket-Greenhaven area, local residents started to plan and raise funds for their future community library branch.

Dolores Nuse, a Greenhaven resident and president of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, Pocket-Greenhaven Branch, is very excited about the

new neighborhood library that will be completed this summer. She became involved after her daughter, Denise Watts, started to attend community meetings for the future library hosted by Sacramento City Councilmember Robbie Waters.

"Robbie told my daughter and others to get a volunteer group together to help stimulate the idea of a new library in our neighborhood. After 14 years of Robbie's lobbying efforts,

that community dream will come true this year," said Nuse.

The Friends of the Sacramento Public Library is an all-volunteer, community-based organization whose dual mission is to advocate for the library and to provide funding for books, materials, programs and library activities, primarily through the sale of donated books and materials. Most of the Sacramento Public Library's 27 branches have

a local Friends group that directly assists its local library.

People as pillars

The Pocket-Greenhaven Friends is one of the library system's newest support groups. Since forming nearly five years ago, members have hosted several successful fundraising events, including book sales and their very successful Buy a Brick Campaign, whereby donors may purchase a brick engraved with their name or the name of a loved one for \$100 that will then be permanently placed at the branch entrance.

Of the 300 bricks earmarked for engraving, only 60 bricks are still available. The remaining bricks may be purchased through an online order form available at saclibrary.org/file/7.pdf or by calling (916) 392-4052.

According to Kathi Windheim, fundraising coordinator for the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends, "Local

community clubs and businesses have helped us tremendously with their support."

The neighborhood Elks Lodge and Curves Fitness Center have hosted book sales, and businesses including the Pocket Rotary Club, Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream store, Subway sandwiches, and the Hey Dude! Where's My Yogurt store, along with many others have also been strong supporters of the Pocket-Greenhaven Library fundraising campaign.

Thanks to these efforts, the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends have raised nearly \$50,000, which will be used to purchase decorative glass tiles for the book arch over the library's main entrance and special kid-friendly furnishings for the children's reading and storytime areas inside the branch.

Area residents who would like to become Friends members may call Dolores Nuse at (916) 392-4052 for additional information. All members receive discounts at the Friends' Book Den, early entry to quarterly book sales hosted by local Friends groups, and the bimonthly Friends newsletter that includes dates and information about book sales and events throughout the system.

Nuse said the community's interest and support for the new branch has been tremendous. "After the library finally opens after many years of planning, I anticipate a great increase of new Friends members. The Friends is a great opportunity to meet new people, support your community library, and have fun all at the same time," she said.

Pocket-Greenhaven Coalition



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Second annual 'Young @ Art' competition shines spotlight on Sacramento-area youth artists

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One of the most exciting art competitions for middle school students in the Sacramento region is calling for entries in early February.

"Young @ Art" 2010 is an art show for students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. It is sponsored by St. Francis High School, which is known statewide and nationally for its programs in the visual and performing arts. Although St. Francis is a high school for young women, entries from both boys and girls are encouraged. Students and their teachers will be recognized at the event.

The show will be held at the St. Francis High School Arts Complex on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Awards will be presented to students and teachers at 6:30 p.m. Entries should be submitted the afternoons of Feb. 8 or Feb. 9.

"The show is for sixth through eighth graders to show their artwork together," said Elizabeth Danielson, arts executive director and producer at St. Francis High School. "We are offering a venue for middle school students to show their work outside of their own art classroom or school halls. It elevates the importance of their work to show work at an outside gallery with other artists. The experience offers students the opportunity to see peer work, to be inspired and to feel validated. Art teachers have the opportunity to see projects, assignments and mediums that other teachers have used. They can talk to each other about the process and experience."

Last spring, some 35 schools entered the first annual "Young @ Art" show. It was a tremendous response, considering that

the inaugural show launched on relatively short notice.

"We had no idea how many pieces of art to expect and were excited to see so many schools bring so much wonderful art onto our campus," Danielson said. "The opening was truly one of the warmest, fuzziest, fun events on the St. Francis High School campus. During last year's show, I silently walked amongst the hundreds of middle school artists and their support team: their parents, grandparents, siblings, and teachers who were talking to everyone, taking pictures of school groups and individuals with their art piece, high-fiving, hugging with congrats, and collaborating. It was great."

Danielson is certain that more schools will enter this year. She is looking forward to seeing some of last year's artists return with new work and new artists join in the fun.

The arts are viewed as an important part of the curriculum at St. Francis High School.

"Creativity is an exploration of one's thoughts put on paper or other media," she said. "It uses brain skills that other 'more academic' classes may not tap. For many, art can be a calming stress-reliever and others find it more interesting to express themselves through art than through writing. Offering the arts to students allows them to find out about themselves, how they best communicate to others, how to appreciate and interpret art, and how to enjoy the process. It makes for a well-rounded and interesting person."

The high school's art department and Patrons of the Arts board enjoy hosting this annual event, according to Danielson, "because it encourages students to take art in school



"Young @ Art" 2010 is an art show for students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. It is sponsored by St. Francis High School, located at 5900 Elvas Ave.

and to draw/paint/sculpt for fun in their free time. St. Francis teachers also take the opportunity to talk informally to the students about the St. Francis High School co-ed Summer Art Workshops for middle and high school students, as well as our well-rounded arts program for the St. Francis student."

Awards and gifts at the show will include a full scholarship to the St. Francis Summer Arts Workshop (a co-ed program worth \$350), a \$100 gift certificate to University Art, a \$100 gift certificate to Utrecht, a sketchbook and charcoal, St. Francis Arts t-shirts, thank you gifts for teachers and much more.

Artwork entries should be dropped off between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Feb. 8 or Feb. 9 at the school's Theatre Complex Foyer. The campus is located at 5900 Elvas Avenue in Sacramento, just off 65th Street and Highway 50.

The limit for submissions is up to 20 pieces per school and one work per student of any medium or size.

All pictures must be matted and labeled. (It is not necessary for canvases or sculptures to be matted). The 2" x 3" label must be permanently affixed to the front, lower right hand corner of the piece. The label should list: 1. the student's first and last name; 2. student grade level;

3. school name; and 4. art teacher's name.

For more information, interested parties are encouraged to contact Danielson at edanielson@stfrancishs.org or (916) 452-3461 ext. 200. Information is also available at the school's Web site, www.stfrancishs.org.

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Locals reminisce about south area's famous Zombie Hut restaurant

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Sacramento has been home to a wide variety of restaurants throughout the years and among the most unique of these eateries was undoubtedly the Zombie Hut.

Operating at 5635 Freepoint Blvd. from 1945 to 1990, this establishment drew a consistent clientele during its heyday.

Despite the passing of two decades since its closure, the Polynesian-style business continues to be fondly remembered by its many guests and workers.

Among the restaurant's earliest customers were Pocket residents Norman and Dolores Greenslate.

Dolores, the longtime historian and archivist of the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society, said that the first owner of the business was a Portuguese man, named Johnny Quaresma.

"(Quaresma) was a Portuguese fellow, who was known as Johnny Christmas," Dolores said. "The story goes that somebody was saying 'Quaresma' and they were thinking that they were saying 'Christmas,' so he became known as

Johnny Christmas. He owned the Zombie Hut originally and he may have had a (business) partner, I don't know."

Quaresma sold the business in about 1952 and opened a similar restaurant, the Hawaiian Hut at 2400 West Capitol Ave. in West Sacramento.

Dolores added that the restaurant's Portuguese connection did not stop with Quaresma, noting that another Portuguese man, Eddie Cunha, who was recognized as one of the city's best bartenders, worked at the Zombie Hut for at least 20 years.

Another notable bartender at the restaurant in latter years included Eddie Cisneros.

At the time of its opening, this dimly lit restaurant, which was known for its evening entertainment and its many tropical drinks with miniature umbrellas resting on their tops, was located within a relatively barren area, south of Sutterville Road.

As opposed to today, this area near today's Sacramento City College and William Land Park was much less built up and included few places during this era besides Capital Nursery, Raley's grocery store, the Municipal Air-



(Left to right) Debbie Kassis, Turia Giles, Evelyn Meredith and Cheryl Cook were among the many dancers to perform at the Zombie Hut. (Photo courtesy of Cheryl Cook)

port, Bob's Bar-B-Q, The Stables tavern, a pair of liquor stores and the Ceccarelli residence.

But the Zombie Hut, which included much Polynesian décor, was well situated for people in the Pocket area such as Dolores, who is a native of the area.

"The Zombie Hut was the place to go out in that area,"

Dolores said. "We used to go there after Norman came back (from World War II). I also used to go there for fashion shows later on when (another owner) Ed Hill had the place. The women used to go over there for the (fashion) shows, but then the men did, too, because there was lingerie."

Place for Polynesian music

The Zombie Hut's most renowned entertainment and a staple of the venue was its Polynesian music and dancing acts.

Pocket resident Mary Snyder, who was formerly known as Carol Monahan, recalled attending Polynesian entertainment performances at the Zombie Hut as early as 1963.

"While I was attending (Sacramento) City College and living (at 2415 33rd Ave.), Alvin Inaba, whose parents owned the whole block where the Zombie Hut was located, used to take me to the Zombie Hut," Snyder said. "I would see the entertainment there and it was the first place I ever had a prime

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Zombie: Sakalata said, 'It was like walking into a jungle'

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rib dinner. We would go to the Zombie Hut and then to the Music Circus, because his sister was in the Music Circus. I remember seeing the dancers (at the Zombie Hut) and some kind of act with fire. For Sacramento, this was quite the thing. Back then you only had the Sacramento Inn, the Hotel Senator and the Zombie Hut was right up there, because of the entertainment."

Albert Sakalata, a Tongan-born musician who began entertaining at the venue in 1963, recalled his first memories of the Zombie Hut.

"I was asking people where I could find a Hawaiian restaurant and they told me to go to the Zombie Hut," Sakalata said. "When I first went there (to the Zombie Hut), I was really shocked to see there were torches lined up with fire outside the restaurant and the place was like the (Polynesian-themed) Trader Vic's restaurants down south in L.A. I was with two Tongan boys (Fono Manu and another with the last name of Tofanaha) and we all decided that we were going to work at this place. They approached us and asked us that night to perform a couple songs on stage (with the Lee sisters from Hawaii and their brother, Fred Lee, the drummer) and we were hired on the spot."

Sakalata, who first came to the United States in 1959 when he studied accounting at the Church College of Hawaii – today's Brigham Young University-Hawaii – and helped build and open the world-famous Polynesian Cultural Center in Laie, Hawaii, said that he worked at the Zombie Hut for two years before going back to Tonga.

Returning to the United States in 1974, Sakalata, 70, began playing music with his brothers on a touring cycle, which included stops in Albuquerque, Tucson, Lake Tahoe, Stockton and Fresno.

A changing time

As Polynesian-themed restaurants were losing much of their nostalgic popularity in the 1970s and the Zombie Hut was in need of various improvements, Hill contacted Sakalata to provide entertainment and become the restaurant's manager.

Sakalata, who also took the stage with a Samoan musician, named Tasil Ngaleai, entertained at the Zombie Hut on Tuesdays through Sundays, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Accompanying Sakalata's group, the Royal Polynesians, at various times were several dancers, including Trudy Lawrence, who was also a singer, Ngaleai's sister, Losa, Turia (Giles) Davis, Katherine (Giles) Marchand, Evelyn Meredith, Debbie Kassis and Cheryl Cook.

Davis, who was born on the island of Bora Bora in the South Pacific and

was a part of the Zombie Hut dance troupe from 1963 to 1969 and from 1985 to 1987, said that her professional dancing career continued until about 2007.

Commenting about one of her favorite dancing memories, Davis said, "My mom and dad (Fred and Tetua Giles) were at the Zombie Hut for years. I loved that and of course my mother was Polynesian (from Tahiti) and my dad always supported our Polynesian heritage. They were always big on supporting any of the Polynesian programs and events. I really enjoyed having them there. But it was not just them (who were regulars). There were a number of people who came there almost every weekend and just became part of the scenery more or less."

Cook, who began dancing at the Zombie Hut when she was 15 years old, said that many former Zombie Hut musicians and dancers continue to perform together at various events.

"The Zombie Hut's Hawaiian floor show still lives on," Cook said. "Albert and his Hula Lovelies, as he called us, still entertain at backyard parties, corporate events and country clubs with the group, Aloha Polynesia."

Although the Zombie Hut was definitely not Sacramento's first or last Polynesian-themed eatery and nightclub, it was widely considered the most popular of these places.

Predating the Zombie Hut was the Tropics nightclub, which opened at 1019 ½ J St. in 1943.

This business, which advertised itself as the "Pacific Coast's most beautiful nightclub" with "dancing, entertainment and tropical drinks," appears to be where Quaresma may have obtained his idea to establish the Zombie Hut.

The Tropics owners were Yubi Separovich, who lived at 2712 13th St., where Quaresma eventually lived, and Frank Radich, who resided at 2716 13th St.

Another similar business in latter years was Albert's Tiki Village at 3514 Marconi Ave. at Watt Avenue. Owned by Albert Mar, the restaurant boasted its "superb Polynesian cuisine."

Quality cuisine

The Zombie Hut also had its fair share of quality cuisine, as it served such offerings as steak, prime rib, scampi, lobster, scallops, mahi mahi, salads and roast pig on the weekends for luas and banquets.

And people came from many directions outside of Sacramento to enjoy the food, drinks and entertainment.

Among the Zombie Hut's most famous guests were John Wayne, Eddie Fisher, Joey Bishop, Joan Crawford,



This 1974 advertisement showcases the popular restaurant's concentration on both food and entertainment. The venue also included a beverage menu with many tropical drinks. (Photo courtesy of the Lance Armstrong Collection)

George Montgomery, Cliff Robertson and Eddie Murphy.

A lot of the draw of the Zombie Hut was its unique interior, which included a bamboo décor with many round tables that were individually illuminated by hanging blowfish lights, artificial coconut trees, a 15-foot-wide tropical storm, waterfall area, blacklights, recorded bird sounds, island-themed artwork, a thatched roof stage near the center of the restaurant, four canoes hanging from the ceiling, masks, spears, tiki idols and a large taxidermy collection that included the heads of moose, elk, goats and other animals brought back from Quaresma and Hill's hunting trips.

Remembering the inside of the Zombie Hut, Sakalata said, "It was like walking into a jungle."

Complimenting the Zombie Hut for a very brief time was Lucille Andrews, Olive Christian and Dixie Lockett's Hawaiian Imports gift store, which opened at 5677 Freeport Blvd. in about 1959.

Although Sakalata brought a much needed boost to the restaurant, by the late 1980s, the restaurant changed drastically under its last owner, Bruce Brooks.

During this time, the venue featured Love Boat theme and disco music shows and eventually discontinued its entertainment offerings.

Additionally, the restaurant replaced its former menu with a fast food-style menu and was only open on the weekends during the evenings.

Sakalata left his position as the Zombie Hut's manager in 1989 to begin his own Polynesian-style restaurant, called the Island Marina, in the Sacramento Delta and by the following year the Zombie Hut closed its doors to the public for the final time.

The building was demolished many years ago and the strip mall that now stands in its place includes a self-serve dog wash and bakery at the Zombie Hut's old address.

Gone but not forgotten

While Sacramento has been without its once beloved Zombie Hut for the past 20 years, a tribute to the Zombie Hut appeared in 2002, when former Zombie Hut busboy Tod Bullen opened a similar restaurant by the same name in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sakalata, however, feels that the timing is right to reintroduce a Zombie Hut-like eatery and entertainment venue to the Sacramento restaurant scene.

"Right now, I think that there really should be a place like the old Zombie Hut (in Sacramento)," Sakalata said. "People of this generation are going to the Pacific Islands for vacations, like (to) Fiji, Tonga and Samoa and New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii. They are coming back with the nostalgia of the islands. If somebody could come up with a place like the Zombie Hut, I honestly think that it would be very successful."

But in the meantime, the old Zombie Hut has left plenty of memories behind.

Faces and places

School of Engineering and Sciences holds grand opening

After months of construction and development, the School of Engineering and Sciences, located at 7345 Gloria Dr. in the Pocket, finally held its grand opening Jan. 19, 2010. Rain fell hard during the school's opening, but nothing could dampen the excitement and anticipation surrounding the school's mission and activities.

Although the school is now active, the campus still has construction teams completing the nearby Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, which is set to open this summer.



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Maya Haines, a student at C.K. McClatchy High School, was named the winner Jan. 7 at the countywide Poetry Out Loud recitation contest. Haines, pictured here with McClatchy High School teacher Janet Weeks, right and poet Michele Krueger, left, will advance to the California Poetry Out Loud competition in Sacramento on March 22-23.

McClatchy High student wins fifth annual Sacramento County 'Poetry Out Loud' event

Special to The Pocket News
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Talented and energetic students from 17 local high schools took center-stage January 7 at Rosemont High School in Sacramento County's fifth annual Poetry Out Loud recitation contest. Before a live audience and a panel of judges, each student presented two memorized poems. Students were judged on physical presence, voice and articulation, appropriateness of dramatization, level of difficulty, evidence of understanding, and overall performance.

The winner was Maya Haines of C.K. McClatchy High School, in the Sacramento City Unified School District, who will advance to the California Poetry Out Loud competition in Sacramento on March 22-23.

The Sacramento County Poetry Out Loud competition was presented by the Sacramento County Office of Education to encourage high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition.

Schools represented in Sacramento County's 2010 Poetry Out Loud competition included: Bella Vista High School (Joshua Velasco); C.K. McClatchy High School (Maya Haines); Center High School (Stephanie Martinez); Del Campo High School (Danielle Biesanz); Elinor Lincoln Hickey Jr.-Sr. High School (Raven Blanson); Elk Grove High School (Daniel Horne); Galt High School (Alani Pineda); Gerber High School

(Keshon Stewart); Inderkum High School (Ambrosia Greene); John F. Kennedy High School (Nancy Lu); Leo A. Palmiter Jr.-Sr. High School (Ian Reynolds); Mesa Verde High School (Ashley Cooke); Monterey Trail High School (Dalvin Clifford); Natomas Charter High School (Jillian Wilson); Pleasant Grove High School (Marsalis Cannady); Rio Linda High School (Cyle Hellwig); and Sacramento Country Day (Barrie Feusi).

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Giant anteater confirmed pregnant Anteater's baby – a first for the zoo – due early April

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The Sacramento Zoo confirms pregnancy of its female Giant anteater, Amber. The ultrasound was performed in the Zoo's Dr. Murray E. Fowler Veterinary Hospital January 6. The anteater also received a full exam and is in good health. Her due date is estimated to be at the end of April. This will be the first Giant anteater baby born at the Sacramento Zoo.

The Sacramento Zoo started exhibiting anteaters in 2004. Amber arrived in March 2009. Zookeepers observed breeding behavior in May and again in September and October and a full exam and ultrasound was scheduled.

After a gestation period of 180 days, the mother gives birth standing up to a single offspring (two is rare). In the wild, Giant anteaters are solitary and the male is not involved in caring for the baby. That leaves the mother to do the heavy lifting, literally. Once the newborn lets out the first high-pitched screech, baby anteaters climb on their mother's back and many will ride there for up to a year. A mature anteater can weigh as much as 140 pounds and stretch as much as seven feet from snout to tail tip.

About the Sacramento Zoo

Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to over 140 native, rare and endangered species and is one of over 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, the Zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., general admission is \$9.50; children ages 3-12 are \$7.00 and two and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park or ride Regional Transit bus No. 6. For information, call (916) 808-5888 or visit saczoo.com.



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District 7 update

Understanding state's plan for the river

By **ROBBIE WATERS**
Sacramento City Councilmember
Special to The Pocket News

The State Department of Water Resources recently proposed yet another water intake project in our area. This one is called the North Bay Aqueduct Alternative Intake Project (referred to as NBAAIP). This project seeks to locate a water intake facility on the Yolo County side of the Sacramento River, immediately across from the Pocket area, to send water to Napa and Solano counties. Below is the substance of the comments I submitted to DWR as part of the public scoping process on behalf of our community.

Alternative locations need analysis

Several speakers at the December 14, 2009 Public Scoping Meeting raised the question of why no locations for the NBAAIP are being considered that are not immediately adjacent to the densely populated Pocket area. From experience, we know the construction of these massive infrastructure facilities erodes the quality of life for our Sacramento residents with noise, unceasing dust, bright night lighting and earth-shaking pile-driving. The scope of your analysis would greatly benefit by examining potential locations outside of the densely populated Pocket area vicinity.

Cumulative impacts need analysis

Currently, the Pocket area of Sacramento has the Freeport Regional Water Project water intake winding up construction, two more proposed intakes from the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) to convey water around the Delta, ultimately to the Bay Area, Central Valley and Southern California, and this new NBAAIP. That makes 4 water intakes for 3 projects in the past 5 years. All concentrated in the 6-mile stretch of river where the densely populated Pocket area is located - even though the Sacramento River, at 447 miles, is the longest river in California.



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A comprehensive analysis to assess the cumulative impact of both the BDCP and NBAAIP on the community is needed.

Project impacts need full mitigation

Neighborhood Associations and community members have expressed their deep concern over potential impacts of constructing a large diversion facility near residences in the City of Sacramento. These potential impacts should be identified and fully mitigated.

Relationship to other delta planning efforts

The relationship of the NBAAIP to other state, local or regional planning efforts should be clearly addressed in the EIR. The possibility of consolidation of projects should be clearly explored and discussed.

Sacramento River Parkway plan

The visual alteration of the rivershed, recognized by the City of Sacramento with the Sacramento River Parkway designation in 1997, would be permanent and irrevocable, affecting all Sacramento

residents who use the parkway for recreation. An indication of the priority given to natural resource protection in the plan is below.

"The Sacramento River Parkway Plan is a twenty year policy guide for habitat preservation and restoration and recreational development for lands adjacent to the River... Natural resource protection and enhancement is the main goal of the Parkway and will take precedence over public access recreation in the Parkway. Trails and other facilities will be developed so as not to significantly impact the native riparian habitat. Prime habitat areas will be protected from human encroachment....In addition, the Parkway is envisioned as a major recreational and public access resource, linking the American River Parkway with the Sacramento River Parkway and eventually connecting with the Laguna Area." (Sacramento River Parkway Plan, page 2)

Inadequate public outreach

There are concerns regarding inadequate public outreach in this matter. Unfortunately, I have had several constituents contact me to ex-

press their disappointment. Notice of the public scoping for the latest project consisted of the required legal notice in the Sacramento Bee classified ads and on the DWR website. There was no additional outreach to the City of Sacramento by the DWR project manager or the consultants.

The public outreach timeline was unrealistically compressed. We learned of the project at Thanksgiving but the public scoping meetings were over by December 14, which is less than three weeks from notice to completion of scoping. This small timeframe does not allow adequate time for community based organizations to get the information and distribute it to their members, thereby ensuring that all members of the public can participate.

The timing of the public scoping in December suggests that the state did not genuinely seek public input. The meetings for the public were scheduled in the busy pre-holiday weeks when most people are distracted with holiday events and tasks or out of town on vacation. Expanded stakeholder involvement will ensure a thorough environmental review.



Photo courtesy

A gift for the region: Prudential Realty offices in the Arden Carmichael and East Sacramento area are soliciting suggestions from members of the community for the company's first annual "The Giving Day."

Local Prudential offices seek community input for inaugural 'Giving Day'

By SUSAN LAIRD
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Prudential Realty offices in the Arden Carmichael and East Sacramento area are soliciting suggestions from members of the community for the company's first annual "The Giving Day."

"This event will be held companywide on Saturday, March 6," said Cathy Harrington, director of marketing for Prudential California/Nevada Realty. "Every one of our 39 offices has been tasked with choosing a project in which everyone can participate, and that will take four hours or more to complete."

There are over 1,800 agents at Prudential, according to Mark Paul, manager of the Arden Carmichael branch. Each branch office will select a community service project to perform and complete on March 6.

"On this corporate day of giving, it is our goal to have 100 percent participation of agents and employees through the giving of time or treasure," Paul said. "There is huge power and energy when people come together. My mission is to find a local task that will benefit from that focus."

Part of what makes this project unique is that it already has the willing volunteers and a modest budget.

Possible suggestions could be: cleaning, painting and "sprucing up" a community facility. Planting flowers or shrubs. Perhaps a senior center or a public or private school in need of help. Any idea is welcome. Members of the community are encouraged to put their thinking caps on and send in their ideas. Agents will vote for the "winning" project.

"Whatever project is chosen, we want it to sparkle," Paul said. "This is going to be fun, fulfilling and great for the community."

"We are looking for ways to give back to the community in big and little ways," Harrington said. "This might be painting school classrooms, helping at a soup kitchen or family shelter, or any number of ways."

"The Giving Day" is being held in honor of the founder of Prudential Realty.

"March 6th is the birthday of our company's president, Ed Krafchow, and we want to honor him by holding the Company Giving Day on his birthday," Harrington said. "This will be throughout Northern California and Northern Nevada. This is the first Giving Day in the company's history, and we plan to make this an annual tradition."

Harrington stressed that this annual event will be a "hands-on" service project.

"While giving financially is rewarding, we want these projects to allow our people to serve their community in some way," she said. "Giving in a tangible way will make it more relevant and real for all concerned. We are encouraging our real estate agents and employees to bring in another person to the 'The Giving Day.' We will include clients as well."

Paul sees "The Giving Day" as an opportunity to focus on the things that really matter.

"Out there in the Big Scheme of things..." he said. "Things seem to come through the door when you let the light in."

The deadline to submit ideas is Jan. 18. Suggestions should be written and addressed directly to Mark Paul. The Arden Carmichael branch office is located at 855 Howe Avenue, Suite 2; Sacramento, CA 95825. Paul will gather the suggestions for the Arden Carmichael area, and will forward suggestions for the East Sacramento area to Tina and Rich Wilks, owners of the branch office located at 19th and K streets in Sacramento.



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New rules in the real estate market for the New Year

By JOHN WOODALL
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Special to The Real Estate Quarterly

Editor's Note: The following is the first of a two-part series.

This article summarizes many of the new federal and state laws affecting the real estate industry this year, as well as 2009 emergency legislation that went into effect immediately. This article draws on information prepared by the legal department of the California Association of Realtors.

Foreclosure
(SB 306 effective Jan. 1, 2010)

Notice of Default, Notice of Sale

Previous law stated that upon a breach of the obligation of a mortgage of any residential property, an authorized agent may (immediately) record a notice of default (NOD) in the county recorder's office where the property is situated and mail the NOD to the person responsible for the mortgage. (For loans made between January 1, 2003, and December 31, 2007, the recording of the NOD's had to wait an additional 30 days past the delinquency date before being filed.) This portion of the law now applies only to owner-occupied residential real prop-

erty containing no more than 4 dwelling units. (i.e. it no longer applies to rental property.)

Previously the law required a notice of sale to be recorded at least 14 days prior to the date of sale. The new law extends the time to at least 20 days prior to the date of sale.

Landlord-Tenant
(P.L. 111-22 effective May 20, 2009)

"Title VII-Protecting Tenants in Foreclosed Properties"

This law creates a new 90-day rental termination notice after foreclosure by the lender or the purchase at the foreclosure sale for bona fide tenants on a month-to-month tenancy. If the bona fide tenant is on a lease, then the full lease term must be honored unless the unit is sold to a buyer who intends to occupy the property, then the 90-day termination notice can be given.

Note that local ordinances may impose additional requirements on terminating a tenancy SB 290 effective January 1, 2010

60-Day Notice

The sunset date (originally set for January 1, 2010) on this state law requiring a landlord to provide a 60-day notice prior to terminating a residential tenancy if the tenant has resided in the unit for a year or more is deleted. This law is extended indefinitely.

Tax
(H.R. 3548 effective November 6, 2009)

Homebuyer Tax Credit Extension and Expansion

H.R. 3548 provides both for the extension of the first-time homebuyer tax credit and expansion of it to qualified non-first-time buyers as well. A few of the provisions of this new law include the following:

(1) Both the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit and the \$6,500 tax credit for "move-up" buyers (see 4 below) would sunset on April 30, 2010. However, purchasers who have binding contracts as of April 30, 2010 (before May 1, 2010), would still qualify for the credit as long as they complete the

transaction within 60 days (or June 30, 2010).

(2) The amendment establishes income limits of \$125,000 for an individual or \$225,000 for a couple for both credits.

(3) The cost of the home being purchased cannot exceed \$800,000 for both categories in order to be eligible for the credit.

(4) "Move up" buyers (an individual or his/her spouse, if married) are qualified if he/she "has owned and used the same residence as such individual's principal residence for any 5-consecutive-year period during the 8-year period ending on the date of the purchase of a subsequent principal residence."

For purchases made in 2010, taxpayers would be able to claim the credit on their 2009 income tax return. Homebuyers would not have to repay the credit, provided the home remains their principal residence for 36 months after the purchase date. However, this recapture provision would not apply in the case of a member of the Armed Forces, military intelligence or Foreign Service who is on qualified official extended duty. In addition, members of the military who have been deployed overseas for 90 days or more in 2008 or 2009 would have until April 30, 2011, to claim the homebuyer tax credit.

The amendment also includes anti-fraud language that gives the IRS the authority to do greater oversight during the processing of the return rather than waiting for an audit situation.

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Home sellers could do well targeting first-time buyers

(NAPSI)-If you're still having trouble selling your house in this tough market, these five words have never rung truer: Think first-time home buyers.

These newbies have accounted for as much as about 50 percent of all monthly home sales of late after having waited patiently--too patiently, if you're a seller--for prices to come down to more affordable levels. (The historical average is more like 35 percent, according to the National Association of Realtors.) And if you think all they've been scooping up are super-distressed foreclosures, you're wrong.

"First-time buyers are skeptical of buying homes that need improvement," Eric Mangan, of ForSaleByOwner.com, has noted.

In fact, supporting that view, The Wall Street Journal reported that nearly half of brokers polled for a recent Coldwell Banker survey found that while affordability was foremost on first-timers' minds, 81 percent said "move-in conditions" were very important, too.

So how do you get those newbies to make an offer on your house? Here are three strategies:

Closing Costs

While a lot of the sales action has been fueled by the federal government's tax credit of up to \$8,000 for first-time buyers, they're still responsible for paying the closing costs. Offer to cover it for them before they even think to ask.

Home Warranties

Odds are these are renters used to calling their landlords to fix anything that goes wrong in their apartments. Giving them a home warranty covering major issues could go a long way toward easing any of their jitters about homeownership.

Woodall: Making sense of it

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California Code of Regulations (Paragraph 2773, effective 7/1/2009 - approved but not finalized by the DRE)

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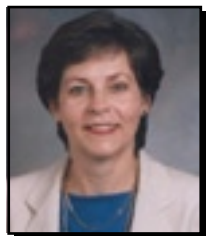
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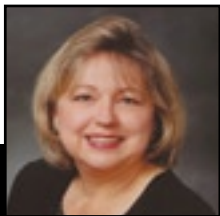
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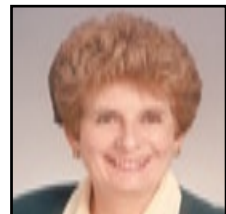


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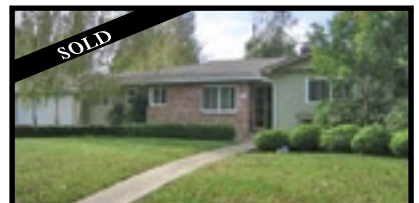
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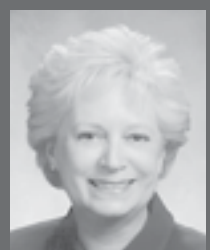
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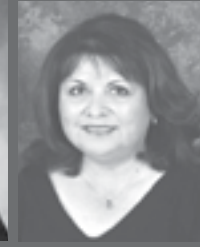
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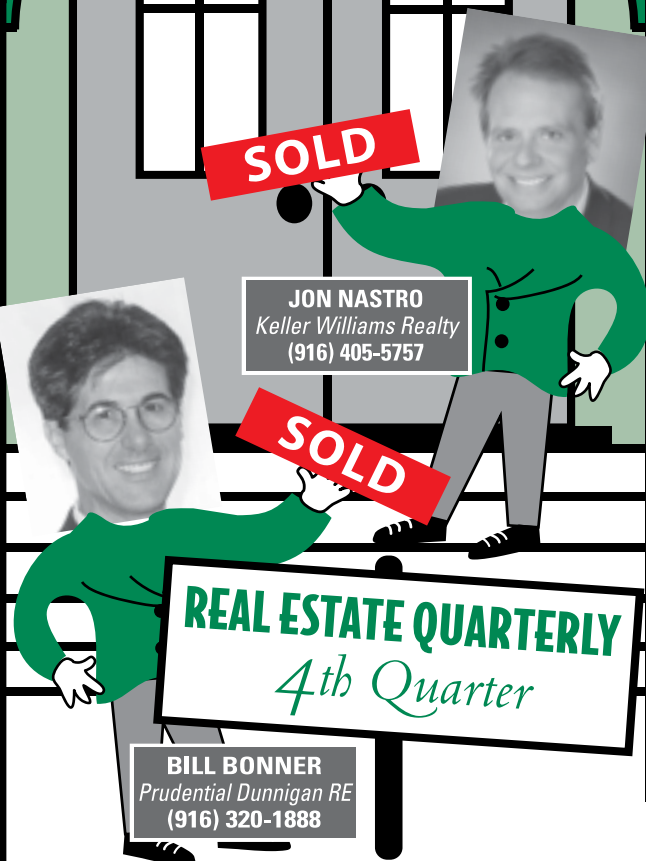


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Tips for choosing a mortgage

(NAPSI) - Doing a little homework before choosing a mortgage could help save homebuyers plenty of cash. Still, many consumers accept the first loan they're offered, often not realizing they may be able to get a better deal.

• **Know What You Can Afford** – Review your monthly spending plan to estimate what you can afford to pay for a home. Be sure to include mortgage, property taxes, insurance, monthly maintenance and utility costs in your calculation. It's also important to check your credit report to ensure all the information it contains is accurate. A higher credit score

might help you get a lower interest rate on your mortgage.

• **Know the Benefits and Risks** – Mortgages have many features. Some have fixed interest rates and some have adjustable rates. Still others have payment adjustments or allow you to only pay the interest on the loan for a period of time before you pay against the loan amount. There are also certain loans that charge penalties if you pay them off early and some that have a large payment due at the end of the loan. A mortgage shopping worksheet can help you identify the features of different loans. You can find a sample of one at www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/mortgage/worksheet.pdf.

New tax credit includes current homeowners

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Many current homeowners can now qualify for up to a \$6,500 homebuyer tax credit. The initial success of the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit convinced Washington to expand the program and extend it until April 30, 2010. This extension, however, will be the last.

Under the extended homebuyer tax credit, current homeowners are eligible as long as they have lived in their present residence for five consecutive years within the past eight. First-time homebuyers who haven't owned a home in the past three years are still eligible for up to an \$8,000 tax credit. Singles who make up to \$125,000 and married couples who make up to \$225,000 can qualify for the full credit. Those who exceed those income limits may qualify for a reduced amount.

"The new provisions and modifications make an already enticing real estate market even more attractive and accessible. Interest rates are low and home prices are more affordable now than they have been in decades," said National Association of Realtors Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "There's never been a better time for potential buyers to invest in their future through homeownership."

Many areas are already seeing a rise in home prices and demand, with multiple bids on properties becoming more common. According to the NAR Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers, first-time home buyers became homeowners in record numbers over the past year, comprising 47 percent of all home sales between July 2008 and June 2009. This flood of activity helped shrink housing inventory levels. Reduced inventory is a sign the market is returning to a more balanced state and helps sustain home values.

Yun said that while the housing crisis isn't over, the extended and expanded tax credit is a step in the right direction.

"The bottom line is that the housing market is doing much better now than one year ago, and the home purchases using the tax credit should continue to reduce inventory to acceptable levels. The extension is a big win for consumers, but to take advantage of this rare opportunity, would-be buyers need to get the ball rolling and contact a Realtor® who can help them on the path toward owning a home."

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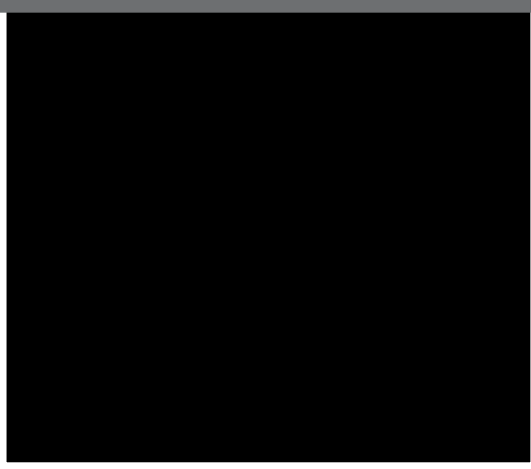
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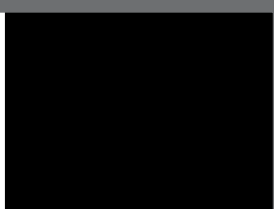


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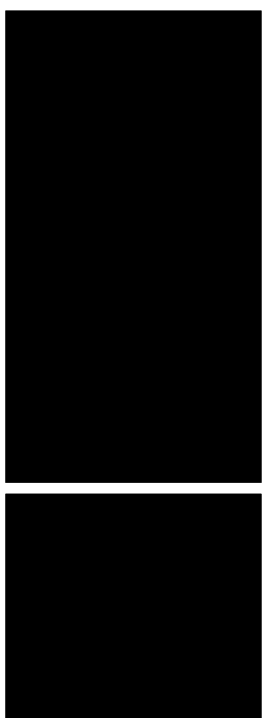
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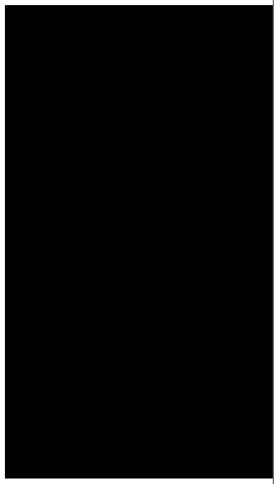
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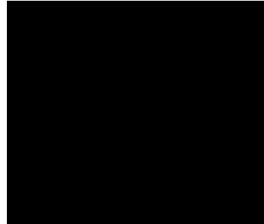
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East Sacramento artist thrives at Brickhouse Gallery and Art Complex

By **BENN HODAPP**
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Everyone deals with a traumatic event differently. Some get depressed, others get angry while some shut down completely. For East Sacramento resident Jeff Mains, he found art to be his coping mechanism.

On September 10, 2001, Mains was shot in the abdomen by Joseph Ferguson, who killed five people and then himself in one of the most horrific rampages in Sacramento history.

"I just got caught in the crossfire when he was shooting at the police," Mains said.

"I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Understandably, the event caused Mains' life to flip upside down.

He moved to Napa for three years to recover from his injuries, both physically and mentally, as well as work.

"(Napa) was a nice place to be," he said. "But I was at a crossroads in my life."

The time he spent in Napa gave him time to reconnect with drawing, a passion that lay dormant since high school. He drew a lot as a child but never considered it to be something he could do for a living.

"Half the time in school I was drawing instead of listening," he joked. "But I kind of lost direction after high school."

After he recovered from his injuries, Mains moved back to Sacramento. He went on to get a job at the Crocker Art Museum where he worked for three years. His passion for the arts continued to grow and his work at Crocker qualified him for a new job.

"A friend of mine at Crocker introduced me to Dave DeCamilla (owner of the Brickhouse Gallery & Arts Complex) and it just kind of went from there," he said.

Life at the Brickhouse

Three months ago Mains was hired as the gallery director of the Brickhouse in East Sacramento. And if Mains has his way, the Brickhouse will become a shining example of Sacramento's burgeoning art community.

"We have pretty much everything on display here," he said when asked what kinds of art can be found at the Brickhouse. "I would say that it's borderline abstract with paintings using all kinds of materials."

Mains' vision of what the Brickhouse could eventually be has impressed DeCamilla. "Before Jeff was here we had some people that were talking about art more than they were making it," DeCamilla said. "We had all kinds of noise and parties but no real body of work."

The talent currently on display has Mains excited about the future of art not only at the Brickhouse, but in the Sacramento area.

"I think people who come in and look at the pieces we have in here will come away with an understanding that the art is pretty raw and that the place has a positive energy," he said. "I want the place to give off a strong vibe of the local art community."

Along with the pieces that can be enjoyed from the perspective of an art-lover, the Brickhouse



Photo courtesy Jeff Mains
East Sacramento resident and artist Jeff Mains.

also offers classes as well as studio space to perspective artists. Move quick, though. Eight of the nine workspaces were taken as of Monday.

"We're going to try to have classes for all kinds of art," Mains said. "Oil painting, charcoal drawing and mixed media as well."

And while Mains himself is an artist, none of his works adorn the gallery walls. Instead, Mains' paintings, which he calls "representational with a twist of impressionist," are often given away to interested parties. However, all the art in the Brickhouse is for sale. According to Mains, the prices vary but nothing inside the shop is outrageously priced.

The Brickhouse participates in Second Saturday festivities, which has brought people in the doors to see the raw works of the talented local artists.

"We have all kinds of finger foods available for people who want to walk through and look at everything during Second Saturday," he said. "People can walk through workspaces and we're trying to get to the point where we have demonstrations in the gallery such as ice sculpting."

While the Second Saturday event is a good way to bring people in the door, Mains wants to eventually host events specific to the Brickhouse. "I'd like to mix it up in terms of the art we have here," he said. "Different people enjoy different types of art and I think we can provide that."

The Brickhouse Gallery & Arts Complex is located at 2837 36th Street. For more information on the gallery, its works and operating hours, call 457-2502 or email art@brickhouseoakpark.com. The gallery's Web site can be viewed at www.brickhouseoakpark.com.



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From left: Wes, Ted, and Henry

Martial artists punch out domestic violence

Special to The Pocket News

Zen Martial Arts Center, WEAVE Inc., and Sacramento Parks and Recreation are teaming up to offer a free women's self-defense and empowerment seminar. The class will be held at the Coloma Community Center in East Sacramento on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 1:00 p.m. It is completely free to all women in the community ages 13 and up.

"We wanted to make sure that this class was available to everyone – especially those that need it the most," said Zen Martial Arts owner Mike Oliver.

The one hour class will not only teach women a series of easy to learn self-defense moves, but the experienced instructors will also share important awareness and safety tips that everyone should know.

"Self-defense is more than just punching and kicking," said Oliver. "Awareness is self-defense. Being around good people is self-defense. And believing in yourself and that you can achieve anything—that's real self-defense."

Before and after the class, donations will be accepted for WEAVE. One-hundred percent of all donations accepted will go directly to the non-profit organization. Donation receipts will be made available upon request. If you are unable to attend the class but would like to make a donation to WEAVE, you can do so at WeaveInc.org.

About Zen Martial Arts Center:

Zen Martial Arts Center is a martial arts school that



Pocket News Photo/Ryan Rose
Zen Martial Arts owner Mike Oliver welcomes the community to a special WEAVE fundraising event Jan. 23 at the Coloma Community Center in East Sacramento.

gives children and adults the tools of the martial arts to empower themselves and turbocharge their lives. All classes are separated by age and experience level and are taught in a safe and non-embarrassing environment. To learn more about the programs offered at the center or to schedule a trial class for you or your child, call 530-613-6779 or visit ZenMartial.com.

About WEAVE:

WEAVE is a non-profit organization that is com-

mitted to bringing an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in partnership with the community. WEAVE is the only provider of comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the county. While there are other organizations providing portions of what WEAVE provides, WEAVE is the only organization that provides the 14 core domestic violence services required by the State of California. For more information, visit WeaveInc.org.

Janey Way Memories



More stories from The Pit



By **MARTY RELLES**
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Back in the late 1950s, we played daily in the pit, the vacated sand and gravel site located directly behind the houses on the east side of Janey Way in East Sacramento. Today, St. Francis High School occupies the site; but back then, the pit became the source of many unforgettable stories. Local barber John Waldren related the following story to me recently.

One day, John, his friend Sonny and cousin Joe went down into the pit to play. They climbed up on a dirt pile in the center of the pit and heaved clods off the top of the mound. As they did this, they beheld an incredible site – a horse running loose in the pit.

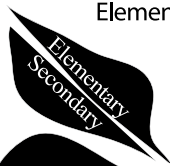
John had idea. "Let's capture the horse, then find its owner. We will get a reward."

So the boys worked as a team and managed to herd the animal up to a wall on the north side of the site. Carefully, one of the boys grabbed the horse's rein. After calming the animal, they led it out of the pit up to the line of backyard fences located on the west side of the site. There, they tied the horse to a fence post. They walked over to M Street and then east toward 62nd Street, looking for yards large enough to stable a horse. Eventually they found a likely farmhouse off Elvas Avenue. They knocked on the door and spoke to a woman. Sure enough, she said that she owned the horse. So the boys returned to the pit and waited for the owner to come and pick up the horse. After a while, a truck towing a horse trailer drove up and parked. The woman they spoke to exited the truck, walked up, unhitched the horse then walked away from the boys without even saying thank you. The boys were dumfounded. No reward, no thanks – nothing. They learned a valuable lesson that day. Sometimes in life, the most honorable deeds go unrewarded.

Spartacus revisited

This following story comes from my friend Tom Hart. In 1960, a group of the younger Janey Way boys went to the Alhambra Theater to see the movie "Spartacus," the story of the gladiators who staged a rebellion against the Roman Empire. The boys were so taken by the movie that when they returned home they fashioned shields out of cardboard and twine, made make-believe weapons by taping boxing gloves to the end of broomsticks and wore football helmets depicting the Roman headgear. Then they marched down into the pit and over to Mt. Everest, the large mound in the center of the great hole. There they staged seemingly-realistic gladiatorial fights, bopping one another's shields with their homemade lances. As they did this, a group of older boys saw them and decided to chase them off the top of Mt. Everest. A battle ensued. The older boys cast dirt clods up at the boys atop Mt. Everest. The young boys returned fire, but the older boys moved inexorably up the side of the hill. In response, the younger boys rolled an empty 55-gallon oil drum up to the edge of Mt. Everest and down the hill toward the attacking boys. Naturally, the attackers fled in all available directions and did not return. Realizing they had won the battle, the younger boys raised their hands in the air and yelled, "Victory, victory, victory!" The battle for Mt. Everest had become another swashbuckling Janey Way memory.

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Jesuit High School: A Carmichael/Sacramento tradition since 1963

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For nearly a half-century, Jesuit High School has been building a strong tradition that began very modestly with 93 freshman students under the direction of the California Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and the Rev. Joseph Keane, as superior.

The idea for the creation of this private, Catholic faith-based, all-boys school, which is located on the border of Carmichael and Sacramento at 1200 Jacob Lane, was conceived in about the late 1950s through the leadership of Bishop Robert Armstrong.

And through Armstrong's successor, the Rev. Joseph McGucken, efforts to further this dream continued with various fundraising efforts.

During the early 1960s, Keane was sent by the Rev. John Connolly, provincial of the California Province, to initiate the preliminary groundwork for the establishment of the school.

"The miracle of Sacramento"

A major step in the process to create a Jesuit high school in the Sacramento area was taken in January 1961, as 27 acres of the old Horst Hop Ranch were purchased by the California Province for the construction of the school.

The process of building Jesuit High School was referred to by associates of the school at the time as "the miracle of Sacramento" due to the fact that the majority of the school was built in only about four months.

The first issue of Jesuit High's newspaper, *The Plank* (currently known as *Ye Olde Plank*), provided the following commentary on this fast-paced construction, which began in May 1963: "The transformation, wrought by the firm of Harbison and Mahony, definitely borders on the miraculous."

Finally, the long-awaited day arrived on Sept. 17, 1963, as Jesuit High, with its six major buildings, became the first new high school opened by the California Province in 42 years.

Hired as the school's first principal and a history teacher was the Rev. John Geiszel, who had previously served as the vice principal of Loyola High School in Los Angeles.

Other instructors at this time included: the student's chaplain, the Rev. John Ferguson, theology; the Rev. Joseph Barry, mathematics; the Rev. Raymond Brannon, Latin and speech; the Rev. Carlton Whitten, English; and the school's only lay teacher, John Maher, history and physical education.

Keane, who served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, the dean of men at Loyola University in Los Angeles and athletic director at the University of San Francisco, was appointed first superior of Jesuit High on Sept. 26, 1963.

Another early faculty member was added to Jesuit's staff in February 1964, with the hiring of Brother Edward Johnson, who performed a variety of jobs, including working in the study hall, sorting and filing mail,



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Jesuit High School has built a nearly half-century-long tradition in the Carmichael/Sacramento area. The school was established on property that was formerly occupied by the Horst Hop Ranch.

cleaning the chapel, running errands and watering the lawn.

In October 1964, five priests, one brother and two laymen were added to the faculty.

No ordinary school

An editorial in *The Plank's* first issue reveals the fact that Jesuit's first students understood that their school was no ordinary school.

The editorial, which was written by student James Mark, included the following words: "When people look at us, they are looking at Jesuit High, for we are Jesuit High. The reputation of the Jesuit fathers rides with each one

of us (students), here, at home and away. We are students of Jesuit High 24 hours a day (for) the rest of our lives."

A major event in the school's history occurred on Nov. 6, 1963, when Jesuit's faculty and student body selected the name, Marauders, and the colors crimson and gold.

The mascot name was selected due to the classic marauders or seafaring pirates' reputation for having such a great level of intelligence, skill and knowledge of navigation that they were considered almost in-

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vincible and the envy of all men.

The colors were chosen because crimson is the color of blood, which symbolizes courage, and gold is the most precious and valuable metal and is so deeply connected to the history of Sacramento.

The beauty of the initial landscaping on the Jesuit campus, which was increased to a total of 42 acres when additional acreage was purchased by the California Province in February 1963, was attributed to the care of Barry and Brannon.

Ferguson was also very active in Jesuit's early landscaping, as he was instrumental in the acquisition and positioning of the campus' first trees and bushes.

In addition to its landscaping and initial structures, the school also included its then-campus-famous asphalt field that was used for physical education classes and intramural sports, including football.

Jesuit's first sports team to compete against another school was its basketball team, which debuted in the fall of 1963.

By the spring of 1964, Jesuit fielded its first baseball team, followed by its first cross country team in the fall of 1964 and its first football team in the fall of 1965.

Today, the school features 14 sports teams and has a rich history of championship teams at the league, section, state and national level.

Most recently, rugby, soccer, cross country and baseball have been the most dominant of these sports.

A new voice

Another noteworthy activity of the school during its earlier years was its Law Contest, which debuted under the direction of Brannon on Nov. 25, 1963.

With about 600 people in attendance at the Encina High School Auditorium, two mock trials were presented, including the famous Lindbergh trial.

Stephen Clavere won top honors, as he was named the best speaker of the event, which was the first law contest ever held in a California high school.

Honor student and then-future student body president Steve Ruggiero captured the best speaker award during the next Law Contest, which was held at the Loretto High School gymnasium on November 19, 1964.

Although the Law Contest was only held for a few years, clubs were a rich part of Jesuit's early history and among the first clubs to be formed at the school were the Glee Club, the Radio Club and the Sodality service organization.

Since this time, student activities at the school have expanded to include about 45 student-led clubs, ranging from service programs to international clubs to leadership organizations.

Jesuit also has a long history of visual and performing arts programs, which has evolved from the Glee Club to a full fine arts curriculum, including studio art, music and drama productions.

Another early element of the school since its beginnings was its yearbook, *The Cutlass*.

The original staff of *The Cutlass* met for the first time on Feb. 2, 1964 to plan for the creation of the 1965 annual.

When the staff, which was led by its editor and chief Mark Warren, completed the yearbook, it consisted of 36 pages with black and white photographs.

As the student body has grown throughout the years, thus has *The Cutlass*, as well. The 2009 edition of the annual, for instance, included 192 pages with color photographs.

Jesuit High today

Mark Warren's brother, Tim Warren, who serves as Jesuit's assistant principal and dean of students, has seen the positive development of the school from its construction days to the present.

"When they were building the school in 1963, my father (Harry Warren) would drive us down there as kids," Tim Warren said. "My brother (Mark) was in the first class, my brother Phil was in the third class and I graduated in 1970 (in the fourth class) and two years after I graduated, I started coaching football

(at Jesuit). There's never been a time that I haven't been associated with the place in my adult life. The school has really grown. I remember when the school opened. The (campus) was not always like this. There were 10 or 15 cars total in the parking lot in the early days."

Norma Nicol Hamilton, Jesuit's assistant librarian and the mother of Jesuit alumni Garrett Hamilton of the Class of 1986 and Ryan Hamilton of the Class of 1989, said that many Jesuit graduates have moved on to contribute considerably to the local and greater society.

"It's been truly a privilege to be a part of the Jesuit Ignatian tradition of education," Hamilton said. "I think our school as it nears its 50th year in the Sacramento area is a tremendous asset to the citizens of Sacramento to their young men who are and who have been students (at Jesuit). I'm not sure of the number of graduates. I think its somewhere in the 6000s range, but they've gone on to do all kinds of wonderful things in California, the United States and the world in humanitarian occupations, government occupations, health and wellness occupations and legal occupations."

A few of the notable alumni include: Maj. Gen. Leo A. Brooks and Brother Brig. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks of the U.S. Army, National Football League quarterback Ken O'Brien, Major League Baseball player Lars Anderson, Olympic class runner Michael Stember and professional actor Chris Sullivan.

Another facet of the history of Jesuit is that many of the school's former students have returned to work as members of the faculty.

Allan Darte of the Class of 1996 is one such graduate, who has returned to serve the school.

Working as the assistant admissions director and diversity director, Darte is passionate about his Jesuit roots.

"As the first person from my family to go to Jesuit, I found the experience extremely rewarding," Darte said. "I re-



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A large cross and bell hover high above the Jesuit High School campus.

ceived a well-rounded, morally-based education that has inspired me to be a lifelong learner. Furthermore, I have become a part of an international network, which has given me access to invaluable experiences, resources and opportunities."

Today, Jesuit with its student body of about 1,000 and about 120 faculty and staff, continues its rich tradition of building "Men for Others" and adhering to the Latin motto, *Ad majorem Dei gloriam*, which is translated as "For the greater glory of God."

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Bocce Ball: A Sacramento tradition for young and old

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Among the premier historic landmarks of the East Sacramento area is East Portal Park and just about anyone who knows about this neighborhood park is familiar with its bocce ball courts.

As the centerpiece of the park, which has deep Italian roots, are the courts, which on just about any given afternoon or evening are occupied by groups of people engrossed in the game, which brings out heavy doses of both competitive spirit and camaraderie.

Originally connected to the rich Italian culture of East Sacramento's historic Little Italy neighborhood, the game initially drew only men of Italian descent.

But despite continuing to draw about 45 percent Italian players to the courts, the sport is more closely a representation of the diversity of the community.

No longer is it a men-only sport and the East Portal Bocce Club, which is part of the United State Bocce Federation, consists of members with heritage from throughout the globe.

This decision to allow women and non-Italians to join the club was initiated in 1991 through the club's then-president Vic Cima.

As a result of this decision, many new faces joined the club

and became educated about bocce ball, which is believed to have been derived from a more primitive Egyptian version of the sport.

The first bocce clubs

Popularized in Italy, where the first bocce clubs in modern times were established, the game, which is generally played in groups of two or four and most closely related to lawn bowling, was brought to the United States by Italian immigrants who came to America in masses during the turn of the 20th century.

Originally played in Sacramento at Southside Park as early as the 1930s, the sport has been a staple of East Portal Park since its opening in about the early 1940s.

Although bocce has been played at East Portal Park since the park's early years, it was not until the early 1970s that the club was founded under the direction of Tony Peretti.

As a proud Italian, American and war veteran, Peretti founded the East Portal Bocce Club Fourth of July Tournament, which continues to be held each year and begins with the Pledge of Allegiance and the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

The club hit one of its lowest points during the beginning of its second decade, as membership dropped by about 50 percent.

This decline in membership was not indicative of the pop-



(Left to right) Ottavio Luchini, Dante Urbani, Phil Brakebill, Ciro Negri, Sivio Mariotti, Gerard Sharp, Jim Fellos, Bob Martinez and Vern Cooper are among the most active members of the East Portal Bocce Club.

ularity of the sport, however, as is evident by a joke among members at the time that the club had "too many visitors at Nicoletti's" – the funeral home at 5401 Folsom Blvd.

In response to the club's membership woes, Cima recruited new members from the Piemonte Reale Benevolent Society, where he was serving as president.

Cima's inclusion of women and people of other cultures proved to be the biggest turnaround for the club, which grew to more than 150 members by the late 1990s and now consists of about 260 members of which about 80 are female.

Additionally, membership of the club ranges from about 20 years old to 93 years old and the average age of its members is 65 years old.

Diversity and depth

East Portal Bocce Club President Bob Martinez is a prime example of the diversity of the club.

Martinez, who is an East Sacramento resident of Mexican heritage, was first introduced to the game while vacationing with his wife in Monterey.

"We were staying by the Presidio right there by the wharf and it just so happens that in the Presidio itself there are three bocce courts and so I was

kind of watching these guys playing bocce," Martinez said. "The Sicilians were coming off the fishing boats in the late afternoon and they were playing the Mexican restaurant workers from the (nearby) restaurants. They invited me to play and I just rolled a few balls and I just got really interested in (the sport)."

A friend of Martinez later invited him to the East Portal Park courts, where he became more acquainted with the game and soon afterward joined the club.

Although each member of the club is proud of their own particular heritage, Martinez said that those who become involved in the game of bocce ball join an intimate group of people who are like a big Italian family.

"Once you (get involved with bocce ball), everyone starts recognizing you and you feel a part of something much bigger," Martinez said. "It's like an extended family and everybody's Italian when you start playing bocce."

Martinez, who joined the club seven years ago, said that although bocce ball is a very simple game to learn, it is undeniably a very challenging sport.

"A lot of people know this and it's like (one of the club's members) Chito (Negri) said, 'It takes about 20 minutes to learn bocce,

but it takes a lifetime to learn the strategy.' And it's true. It's a simple game that's easy to learn, but it can be very complex to learn in terms of strategy and that strategy is what's endearing and creates kind of this opportunity for exchange in banter. So, I would say that anyone who is interested in learning something that is not all that difficult to learn the rules of (would likely) enjoy this game. You can be as good as you want to be. All you have to do is stay with it and the more you're with it, the more you realize all the nuances that are associated with this game and the people and the camaraderie. It's great."

Mr. Bocce Ball

Poggio, Italy native Dante Urbani, 77, who is known as "Mr. Bocce Ball," said that he is very aware of the strategy of the game.

"There's a lot of strategy," said Urbani, who grew up with the sport and joined the local club 10 years ago. "You have to have a lot of finesse and you have to be convinced that you are better than everybody and that gives you more of an edge. You have to have a lot of confidence, but I think that people should just have that in general in life and feel secure about things."

Another member of the club, 84-year-old Ottavio Luchi-

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ni, said that his memories of bocce date back to about 1935 when he used to play the game in his native town of Massarosa, Italy, near Lucca, with his childhood friends, Basilio, Renio, Filippo, Sandrino and several others.

"When I was in Italy, we used to play with rocks on the dirt, because we didn't have any balls or courts," Luchini said.

Although he first arrived in Sacramento on Feb. 4, 1949, Luchini said that he has only been playing bocce in the capital city since about 2000, since he was a longtime card player at the Dante Club.

Known nationwide

The East Portal Bocce Club is far from just a community story as the organization has gained much recognition as a premier club throughout the nation.

And being a premier Northern California club is alone quite notable, considering that the majority of the nation's bocce clubs are located in Northern California.

Hanging from the wooden rooftop that covers a pair of the East Portal Park's four courts is a banner, which celebrates the 2004 USBF B-bracket national champions, which was won by a team consisting of Jim Fellos, David Zaffa, Jack Roupp and Jack Toige.

With efforts being made to add bocce to the sports of the Summer Olympics, the club hopes to have a few of its members become Olympians,

including Vern Cooper, who is currently ranked No. 10 in the United States.

Cooper, who is working toward his goal of participating in the World Bocce Championships, is also a certified world bocce referee.

Martinez said that he enjoys being a part of the rich tradition of bocce ball at East Portal Park.

"It really is something that's community affirming and I'm very much committed to the East Sacramento community and to me, bocce is very much a part of its lifeblood," Martinez said.

"It sustains and enhances the community and it brings that cultural vitality and to me, that's what makes it so special. And also, I just love playing it, so anything I can do to encourage others to play, I want to do it."

And encourage, he does, as Martinez said that he always advocates new membership in the club.

With league play occurring every Monday through Thursday from the spring through the fall, Martinez noted that generally the best time for newcomers to visit the courts is on the weekends.

"There is always somebody down here on the weekends who is willing to talk to people about the club," Martinez said.

Those desiring to learn more about bocce ball, the club or are interested in becoming a member of the club can call Martinez at (916) 717-1947 or visit the Web site www.eastportalbocceclub.com.



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JANUARY 30

Grand opening of Move Studio

Move! studio is celebrating its grand opening at its location at 600 Broadway by offering a day of free workshops for the public on Saturday, January 30. Each workshop will include a demonstration and 15-minute fun class. Move! studio is a 3500sq/ft facility custom designed for the practice of martial arts, dance, music, gymnastics, and fitness. For more information please contact Melissa Wallace at (916) 479-3443 or ms-maw54@yahoo.com, or visit www.movestudio.net or www.adbcapoeira.com.

FEBRUARY 1

Free Hula Dance Class

Enjoy fun, exercise, and friendship ~ Hawaiian Style on the February 1st, from 9:30 to 11am. Move your hands and hips to the soothing sounds of traditional island music. Learn to do the Hula the fun and easy way. Anuhea Toyama will teach simple dance steps and graceful hand movements in this free class. Please sign up in advance by phoning 808-5462.

FEBRUARY 2

Wine social at Casa Garden

The next event at the Casa Garden Restaurant: It's different from the usual lunch/show in that it's a wine social. The chosen presenter describes the white wine being poured as Casa serves a hors d'oeuvre that complements white wine. After a little more discussion about the winery/vineyard, the presenter describes the red wine being poured while a different hors d'oeuvre is offered. Then you are served the entree you've selected, non-alcoholic beverage, and dessert – tax and gratuity all for \$20.00!! Reservations are required. For more info or tickets, call (916) 452 2809.

FEBRUARY 3

Zumba Class

Event is Wednesday sessions beginning February 3, 2010 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael. \$20 for 4 week sessions. FREE parking. Register at La Sierra Community Center. Call 483-7826 for more information. The latest in cardiovascular workouts! Move and groove to Latin rhythms for an aerobic exercise that burns 600-800 calories all while having fun.

First Wednesday Poetry

Held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at 828 I Street, the Sacramento Poetry Center will hold a special poetry reading at the Central Library on the first Wednesday of each month. February's offering includes poets from The Sacramento Anthology: 100 Poems. This classic anthology features over 80 poets and is still available. Readers will include Annie Menebroker, Mary Zeppa and Mario Ellis Hill. Hosted by Poet Laureate Bob Stanley. Street parking is free after 6 pm. www.saclibrary.org askus@saclibrary.org 916-264-2920.

FEBRUARY 5

Organic Gardening

On February 5, 2010, the Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County will meet at the Carmichael Park Administration Building, Room 1, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, at 10 a.m. The program, "Gardening Potpourri" will be presented by Candace Schuncke, Fair Oaks Horticulture Center. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

FEBRUARY 6

School crab feed

St. John the Evangelist School presents its 27th Annual Crab Feed Dinner on Saturday, February 6th from 6pm to midnight. No host bar from 6pm to 7pm, 7pm to 9pm is dinner and raffle and from 9pm to midnight is dancing. Tickets are \$39 per person and can be purchased in the school office at 5701 Locust Avenue, Carmichael. Dinner includes salad, pasta, crab and dessert. All proceeds go to the school for yearly expenses. Call 481-8845 for more information.



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Taylor's Haitian Relief Dinner Party

We are hosting a fundraising dinner party this Sunday, January 24th from 4 to 9 PM.

All receipts from this evening will be donated to aid in earthquake relief efforts in Haiti.

SAVE THE DATE!

The cost is \$25 per person for the dinner which will be several courses of Caribbean inspired dishes. Beer and wine will be available for an additional charge. Reservations can be made by contacting Taylor's Kitchen at 916-443-5154.



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LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

4522 SHENANGO WAY-\$240,000

PENDING

1 STORY, 4 BED, 2 BA APPROX. 1,798 SF. OPEN KITCHEN W/ TILE COUNTERTOPS & FLOORS, PANTRY, NOOK, FAMILY ROOM W/ FIREPLACE, LIVING & DINING AREA. SPACIOUS BACKYARD W/ PATIO & GARDEN, TILE ROOF, 3 CAR GARAGE & MORE!

GINA LAPLACA 548-1628

2707 GRANITE PARK LANE-\$349,000

PENDING

GATED COMMUNITY FOR 55+. 4 BED, 2 BATH W/ 3 CAR GARAGE. 1 STORY UPGRADES INCLUDE CARPET, GRANITE COUNTERTOPS, CONF. OVEN, CABINETS, BREAKFAST BAR, SURROUND SOUND, PLANTATION SHUTTERS, WATER SOFTNER, WHOLE HOUSE FAN, STAMPED CONCRETE PATIO, AND MORE!

BOB WILSON 686-6868

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GET READY TO VIEW! SHOULD BE APP. THE 7TH OF NOVEMBER, AS NEW CARPETS ARE BEING INSTALLED AND THE INTERIOR IS BEING RE-PAINTED. WILL SHOW LIKE NEW. YOU CANNOT BELIEVE THE BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS AND THE SWIMMING POOL & CLUBHOUSE ARE RIGHT NEXT DOOR. LOTS OF ROOM ON OVER A QUARTER OF AN ACRE.

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BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED, SEMI CUSTOM, TURNKEY PROPERTY IN ELK GROVE IN ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD. BRAND NEW CARPET UPSTAIRS, TRAVERTINE FLOORS DOWNSTAIRS, AND DUAL PANE WINDOWS THROUGHOUT. NOT A SHORT SALE OR REQ! COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF AND BRING YOUR FUSSEST BUYERS!

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5707 LA FIELD DRIVE-\$160,000

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MARY J LEE 425-3749

LOOMIS

9816 HUDSON COURT-\$375,000

MOST CAPTIVATING WATER VIEWS THAT FOLSOM LAKE HAS TO OFFER. 1/3 ACRE WITH BEAUTIFUL OAKS AND GRANITE OUTCROPPINGS. BUILD YOUR HOME ON TOP FOR THE VIEWS AND YOUR GARAGE & GUEST HOUSE BELOW. ON CUL DE SAC, LEVEL BUILDING SITE AT ENTRANCE TO PROPERTY.

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SACRAMENTO

5243 MINERVA AVENUE-\$350,000

WONDERFUL HOME & ALL REDONE FOR YOU. NEW ROOF THIS YEAR, A WONDERFUL AREA OF RIVER PARK & YOU CAN WALK OR RIDE YOUR BIKE TO CSUS OR ALSO DOWN TO THE RIVER FOR A SWIM.

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SOLD

SINGLE STORY, 3 BED, 2 BATH IN A MATURED NEIGHBORHOOD AND CONVENIENTLY LOCATED. GREAT ROOM CONCEPT OPENS TO KITCHEN AND BACKYARD. LIVING ROOM WITH FIREPLACE AND TILED FLOORING THRU OUT EXCEPT FOR THE BEDROOMS WITH CARPETING. DUAL PANE WINDOWS AND WHOLE HOUSE FAN!

LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

5660 JACKS LANE-\$145,000

SOLD

ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD, 3 BED, 1 BATH. NEWER ROOFING, MOSTLY WOOD FLOORING UNDER CARPET. BATH WITH TUB AND SEP. SHOWER.

LYNN LUK LEE 628-2843

570 DE MAR DRIVE-\$179,000

PENDING

SINGLE STORY 2 BED (PLUS SUN ROOM), 2 BATH HALF PLEX. GREAT ROOM PLAN W/ VAULTED CEILING & FIREPLACE. GORGEOUS UPDATED KITCHEN W/ RECESSED LIGHTING, UPDATED CABINETS, COUNTERS, APPLIANCES. MASTER SUITE W/ WALK-IN CLOSET. BACKYARD W/ PATIO & NEWER FENCE. NEWER HVAC, ROOF, EXTERIOR PAINT, DUAL PANE WINDOWS, RETEXTURED CEILING, PLANTATION SHUTTERS.

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