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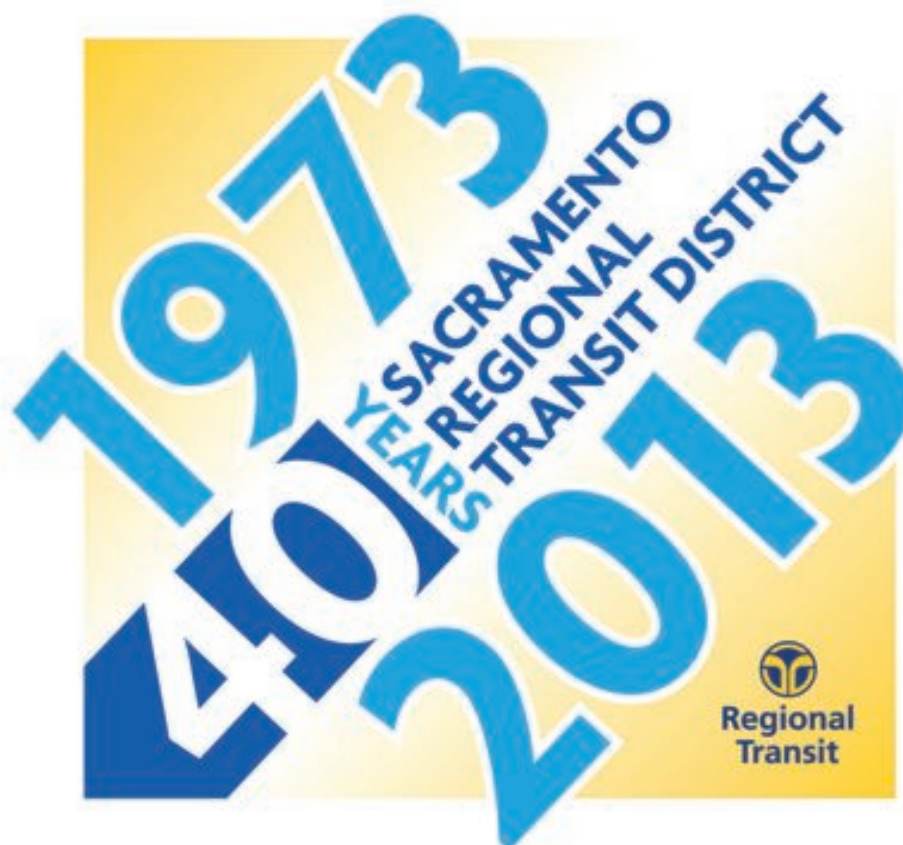
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Big Band Society Bids Farewell

The most popular and decade-old dance society holds its final two dances Sundays April 21 and May 19 at the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 from 1-5 p.m. Fred Morgan leads his Big Band in April, followed by Bog Fry's Swing Masters conclude the final dance in May.

"We've had a great, enjoyable 11 years presenting the truly live 15-piece Big Band preserving the era and hits from America's Songbook," said Lou Coppola, executive director of the Nor Cal Big Bands Preservation Society speaking for current and past supporters.


Formed in spring 2001 by professional bandleaders, Bill Rase, Buddy Harpham, George Bruno and Coppola, the NCBPPS has welcomed dancers of all ages 19-95 from Sacramento and ten surrounding counties.

Socially, the Gold Card Members and hundreds of seniors have formed many lasting friendships.

Coppola added "Our monthly dances held in the Main Ballroom of the Elks No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd and Florin has also show-cased high school and private youth bands playing dance hits of the 30's, 40's and 50's."

The society greatly appreciated the decade-long sponsorship by Michael and Betty Voster-Kemp of Avalon Hearing Aid Centers, Senior Magazine, KCTC Am 1320 Radio, Ray Stone Properties, Sacramento Bee, Valley Community Newspapers and many area publications.

In closing Coppola shared this hope: "Watch for some possible announcement from the Elks No. 6 officers as they review the possible continuation of the popular Big Bands Sunday dances."



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Grocery Outlet moves into old Nugget Market

In case you haven't heard already, Grocery Outlet has signed a lease to move into the old Nugget Market at 6421 Riverside Blvd. "Grocery Outlet has made a substantial investment in our community, committing to a large amount of renovations, including a new roof," said Councilmember Darrell Fong in a message to constituents.

"Having another grocery store in our neighborhood, while solving the issue of a long vacant building, is a huge win for the Pocket-Greenhaven community," he added.

Given that the building was previously a grocery store, there shouldn't be too many

hurdles for Grocery Outlet to open by late September.

"One of my priorities when taking office was to work on a solution for the long vacant building, which used to be the old Nugget Market. While understanding that business owners need the economics to work for them to invest, my staff, the owners broker, and city staff, were in communication for close to two years working to discuss possible tenants," said Fong.

"We will make sure to provide more updates as we receive further details," he added.



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Know your Neighbor: John Stellmach

By MONICA STARK
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John Stellmach has a good heart. He finds people who could use his help and he finds a way to make it happen.

A painter by trade and an Elk by association, Stellmach has painted homes for 20 years, but recently has painted one home at no cost to the owner and he is working on a second.

The first was the home of a recent widow whose husband passed away right before Thanksgiving.

"He worked out twice a day. He was in great shape," Stellmach said of the man, Kevin Soulies.

"Kevin was an Elk member and I joined five years ago. Time went by ... it was sad when he passed away ... His white cells were getting into his blood. Passed away in less than a year and he found out. It took over his blood. He did chemo. He got watery and gained weight. The guy was a handball national champion and was just put in hall of fame. He won tournaments and worked out twice a day. He had a son, daughter and wife. He was a nice guy," recalled Stellmach.

Stellmach, whose local business is called Right Touch Painting, decided to paint Mrs. Susie Soulies's 1,800-square-foot three-bedroom, two bath house near Execu-

tive Airport. "We got Kelly Moore to donate \$800 worth of paint to Susie's house. We donated the labor. We just needed paint for the job."

"The house used to be beautiful," Stellmach said. And so he made it beautiful again.

Susie went with a tope color and dark brown for the trim. "She's gotten so many compliments. It feels good to help people who need help," Stellmach said.

Stellmach had help from locals, including the man who got him started painting in the first place, Brian Witlow, and fellow Elks: John Sorri, Ron Domingos and George who wished to withhold his last name.

A few months after painting Susie's house, Stellmach heard about another Elk in trouble: Bobby Shiers whose son suffers from post traumatic stress disorder after fighting in Afghanistan for the military. More recently, the son got into a car accident and has been on disability and



Ron Domingos, John Stellmach and George.

living with dad in his Greenhaven home near Bel Air.

"He was telling me about his son a few weeks ago. I noticed the siding (of the house) has been eating away," Stellmach said.

So again, Stellmach is offering his services free of charge

to his fellow Elk if he can get supplies donated.

"I want to do the same guy who is in the military," Stellmach said, adding that besides painting the home could use new siding.

"I want to get another little paint party going," he said. "I think I want to two about

two to three houses a year (for charity)," he said.

"None of this would have happened if it wasn't for my great wife Kate" he said.

While Stellmach has been painting for 20 years, he's owned his own company for five years. And business is going great, he said.

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A river's journey toward a flood-free Sacramento

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Editor's Note: This is part nine in a series about the history of the Sacramento River.

By the late 1860s, it became obvious to people living in the Sacramento Valley that flood control was going to involve more than raising the city's streets and strengthening the levees.

Hydraulic mining had become the primary extraction method for finding gold in the foothills; and while the use of huge water cannons known as monitors was extremely efficient in the washing and removal of gold, it also created millions of tons of debris that had to be put some place.

The easiest way for the mining companies to rid themselves of these massive mounds of waste was to push the debris into waterways that would carry the problem downstream.

The debris not only consisted of tons of rock and sludge, but it also contained chemicals such as mercury and arsenic that poisoned the land wherever it settled.

After the monitor water cannons blasted down hillsides, arsenic and mercury were added to the subsequent tailings to attract tiny pieces of gold. The tailings were then washed and the gold removed, but a high percentage of the arsenic and mercury were simply washed away with the



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Hydraulic mining became the primary extraction method for finding gold in the foothills.

rest of the debris and added to the waterways—a poison hidden in the soil, waiting to extract the good health of any who unknowingly consumed it in their water or food.

Therefore, not only did the filling of waterways with unquantifiable quantities of debris increase the probability and danger of floods, it also covered the flooded areas with poisonous chemicals. Near the areas of the greatest mining and conse-

quent tailings remediation of the damaged earth is an ongoing process.

Up and down the valley, farmers were outraged and in an uproar about the declining production of their crops, the decreased value of their land and the overall degradation of the environment everywhere that a stream or river deposited the dreaded debris.

But in the late 19th century, farmers had very little legislative voice against the wealthy mining companies that dom-

inated the economy and had politicians in their pockets.

In the PBS American Experience show, "The Gold Rush," it was reported that "the profits from hydraulic mining were enormous and the state economy boomed. From 1860 to 1880, California's mining operations yielded \$170 million."

A reporter from San Francisco's *Daily Alta California* newspaper was in awe the first time he saw a water cannon at work. He reported: "I am at a loss to illustrate the tremendous force with which the water is projected from the pipes. The miners assert that they can throw a stream 400 feet into the air. Those streams directed upon an ordinary wooden building would speedily unroof and demolish it."

For many years, farmers and the state's first environmentalists brought lawsuits trying to halt the hydraulic method of mining.

The aforementioned PBS documentary noted that "with each new flood, the frustrated farmers challenged the mining companies' right to destroy the valley lands. In doing so, they attacked a near sacred institution and the foundation of the California."

In *Woodruff v. North Bloomfield, U.S. Circuit Judge Lorenzo Sawyer* concluded that even though mining companies were

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Flood: How flood plans changed over the years

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working independently and without conspiracy, they all dumped their debris into streams that flowed into the main river, creating a nuisances for everyone downstream that included increased chances of flooding and destruction of land from overflow and/or the chemicals contained in the mining debris.

Finally, on Jan. 7, 1884, Sawyer ruled in favor of the farmers. His decision concluded that it was fine for the mining companies to continue using hydraulics, but not acceptable for the companies to dump the debris into any stream that flowed into a navigable waterway.

Without an efficient method to rid of the debris, the mining companies were forced to discontinue the use of hydraulic canons.

Although he did not rule that hydraulic mining was illegal, Sawyer nonetheless halted the environmental devastation being wrought by the mining companies and their hydraulic practices.

The same PBS show concluded "the miners didn't seem to understand that wheat was becoming the new gold."

And the program also noted: "In 1880, a single farmer made \$800,000 on his wheat crop. That decade, the value of the state's agricultural production exceeded the value of its mines."

California finally knew what John Sutter knew when he first came to the Sacramento Valley in 1839 – the real gold in California was in its farm products and not its minerals.

Most of the elements of a long-term flood control plan for the Sacramento Valley were starting to come together by 1880.

Sacramento City had been raised, levees built and strengthened, and the continued introduction of hydraulically generated sediments had been curtailed.

But much of the damage caused by hydraulic mining had already been done and could not be reversed.

The valley required a comprehensive cooper-

ative plan to protect the land and citizens from the serious inundations that seemed to be occurring at least once every decade.

It was going to take an effort from farmers, miners, the railroads and government agencies from local reclamation districts to the Army Corp of Engineers to offer adequate protection.

The first comprehensive flood control plan was introduced in 1880 as a response to yet another inundation of parts of the valley in 1878.

State Engineer William Hammond Hall developed an integrated plan for the Sacramento Valley that included a system of levees, weirs and bypass channels to protect existing population centers.

Politicians and farmers agreed with Hall's approach, but implementation took decades and cooperation between local, state, and federal agencies and interests was difficult and drawn out.

What finally resulted in a cooperative effort was a misguided attempt to restore hydraulic mining known as the Caminetti Act of 1893.

The act allowed for the restart of hydraulic mining, but only if dams were created at the mining sites to control the effuse. This process required regulation and enforcement and the California Debris Commission was created.

Although this action did very little to reinstate hydraulic mining, it did have the unintended effect of creating a central flood authority.

R.L. Kelly, in his 1959 report, "Gold vs. Grain: The Hydraulic Mining Controversy in California's Sacramento Valley," concluded: "As a permanent government body with regulatory powers, the CDC can be regarded as the first river basin commission in the West."

The creating of the CDC resulted in a period of state and federal cooperation that had not previously existed. Congress gave CDC the authority to manage flood control.

In 1894, a detailed plan for a multichannel bypass system was introduced based on historic data collected by State Engineer Hall.

This plan was a radical departure from the single channel levee system – similar to the Mississippi River system – that had been the preferred flood control method for Sacramento.

Kelly, in a 1989 report about the new system, noted: "It retained a heavy reliance on levees to contain moderate magnitude floods and to carry sediment in deep narrow channels. However, it could manage large floods that had previously been uncontrollable within the main channel. The concrete weirs would allow distributary flows to enter bypasses during floods, but would prevent crevasse deepening that would otherwise allow moderate flood events to pass into the basins."

Unfortunately, the new coordinated system of dams, weirs, levees and bypasses was still only a theory. As is so often the case, it took a large catastrophe to generate the political will and public and financial support for the authorization to develop a comprehensive flood control system.

A future article of this series will review the floods of the early 1900s that brought great adversity to



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A water canon is shown at work in this historic photograph.

the Pocket area and other parts of the Sacramento Valley that led to Congress, in 1917, creating the "Sacramento Flood Control System." However, in leading up to what was believed to be protection from floods for at least 500 years, the next article will examine ships and navigation on the Sacramento River, since it was ultimately the need for a navigable river that led to the end of hydraulic mining and subsequent efforts at flood control.



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Local pet hospital manager discusses changes in veterinary care

By MONICA STARK
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With a new name, Vista Veterinary Specialists located on Greenhaven Drive, has new state of the art machinery that exhibit the technological improvements pet care has seen over the years.

Known previously as Veterinarian Special Group and Emergency Center, Vista is still a locally owned, veterinary referral and emergency service for pets.

The nearly 10,000-square-foot hospital, which sees anywhere from 10 to 20 patients at any time, was founded on the principle that pets deserve the highest level of care.

According to hospital manager Alexis Levison, as pet owners are becoming increas-

ingly knowledgeable about their pets, Vista is seeing more and more patients come through the door for more services.

"People are acknowledging pets are part of the family, but it's expensive trying to safeguard pet health insurance ... We're finding that the awareness of pet health in general is increasing and we owe that to general practitioners," said Levison.

Vista is strictly an emergency and specialty pet hospital. They do not provide vaccinations, micro-chipping or any other general practice services.

"We're here to extend support from primary practitioners," said Levison.

Vista handles emergencies and advanced emergencies,

has board certified specialists in the areas of internal medicine, oncology, cardiology, and dermatology.

What makes Vista different from other specialty hospitals in Northern California is that it is independently owned and not part of a larger corporate conglomerate, Levison said.

It is owned by one man, a surgeon named JT Vida, whose special interests include: total hip replacement, cruciate ligament disease in dogs (TPLO-tibial plateau leveling osteotomy, Arthrex TightRope system), limb deformities, fracture repair, vascular anomalies (portosystemic shunts, persistent right aortic arch), oncologic sur-

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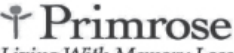
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gery and minimally invasive surgery such as arthroscopy, thoracoscopy and laparoscopy.

While oncology is certainly one of the newer emerging specialties, about five or six animals are on chemotherapy rotations at any one time at Vista, said Levison. "Most pet owners don't know when their dogs get cancer," she said.

In last year, Vista purchased a new ultra sound machine for \$40,000, which is used predominantly to determine the presence and size of any masses or irregularities in the stomach. The ultra sound is used to determine the overall size of a tumor, which vets can then guide a needle and extract a tissue sample.

Vista also recently got an arthroscopy tower, which lets them perform arthroscopic procedures, which Levison describes as a minimally invasive type of procedure compared to open surgery as two incisions are made to get inside the animal.

"Arthroscopy changes type of care we can provide, meaning we can do same surgery without as much impact and it provides quick healing. Arthroscopy moves us closer to human care in our pets," Levison said.

As for further expanding services, Vista is looking to either buy more new equipment or get a new specialty. But, Levison is quick to note, "Adding another specialty requires you to buy new equipment."

As people benefit from physical rehabilitation, Vista is considering adding that special-



ty to their list of services. "People utilize it, so it stands to reason pets would benefit from it. And they do. And people are becoming more aware of that. And it compliments surgical service very nicely," Levison said.

But we shall see what comes to pass as more advances are made in veterinary care.

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Supper's on.

Time for supper! JFK offers supper

By MONICA STARK
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Come 4 p.m. the intercom at JFK announces it's time for supper. While it's not meant to replace a student's dinner at home, supper has a bit more bite than snack had in the past. For instance students can get a bagel, apple, a piece of cheese and chocolate milk one day or even chicken or burritos another day.

Choua Yang, Afterschool Program Manager at the

Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center, oversees supper and other after school programs at JFK. She said snack used to just consist of crackers and juice but with supper high schoolers could get a bit more to eat.

On Thursday, April 4, JFK brought back supper on Thursdays after students demanded its return. "Not many students ate supper on Thursdays and the school has had too many leftovers in the

past, so we had to cancel supper," said Yang.

"We only canceled supper on Thursday because no one was eating on Thursday," she said. "Every day we have supper," she added.

On April 4, nearly 100 students lined up for supper compared to previous Thursdays when only about 30 students would show up for supper.

To student Samiel Tom, supper is a nice break from homework. "I guess you get



Students line up for supper.

to talk to your friends," she said. Student Derick Embree said he eats dinner at home. "Usually I eat when I go there. When I stay at school, this is an alternative to that," Embree said. Asked if he liked the food, he said: "umm yeah, bagel."

Yang said supper is served cold because the school kitchen doesn't prepare it; it comes from the district office, so it needs to stay at a cool 45 degrees.

Yang said whatever food is not picked up is thrown away. "If we don't use it, they throw it away. It's something with

federal rules or regulations," she said. So that's why it was canceled because so much food was thrown away.

Yang said the district piloted supper at some of the elementary schools last year and decided it is a good program, so this is the first year the district has allowed every school that has an after school program sign up for it. "So I think almost every school did sign up for it because it is more food than snack. For snack they only had the crackers and juice and high school kids -- they need more," she said.

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Pocket Area Churches Together to fill more food packets

The Pocket Area Churches Together coalition continues to find innovative methods to serve the most vulnerable populations in our local community and the world. Inspired by the challenge to feed the hungry, church members will be partnering with the Trust In Education/Stop Hunger Now organization to provide food to our sisters and brothers in Afghanistan. This grass roots organization provides educational, economic and health care assistance to villages in Afghanistan.

Many hands will be at work to fill nourishing food packets on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon at the St. Anthony Catholic Church on Florin Road. Churches involved in this effort are: Riverside Wesleyan, Greenhaven Lutheran, Greenhaven Neighborhood, Faith Presbyterian, and St. Anthony.

2013 Doggy Dash to benefit Sacramento SPCA to be held June 8

Mark your calendar and join the SPCA on Saturday, June 8 for the Doggy Dash and Bark at the Park Festival and help make a difference in the lives of homeless animals. Walk, stay, play. Walk for the animals and party with the pets. It's the 20th anniversary for the Doggy Dash at William Land Park. The 2- and 5k Doggy Dash walk will be followed by festivities where you can enter your pup in the Pup Show, high-flying disc contest, or the ever-popular pug races! Or you can visit with pet friendly businesses, learn about Sacramento-area animal rescue organizations, or just have lunch while watching all the action. And enter for your chance to win an iPad mini, or one of dozens of raffle prizes. Register at SSPCA.org.

Schedule of events:

7:30 am—Registration opens
9 am—2k and 5k walks begin

All followed by the Bark at the Park Festival!

Important dates: Online registration closes June 7 at 4p.m. After June 7, register at the Dash, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Registration fees:

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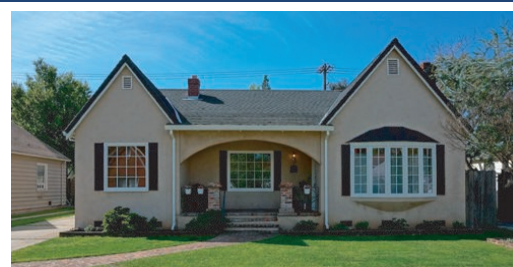
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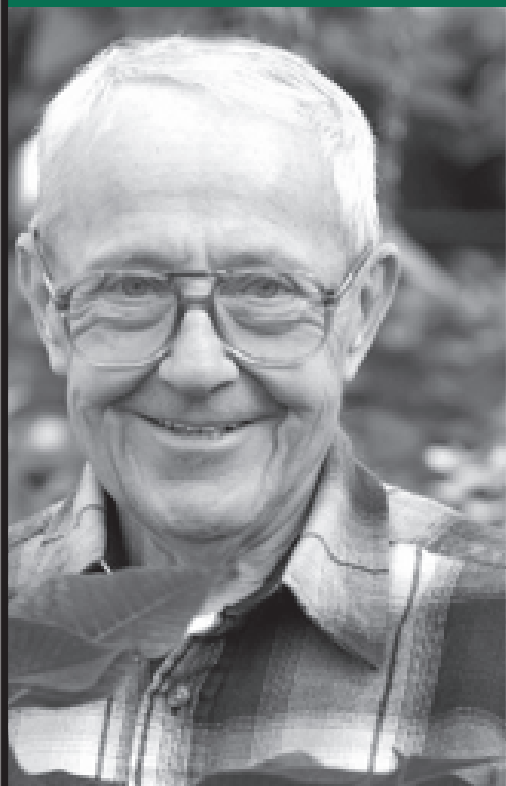


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Pocket ballerinas perform as fireflies in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

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Tubman House and Developmental Disabilities Services Organization, gardening and cleaning books at two libraries, serving lunch at St. John's Shelter and burritos to the homeless, preparing toiletry kits for Loaves and Fishes, scrubbing both the Front Street Animal Shelter and Serna Village and writing letters of encouragement and appreciation to Marines in Afghanistan and letters to representatives both local and

in Washington on behalf of the hungry.

Additionally, PACT churches (Pocket Area Churches Together) will join volunteers at St. Anthony Parish on Saturday, April 27 at 9 a.m. to bag rice for the starving in Afghanistan, to which the community is invited. St. Anthony Parish is located at 660 Florin Rd.

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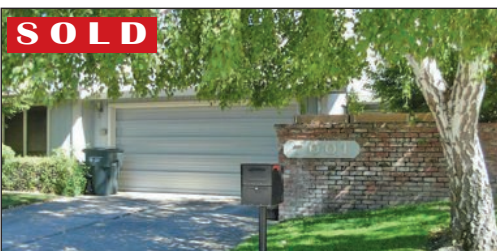
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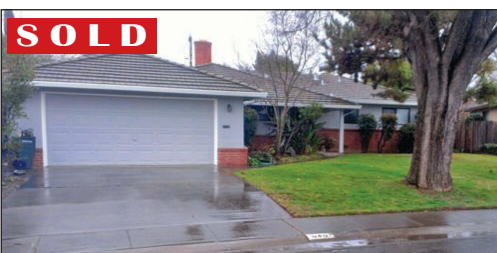
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Metzger and Arroyo Head 2013 La Salle Club Baseball HOF Inductees

Butch Metzger and Fernando Arroyo—two rival pitchers from the old Metro League who eventually pitched in the major leagues—head the list of eight ballplayers and one journalist to be inducted in the 2013 Class of the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame.

Also inducted in this year's Baseball Hall of Fame will be: Tom Dicktakes, Joe Gill, Mike Green, Leon Lee, Nick Peters, Gene Sackett and Gary Szakacs.

The 59th annual Hall of Fame event is set for Saturday, April 27 at Christian Brothers High School Field House. It will begin with a no-host social at 5:30, followed by a sit-down dinner at 6:30.

Arroyo, a three-sport star at Luther Burbank High (1970), compiled a 24-37 career mark while pitching eight seasons in the American League for Detroit, Minnesota and Oakland. He also played 13 seasons in the Mexican Winter League, where he once pitched a record 17-

inning contest. After retirement, he coached in the minor leagues for Detroit, Florida and Oakland, and spent two years in the Taiwan Major League.

Dicktakes (Sacramento High 1954) played bush baseball into his '40s, culminating his long career with a championship with the Sacramento Smokeys in 1981. He is better known as "Twin Cam Tommy" for developing a high-powered overhead cam nitro dragster that has topped out at 240 mph.

Gill (Bishop Armstrong 1963) recently passed away after a long illness. He starred for the Falcons and Southside American Legion, played at USF where he was drafted and played one season in the New York Yankees minor league system. He coached Christian Brothers baseball team from



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Butch Metzger in 2010 at a New Faze youth baseball camp.



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La Salle: Hall of Fame event set for April 27

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1993 to 2006, leading the Falcons to two Division II North section titles.

Green (Bishop Armstrong 1962) was twice voted the area's top baseball player while leading the Falcons to a 22-2 record in 1962. He twice hit over .400 and went 9-0 his senior season with a 0.28 ERA and 127 strikeouts in 75 innings—all area best stats for pitchers.

Lee (Grant 1971) starred at Grant High and Haggin-Grant Legion when those teams had some of their best seasons. He spent seven seasons in the Cardinals farm chain before playing nine years in Japan, often dominating that league in tandem with brother Leron Lee (Grant 1966). He is the father of former major leaguer Derrek Lee (El Camino 1993).

Metzger, who prepped at Kennedy High (1970) and twice made All-City as a pitcher, pitched five years in the major leagues for San Francisco, San Diego, St. Louis and New York Mets. He was selected the National League 1976 (Co-)Rookie of the Year and tied a major league record of winning 12 consecutive games without a loss. Metzger also



See Hall of Fame, page 18 Fernando Arroyo.

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Hall of Fame: Event to be held at Christian Brothers

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played in Night League and Men's Baseball League and was a staple of the Sacramento Smokeys pitching staff.

Peters—Beginning in 1962 the San Francisco-born sportswriter covered the Giants for 45 years, including his last newspaper stint with the Sacramento Bee from 1998-2007. He also covered most major sporting events involving Bay Area teams, including the 49ers and Raiders Super Bowls, the Warriors championship and many others. In 2009, Peters was elected to the writer's wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Sackett (McClatchy 1969) was the perennial catcher for the Lions and Post 61 Legion in the late '60s. He played one season in the Dodgers minor league system, and coached locally as an assistant at Christian Brothers High for eight years, including their Division I North Section title in 1988.

Szakacs (Mira Loma 1969) led his team to the Capital Valley Conference title in 1969 and

played professionally three minor league seasons, two with the Phillies organization. A fixture in the Night League and Winter League, from 1973 through the early 1990s Szakacs was a mainstay on the Sacramento Smokeys. Tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet are \$25 per person. To order online, go to: <http://www.cbhs-sacramento.org/engine/index.php/alumni>.

For more information call Chairman Joe McNamara at 916/813-5699. The La Salle Club is a non-profit organization that has raised funds for Christian Brothers High School since 1939. The Club inducted its first Hall of Fame member—former Sacramento Senators' manager John "Buddy" Ryan—in 1953. Since that time, more than 460 individuals have been inducted into the Sacramento Baseball Hall of Fame. For the complete biographies of the 2013 inductees and a list of all Hall of Fame members, go to: http://www.baseballsacramento.com/LaSalle_Club_Baseball_HOF.html.

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Pocket Girls Softball

44th annual Opening Day Ceremony

Written by a person in the crowd

While I was standing on the freshly manicured field, I was surrounded by 170 plus fast-pitch players. They ranged from 5 to 14 years of age, and all seemed to be having a great time. They were filled with anticipation of the start of the games.

When their name was called, the T-ball players (5 year olds) were the first to run to the backstop to receive their recognition. As they ran by, I couldn't help but wonder how many girls had proceeded them in the previous 43 years. What this experience had meant to them. The friends they made. The life lessons they learned from the sport. The family time well spent. The parents working together to give this gift to all the girls involved.

Pocket Girls Softball has become an institution, where all involved learn how to play the game and to love the sport. I realized that all of us have been given the stewardship of this institution, and the responsibility to the current players, and the next generation to pass it on. As an individual, I felt proud to belong to something bigger than me.

Keep the ball rolling!

Lesley Pilgrim Bio — 1st pitch pitcher:

My name is Lesley Pilgrim and I'm a junior at McClatchy High School. I'm 17 and have been playing softball for most of my life. I started playing when I was 5, on a t-ball team called the Pink Panthers.

I wanted to play because I saw my sister, Lindley Pilgrim, playing for Pocket and I always looked up to her. Pocket soon became my second home, I grew to love the game and getting to play with girls that are now long time friends.

I started pitching when I was about 8, and continued to pitch through Rookies and Mini-Minors. I stayed with the league for about 4 years and then went on to ASA softball. I played for the California Breeze, the Capital City Comets, and now I currently play for the California Grapettes. I've played varsity softball at McClatchy all three years and now I'm on the path to college softball. Twelve years later, softball is still my passion and the greatest thing to happen to my life!



A Groomed Field for Opening Day!

Photos courtesy



Pocket Girls Softball gets underway

PGS Volunteer Coordinator Ingrid Araiza recognizes our Outstanding Volunteers Steve Cobb, Valerie St. James, and Carol Ozdaglar. Event Coordinator DJ Rege Farina looks on from the right.



(above) Kuelli Osako sings the National Anthem. (left) Lesley Pilgrim, 17-year-old junior from McClatchy High School, throws the opening pitch.

New book out on the history of the Sacramento Delta

A new book about the history of the Sacramento Delta is now available at bookstores. "Locke and the Sacramento Delta Chinatowns" by local authors Lawrence Tom, Brian Tom and the Chinese American Museum of Northern California boasts more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by.

Chinese pioneers in the Sacramento River Delta were the vital factor in reclaiming land and made significant contributions to California's agricultural industry from farming to canning. Since the 1860s, Chinese were already settled in the delta and created Chinatowns in and between the two towns of Freeport in the north and Rio Vista in the south.

One of the towns, Locke, was unique in that it was built by the Chinese and was inhabited almost exclusively by the Chinese during the first half of the 1900s. The town of Locke represents the last remaining legacy of the Chinese pioneers who settled in the delta.

Highlights of Locke and the Sacramento Delta Chinatowns include:

- ♦ Images from private collections of the prior Delta residents.
- ♦ Chinese successes in agriculture in the Delta.
- ♦ The asparagus plow patent issued to a Chinese immigrant.
- ♦ The Tule shoe in the construction of the levee system that reclaimed the land.

About the authors

Author Lawrence Tom was a career executive appointee for the State of California. As a resident of Sacramento for more than 50 years, he has a great interest in preserving the history of the Chinese pioneers in the area. Coauthor Brian Tom is the founder of the Asian American Studies (AAS) program at the University of California, Davis, one of the first AAS programs in the country (founded in June 1969). He is the founder and director of the Chinese American Museum of Northern California (CAMNC). This is their third book on Chinatowns with Arcadia Publishing.

The book is the newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular Images of America series. It is available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at (888)-313-2665 or online.



Courtesy Gene Chan

Page 50 is of Yuen Chong Market. "Yuen Chong Market was located at 13923 River Road (13924 Main Street). It was built by a cooperative from Walnut Grove in 1915 and was Locke's first and largest grocery store. Upstairs, facing River Road, was the dry goods and general emporium. Downstairs was the grocery store. Many of Locke's residents worked at the market at one time or another. In the early 1960s, two employees, George Mar and Stanford King, purchased the store. George operated the butcher shop, and Stanford ran the grocery. Yuen Chong also sold gasoline at the two pumps on Main Street. Since many of the buildings on the west side of Main Street backed into the levee and had entry from two different roadways, the first level from Main Street and the second level from River Road, these buildings had two mailing addresses."



Courtesy IBAHS

Page 107 is of the Bing Kung Tong building. "29 Main Street was the Bing Kung Tong building. The Bing Kung Tong branch was established in Isleton during the 1890s and was a focal point of the Chinese American community, providing social, religious, employment support to fellow countrymen and settling internal frictions and disagreement with its members or with members of a rival tong. The building was later used as the Chinese school until 1950."



Courtesy Gene Chan

Page 83 is of Ronnie Law and Gene Chan as children. "In the 1930s, two future engineers, Ronnie Law and Gene Chan, are designing plans for the future of Locke. In the background is Yuen Chong Market's delivery truck parked across from their garage on the service alley in Locke."

Pocket area residents gear up for 137th Scottish Games and Festival

By MONICA STARK
editor@valcomnews.com

Pocket resident Dana Michaels has always had an affinity for things associated with Scotland from bagpipes, to tartans, to frugality, and to the lovely green hillsides that are all over that land.

Gearing up for the 137th annual Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival, which is set for April 27-28, Michaels has been publicizing and promoting one of the oldest and largest festivals in California held in Woodland at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, which draws up to 20,000 people each year and is hosted by the Caledonian Club of Sacramento.

This fun, family event includes Scottish clans, competitions, music, dance, live history, children's activities, animals, vendors and more.

The games are put on by hundreds of volunteers, participants, competitors, judges, vendors and performers. "They are a very nice, easy-going group of people," said Michaels. "I guess that's why ours is known as the friendly Games," she said.

The fiddlers' back-up guitarist for the Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Festival, Michaels is also the director of marketing for the event.

Michaels has been going to Scottish Games off and on for decades, but wasn't a participant until 2008. She plays rhythm guitar, and a friend who plays traditional

Scottish fiddle music taught her a few tunes so she could accompany him. A few years later, he convinced her to attend Sierra Fiddle Camp (near Nevada City) and learn from the outstanding Scottish guitarist Tony McManus.



Scottish fiddlers at the 2012 games.

Photo by Roni Java

In 2007 Michaels learned about Janet Kurnick who teaches and leads a group of local fiddlers who play at the Sacramento Games.

"She allowed me to come to fiddle rehearsals and learn the tunes, and eventually she made me their regular rhythm guitarist. It's great fun to play with the core group of about eight fiddlers," Michaels said.

The reward for months of rehearsing is the playing with famous Scottish fiddler John Taylor on Saturday, each year, she said.

The popular Celtic rock group, the Wicked Tinkers, and two or three other well-known artists, such as Irish rockers 1916, Sligo Rags, Molly's Revenge, and more mellow artists like Golden Bough are usually booked to play the Scottish Games.

Michaels said.

"Hearing the pipes used to always make me cry, but not now that I hear them much more often than in the past. I would love to learn to play them, but I don't have the lung power. It's a very difficult instrument to play at all, and it's even harder to play well!" she said.

On the food at the games...

"The British foods are a treat, too. There's fish & chips, bangers & mash, and if you like organ meats (or are an adventurous diner), try Scotland's famous haggis. Throughout history, most of the Scots were dirt poor, so didn't waste any part of an animal that was used for food.

"Haggis is made of chopped organ meats, oats and spices baked in a sheep's stomach. Meat pies are standard fare in Scotland, and I always

get a steak and mushroom pie — more appealing to most Americans' tastes. The other must-have food is a scone with strawberries and cream. Fantastic! Just be sure to finish eating before visiting the Scottish animals area."

On the animals at the festival...

"From little terriers and 'westies' to the mighty Clydesdales and Highland cows, the animals are surprisingly calm, despite all the people peering at them. And a raptor group from Davis brings some beautiful birds of prey to the Games. If you've never seen a golden eagle up close, you might be surprised at how large they — and their talons — are.

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City of Sacramento announces summer youth jobs

Deadline for application, April 1: The City is hiring approximately 60 youth between the ages of 14-17 for the position "Youth Aide" which pays \$8 an hour, Friday - Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (6 1/2 hours per day - includes 1/2 hour unpaid lunch). Applications must be returned to the Belle Cooledge Community Center (5699 S. Land Park Dr.) by 4 pm, Monday, April 1. Program runs June 21 to Aug. 11 with training scheduled for June 19 and 20. All paperwork must be submitted for applications to be considered.

APRIL

Children's Theater Festival at Fairytale Town

Saturdays & Sundays, now through April 28: Show times at 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Introduce your children to the magic of theater! During the month of April, Fairytale Town showcases a diverse selection of theater performances each weekend in the Children's Theater. Performing companies include the Fairytale Town Troupers, Shadow Puppet Theatre, Boxtales Theatre Company, Roseville Theatre Arts Academy and more. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. www.fairytaletown.org or 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sacramento, 95822

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

April 25: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

'Living Happily Ever After... With Hearing Loss'

April 25: Betty Vosters-Kemp, BC-HIS, author and seminar leader, brings her "Living Happily Ever After With Hearing Loss" seminar to The Chateau. Starting at 2 p.m., the 60-minute seminar will offer tips simple tips that can reduce the frustration of hearing loss whether you already wear hearing aids or are getting ready to invest in better hearing for the first time. RSVP at 447-4444. Program is free. 2701 Capitol Ave., 95816.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown meeting

April 25: Visitors welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7 a.m. and dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Topical weekly speakers and 'first meal for visitors on us.' Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Bi-Polar Anonymous

April 26: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Making Oaxacan Wooden Creatures with Art Beast at McKinley Library

April 26: Starting at 3 p.m., school-age children can join an Art Beast storyteller for The Outdoor Dog, a tale of one child's determination to offer her home to a lonely dog. After the story, kids will discuss animals we love and learn about the craftspeople of Oaxaca who carve animals from wood then decorate each in bright colors. Children will create their own creatures from wood and paint it with Oaxacan-inspired flair. McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento. 264-2920.

January/February/March/April Birthday Night

April 26: Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.; menu: Grilled Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Tossed Salad with Roll, Birthday Cake. Dance Music by Andy Lavato and his band. Cost \$19. Proceeds to the General Fund. 6446 Riverside Blvd.

Spring Coin Show

April 26-27: The Sacramento Valley Coin Club will be holding a coin show at the Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. Friday, April 26 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is \$3. Children under age 18 are free. Free parking, free hourly door prizes, gold and silver coin raffles. One raffle ticket is included with admission. Youth activities are available.

Benefit spaghetti feed for Coffee Garden's Michael

April 27: Michael, the owner of Coffee Garden and is a Team Kaiser member and this year he will be ride his bike 330 miles (not crewing and driving his car like he has been for the past two

years, so he needs to raise \$3,000 or more so he is asking for help to make his goal by hosting a Spaghetti feed. Raffle prizes, including a pound of coffee a month for a year and an auction for dinner for 10. \$15 for the spaghetti feed (alcohol extra). Dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread and herb salads, roasted veggie, vegetarian spaghetti option available. Hosted By Joan Purser and Michael Madsen. Chef Jon Wheeler along with Vesela Peenva will be preparing the dinner for this event. 6 to 10 p.m., 2904 Franklin Blvd.

Perez and Mondinga with The Puppet Company (for school-age children)

April 27: Perez and Mondinga is the story of a cockroach who marries a mouse. This Mexican fable tells how Perez and Mondinga settle down, hold a wonderful fiesta and defeat the evil cat who tries to ruin everything. 264-2920. 11 a.m.: Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue. 2 p.m.: Valley Hi-North Laguna Library, 7400 Imagination Parkway

Family/all ages: Celebrate Arden-Dimick Library's 65th anniversary

April 27: At 2 p.m., everyone is invited to attend this celebration, featuring live music from a Rio Americano jazz combo, light refreshments, face painting and storytelling for children, and archival photographs and other memorabilia documenting the library's history. Attendees will receive a commemorative bookmark; those born in 1948 will get an additional something special. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave. 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org.

Sacramento Jr. League 70th Anniversary Gala

April 27: The Junior League of Sacramento will be celebrating 70 years of community service at its gala. Its black-tie optional anniversary gala will be held at the Crocker Art Museum that evening, reflecting on the past seven decades of service in the Sacramento area. From the development of the Children's Receiving Home, Crisis Nursery, and to the opening of the Children's Museum in Rancho Cordova, these are just a few of the incredible works of the Sacramento Junior League. Celebrating these successes and being recognized as a premiere sponsor for the Gala is very rewarding. Guests will be able to participate in a special gallery viewing of "A Touch of Blue: Landscapes by Gregory Kondos," at the museum, while dining on delicacies from the Supper Club. 6 pm - past presidents reception, 7pm doors open to guests. Crocker Art Museum, 215 O St. Tickets are \$100 and available at jlsac.org

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Theodore Judah Elementary School Gala

April 27: Theodore Judah Elementary School will hold its fourth annual Gala Dinner Dance and Auction. The event will be held in Clunie Community Center's Grand Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a dinner buffet catered by Jill Zenti of Z-Chef, live entertainment by the band Take Out, dancing and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$55 per person and include dinner and open beer and wine bar. For reservations or to make an auction donation, contact Donna Dowson at donna@d3x.com or 798-9001.

A Rainbow of Songs with Juan L. Sanchez (for school-age children)

April 27: Starting at noon, singer/guitarist Juan Sanchez presents a variety of songs and stories from Native American and African American traditions and those of Spain, Mexico and Japan. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave. 264-2920.

The Tree and the Donkey Who Wanted to Sing with Cascada de Flores

April 27: The music ensemble takes families through the world of Mexican folk music, which features rhyme, fun musical instruments and sweet characters. In this bilingual program, meet the donkey, the abuelito and the vulture, and see the accordion and other instruments that come from the tree. 2 p.m.: Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. 264-2920.

Abuela: Family Tile Portrait with Art Beast (for school-age children)

April 27: Starting at 2 p.m., the story of Abuela captures the magical tale of a grandchild flying through the city with her grandmother as they make and share memories. After telling the story, kids will create a portrait to honor a family member using paint and mosaic pieces onto a ceramic tile. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Ave. 264-2920.

The Junior League of Sacramento 70th Anniversary Gala

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Supper Club at the Crocker. Complimentary valet parking. Dress is Black tie optional. There will be a special gallery viewing of 'A Touch of Blue: Landscapes' by Gregory Kondos. Kondos has painted Greece, France and the American Southwest, but continues to find his greatest and most enduring inspiration in the richly varied landscape of California. This exhibition features 70 paintings.

Spring tree tour at Arden Park Community

April 27: Celebrate spring and explore the City of Trees on a guided tree tour with the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Tour starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. Rain or shine. Meet at La Sierra Shopping Center on La Sierra Dr., 1000 La Sierra Dr., 95864. Tour is free, but to ensure that you're included, RSVP to www.sactree.com/events

Sacramento SPCA Announces Spring Book Sale

April 20-28: The Sacramento SPCA will hold its Annual Spring Book Sale featuring thousands of new and used books at dog-gone great prices. All proceeds benefit the Sacramento SPCA, a local, independent non-profit organization caring for more than 11,000 homeless animals annually. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Weekdays; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. 2310 Watt Avenue, inside the Country Club Plaza Shopping Center (southeast corner of Watt and El Camino, near the former Gottschalk's) 504-2842, e-mail vmasters@sspc.org or visit www.sspca.org

Sacramento Valley Coin Club presents spring coin show

April 26-27: Gold and silver coin raffle, youth activities will be included at the spring coin show. Free appraisals, free parking, free hourly door prizes. \$3 for adults and under age 18 are free. The Elks Lodge No. 6 is located at 6446 Riverside Blvd. For more information, visit www.sacvalcc.org.

Riparian Birding

April 27: This early morning riparian birding will take place at Sacramento's largest open space preserve Cummings-Stathos Property, adjacent to Deer Creek Hills from 7 to 11

a.m. Along the banks of Deer Creek, help expand the Sacramento Valley Conservancy list of species for this newly acquired property on a guided docent tour. The Cummings-Stathos property is adjacent to Deer Creek Hills, all ages, cost: \$10. Register online: www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp

Wildflower hike at Deer Creek Hills

April 27: Sacramento Valley Conservancy's featured monthly outing is Wildflower Hike at Deer Creek Hills scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have you always wondered the names and characteristics of wildflowers to the Central Valley region? Join David Popp, SVC Docent and biologist, on this hike at Sacramento's largest open space preserve to share knowledge of the blooming wildflowers. Cost: \$10. Register online: www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp

Woodland, California: Sacramento Valley Scottish Games & Festival

April 27-28: Two days of Celtic music and dance, history, athletics, cuisine, animals, and clans at the Yolo County Fairgrounds. Saturday night Ceilidh. Non-stop entertainment includes the Wicked Tinkers. Details and discount tickets (until 4/20) at www.sacallie.org/games. (916-538-9887), 1125 East Street, Woodland.

Free golf lessons offered at Bing Maloney Golf Complex

April 28: Are you interested in starting to play golf, but not sure where to begin? Bing Maloney is offering Free Family Clinics for 2013. These clinics are family oriented for any level of golfer. Each clinic will be held on Sundays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at the Bing Maloney Golf Course: 6801 Freeport Blvd. in Sacramento. Call 808-2283 for more information.

Equestrian Ride at Deer Creek

April 28: The Sacramento Valley Conservancy invites you to be sent back in time with the untouched beauty of a guided Equestrian ride at Deer Creek from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Who: 16 years old and above. Cost: \$20. Register online: www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp

Carmichael family game day

April 28: At 2 p.m., drop in and play some board, card on the fourth Sunday of the month. All sorts of games for all ages. We supply the games, you supply the fun! You're welcome to bring a snack with you. Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave., Carmichael. 264-2920. www.saclibrary.org

Genealogy - Managing Your Digital Research Environment

April 28: Central Library, 828 I St. Managing your digital environment for effective research is essential. At 1 p.m., archivist, genealogist and librarian Nancy Loe will present strategies for organizing your digital files. 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org.

Clunie Gala Celebration

April 29: Celebrate the restoration of Clunie and the Completion of the McKinley Rose Garden from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$95 each or \$175 per couple. Valet parking is available. Included with ticket: wine, beer and a special "Clunie" cocktail, hand-crafted food tastings from Sacramento's finest caterers, specialty dessert creations, live music by Doug Pauly Band, casual or dressy business attire. Visit Paypal at friendsfofeastsac.org, by mail to Friends of East Sacramento, 3104 O St., No. 222, Sacramento, CA 95816. Selland's and East Sacramento Hardware (checks only), Clunie Community Center. 601 Alhambra Blvd., McKinley Park.



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Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association Annual Membership Meeting

April 29: All are welcome to attend the annual TPNA membership meeting at Tahoe Elementary at 6 p.m. Councilmember McCarty will be on hand to discuss issues in the community. Board elections will be held for the 2013-14 year. Tahoe Elementary is located at 3110 60 St., Sacramento

Free lecture on Iran at CSUS

April 29: Staci Gem Scheiwiller will present a free lecture on 19th Century Iranian photography – "Reframing the Rise of Modernism in Iran" – at 7 p.m. in Sacramento State's Kadema Hall Room 145, 6000 J St. Scheiwiller is a professor of Contemporary and Modern Art History at CSU, Stanislaus. She focuses on issues of modernity and modernism in Iran during the 19th and 20th centuries. 278-6166.

The Clunie Gala Celebration

April 29: Friends of East Sacramento will hold a gala celebration this month from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to highlight renovations at Clunie Community Center and McKinley Park Rose Garden and to raise funds for future renovations. Event Architects is coordinating the gala. Food providers include Selland's Market-Café, Plates Café and Catering, Evans Kitchen and Taste for the Senses. Freeport Bakery will provide desserts. Tickets are \$95 per person, \$175 per couple and include wine, beer and a special "Clunie" cocktail, plus tastings of hand-crafted food items and dessert creations. Music will be provided by the Doug Pauly Band. Tickets will be available at Selland's and East Sacramento Hardware (checks only) or via Paypal at friendsofeastsac.org. For more information or to make a reservation, call 203-8528 or email friendsofeastsac@aol.com.

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

April 30: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

MAY

East Sac Rotary

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Fairytales Town Read-Aloud: 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone'

May 3: Doors open at 5:30 p.m., reading begins promptly at 6 p.m. Join Fairytales Town for a unique nonstop read-aloud of J.K. Rowling's first tale in the popular Harry Potter series. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., reading starts at 6 p.m. and is expected to conclude in the early hours of the morning. Dress in costume, bring a book to fol-

low along during the reading, and bring sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, snacks and a picnic-style dinner. Advance tickets go on sale **March 25** and are \$7 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Day-of tickets are \$9 for members and \$12 nonmembers. Ticket holders of all ages can sign up to read pre-assigned passages by contacting Fairytales Town at programs@fairytaletown.org. www.fairytaletown.org 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr.

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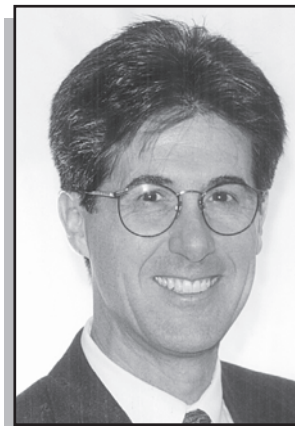


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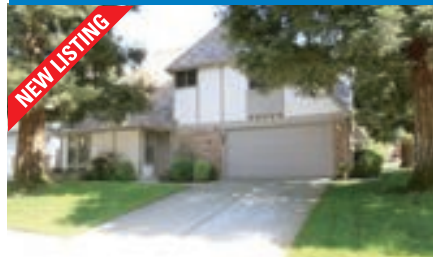
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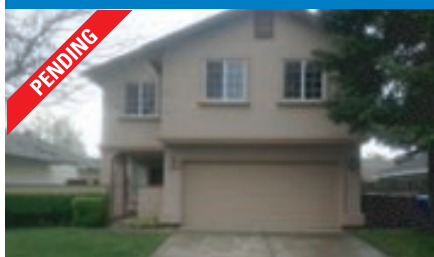
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JERRY LANDRETH 502-0928

9201 PETERSBURG COURT-\$175,000

PENDING

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1277 SF
NEAL ALIE 981-7129

6414 LAGUNA MIRAGE LN-\$157,500

PENDING

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1112 SF
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10101 ATKINS DRIVE-\$199,500

SOLD

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1540 SF
NEAL ALIE 981-7129

8782 MONTEREY OAKS DRIVE-\$235,000

SOLD

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BRANDON SHEPARD 479-1936

2812 W WEST PINTAIL WAY-\$420,000

SOLD

SINGLE FAMILY, 6 BEDROOM, 5 BATH, 4878 SF
NEAL ALIE 981-7129

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SOLD

SINGLE FAMILY, 5 BEDROOM, 3 BATH, 2206 SF
NEAL ALIE 981-7129

SACRAMENTO

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SINGLE FAMILY, 4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2007 SF
BRANDON SHEPARD 479-1936

5680 23RD STREET-\$140,000

PENDING

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 1122 SF
MARSHA CHAN 217-5500

32 ZALEMA COURT-\$199,900

SOLD

SINGLE FAMILY, 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1509 SF
JOLEEN A DUNNIGAN 717-3559

8333 SOUTHFIELDS CIR-\$188,000

PENDING

SINGLE FAMILY, 4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1591 SF
BRANDON SHEPARD 479-1936

4525 D STREET-\$289,000

SOLD

SINGLE FAMILY, 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 956 SF
DAWN M O'CONNOR-ROWE 799-4835

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SOLD

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