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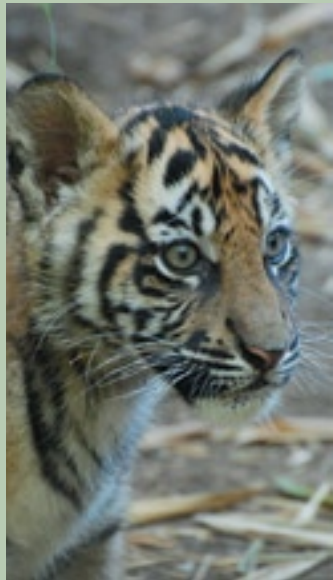
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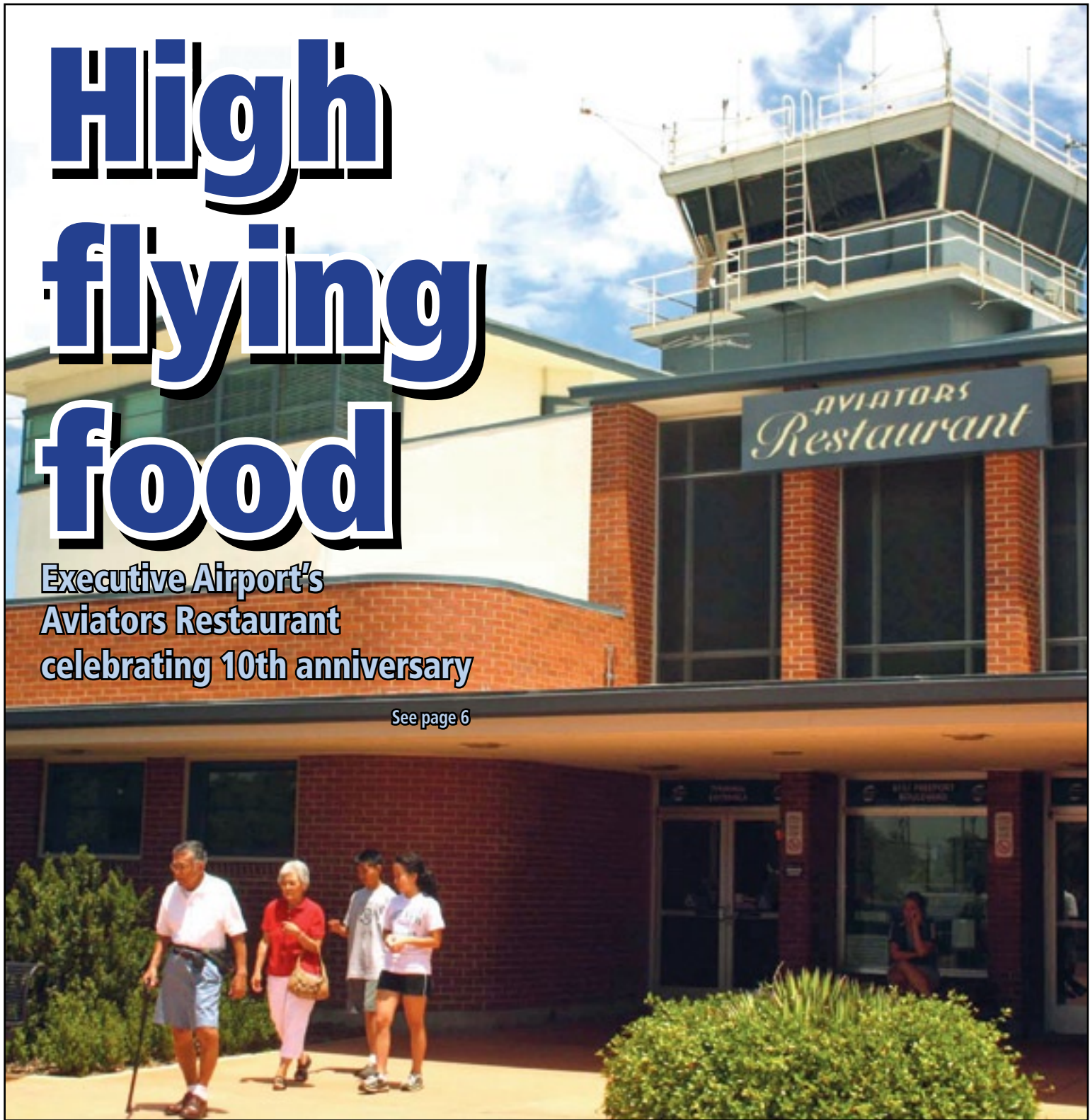
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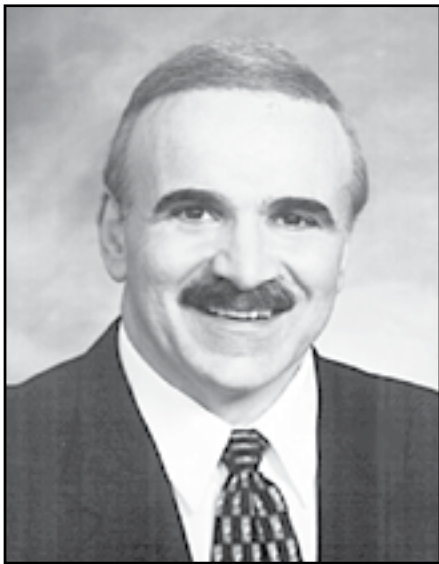
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Pocket News Staff Report

The annual Fourth of July Spirit of the Pocket Parade, the largest parade event in the Pocket-Greenhaven area, is preparing for another magnificent patriotic celebration and is looking to the community for volunteers and floats. The

parade, which is being held on July 3 this year, is a popular community-produced visual spectacle.

Held Saturday, July 3, the parade begins promptly at 10 a.m. at Lisbon Elementary School, 7775 S. Land Park Dr., and travels down Windbridge, ending at Garcia Bend Park.

Volunteers are needed to support the efforts (and the fun) of the 16th annual Fourth of July Spirit of the Pocket Parade. To volunteer in positions ranging from pre-parade phone calls,

blocking streets (while sitting in a comfortable chair), parade marshals and helping with the after-parade activities at Garcia Bend, e-mail linda@valcomnews.com.

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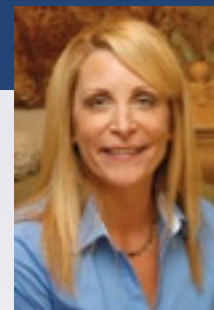
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*I look forward to continuing this conversation over the next several months and working with everyone to better our community and move Sacramento forward.*

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## Oto's Marketplace fills unique void in Land Park, capital region

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It has been three years since a new structure was built at 4990 Freeport Blvd. and the community was introduced to a unique business, Oto's Marketplace.

The predecessor to this family-owned grocery business had been located in a smaller, rented structure at 5770 Freeport Blvd. at Fruitridge Road and was known as Oto's Japan Food. But the business expanded to its new location and although it offers many of its former items, it also features a variety of newer items.

And the store's name is more fitting, since the business's focus expands beyond the realm of Japanese foods and includes

Thai, Korean and Chinese foods.

The store's general manager, Russell Oto, who owns the business with his father Ted, mother Mollie, brother Michael and sister Florence, emphasized the uniqueness of the store in the capital city.

"Our store is unique to Sacramento, because it's not your average Asian grocery store," Russell said. "We specialize in quality produce, fish and meats that you won't find in any other Asian store. These include: Wagyu Kobe beef and sushi-grade fish and a complete Sake section."

### One-of-a-kind store

The store also features a wide variety all-natural meat, a diverse produce section with many in-season local fruits and vegetables and a \$1.50 per item Daiso variety section.

Another attraction of Oto's is its popular take-out section, which includes Japanese-style lunches boxes with teriyaki chicken, teriyaki salmon and other fish and barbecue pork. These boxes range

in price from about \$4.25 to about \$12.

Russell recommends his business to the entire community, including those who are interested in purchasing recipe items for Japanese dishes.

"If you have a Japanese recipe, we probably have all of the ingredients you would need to create your dish," Russell said. "I would also recommend coming in and checking out our store just to be adventurous, because we have so many things that you wouldn't find anywhere else."

And of course, Russell is not the only person who recommends his store to others, as many of Oto's customers enjoy sharing why they enjoy shopping at this store.

South Sacramento resident Emily Stewart said that she is one of the store's most dedicated customers.

"I love it here," Stewart said. "I come here almost every day. You can get all kinds of Japanese food over here and these are people you can trust. They are real nice. And

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# Oto's: 'I always dreamed of having a store to leave behind to my kids'

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the store tests the food that they sell and they either say, "This is good" or "This is not good."

Elk Grove resident Mai Nakamoto said that she used to place special orders with her vacationing friends until she discovered Oto's.

"There are a lot of things that you can't get (elsewhere in Sacramento), like my favorite thing here is the coconut syrup," Nakamoto said. "I used to have people load up on coconut syrup for me when they were coming back from Hawaii, but then I found they have it here. Also, my kids love the sushi and the fresh meat counter."

Customers also appreciate the business's employees, who include grocery manager Steve Jung, Aki Kushido, a produce man with more than 50 years of experience, Ray Yamamoto of the sushi department, and cashiers Debbie Wong and Eri Taniguchi, who is the only employee fluent in Japanese.

## Origins of Oto's

The roots of the business reach further than the family's former Freeport Boulevard location, which was located in the Corti Bros. Cort Yard back in the days when Corti Bros. Italian grocery store had multiple locations.

Ted Oto, 83, who grew up in Walnut Grove and graduated from Courtland High School, became a butcher during the 1940s.

Russell, who graduated from Kennedy High School in 1975, said that his father began his training to become a butcher following World War II.

"Back then, (Japanese immigrants and their families) were put into internment camps," Russell said. "After that, (Ted) couldn't come back to the West Coast, so he went to Chicago and learned butchering as a trade and then (eventually) came back (to the West Coast) and started a business. So, he's a butcher as a tradesman."

This training paid off for Ted, as he operated a meat market inside Carl and Theodore Ferderer's Vina Vista Market at 5452 14th Ave. during the 1960s.

By about 1968, Ted began working at the 1912 Fruitridge Road location of the Food Center, which was under the ownership of Ted L. Kamezaki.

Inside this store, he operated his business, which he called Ted's Meats, for about the following 16 years.

In about 1985, the aforementioned Oto's Japan Foods was established and began to build its steady clientele.

Despite Oto's Japan Food's popularity, which included some customers who traveled from as far away as the Bay Area to shop at the store, Russell said that the location of the business was never exactly ideal.



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Oto's Marketplace at 4990 Freeport Blvd. specializes in Japanese foods and also offers a variety of other Asian foods.

"We had no identity (there) and unless people knew where we were, it was hard for people to find us," Russell said. "So, when the opportunity to purchase this land (where the current store is located) arose, we took it."

Russell said that his family had made various attempts to rent the building prior to this purchase, but was never able to make such an agreement.

The building originally housed the Land Park Station of the U.S. Post Office and by the 1970s was

the site of an Elaine Powers Figure Salon.

It later became home to a Living Well Lady Fitness Center before sitting vacant until the time that the site was purchased by the Oto family.

Following various delays, the Otos began the process of constructing their own grocery store building.

The result of this endeavor was a unique business, which Russell said is attracting more customers on a daily basis.

And for Ted, whose parents, Shizuko and Shigeo Oto, emigrated from Japan in the late 1800s, the store is a dream come true.

"I always dreamed of having a store to leave behind to my kids one day and I finally have that," Ted said.

## About Oto's

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# Executive Airport's Aviators Restaurant celebrating 10th anniversary

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For Sacramentans and visitors of the community who are seeking a unique dining experience, a trip to the Executive Airport might just do the trick.

No, this is not a suggestion that one should leave the city in order to find such a place.

Instead, it is a recommendation for those seeking a restaurant with quality offerings and reasonable prices with a non-everyday atmosphere.

This restaurant is the Aviators Restaurant at the Executive Airport at 6151 Freepoint Blvd.

Although it has been 10 years since this American food eatery opened its doors to the public and has continued to attract more customers on a regular basis, the restaurant is nonetheless one of those places that can still widely be considered a "best kept secret."

## Taking off

As early as the late 1970s, according to old telephone books – and some people say it was around even earlier – another restaurant known as

the Red Baron Steak House drew many regulars to the same site.

But those days are long gone and despite attempts made to establish another successful restaurant at this site, it was not until May 15, 2000 that Aviators Restaurant began to become such a place.

For Aviators Restaurant owner, C.S. Chik, his efforts to build a strong clientele at this site was about a yearlong process.

With his many years of experience and his determination to succeed at his new business, Chik eventually drew a steady flow of regular customers.

And of course, Chik's foresight to maintain much of the original décor of the old Red Baron Restaurant added to much of the appeal of the current restaurant, especially for many people who frequented the place when Red Baron Steak House attracted many customers through its quality steaks and popular bar.

The bar is no longer in operation, however, since Aviators Restaurant resorted to a smaller alcoholic beverage operation with beer and wine.

Although the place also no longer has its red carpets

and the old Red Baron-type bi-plane at the front of the building, much of the old restaurant's visuals remain.

Among these things are a model of a Red Baron plane hanging from the ceiling, a 10-foot wooden propeller hanging on a brick wall above the salad bar, which has an old T-33 jet plane canopy cover, aviation-themed stained glass and booths created in the likeness of old plane cockpits.

But the most notable of all of the many features of the restaurant are its large windows, which overlook the airport and its planes.

Chik, a native of Hong Kong who immigrated to America in 1982 and now resides in Woodland, said that many people request to sit near the windows.

Furthermore, Chik said that people of all ages dine at his restaurant, including some of the biggest fans of the airport's planes – children.

"A lot of kids come here and sometimes we even let them sit on the ledges (by the windows), but we tell them to be careful," Chik said.

## Restaurant landed

Elk Grove resident Mary McCall, who has been waitressing at Aviators Restaurant since the day that it opened, described the restaurant as a very enjoyable place to dine.

"It's a family atmosphere (restaurant)," McCall said.



Pocket News Photo/Lance Armstrong

Aviators Restaurant at the Executive Airport is open daily for breakfast and lunch and on Fridays and Saturdays for dinner.

"Some people like formality. I don't and this is fun. I have some customers come in and if I don't tell them a joke, they don't want to eat. Most of the customers know each other, maybe not by name, but by sight. And most of the new customers, it takes them a little bit, but they blend in. It's like a big family here. In fact, I spend more time with them than I do my own family."

And it does not take long to realize how much McCall loves working at the restaurant and how much her customers enjoy her presence at the eatery.

Unlike many restaurant servers, it is not uncommon to see McCall greeting her customers with a hug and her infectious smile.

McCall said that such closeness with her customers also means that she cannot skip a day of work without anyone noticing.

"There was one time when I was out – I had heart surgery – and half of my customers were calling my house asking, 'Where are you?'" McCall said.

So connected is McCall with her customers, that she said that she has many of their regular orders memorized.

"I already know what half of them are going to eat before they even sit down," McCall said. "It's like, if you're going to change your mind, you've got to call a day ahead."

One of the restaurant's customers, Bob Tozier, said

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# Aviators: 'We live in the area and we love this restaurant'

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that good service is a key factor to the success of a restaurant.

"(McCall) is a good waitress and she's good to everybody," said Tozier, who dines at the restaurant with a retired firefighters' group every month. "That's a big part of it. Food is important, but if you don't like the server, none of it's any good."

Besides providing good service, McCall believes in having a sense of humor, no matter whom she is talking to, including reporters.

When asked to describe the type of place that the restaurant is, in general, McCall responded, "I'm here. What else do you want?"

So, perhaps simply a bonus to the restaurant's most renowned server, Aviators Restaurant also happens to serve some very popular menu items.

And when encouraged to provide detail about the restaurant's food, McCall said, "They all say the food is good. I don't think I've had more than one complaint in 10 years about the quality of the food. And the kitchen never fusses when someone wants a special order."

And with her sarcastic sense of humor that has endeared her to many of her customers, McCall added, "The kitchen doesn't (complain), but I do."

## On the menu

Among the entrées that McCall said that customers order the most are:

**The Aviator:** Home fried potatoes mixed with onions, bell peppers, diced ham and

cheddar cheese and topped with two eggs for \$6.95.

**In-Flight Scramble:** Scrambled eggs with bacon, avocado, diced Ortega chiles, jack and cheddar cheeses, black olives and green onions topped with salsa and sour cream for \$6.95.

**Exclusive Sandwich:** Sliced roasted beef with sautéed onions, peppers and cheddar cheese on a French roll for \$7.75.

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The restaurant, which has a seating capacity of 190 within its main dining room, banquet room (former bar area) and meeting room, also serves omelettes, French toast, quesadillas, pasta, New York steak, fried catfish, stir fry chicken and much more, including hamburgers with half-pound patties, which Chik said will never leave his customers asking, "Where's the beef?"

## Frequent flyers

Certainly, a real test of the restaurant's quality is

evident through the words of the restaurant's repeat customers, including frequent flyers, Aircraft Commander Gordon Evans and Observer Tom Walker of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

During a recent stop at the Executive Airport, Evans and Walker explained that it is difficult to find a better restaurant at an airport than Aviators Restaurant.

And this is saying a lot, considering that the pair of flyers volunteer within an area of responsibility that spans as far north as Crescent City and the Oregon border to all the way down to San Luis Obispo to the south.

"We have our choice of airports and we like to come here (to Aviators Restaurant), because the food is so good," Walker said.

Pocket residents Tony and Joan Remitz are also quick to share their positive views about the eatery.

"We live in the area and we love this restaurant," Tony said. "The food is good and the service is great and the prices are very reasonable. We used to come here when it was the Red Baron and one day we were driving by and saw the sign for Aviators (Restaurant) and we decided to try it. We now come here for breakfast probably three or four times a week."

Joan, who enjoys breakfast entrées such as The Aviator and the In-Flight Scramble, while Tony prefers sandwiches, with his favorite being the Exclusive sandwich, said that



Aircraft, like the planes shown above, are a common visual for Aviators Restaurant diners.

the restaurant is "perfect," because the eatery serves both breakfast and lunch simultaneously.

"I don't eat breakfast," Tony added with an affirmative tone to his voice.

In celebrating his restaurant's 10th year in business, Chik shared his secret to success.

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## About Aviators

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# Matsuyama Elementary celebrates 'Distinguished School' status

By MARIA LOMBOY  
Special to The Pocket News

Matsuyama Elementary School received a well-deserved California Distinguished School Award. The school, located at 7680 Windbridge Dr., was honored to receive recognition for the hard work and accomplishments of its principal, teachers, staff members, parents and students. This year the criteria for being recognized as a California Distinguished School were more stringent than in the past. Awards were based on schools that excelled at meeting the standards of both state and federal accountability systems, and for closing the achievement gap through their two "signature practices."

Matsuyama Elementary School caters to different learning styles of students through its signature practices of differentiated instruction and student intervention. Reaching out to students in ways such as small group instruction, and differentiated learning within the classroom have brought STAR test scores up, as well as continuing to bridge the achievement gap of its diverse student population.

Matsuyama meets the needs of the students during the school day as well as after school. The extended school day includes after-school tutoring, MESA, GATE, Band and Orchestra, Art Classes, and Math and Science Club. Through these offered programs, students are given plenty of opportunities to develop their talents and reach their potentials as learners.

The school not only has an excellent and dedicated staff, but also one of the best quality PTA memberships in the district. The place is always bustling with busy parents who volunteer their time to help out in the school. All of the students benefit from strong parent involvement. The school's annual Harvest Festival, Cherry Blossom Festival and Fun Run serve to bring the community together.

Matsuyama achievements shine brightly for the proud members of the local Pocket community. The high quality of this strong and well-rounded school has been demonstrated by the students' academic achievement and a commitment from staff to provide the best possible education programs for the students of the neighborhood.



Members of Matsuyama Elementary School on hand at Disneyland for the presentation of their California Distinguished School award.

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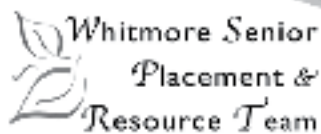
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# Sutterville Elementary School struggles to keep library open

By ELIZABETH VALENTE  
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As many Sacramento school districts grapple with steep budget cuts, one cut that will affect everyone in the whole Greater Sacramento Area is the elimination of school library jobs. Sutterville Elementary, a school in the Sacramento Unified School District, located in Land Park off of Monterey Way, is one school forced to face the issue.

The SCUSD has already laid off three Sutterville teachers. Now with the cut of their only part time librarian, Principal Lori Aoun says trim-

ming the library budget position is one of several grim, budget-axing decisions they have made in recent weeks. She adds the loss will affect not just her K-6th grade students, but also the entire community.

"One of the strategic plans that Superintendent Jonathan Raymond has proposed is to make schools into community centers," explained Aoun. "The plan is to keep our facilities open on the weekends, evenings, and holidays so that kids and families can come and visit. This is supposed to include the library."

For the past several months, Principal Aoun and parents from the PTA have been scrambling to find ways to raise at least \$7,000 to keep the part time librarian at the school until the end of the year.

"Our librarian barely works three days a week for a couple of hours a day," Aoun said. "There are not enough hours in the day to do the job we're asking her to do, like shelving, be a resource for the students, and inventory. At least, not in the way it should be done."

In the meantime, teachers and volunteer parents, like Jody Hansen, will try to fill the gap in the library.

"There's a tremendous value in children going to the school library, like reading a book, learning about authors, and doing their homework," Han-

sen said. "I spend maybe an hour or two a week shelving books and keeping the library door open during lunchtime so students can come in and read."

## Student achievement

More than 570 Sutterville students take turn throughout the year to cram into the trailer-size library. Librarians say years of research have shown well-stocked libraries staffed by certified librarians are linked to student achievement.

"Libraries are becoming more critical because some of our families are struggling financially and they come to the library with their child to enjoy a good story and share a learning experience with them at no cost," explained Aoun. "When you talk about the achievement gap between some of our students who are living in poverty, the library plays an important piece in getting kids access to more books."

Some librarians worry that with the explosion of the Internet, there is a perception libraries and librarians are obsolete. But librarians will be the first to argue that they run literacy programs, teach research and technology skills and help students navigate the web.

"When they made the cuts they didn't take into account how important the library is for budding learners," said Aoun. "Our librarian is our best resource. Yes, we can go online to look for things, but the librari-



*Pocket News Photo/Elizabeth Valente*  
Students Andrew Summerell, Milan Knupynath, Faye Taylor, Rachel Fernandez, Massimo Giurannini, Aidan Hensley and Monique Meadows reading at the Sutterville Elementary School library.

an can point you in a different direction and help guide you."

## Budget cuts affect public libraries

Last month the Natomas Unified School District closed all eight of its elementary school libraries to overcome a \$17.3 million deficit. Elk Grove Unified also made cuts to their library program. As community school libraries are closing, the 27 Sacramento Public Library locations are becoming increasingly busier. Library staff members are doing all they can to serve students' and educators' needs.

"School libraries provide a critical service to students and educators that public libraries cannot completely fulfill when a school library is closed," said Sarah Dentan, manager of Youth Services, Sacramento Public Library. "However, the Sac-

ramento Public Library is doing all we can to support the students and educators impacted by underfunded and closed school libraries."

## Library hours

The California Department of Education reports that the average number of hours that a California school library is open to students is 28 hours per week. Seventy-six percent of school libraries reported being open during breaks, 71 percent during lunch, and 61 percent before school. Only 10 percent of schools reported having the library available during summer school.

As of June 17, the Sutterville school library will be closed for the summer. This gives administrators and concerned parents less than three months to raise funds to bring back a part time librarian and increase the number of library volunteers before school starts again on September 7.

In the meantime, Sacramento Public Library offers students access to online tutors and a staffed writing lab via our Homework Help Now! program available through the library's web site (1:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days per week). All of this is accessible with the student's library card number.

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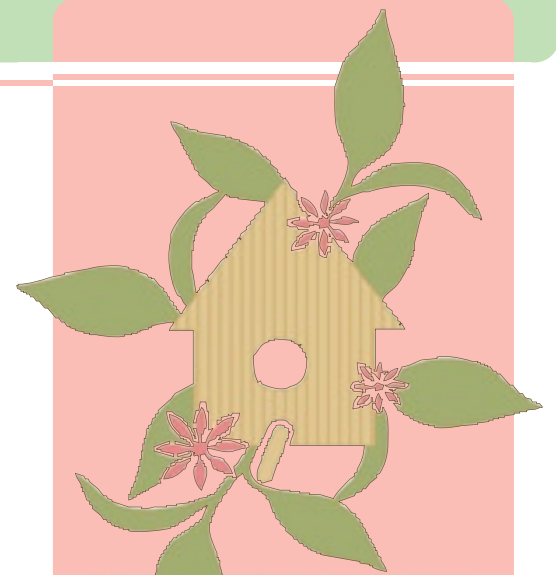
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The cub remained behind the scenes with her mother since birth while gaining the strength and coordination to maneuver the terrain of the exhibit. Now, at three months old, the small cub explores the exhibit with curiosity and excitement.

"We are extremely pleased with the birth of our endangered female Sumatran tiger cub," said Harrison Edell, zoo curator. "The mother has been as good a parent as one could ask for," he said.

Videos and photos of the cub posted weekly on the Zoo's Web site, blog and Facebook page have garnered much excitement about the cub's introduction, and the naming poll brought in over 40,000 votes. Since tigers are solitary in the wild, mother and cub will alternate on exhibit with the father.

Sumatran tigers are critically endangered and found only on the Indonesian island of Sumatra off the Malaysian Peninsula. Fewer than 500 Sumatran tigers are believed to ex-

ist in the wild and approximately 200 Sumatran tigers live in zoos around the world. The Zoo participates in the Tiger Species Survival Plan, coordinated by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which recommended the breeding of the Sacramento Zoo tigers. Species Survival Plans are cooperative breeding and conservation programs designed to maintain genetically viable populations of animals in captivity, and to organize zoo- and aquarium-based efforts to preserve the species in nature.

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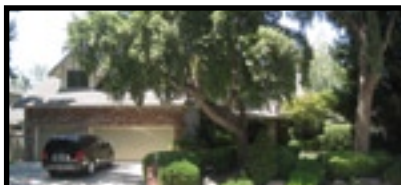


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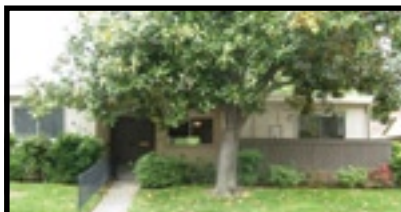
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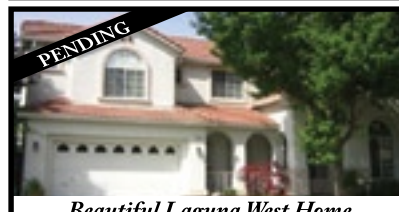
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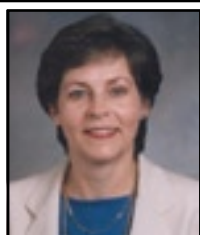
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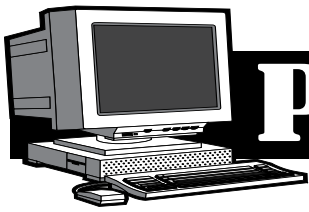
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# Director of Regional Parks addresses Effie Yeaw Nature Center group Grassroots campaign to fight for county funding for entire park system

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Concerned over the loss of Sacramento County funding to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center July 1, more than 40 community members came to the "Strategy Session" of the Friends of Effie Yeaw Nature Center and Preserve. Janet Baker, Regional Parks Director spoke in detail of the immediate future of the Nature Center, including the possibility of the doors temporarily closing a few weeks in July.

There have been four nonprofit groups that have expressed interest in running the Effie Yeaw Nature Center after Sacramento County announced it would no longer fund it, including the American River Natural History Association, American River Parkway Foundation, The Discovery Museum, and the County Office of Education (operators of Sly Park). The "Requests for Proposals" were sent out in early June, documenting criteria for a successful "bid", but the consensus is that a coalition of groups would be the best-case scenario for the Nature Center's future.

Bids were due June 4 and the recommendation of the Parks Department was sent to the Board of Supervisors on June 29.

## Fight for future funding

Funding for the center ceased at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will be unable to approve the lease of the land until July 20, due to their recess. That leaves a lag time of a few weeks where the Nature Center and Preserve may close. Baker said at the meeting with Friends of Effie Yeaw Nature Center and Preserve that she is conferring with Sacramento County Counsel to see if there is something



The Effie Yeaw Nature Center experience includes plenty of bird watching opportunities. Photo by Betty Cooper

that can be done to prevent the closure.

After listening to Baker explain the budget cuts to her department, down to .36 percent of the County General Fund before the cuts of fiscal year 2010-11, the group voted to expand their campaign. The American River Parkway's health depends on a strong county parks system to prevent overuse, according to President of Save the American River

Association, Warren Truitt. Friends of Effie Yeaw Nature Center will generate e-mails to the Board of Supervisors, as well as a kids' letter writing campaign, to keep the county parks funded at last year's levels.

## Getting involved

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## Janey Way Memories



# The story of Jack Vance



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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Jack Vance moved to Janey Way early in the 1960s. He bought a house at the entrance to Janey Way next to the Ducray house. Initially his relationship with us seemed strained. He had a wife, but no children. He was sort of a recluse. When a football once rolled on to Jack's lawn, he admonished us for walking on it to retrieve the ball. This didn't sit well with us.

Then one day, things changed. As a group of us sat on the Ducrays' lawn talking loudly, Jack walked by holding two large dogs on a leash. Surprisingly, Jim Ducray stood up and intercepted Jack as he walked by.

"What kind of dogs are those?" Jim asked.  
"They are American Bulldogs," said Jack, "Do you want to pet them?"

Jim knelt down and stroked the well-behaved dogs. He asked Jack if they belonged to him.

"No," said Jack, "I train dogs for a living. I also work as a judge in dog shows. I want these dogs to learn good behavior around people. That's why I walk them around the neighborhood."

Soon we all walked up to pet the beautiful dogs. They clearly enjoyed the attention we gave them.

"Sit now," Jack said to the dogs, and they sat up straight and barely moved. We spent several minutes asking Jack questions about how he trained his dogs. After that, he walked off smartly, with the dogs in tow and behaving like the well-bred animals they were.

Subsequently, our relationship with Jack Vance changed. If a ball rolled on his lawn, he picked it up and threw it back to us. When he walked his dogs of various breeds down the street, we stopped him and admired the handsome dogs. Other times, we'd just say, "Hi Jack, nice dogs."

Years later after we all moved out of the neighborhood to start our own lives, Jim Ducray bought a large purebred dog. He went back to Janey Way to ask Jack how to handle the dog. Jack gave him clear instructions on how to train the spirited young animal.

Over time, Jack had become an integral part of our neighborhood. Our parents had warmed up to him too. Unlike old Joe, who lived on the other side of the Ducray house, Jack had come to like the children of Janey Way. Though he had no children, in a way, we were all his kids. We, in turn, learned to appreciate his skill in training animals.

Jack Vance died several years ago. He had lived on Janey Way for over forty years. In his later years, his health failed him, so he required 24-hour in-home care. When he died, he left his house to the man who provided that care. That fellow and his wife continue to live on Janey Way.

I can't help but think that the relationship we developed with Jack changed him as a person. It mellowed him. He became more tolerant of other people. His dogs became a connection to the children and the parents in our neighborhood, and Janey Way turned into his last stop on the road of life. His is another inspirational Janey Way memory.

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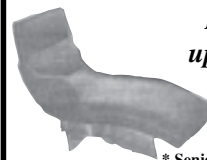
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# Sacramento's parks have rich history in the capital city

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Certainly, just about anyone who has lived in Sacramento for a few years or more is quite familiar with the city's wealth in parks.

From the larger parks such as McKinley Park and William Land Park to a wide variety of smaller parks, Sacramento offers plenty of parks for leisure and entertainment.

So plentiful is the park system in the capital city that more than 200 developed parks and open spaces are available to the community and its visitors.

But despite common knowledge that Sacramentans are fortunate to have access to such public places, fewer people know the richness of the city's park history.

Undoubtedly, many of Sacramento's parks are quite old, with some of these parks hav-

ing roots that date back to the days of the Gold Rush and the city's founder, John Augustus Sutter, Jr.

Helping to set the stage for the local park system, Sutter, Jr. donated 10 "squares" or "plazas" for "public use of the inhabitants."

This generous gift to the city was to be applied to such public purposes as the future incorporated authorities, from time to time, would declare and determine.

The following is a history of the "squares" donated by Sutter, Jr. to the people of Sacramento.

## Cesar Chavez Plaza

The first of these "squares" to be developed was today's Cesar Chavez Plaza, located between 9th, 10th, I and J streets. The park received this name in 1997 in honor of Chavez (1927-1993), the Chicano civil rights lead-

er, who organized the United Farm Workers Union.

Known to many today as the site of a farmers market (Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May through October), a free summer concert series, community rallies or simply a leisure place to relax, this "square" has been an essential part of the city, since becoming a park in 1873.

The process of creating the plaza, which is located just south of the historic city hall building, was challenging, considering that when work began on the site in 1872, the "square" was much deeper than the nearby streets levels. The raising of many acres in this part of the city about a decade earlier as a barrier against floods had given the future park site its bowl-like appearance.

During about a five-month period, the "bowl" was filled in and by the spring of 1873, the plaza was an attractive site with Kentucky blue grass, 14-foot sidewalks and a surrounding fence.

Later improvements included an iron fountain (later replaced by the current concrete fountain in 1928), the Andrew Jackson Stevens and Cesar Chavez memorials, additional sidewalks and a variety of trees and plants.

Other unique facts about this park include that it was



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The 1889 Andrew Jackson Stevens Memorial, shown in this c. 1905 photograph at City Plaza – today's Cesar Chavez Plaza – is the city's oldest monument.

considered as a future site for the state Capitol building in the 1850s and an underground parking garage in the 1940s.

## Marshall Park

This "square," located between 27th, 28th, I and J streets, was once used as the site for Marshall School, which was built in 1889.

When the school was demolished many years ago, a park was built in its place.

Like the school, the park, which was completed in 1908, was named in honor of James Wilson Marshall (1810-1885), the man whose

1848 discovery of gold set off the California Gold Rush and the largest mass migration of people in the history of the world.

Marshall Park also serves as home to the Ethel MacLeod Hart Multipurpose Senior Center, which is located at 912 27th St. in a large building at the center of the park.

## Grant Park

Located between 21st, 22nd, B and C streets, Grant Park is a 2.6-acre recreational site with a baseball diamond, stadium lights, bleachers, a

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# Sutter Squares: These 'squares' make up city's historic parks

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picnic area, a playground and shade trees. But for many years, longstanding legal battles held the community away from enjoying what Sutter, Jr. had intended for "public use of the inhabitants."

This problem occurred due to a dispute by William Mesick, who had earlier acquired the "square" and some surrounding property.

Although Mesick fought the city, stating that its claim on the "square" was not valid and that he was the rightful owner of the property, the Board of Supervisors exercised its legal rights and authorized the 1862 construction of a horseracing track that by 1873 was utilized for the State Fair.

The property was converted into the Grant Playfield in 1940.

The playfield, which was later renamed Grant Park, was named in honor of Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885), the 18th U.S. president and the commander in chief of the Union during the Civil War.

## Roosevelt Park

Named after Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), the 32nd president of the United States, this park is located between 9th, 10th, P and Q streets.

This recreational site, which was formerly known as Roosevelt Playfield, consists of a softball field and a pair of basketball courts and draws enthusiasts of these sports, as well as those interested in playing soccer, jogging or simply relaxing. The site also offers a certified farmers market every Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., from May through October.

In earlier years, the "playfield" was a popular site for tennis players and children, but the site no longer includes its historic tennis courts, nor does it offer any recreational playground equipment for children.

Prior to becoming a park, the site was home to two of the city's early schools, the Capital Primary School, which was destroyed by fire, and the Harkness Grammar School, which was named after Dr. H.W. Harkness, the first city superintendent.

## Fremont Park

This park, which is located between 15th, 16th, P and Q streets, offers one of the city's newest children's playground areas, as well as a popular, shaded picnic area.

A certified farmers market, with the same schedule as Roosevelt Park, and the Chalk It Up to Sacramento! Labor Day weekend sidewalk art event, are also held at this park.

The park is named after Lt. John Charles Fremont (1813-1890), the famous explorer of the West, Civil War military officer and the first Republican candidate for the office of the president of the United States.

In 1898, this "square" received attention as a possible school site, but the idea was eventually abandoned when another school site was selected.

## Muir Park

Located between 15th, 16th, B and C streets, this park, which was formerly referred to as Muir Playfield, opened in 1923.

The park was renovated and reopened in 2007 and includes the following amenities: a soccer field, a basketball court, a children's playground, barbecues and high-quality walkways.

Historically, the playfield featured a clubhouse, basketball courts, horseshoe-pitching courts, horizontal bars and teeter-totters.

The park was named in honor of engineer, writer and naturalist John Muir (1838-1914), one of the first modern preservationists and the founder of the Sierra Club conservation organization.

## Winn Park

This park, which is located between 27th, 28th, P and Q streets, bears its name in honor of Gen. Albert Maver Winn (1810-1883), the city's first mayor and the founder of the order of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

In addition to these accomplishments, Winn also contributed to the civil and military beginnings of the city, organized the first Odd Fellows lodge on the West Coast and assisted greatly in the establishment of the first Episcopal church in Sacramento.

It is believed that he was also a member of every fraternal organization in Sacramento.

Although the park, which has a large, non-public building as its centerpiece, maintains much of its general historic appearance, a variety of improvements on the site were made in 2001. These additions include a fenced "tot lot" play area, additional walkways, picnic areas and benches.

## Stanford Park

This historic "square," which is bounded by 27th, 28th, B and C streets, was originally known as the Stanford Playfield.

The park was named in honor of Leland Stanford (1824-1893), one of the most prominent individuals in Sacramento history.

Stanford, who once made his home in a 38-room mansion at 800 N St., is known for his position as one of the "Big Four" of the Central Pacific Railroad, his founding of Leland Stanford Junior University, his service as the 8th

governor of California and his work as a U.S. senator.

For many years, baseball enthusiasts have enjoyed the site, which includes one of the city's most popular baseball diamonds.

Additionally, visitors of this park, which is located about 200 feet south of the site of the historic American River landing of Sutter, Jr.'s father, John A. Sutter, Sr. often take advantage of the park's picnic area.

## The non-park Sutter "squares"

The final two "squares" of the Sutter grants are not used as public parks. These sites are as follows:

### Alkali Playfield

This former park site, located in the Alkali Flat section of the city, between 10th and 11th streets on C Street, is the only "square" to have become a park, yet no longer retain this status.

Despite its ideal location for residents of the area, this "square" was left undeveloped until 1940, when it became known as the Alkali Playground.

Difficulty in developing this "square" occurred due to the fact that the railroad ran diagonally through the site. And when the tracks were removed due to the construction of a nearby trestle, the property was left with a large rock pile.

With the desire of Alkali Flat residents and the approval of the city council, construction began to convert the site into a park.

On Feb. 2, 1940, the park, which included trees, grass, swings, a teeter-totter and slides, was opened. But for about the past 30 years, the "square," which sits near the KCRA Channel 3 news building, has not been utilized as Sutter, Jr. had intended it to be used.

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## JULY 3

### Spirit of the Pocket Fourth of July parade

The annual Spirit of the Pocket parade will start at 10 p.m. and will travel down Windbridge Drive to Garcia Bend Park. Entries are now being accepted for the 2010 Pocket

Parade, which will be held on July 3rd at 10 a.m. Entry forms are available online at [www.cityofsacramento.org/council](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/council) or call my office at 808-7338 or The Pocket News at 429-9901.

### Matsuyama Elementary School Fun Run/Walk

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## JULY 5

### Deadheading at Dusk

The Sacramento Historic City Cemetery will be tidying up the spent flowers on from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We will be offering instruction on how to do it and serve light refreshments. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. For information, please call (916) 448-0811.

## JULY 8

### Computer Club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, July 8, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "What's New at Apple," presented by Brent Sallee of MacClicks. A problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at [www.missionoakscomputerclub.org](http://www.missionoakscomputerclub.org).

## JULY 10

### Jensen Garden Workday

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden workdays one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is July 10. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. Next workdays in 2010 are 8/7, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ex23 or email [tracy@carmichaelpark.com](mailto:tracy@carmichaelpark.com).

### Belle Cooledge Library reopening

The community is invited to the reopening celebration of Belle Cooledge Library, at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 10. The Sacramento Public Library branch, located at 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento, has been closed for a major remodeling project since mid March. For more information, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit [saclibrary.org](http://saclibrary.org).

### Tahoe Park Soccer Registration

Tahoe Park Soccer Registration begins in June. Registration day is July 10. Visit their Web site for additional registration details: [www.tpsoccerclub.com](http://www.tpsoccerclub.com).

## JULY 10-11

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## JULY 17

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Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous is a 12-step group for people struggling with obesity, food obsession, or eating disorders. There are no dues or fees, or weigh-ins. All are welcome to join them: Monday – 6:30 p.m. Greenhaven Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 475 Florin Rd. Sacramento; 7 p.m. Warehouse Christian Ministries, 10020 Foothills Blvd. Roseville; 7 p.m. Nevada County Contractors Assoc. – 149 Crown Point Ct., Grass Valley; Tuesday – 6:45 a.m. Southside Park Clubhouse, 2051 6th St. (btwn T & W Sts), Sacramento; 9 a.m. St. Andrew's United Methodist – 6201 Spruce Ave, Sacramento; 6:30 p.m. Kaiser Medical Center Conf Rm, 1900 Dresden, Lincoln; 7 p.m. Faith United Methodist Church – 3600 J St., Sacramento; Wednesday – 7 p.m. Davis United Methodist Church – 1620 Anderson Rd, Davis; Thursday – 9 a.m. St. Andrew's United Methodist Church – 6201 Spruce Ave, Sacramento; 6:30 pm Christ Unity Community Church – 9249 Folsom Blvd. Sacramento; 7 pm Auburn Grace Community Church, 3126 Olympic Way Rm 117, Auburn; Friday – Southside Park Clubhouse, 2051 6th St. (btwn T & W Sts), Sacramento; 7 p.m. Kaiser Facility Folsom, 2155 Iron Point Rd, Conf Rm 1, Folsom; 7 p.m. Kaiser Hospital 3700 Vaca Valley Pkwy 3rd Fl., Rm B, Vacaville; Saturday – 8 a.m. Fremont Presbyterian Church – 5770 Carlson Dr. Chapel, NE corner of campus, Sacramento; 8 a.m. St. Andrew's United Methodist – 6201 Spruce Ave, Sacramento; 8 a.m. BriarPatch Co-Op Community Market, 290 Sierra College Dr. Community Rm., Grass Valley. For more information: [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org).

**Newcomer's Buffet**

The Widowed Persons Association of California invite any and all widows and widowers to attend their Newcomer's Buffet and Social at 5:30 p.m., every third Monday, at the Plaza Hof Brau, El Camino at Watt Avenue. The cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. For more information, call 972-9722.

**Toastmasters meet**

Guests always welcome at Klassy Talkers Toastmasters to have fun while improving speaking and leadership skills, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Executive Airport 6151 Freeport Blvd., 95822. Information: Jan at 284-4236 or [www.sacramentotoastmasters.com](http://www.sacramentotoastmasters.com).

**Co-Dependents Anonymous**

Co-Dependents Anonymous meets, 7:30 p.m., Friends Church, Fireside Room, 41st and E streets. This 12-step group is for people whose common problem has been an inability to maintain healthy relationships. We support each other in developing fulfilling relationships. For more information, call 1-866-794-9993.

**Evening Tai Chi class**

Sixty-plus minute class includes Yang style Tai Chi, Chi Gong exercises, and strength training using elastic bands, 6:30 p.m., Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Drive. Open enrollment – join anytime. Cost: \$15 a month for members, \$20 for non-members. Information: 421-0492.

**Girls-only karate**

Karate for girls ages 7 and older, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Elks Lodge No. 6, Riverside Boulevard at Florin Road. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays. Information at 470-9950.

**Aviator interest**

Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women who shares stories of military or sport aviation -- for former air or ground crew, or anyone interested in B-17s, Reno races, and airshows. Free. Meets second Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hometown Buffet, 4300 Florin Rd. (private dining room). Information from Lou at 421-0844.

**MONDAYS**

**Gray Eagles**

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**Tai Chi at Hart Center**

Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Instructor, Mamie Woo. Information at 808-5462.

**Hatha yoga class**

Instructor Pat Shaw teaches students to align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation, 3 to 4 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Information at 808-5462. Repeats Wednesdays, Fridays.

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Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women, hears guest speakers on air shows, flying and warbirds, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., second Mondays of the month. Visitors welcome. Free, at the Hometown Buffet (private dining room), 4300 Florin Road. Information at 421-0844.



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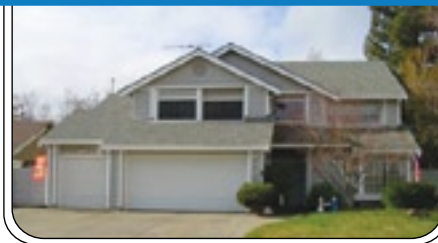
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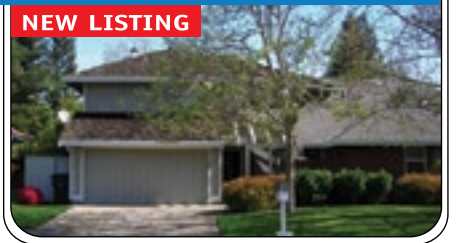
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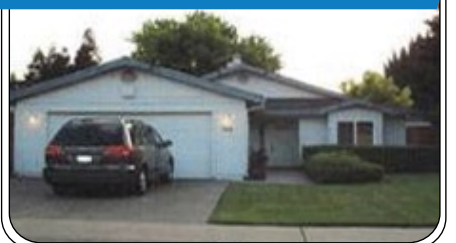
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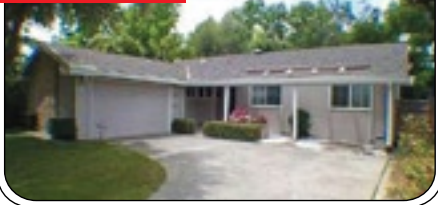
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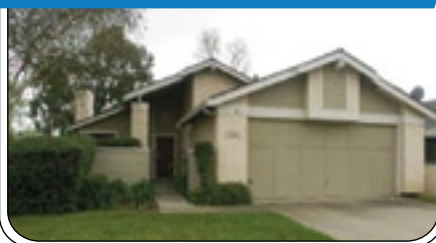
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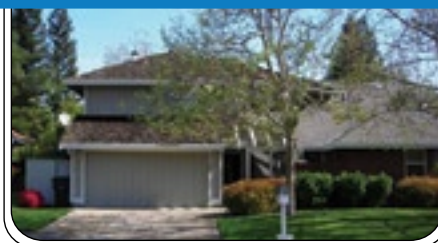
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