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A horrifying challenge:

Local youth to present their films at student horror film challenge

Get ready for a night of fright when the Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival presents Slate 2.0! The festival returns to Sacramento on Saturday, Oct. 25, spotlighting Asian horror flicks, as well as film projects from the API Student Horror Film Challenge. Plus, YOU are invited to participate in an onstage horror and costume contest. Set to go from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at the Guild Theater, 2828 35th St. Advanced tickets until Oct. 17 are \$12; students, \$8; seniors, 65-plus \$8; and at the door, \$15. For more information visit www.SAPFF.org.



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School board incumbent Darrel Woo and challenger Maria Haro-Sullivan participated in a debate at a forum on Sunday, Oct. 5 at Genevieve Didion School.

School board candidates respond:

Debate audience asks questions, here are some answers

Moderated by California State University, Sacramento debate coach Jared Anderson, the Pocket News and Next-Door Pocket joined together on Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Genevieve Didion School gym to provide an engaging one hour debate between Pocket area school board candidates incumbent Darrel Woo and challenger Maria Haro-Sullivan. After the debate, some audience members wrote questions

on three-by-five cards. Here are your neighbors' questions followed by unadulterated responses from the candidates. If you don't see your question here, look for it in the next issue of the Pocket News.

Why can't we (the public) use the new track facilities at Kennedy High School? A lot of runners and neighborhood folks were asking it before and are disappointed.

Darrel Woo: When I was first elected to the school board, I found that the district's fiscal situation was really in the negative. I was looking for every possible means to stop money from being used in the classroom. Amongst part of my budget review role, I asked for an audit of after school facility use. I wanted to know the use policy, revenue generated or cost to the district. I sought equitable use for all our neighborhood schools, but more importantly, I wanted to ensure that these extracurricular uses were cost neutral; in other words, did not cost the district additional monies.

Turns out that the district had no consistent execution of policy, and the policy in place cost the district to the benefit of the users. A use policy was adopted for classrooms, gyms and fields, with an appropriate fee schedule, graduated in accordance with the user category. With this new Kennedy High School track, the new stadium and track will fall into

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the facility usage by permit category, just like all of the other facilities on campus (gyms, classrooms, auditorium, etc.).

The permanent fencing should be completed by this Friday and then Kennedy High School will be able to secure the stadium. Principal Switzer has been sharing with the community that the track will not be open for use as it had been previously. SCUSD has a seven million plus dollar investment in the track and must ensure its stewardship and longevity.

I want the track facilities to be available for use to the community, and will be working on some accommodation. I know of a few people who live in Davis and they went through the same growing pains when their stadium was built. In Davis, the community went to the City Council asking for the stadium to be open on Saturday mornings and the City paid the bill to have a custodian open it each Saturday for joggers, walkers and other users. I have shared this thought with staff of our city councilmember and will be bringing the same idea to the councilmember elect.

When it comes to teacher retiree medical benefits, will you follow the contract?

Maria Haro-Sullivan: As far as I understand, a contract embodies the agreement between two parties. By the very nature of this question, I am led to believe there are concerns with the school board not following through with its commitments as prescribed by contracts they have agreed to. If elected as board member, unless I want to open the district up for litigation, I think it is my responsibility to enforce contracts that have been approved. Yet, I think this issue speaks to a couple of troubling issues. First, if the school board has decided not to fulfill its commitments, I think they are disregarding the bad example they are sending our children that it is ok to break your word. Secondly, it speaks to a board that rubber stamps contracts without really knowing what they approve, if they later feel like they don't want them anymore.

Darrel Woo: Yes

Why aren't we promoting our school district to attract students from out of the district?

Darrel Woo: The District should be doing a better job at promoting the high points and successes within the District. I recently led a discussion asking the Superintendent to

work with his communications director and the principals to put in place an advertising promotional plan to attract students from out of the district, where there is a need. For example, knowing that there is a waiting list for Yav Pemsuab Charter Academy, Area 6, Hmong dual immersion language school, the District should be actively promoting to that waiting list and others that the District has its own Hmong Immersion program at Susan B. Elementary, only a couple miles away.

Maria Haro-Sullivan: Not only do we need to promote the schools to increase enrollment, we also need to keep students we have enrolled. The board's decision to close 7 schools last year resulted in a loss of enrollment. The district and the board knew the school closures would result in a loss of enrollment. SCUSD staff included projections on the loss of enrollment the district would suffer if school closures were approved. Not only did the district lose enrollment as result of the 7 school closures, the closures have cost the district more money than the savings they were projected to generate.

What is the selection process of new hires and why aren't more minority teachers being hired to meet the needs with schools with a high percentage of ethnic groups?

Maria Haro-Sullivan: This issue is district wide issue. SCUSD human resources should do a better job of recruiting highly qualified teachers who also reflect the student they serve.

Darrel Woo: From what I can see the District has been doing a good job reaching out to attract new hires, particularly minority teachers reflecting the community as a whole. The issue has been teacher retention because of continuing budget problems. Each year that I have served, the District has had to issue layoff notices, and in the first three years of my service, one hundred and twenty million plus dollars in budget cuts. For those teachers without tenure, they are simply notified that they will have no place the following year. Many of these untenured newly minted teachers are ethnic minorities.

I have worked hard, making difficult decisions to balance the budget. Because of these difficult decisions, SCUSD has never been leaner. SCUSD is poised to receive a budget which will not include the need for dramatic cuts. If there are no drastic cuts, there would be few if any layoffs and all the

new ethnic minority teachers can stay and earn tenure.

How do you feel about future school closures and the closure policy?

Darrel Woo: School closures are always disruptive to a school district with community schools, such as SCUSD. After the worst four budget years in a generation, coupled with declining enrollment, and many budget cuts, including sacrifices made by our teachers and other union partners, there remained few options remaining with which to balance the budget. Since the year 2000, district enrollment had fallen from a high of 52,000 to 42,000 students. In this time, two schools were closed (formerly Bear Flag and Lisbon Elementary Schools) but none since, within Area 6.

I believe that because school closures are so disruptive to neighborhoods, that any closure should be available as an option, but exercised extremely rarely, and only when all other options have been explored. Based on what I know of the district's budget, this recent decision to close several schools kept SCUSD from

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Maria Haro-Sullivan: I currently serve on the district's Bond Oversight Committee. Last year when we toured John F Kennedy High School for the proposed improvement to the track, I voiced your concerns. I spoke with Cathy Allen, SCUSD Associate Superintendent for Facility Support Services, Principal Switzer, Board Member Woo and other committee members regarding public use of the track. The response I received was "Not for public use." In my view, this track was built with public dollars, therefore public should have access. I propose SCUSD and City of Sacramento enter in to a joint use agreement. At a time when youth in the Pocket lack places to recreate and engage in healthy activities after school, the district's decision to keep the public from using the track, and particularly our own Pocket board member's unwillingness to advocate to open the track for the community's use, is just another example of how disconnected they are with the needs of our community.

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Chinatown established in Sacramento City during Gold Rush era

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Editor's Note: This is part four in a series regarding historic Asian districts of Sacramento.

Among the earliest cultural histories of Sacramento is that of the Chinese, who established their own Chinatown in today's downtown area during the Gold Rush era.

The Chinatown of Sacramento, which was known to its residents as Yee Fow, was located along I Street, primarily from 2nd to 6th Street, and was a sort of city within the city, in which local Chinese could survive without speaking English.

Yee Fow is translated as "Second City," as it was the second city to the "Big City" of San Francisco, which was referred to by Chinese people as Dai Fow.

The Chinatowns in Marysville and Stockton were known as Sam Fow ("Third City").

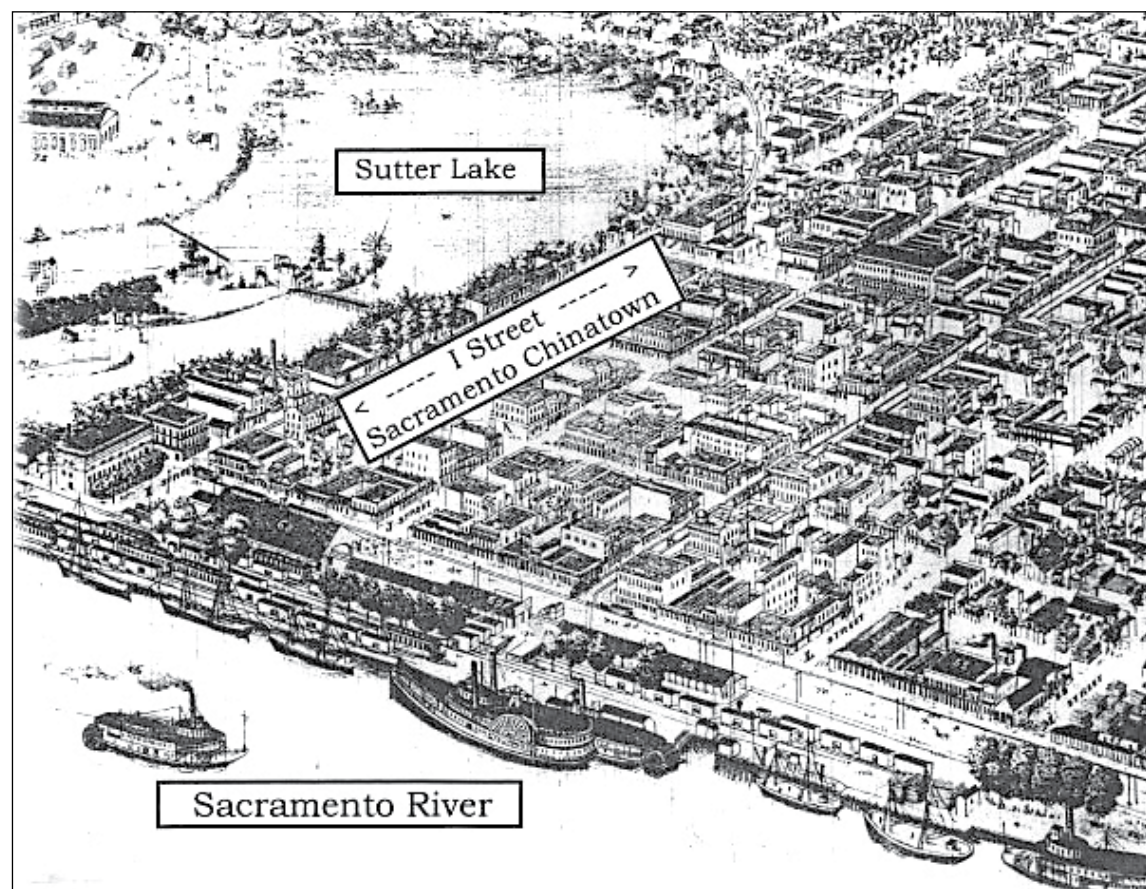
As its own small community, Sacramento's China-

town, whose original residents were almost entirely immigrants from the province of Guangdong, had a wide variety of businesses, including general stores, restaurants, hotels and laundries.

Sacramento's Chinatown was initially centralized in buildings on I Street, between 5th and 6th streets. It later expanded to stretch from its aforementioned main area of 2nd to 6th streets.

An early account of the Chinese district of Sacramento and its people was included in a lecture by the Rev. Joseph Augustine Benton, pastor of the First Church of Christ in Sacramento.

In the written version of that lecture, which was published in 1853, are the following words: "For two blocks, almost, these children of the sun and moon were in possession of the buildings, of every description. They had trading houses, lodging houses, car-



Sacramento's Chinatown, which was known to its residents as Yee Fow ("Second City") was founded during the Gold Rush era along I Street. This 1873 illustration highlights I Street, the Sacramento River to the west, and to the north, Sutter Lake (aka China Slough), a body of water that no longer exists today.

penter shops, restaurants, gambling rooms and brothels; and were, many of them, evidently getting into 'fast' ways. Some wore their hair, and had garments on, precisely like Americans."

In another early account

of its vicinity, The Sacramento Union, in its Nov. 8, 1852 edition, notes: "I Street has grown more than ever in importance. Escaping as it did, almost entirely from the ruinous effects of the conflagration (which swept

through about 85 percent of the city on Nov. 2 and 3, 1852), thousands of persons throng it daily - vehicles of all kinds are constantly passing backwards and forwards, bearing the rescued household effects to different points of destination - and the Chinese, particularly, have converted it into their K Street, where the entire portion of that population resort.

"Above Fifth (Street), they are opening up places of business, and appear to have imbibed a large degree of that American feeling which knows no stop under adverse circumstances."

Sacramento's Chinatown was certainly a lively place during the Gold Rush.

In the same manner in which various other cultures purchased mining supplies on J and K streets and other locations en route to the gold fields, Chinese purchased mining supplies on I Street.

In regard to early Chinese population figures for the Sacramento area, various records exist.

A special, 1852 state census recognizes 804 Chinese (794 males and 10 females)

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as then residing in Sacramento County.

According to the 1860 U.S. Census, at least 600 Chinese were then living in the Sacramento area.

An 1860 accounting of children residing within the four school districts in which the city was then divided includes the total of 128 Chinese and Indian "children" (under the age of 21). That figure and others were presented by F.D. Chamberlin, the school marshal at that time.

A decade later, the census noted that 1,371 Chinese were then residents of the capital city.

The 1880 census recognizes 1,781 Chinese as then living in Sacramento, and later census records reported 1,733 in 1890 and 1,065 in 1900.

Although research for this article resulted in no record pertaining to when the first Chinese person or people came to Sacramento, a Chinese community was certainly developing in the area by the early 1850s.

On July 10, 1850, the Sacramento Transcript reported that the Comsung Hotel on 2nd Street, near J Street, was in operation under the proprietorship of Cum Sing.

The hotel included a restaurant with dinners, tea service and a fan, which hung over a table. The article notes that the fan was "kept in motion by an invisible power."

Entertainment, including public celebrations, was an important part of the lives of Chinatown residents.

The Union, in its Sept. 28, 1852 edition, report-

ed that during the previous evening, a festive event, which included the setting off of firecrackers for about a half-hour, was held in Chinatown.

The 4th of July-like gathering of the local Chinese caused about 200 curious outsiders to be drawn to the area.

During the summer of 1853, an artist named Ay-yet opened a Daguerrean art gallery in Chinatown.

A barbershop was mentioned in the Jan. 5, 1854 edition of The Union as operating on I Street in the city's Chinese district.

On July 13, 1854, another one of Sacramento City's great fires made its way to Chinatown.

The following day's edition of The Union notes: "The Chinese are literally left houseless."

All of the Chinese occupied structures on I Street, between 5th and 6th streets, were destroyed, along with "Spanish and Chinese" occupied houses on I Street, between 3rd and 4th streets, and more than a dozen Chinese shanties on 5th Street, between I and J streets.

In being that the great fire of 1854 originated in a small frame building on the block bounded by 3rd, 4th, J and K streets, the city's Chinese had sufficient time to move many of their possessions to safe grounds.

The rebuilding of Chinatown occurred quickly, as is evident by references to the existence of structures and Chinese activities in the area during the post-fire part of the same year.

For instance, The Union, in its Aug. 8, 1854 edition, re-

fers to a Chinese bank on I Street.

A reference to the re-created Chinatown appears in The Union's Dec. 5, 1854 edition, which notes that Chinatown residents packed balconies of buildings along I Street to view a funeral procession.

Chinatown's first theater, the Canton Chinese Theater, opened on I Street in early 1855.

Unfortunately for the theater's owner and manager, for some time, a sign that had mistakenly read, "Tailor," instead of "Theater," hung at the premises.

The Union reported on May 4, 1855 that a fire, which threatened Chinatown, occurred during the previous morning on the west side of 5th Street, between I and J Street. The fire was quickly extinguished.

Chinatown was not as fortunate on July 3, 1855,

when a fire, which originated on the second floor of the Sze-Yap Co. on I Street, between 5th and 6th streets, caused the destruction of the entire block above 5th Street, including the triangle between the levee and 6th and I streets.

With the use of water suctioned by Engine Co. No. 3 from the nearby Sutter Lake (aka China Slough), the then newly dedicated Chinese Chapel at 6th and H streets was saved from destruction.

The Union, in its following day report of the fire, noted: "The loss falls heavily on the Chinese tenants who were variously engaged there as merchants, butchers, barbers, restaurateurs, (etc.)."

"The total loss is variously estimated at from \$65,000 to \$100,000. We are inclined to think that the former estimate is correct, from the following list

of losses furnished us by an agent of one of the Chinese companies."

Despite its tragedies, Chinatown continued to persevere and progress.

A Chinese language newspaper, which was known as Chinese News, was first printed in Sacramento in December 1856. It continued to be published for nearly two years.

The News, which sold for 25 cents per copy, was the city's first foreign language newspaper.

It was initially printed as a daily, but later appeared as a tri-weekly. Ultimately, it was published with irregularity - sometimes weekly and other times monthly.

The publication's editor and publisher was Ze Too Yune, who used the alias Hung Tai.

Too Yune had proposed to revive the paper, but that plan never materialized.

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'This is Where I Leave You'

The MPAA has rated this R

Warner Brothers' "This is Where I Leave You" is based on a book written by Jonathan Tropper, who adapted the screenplay himself, offering a playground for the talents of Jane Fonda, Jason Bateman, and Tina Fey.

This snarky comedy is set in the childhood home of a large family whose patriarch has died. His widow, played by Fonda, wants all the siblings under one roof for seven days in keeping with her late husband's wishes.

This movie features several of today's bright quick wits, including Adam Driver, Rose Byrne, Corey Stoll, Kathryn Hahn and, playing someone not so quick, Timothy Olyphant.

The expected childhood rivalries resurface, and lost loves are reinvestigated. The majority of the story follows Jason Bateman's character, Judd Altman, who is trying to conceal from his family a recent personal loss, which is forced out of him at an inappropriate moment by Tina Fey.

This is a fun comedy that will please most people and likely will resonate with movie patrons that came from large families. I was delighted to see Jane Fonda on the big screen again, and enjoyed her "revealing" performance.

Tina Fey, who is a quick and brilliant comedienne, has never been one of my favorites in spite of her enormous and clever talent. However, in this picture, she

has some very fine screen moments near the end, which I found most effective. The photography by Terry Stacey is excellent. It is directed by Shawn Levy.

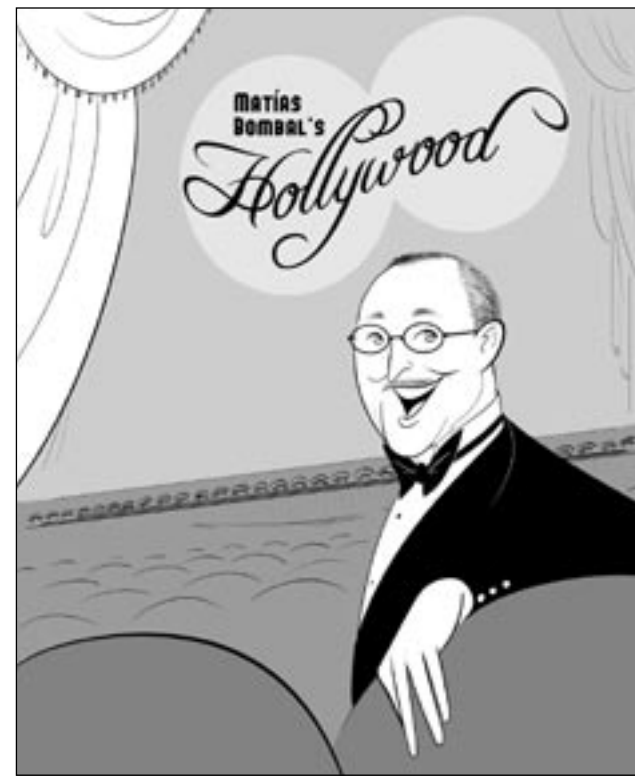
"The Best of Me"

Not Rated by the MPAA

Relativity Media offers us a romantic and sad love story, "The Best of Me". Produced by Denise Di Novi, it is a very handsome production largely due in part to the photography of Oliver Stapleton and the production design of Patrizia von Brandenstein. Based on a romance novel by Nicholas Sparks, this movie stars James Marsden as Dawson and Michelle Monaghan as Amanda, teen sweethearts that encounter each other many years later.

Dawson returns to his hometown when he hears news of the passing of a close friend that encouraged him through his difficult teen years, fraught with abuse from his white trash father. Through a series of flashbacks, the story of the complex relationship of Dawson and Amanda unfolds. Socially awkward, Dawson is aggressively courted by Amanda in their teen years.

This movie, for the most part, I would imagine is directed at the avid reader of the romance novel, and for that audience, along with teenage girls, it should be a nice date movie. There are some effective performances other than our leads, especially from Gerald McRaney as Tuck, who you may remember from "Simon and Simon". There's a very



creepy performance from Sean Bridgers as Dawson's father.

A new actor, Robby Rasmussen, had the chance to play two roles: that of a young father, and later in the story, that same man's son. The adult leads in the present day sequences are good with the material, although the camera does seem to linger long on Mr. Marsden to please the target audience.

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- Month of showers
- Desktop symbol
- Cafeteria item
- Bouquet tosser
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- Flooring material
- Hosiery thread
- Doggedness
- One who takes down the quarterback
- Mix and mingle
- Dance or dip
- Mourning band
- Brand of jeans
- Bring to life
- Tango move
- Indian royal
- Radioactive element

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- Unwelcome look
- Raccoon's kin
- Nursed, as a drink
- Put down, as tiles
- Diver's gear
- Collection
- Tenant's contract
- Procrastinator's word
- VCR button
- Terra firma
- Memorial tribute
- "Get Ready" singer of the 70's
- Dole out
- Sermon source
- Risk calculator
- Like some regions
- Emotional obstacle
- Scenic outlook
- Point a finger at
- One of a bear trio
- Final words?
- Bringing up the rear
- Take a chance
- At any time
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- Gangster's gun

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- Solidarity symbol
- Teen affliction
- Reddish horse
- Pawn capture
- Storage spot
- Movie rater
- Flag raiser
- Check out
- All lit up
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Pocket author discusses the making of her memoir

By MONICA STARK
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Life is what you make it and you can be happy, successful and productive even with a significant disability. That's the message surrounding Pocket author Laurie Hoirup award-winning "I Can Dance: My Life with a Disability" memoir, as she lives her life today, increasing the awareness of, and living successfully with a significant disability.

Living with a disability since the age of 2, and having used a wheelchair since the age of 5, Laurie requires full personal care, which includes dressing, grooming, bathing, toileting, feeding and most other things. However, she has had a very successful life, in spite of her limitations, as she explained to the Pocket News.

"I am married, I have two adult children – a son and a

daughter, who are both married and have blessed me with three wonderful grandsons and another grandchild on the way (hoping for a granddaughter). I have been a director of a nonprofit agency providing services to individuals with disabilities and I have also been the Chief Deputy Director for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, appointed by (former) Gov. (Arnold) Schwarzenegger. I am presently retired and writing. I am very pleased to say that my first book 'I Can Dance: My Life with a Disability' won first place in my first writing competition."

Laurie belongs to a group called the Northern California Publishers and Authors and presently holds the treasurer position. Each year the organization hosts an annual writing competition for its members, which

is approximately 90 members. Laurie entered her book into the nonfiction, general category, where she won first place. Excited and proud over her big win, she proudly said of the honor, "My first book, my first fighting competition, my first place!"

Over the course of 257 pages (with a size 14 font for ADA compliance), Laurie's book is strictly not a "how to" book. In fact, she chose the title because she shares several stories of dancing throughout the book and she knows that most people can't imagine someone in a wheelchair dancing, but, as she said, "I Can Dance," adding that her publisher strongly encouraged the subtitle so that people would know it was a memoir.

Laurie grew up in a small town in northern Illinois where coping with the cold weather was amongst some of her biggest challenges, a fete which ultimately led to her family to move to Arizona, where landing a job became her biggest challenge at the time.

Speaking on how she grew into her own skin and learn to succeed on her own merit, Laurie attributes much of that to her family. "My mother raised me to stand up for myself, take risks, have determination and believe in myself. I see her as being one of the biggest factors in my accomplishments

and success. My education, family and friends were huge factors."

Laurie was the Program Manager and then Director of Community Access Center in Riverside, California for approximately three years before being appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger as deputy director for two years, after which time she was promoted to Chief Deputy Director for another three years and she retired in 2011.

Laurie has expanded services provided by her organization, in addition to writing grants and receiving additional money to provide those services. Her greatest success there was working with the city and creating a Mayors Commission on Disability in addition to his previous five commissions. It became chartered and permanent her last month there.

Speaking about her time away from her former occupations, Laurie said: "I am very much enjoying retirement... I am still active with several committees, while at the same time pursuing my writing."

Divorced from her first husband, Laurie has since made a life with second



Pocket author Laurie Hoirup.

husband JR who helped raise Chad and Jillian, the children from her first marriage. Chad, now 32 years old and wife Jenn are the parents of two of Laurie's grandsons, Michael, age 6 and Jeremiah, age 2. Jillian, 28, and her husband Josh are the parents of Laurie's third grandson, Liam, age 2. The couple is expecting their second child in May. "I'm hoping for a granddaughter," Laurie adds.

An autographed copy can be ordered on www.LauriesLegacy.com, or it can be ordered at Amazon.com paperback or Kindle, BarnesandNoble.com. Also, your favorite local bookstore probably has the ability to order it, as the publisher made it as a print-on-demand book in order to avoid having to buy back from the bookstore.

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JFK grad pays forward the benefits his family receives from the YMCA

By **MONICA STARK**
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The YMCA's annual The Kids Are Y, Tasting and Benefit Auction will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 at the Masonic Temple Ballroom in Downtown Sacramento. The Kids Are Y, will provide guests with food and wine from local restaurants, wineries, and breweries while bidding on unique silent and live auction items.

Funds from the event provides year-round program support and scholarships for local kids who would like to participate in YMCA activities but can't afford the program fees due to financial hardship. The event will feature: the company of good friends, food and wine tasting, live and silent auction and to top it off, music and entertainment. Tickets are on sale now for \$60 per person. For more information contact JR Springer, Development Director, at jr.springer@ymcasuperiorcal.org or by phone at 452-9622, ext. 103.

The Pocket News caught up with one local family, the Smiths, to discuss their gratitude for the assistance they receive from the YMCA. The parents, Kennedy graduate (2001) Joe and Jasmin

Smith, have five kids (all with the initials JC): Jehlani, 13; Javay, 6; Joe Jr., 5; Jordan, 3 1/2; and Jada, 2 1/2.

The family has helped out with different projects over the last five years, including being Santa Claus for a holiday program the YMCA has had for the kids. They've helped build cribs for the infant room at the Child Development Center and now they are trying to procure items for the Kids Are Y Tasting and Benefit Auction.

The three youngest Smith children currently attend the full-time daycare program offered at the YMCA. Made possible through the Y-Assist Program, the YMCA's financial aid program, the Smiths have been able to work toward their professional goals and strike a balance in their lives.

Jasmin, a student counselor at DeVry University, and Joe, a supervisor at the Boys and Girls Club, both enjoy what they do for a living, but, as Joe acknowledges, his work for a nonprofit isn't the most financially rewarding, though the work itself is. "The pay isn't the best, but the work is rewarding. For the amount



It's fun to stay at the YMCA. Shown here are parents Joe and Jasmin Smith with their children, pictured from the left: Jordan, 3 1/2; Javay, 6; Joe Jr., 5; and Jada, 2 1/2.

Photo by Monica Stark

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Photo courtesy

CCC Ukulele and Hula group, shown here, performed at the Taste of Land Park. The group will perform at this year's CCC food festival set for Saturday, Oct. 18.

A Chinese food extravaganza coming to the Chinese Community Church

Admission is free to this one-day only Chinese food frenzy event. Set for Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., there will be delicious Chinese food (including barbecue chicken, pot stickers) as well as fun cultural activities (such as live entertainment, games and crafts for the kids). Held over at the Chinese Community Church off of Fruitridge Road, between South Land Park Drive and Freepoint Boulevard (at 5600 Gilgunn Way), there will be free parking and a shuttle service from Belle Cooledge Community Center, courtesy of ACC. For more information, visit www.ccsac.net

Parishner Maybelle Whang has been involved with the food festival since the beginning and said besides moving the event from the summer to October and holding it on just one day instead of two, not much has changed over the 30-plus years. "We are well known for the food. We don't dare change the food," she says. "We're well known for the barbecue chicken. We're told it's the best in town. And our chow mein - we use a secret marinade." She said the aroma lifts through the air and permeates through out the

neighborhood. Though most of the food is made day-of, some of it is made ahead with the help of hundreds of volunteers making pot stickers.

What follows is the entertainment schedule for the festival, which features three worship bands, Asian Community Center's Pocket Pickers, the Filipino Sinagtala ensemble, line dancers, two award-winning local vocalists, the College Fund Street Band, and of course, CCC's own Ukulele and Hula Fellowship groups.

The Xaris Worship Band will perform at

11:15 a.m. and noon. The Sinagtala Theatre Ensemble will perform at noon and 12:15 p.m. Tim Clements will perform at 12:15 p.m. and 1 p.m. Zoey and Grace Giammona will perform at 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. ACC Pocket Pickers will play at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m.; Line Dancers at 2:15 and 3 p.m., Dance Revolutions at 3 and 3:20 p.m., Mady Frei at 3:30 and 4 p.m., CCC Worship Band at 4 and 4:30 p.m., CCC Ukulele and Hula at 4:45 and 5:30 p.m., The College Fund Street Band at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.



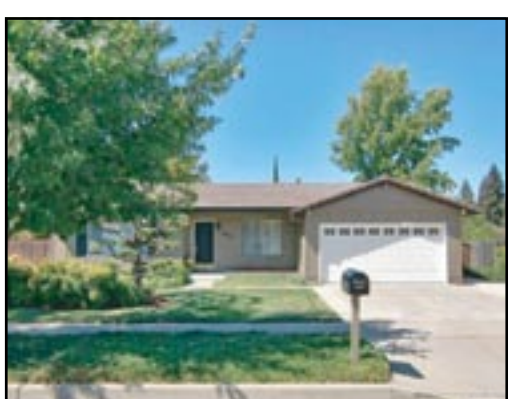
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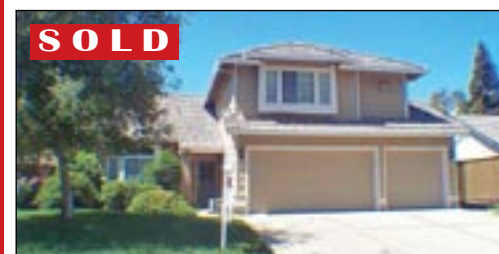
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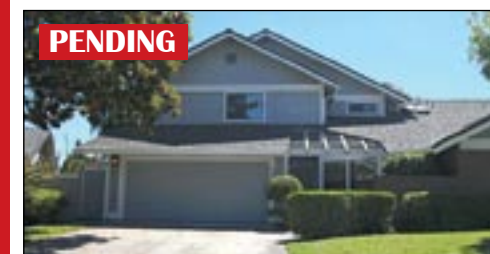


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For Jasmin, who has been working just shy of five years in the student central department, she said being able to afford childcare means the world to her as a working mom and wife. "As a mom, as a woman, and I know some dads feel this too, they feel like their roles push them to have to (stay home and care for the kids). That was one of the things when I first came to Sacramento, I wasn't working. I typically worked all my life except for maybe one and a half years when I took care of my little ones."

"When I first started working at DeVry I had to think, 'Do I really want to start working?' Because of the cost of childcare, you're pretty much just working for childcare. I learned I am a career-driven parent. So all that means for my sanity, as a mom, I get to have a separate arena. It's important for balance."

"At the end of the day, I'd say to moms who are torn between 'do I quit my job to just stay home to take care of the kids?' You have to think about where you are right now. You have to think about where you are in the future, what skills that you have to bring to the table."

And, as Joe added, there are supports like the YMCA that can help you out that make those dreams you have become realities. "And I think because of the support they are giving us, we will pay it forward. I think that's important."

As he speaks in future tense, however, he and Jasmin have already helped out the YMCA so much and the community at large for sharing their story.

Summing up, as Jasmin said: "It truly does take a village to raise a family. And sometimes you have to go outside of your immediate family to do that for the kids."

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An outdoor classroom:

S.E.S. students take their classes outside

Upgrades to campus spark discussion on other campus amenities

By MONICA STARK
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As the summer heat melts into a more pleasant fall, students at the School for Engineering and Sciences will get to enjoy the campus' brand new outdoor classroom. Nestled up against the quad area, a nicely landscaped seating area with decomposed granite and large rocks set the stage for some outdoor learning. Equipped with electrical outlets, students can plug in their laptops as they work on assignments.

The "Green Project Group," a student club involved in energy and water conservation projects, worked with physical education teacher Nicole Coronado to secure \$250,000 in grant money.

Planning for the project's funding started in 2012 and by the end of the school

year, S.E.S. was awarded the first chunk of funds, \$200,000 through Project Green; then, the next year, the school was awarded the additional \$50,000. Middle and high school students at S.E.S. worked after school with Coronado to write a proposal for green improvements for the school.

The learning area also boasts three large tree wells measuring a diameter of about three to four meters and each featuring a low wall around them for added seating. "The kids wanted more seating and shade in the quad as well as shade trees inside them. In a few years, they will provide more shade," explained principal Matt Turkie, who after being the interim principal assumed the actual position permanently this year.



Photos by Monica Stark
Students at the School of Engineering and Sciences now have an "outdoor classroom," which features outlets for laptops and a low-water landscape.

Turkie previously held the assistant principal position at Kit Carson Middle School and taught math at middle and high schools in Sacramen-

to after having taught in the United Kingdom. Discussing what brought him to the United States and specifically Sacramento, Turkie said: "My

wife is American. She lived in England for five years and was tired of the rain. Said she want-

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ed to come back to the United States. She said either Chattanooga, Tennessee or Sacramento, California. My wife is from Atlanta and she did not want to go to Atlanta. That would have been a step backwards. We like to make life interesting for ourselves."

For a school that prides itself on using new technologies, S.E.S. honors an acceptable use policy for technology. "What that means is students are welcome to bring their own device, or as it is referred to on campus, BYOD policy, with the agreement that when they walk into a classroom, it needs to be turned off and put away," Turkie said.

In effect, S.E.S. is mirroring an atmosphere similar to college and workplace environments, where perhaps they might not be so blunt as to say, "put the smart phone away" but students would be expected not to take a phone call. "We want our students to do the same thing," Turkie said. "Like all kids, we have to remind them (to turn the ringer off), but generally it's good. But, yes, you know, it's the whole thing kids will try to get away with things in class if that's what they think they can do because that's just normal. We just have to hold strong (with the policy). It's the same as in any school. The only difference is that we aren't saying don't bring your phone to class because kids bring them anyway."

S.E.S. progresses students through an engineering sequence of classes. In seventh and eighth grades, students start with computer programming classes and they program robots to move in various directions. Also some middle school age students participate in First Lego League, which is building robots out of Legos. Ninth graders take an introduction to engineering course and 10th graders study Introduction to Computer Aided Design and some compete in the First Tech Challenge where students build robots out of metal rather than out of Lego. In the 11th and 12th grade, students take Robotics and Advanced Robotics and the club there is First Robotics Challenge and they build big robots like shoot basketballs and throw Frisbees.

S.E.S. engages students in a Friday speaker series, which have had experts in hydro-



electricity, speakers from Hewlett Packard, SMUD, from Aerojet Rocketdyne.

Meanwhile, the school's advisory board includes members from U.C. Davis, SMUD, Aerojet, Siemens, 100 Black Men, HP, Society of Women Engineers, Sacramento Regional Science & Engineering Fair, Air Resources Board.

Most of the students prior to coming to S.E.S. have never participated in a science fair, so seventh grade teachers have their work cut out for them, guiding students through the process of what an event like that looks like from start to finish. Explaining the process, Turkie said: "Before we let them loose, we kind of do a science fair with them as a whole. We need to scaffold them up to where we want them to be and that's what the first quarter unit does. It scaffolds them towards the science fair, otherwise kids would struggle."

Inside of one of Mr. Davis' advanced robotics class, students were finalizing the wiring before the teacher showed them how to program the robots. The culminating engineering class, advanced robotics, enables students to compete with other robotics students around the greater Sacramento area.

Temporarily located at the former Bear Flag Elementary School near John F. Kennedy High School, S.E.S. opened the doors to its own new home on Gloria Drive at Swale River Way about four years ago.

Designed for 500 students in grades seven through 12, S.E.S. includes five buildings form one to two stories with out 44,500 square feet.

Challenges back before the construction of the new building were much different than they are today. Prior setbacks included having the community concerned with the impact of co-locating teens on the Bear flag campus with ex-

isting preschoolers and placing older students in classrooms with knee-high sinks and restroom facilities.

Current challenges revolve around having the school more recognized by prospective students who may want the school spirit experience a comprehensive high school might provide. So, to remedy the situation, S.E.S. and other small high schools like Sacramento New Technology High School (1400 Dickson St.) or Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School (451 McClatchy Way) have made extra efforts to start a competitive small high school sports league, which will be featured in a future issue of this publication.

Odalina Meza, Associated Student Body president, a student in Davis' robotics class spoke briefly about her goals for the ASB this year: "I am just trying to get people to be more excited about being at this school because they think this school is just about the boring stuff. So, I am trying to get people more excited and the school more widely known around Sacramento." To that end, she's help spread the word about school rallies and athletic games.

In addition, S.E.S. offers students the opportunity to participate in any of the school's various 12 clubs, including a book club, which meets during lunch on Tuesdays at the neighboring Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

Odalina said it's the differing personalities at the school that have really drawn her to like it more than ever. "I like how everyone can be themselves. At a normal school, you're kind of trying to conform. This school it's like you get to be whoever you want to be, whoever you are."

S.E.S. is located at 7345 Gloria Dr. For more information about the school, call 433-2960.

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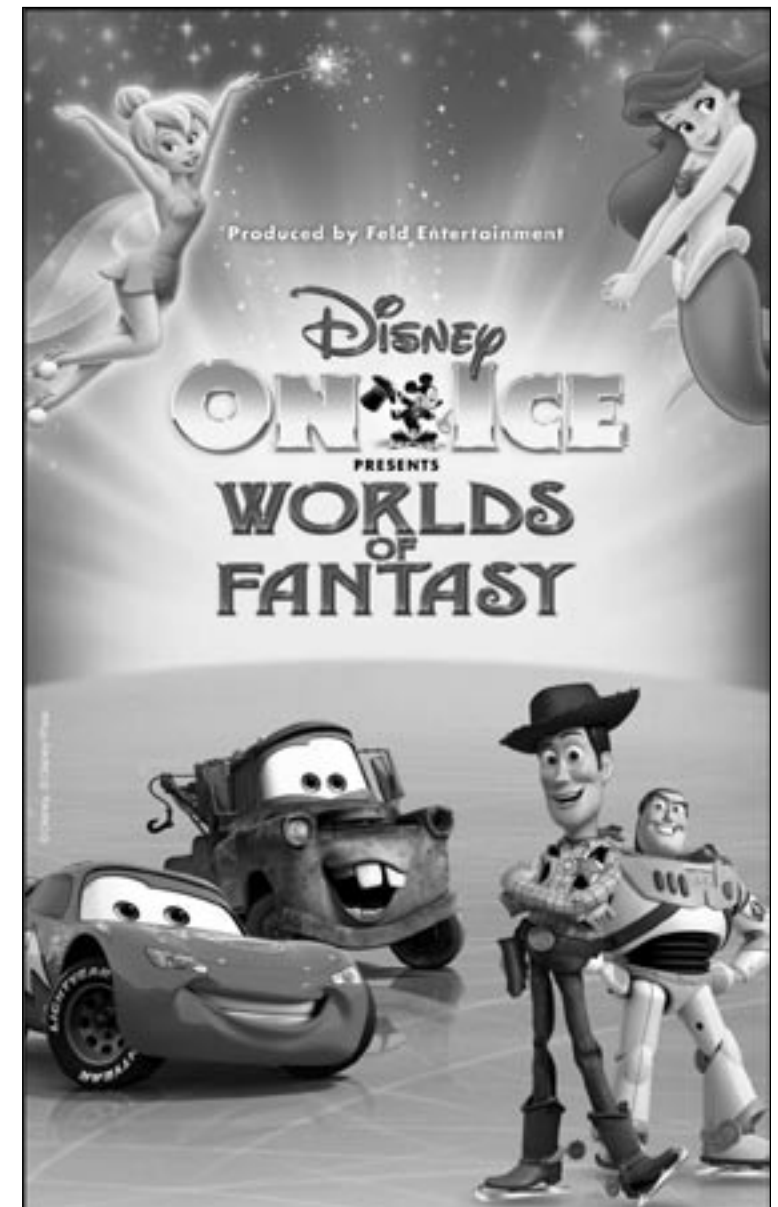
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A spooktacular of grand proportions coming to Portuguese Hall on Pocket Road

Much has been written in this publication about the historical impact the Portuguese have had on the Pocket area, but not much has been mentioned about the annual Spooktacular Halloween Party that raises funds for the Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society, a Portuguese historical society. This year, SPHSS has teamed up with LUSO YC4 -- another Portuguese organization that focuses on keeping traditions alive.

On Halloween night at the SPHSS, there will be a costume contest, candy bags, arts and crafts, and a haunted house. In addition, there will be DJ dancing for all ages.

According to Nelson Azevedo, one of the organizers of this year's Halloween extravaganza, there will be 12-14 rooms full of activities, including a corn maze room, which is "basically what it sounds like -- a dark room with strobe lights in which you have to navigate yourself through a maze of corn," and a "clown room, which is a twisted version of a circus with macabre clowns and creepy circus music. The other rooms are still in the works, but I promise, it will not disappoint."

The haunted house is not for the younger children. It is very scary, but there are plenty of activities for the little ones, including trick or treat stations, art stations, and games.

In addition to there being plenty of fun for the kids, there will be music for the teens, and a full bar for the adults. The goal is to provide a fun event that the whole family can enjoy and a lot of work goes into making it all possible. SPHSS provides fun for all. As Nelson said, "community is our goal." Elaborating on the specifics of the Halloween party, Nelson wrote into the Pocket News. Included his description was the following:

"This is our fifth year putting on the Halloween party. I can proudly say that each year had outdone the previous year. As for funny stories, I would say watching people get scared in the haunted house tops the list. We've had people run for the nearest exit, try to run through walls, etc. I don't want to scare anyone off but our haunted house is exactly that -- a scary experience. That said, we close off the haunted house for about 45 minutes so the little ones can go through and tick-or-treat. No one jumps out and scares them. We want to make it fun for all. DJ Dick Daniel will be spinning whatever the crowd wants (usually pop music). The majority of the people on the dance floor are young. Teens, kids, young adults, but that said, no one is left out. If you like to dance and have a good time, this is the place for you. Our goal is to put on a fun Halloween experience that everyone in the family can enjoy. Whether you're a toddler, teen, or adult you'll have an awesome time. Hope to see everyone there."

If you go:

What: A Spooktacular Halloween Party, including music by DJ Dick Daniel, a costume contest, candy bags, and a haunted house
 When: Halloween night, starting at 6:30 p.m.
 Where: Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society, 6776 Pocket Road, 95831
 Cost: Adults, \$7; kids \$4; children age 5 and younger are free



Photos by Paulino Machado
 Shown here is a collection of photographs taken from last year's Spooktacular put on by the Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society and the LUSO Youth Council No. 4. This year's event will start at 6:30 p.m. on Halloween night.

Faces and Places: Halloween decorations from around the Pocket/Greenhaven area

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY
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Boy, is the Pocket area festive this time of year? Check out this selection of photographs taken on the evening of Friday, Oct. 10. Get out of the house, take a walk and see for yourself. Happy Halloween!



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bankruptcy, and being taken over by the state and placed into receivership.

Maria Haro-Sullivan: As a member of the district's 7-11 committee I was part of a group of parents and community members tasked with making recommendations to the board on school closure options. I learned then that SCUSD does not have a consistent policy for closing schools, and as a result, the school board is susceptible to getting different information from staff during the different efforts to close schools. That is why, if elected, unlike the

board members who voted to close schools based on faulty information, I would demand district staff provide complete and accurate information before making any decisions to close any schools.

Why is the district taking such a long time to bring SEL and PBIS to more schools? Our children are suffering and these are not new programs.
Maria Haro-Sullivan: Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is not a new concept in the field of education. For years there have been many great teachers, counselors, principals and school employees who naturally understood the importance of addressing our children's

emotional needs as much as their academic needs.

Darrel Woo: Social and Emotional Learning ("SEL") Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports ("PBIS") is in its third year in SCUSD. These programs were brought to SCUSD as an experiment, funded by grant funds, I assisted in securing, to address the needs of our children beyond academics. The theory was to address and look at the whole child, much beyond the child's classroom needs. The district was one of several schools in California to earn a three year grant. This three year grant was intended to train teach-

ers in the District's lowest performing schools and determine whether student achievement could be improved.

Now that the SEL grant is ending, and the program deemed successful, the next steps are to have the trained teachers teach other teachers about what they learned, rolling SEL and PBIS throughout the district. As explained in earlier responses herein, the District does not have unlimited financial resources and must prioritize how it spends its limited resources. I am in favor of providing the tools and training to be the best and most effective teachers they can be as opposed to rolling out programs for the sake of expediency.

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Send your event announcement for consideration to: editor@valcomnews.com at least two weeks prior to publication.

ONGOING

"Stretch, Strengthen, and Thrive" at ACC:

This class is designed for the needs and abilities of active older adults, who are interested in gaining or maintaining mobility, 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. \$5 per class if pre-paid; drop-in fee is \$6. ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr., 393-9026 x330, www.accs.org.

Easy Tai Chi at ACC

Learn 24-form Yang Style Tai Chi at a slower pace. Experience the gentle flow and treat your whole body to a gentle and relaxing workout. \$16 per month or \$5 Drop-in class. For schedule call 393-9026, ext 330, www.accs.org. ACC is located at 7375 Park City Dr.

Senior Fitness at St. Anthony's

Senior Fitness meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:45 a.m. at St. Anthony's Memorial Hall at 660 Florin Road. Cost is \$2 per class. Do not have to belong to the church. Class incorporates dyna bands, small hand weights, balls, and rubber bands plus cardio. Chair and standing exercises for flexibility, strength and balance accompanied by music of "the good ol' days." Participants do not have to get down on the floor! Paula has a Masters in Exercise Physiology and has been in the fitness business over 25 years. Equipment supplied if needed.

Senior Yoga at ACC

This class is designed to maintain joint mobility, muscle strength and flexibility. A yoga mat is required. \$25 per month or \$6 drop-in class. For schedule call 393-9026, ext. 330, www.accs.org

Taiko for fun at ACC

Learn the history and basics of Taiko which refer to the various Japanese drums. Wear com-

fortable clothing, \$16 per month or \$5 drop-in class. For schedule call 393-9026, ext 330, www.accs.org. ACC is located at 7375 Park City Dr.

Youth Connections Unlimited announces fundraising campaign

Did you know that one Sacramento organization can reduce recidivism for crimes committed by youths by up to 70 percent? Youth Connections Unlimited has been providing mentoring and other services to incarcerated and probationary youth for over ten years that gives youth tools for staying outside the juvenile justice system. YCU works with the Sacramento County Probation Department with a focus on re-entry mentoring and preventative programming with a commitment to the principles of Restorative Justice. The support youth get from YCU and its volunteers gives hope to Sacramento County youth, make communities safer and save taxpayers money. For more information, call David Taft at 835-1147 or visit <http://www.sacycu.com>

Brain Gymnasium

Exercise your mind and have some fun at this on-going Brain Gymnasium class! Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepport Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays. \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Gentle Qi Gong

Learn powerful relaxation techniques reduce stress, reduce physical pain and emotional suffering, lower blood pressure, increase immune response and improve balance. Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepport Boulevard, 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays. \$7 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

The Sacramento Capitolaire meeting

A men's Barbershop Harmony group, meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall (Sierra Arden United Church of Christ), 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento. Info: www.capitolaires.org, call 888-0877-9806, or email info@capitolaires.org

Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings

A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group

meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freepport Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

OCTOBER

Knit Together! - Pocket Library (Adult)

Oct. 17, 24, 31: Starting at 1 p.m., Carrie Parker, a Pocket-Greenhaven resident and self-professed knit-a-holic is bringing her needles to the library. Anyone interested in knitting—even an absolute beginner—is invited. Participants can learn to knit get help on current projects or general advice from expert knitters. There might even be some great conversations too. Don't forget to bring your knitting needles and yarn! Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is located at 7335 Gloria Dr.

Preschool Storytime at Belle Cooleedge Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

Oct. 16: Starting at 11 a.m., preschoolers ages three and older and their caregivers are invited to join us for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a craft or play activity – all designed to build early literacy skills. Belle Cooleedge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Matsuyama Elementary Harvest Festival

Oct. 17: From 4 to 7 p.m., there will be \$3 Hamburgers, Cake Walk, Square Dancing, Crafts and games. All money goes back to the classrooms. 7680 Windbridge Dr.

Teen / Tween Pancake Poetry Party at Belle Cooleedge Library (Teen)

Oct. 17: In celebration of Teen Read Week, the library is challenging all teens and tweens to come read a poem, sing a song, do a rap, recite a haiku, or read lighting fiction. Every time you read – you get a pancake! You can read self-written work or from a published author – it's up to you! Come join the fun, starting at 3:30 p.m. Belle Cooleedge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

The Kids Are Y Tasting & Benefit Auction

Oct. 17: The YMCA of Superior California is holding its annual The Kids Are Y Tasting

and Benefit Auction, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Ballroom, 1123 J St. Tickets can be purchased online at BiddingForGood.com/KidsAreY. For more information, call 452-9622 or visit ymcasuperior.org. At the event, guests will enjoy fare from local restaurants, breweries, and wineries while bidding on the best our region has to offer in our Silent Auction and wonderful trips and unique experiences in our Live Auction. Restaurants include House Kitchen & Bar, Formoli's, The Melting Pot, Kru and more. Breweries & Wineries include Sean Minor Wines, Bogle, Moniz Family Wines, Bike Dog Brewing Co. New Helvetia Brewing Co. and many more. Proceeds from the event benefit the YMCA of Superior California Y-Assist Fund, providing scholarships to local families for YMCA programs and activities.

ACC presents 4th Annual Community Workshop and Health Fair

Oct. 17: Bring your over-the-counter and prescription medicines, vitamins and supplements for a review with healthcare professionals. There will be a cooking demonstration and tasting. In addition, there will be enrollment counseling for Medicare Part D.

Food truck festival at Garcia Bend Park

Oct. 17: Enjoy food from various food trucks at Garcia Bend Park, 5 to 8 p.m. 7654 Pocket Road.

River City Bee at Belle Cooleedge Library (Adult)

Oct. 18: Join us for an open sewing time for quilters, sewers, and embroiderers. Starting at 9 a.m., get together with fellow needlework enthusiasts to sew, work on any project you choose, meet some new people, and share ideas. Bring your own equipment and supplies and work on your own projects. We provide irons and ironing boards and extension cords. This program is offered in collaboration with the River City Quilters Guild. Belle Cooleedge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

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Calendar:

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Halloween Craft for Kids at McClatchy (Family/All Ages)

Oct. 18: Get ready for Halloween by making your own spooky creature. We will use lollipops to make ghost spider and vampire decorations and to enjoy for an early Halloween treat! All ages are welcome at this fun event, starting at 2 p.m. at McClatchy Library, 2112 22nd St.

Practice SAT/ACT Combination Test at Pocket Library (Teen)

Oct. 18: This is a fully-proctored practice SAT/ACT combination test (approximately three and a half hours) to give students an idea of what to expect in a test-like environment as well as to allow them to compare their performances on the SAT and ACT tests. Students will receive a comprehensive analysis of their test results, detailing individual strengths and weaknesses at the follow up session (Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m.) This free program is sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep. Registration is required. Test starts at 9 a.m. at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, located at 7335 Gloria Dr.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Sacramento

Oct. 19: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events is a celebration of survivorship, an occasion to express hope and shared determination to make this breast cancer's last century. Registration starts at 7 a.m., followed by a 5K walk at 8 a.m., starting and ending at the West Steps of the Capitol. Contact Sonya Silva at SACStrides@cancer.org or 446-7933 for more information.

Preschool Storytime at McClatchy (Early Childhood (0-5))

Oct. 21: Storytime starts at 10 a.m. and everyone is welcome to "stay and play" time with the great toys at the McClatchy Library, 2112 22nd St.

Baby Storytime at Belle Cooleedge Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

Oct. 21: Join us for nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. This program is for children up to about 18

months old or until they are ready for toddler storytime. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Following the program babies and their caregivers are invited to stay and play with activity learning toys. Fun starts at 12:30 p.m. Belle Cooleedge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Noni's Knit-Wits (Adult)

Oct. 21: Starting at 1:30 p.m., every Tuesday, enjoy a relaxing afternoon of knitting with fellow yarn enthusiasts. Anyone interested in knitting and crocheting, even beginners, are welcome to join in. This is not an instructional class, but assistance is available. Bring your own supplies and a project to work on. Belle Cooleedge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Baby/Toddler Stay and Play group at Pocket Library

Oct. 21, 23, 28, 30: Baby/Toddler Stay & Play at will be held starting at 10:15 a.m. for ages 0-5 at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Green-

haven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr. Informal play sessions will be immediately followed by a storytime for babies and toddlers (ages 0-3 years) and their caretakers/families except on the last Tuesday of each month when there is a special performance by Mister Cooper instead. Partially funded by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

Baby/Toddler Storytime for ages 0-3 at Pocket Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

Oct. 21, 23, 28, 30: Starting at 11 a.m., a combined toddler and baby storytime in which babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 3 and their caretakers are invited for songs and rhymes in this language enrichment program designed to boost brain development. Please also note that on the last Tuesday of each month there will be a special musical performance by Mr. Cooper instead of storytime. The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is located at 7335 Gloria Dr.

Advanced ESL Conversation (Adult)
Oct. 22: Starting at 5 p.m., Toni Chapralis will lead a conversation group for advanced ESL learners. Toni Chapralis formerly taught at the Fremont School for Adults. Teens and adults are welcome to attend this event at the McClatchy Library, 2112 22nd St.

Halloween Craft for Kids at McKinley (Family/All Ages)

Oct. 22: Get ready for Halloween by making your own spooky creature. We will use lollipops to make ghost spider and vampire decorations—or to enjoy for an early Hal-

loween treat! All ages welcome. Fun starts at 3:30 p.m. at the McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd.

Sing Along with Mr. Cooper at Belle Cooleedge Library (Family/All Ages)

Oct. 22: Starting at 4 p.m., join neighborhood favorite Mr. Cooper for 30 minutes of music time and freeze dancing for ages 3 to 7. Belle Cooleedge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

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Solution to Crossword:

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CALENDAR

College Applications--Part 2: The Common App & Others @ Pocket Library (Teen)

Oct. 22: If you're not applying to schools in the CSU or UC system chances are you will be using the Common Application. Over 500 colleges use this online application so it is important for students to know all about it. Starting at 6:30 p.m., professional college counselor Marilyn van Löben-Sels will walk participants through the main application essay writing and supplements. You will hear tips on common supplement questions and what colleges are looking for in your answers. Most importantly participants will get effective strategies to stay on top of the variety of requirements and deadlines for the Common App. Registration

is required as space is limited. Register online www.saclibrary.org by phone 264-2920 or in person at the branch, located at 7335 Gloria Dr. Registration is required.

Seed a Dream

Oct. 22: Help support Sacramento area children facing homelessness by attending the Seed a Dream event from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Old Hall of Justice, 813 6th St. Hosted by the Leadership Sacramento Class of 2014, the event will benefit the Mustard Seed Impact Project on the Loaves & Fishes campus. Learn more about the project and purchase tickets to the Seed a Dream event at mustardseedimpactproject.com. Tickets cost \$40 in advance, or \$50 at the door. Sponsorship packages are also available. Contact An-

gelika Corchado at corchaa@sutterhealth.org for more information.

Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library Board Meeting (Adult)

Oct. 23: Interested in knowing how you can help your library? Attend the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library monthly Board meeting for more information. Meeting starts at 6 p.m. at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, located at 7335 Gloria Dr.

Toddler Storytime at Belle Cooledge Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

Oct. 23: Starting at 9:30 a.m., toddlers and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories and fingerplays. After the storytime, there will be a stay and play group or a simple craft. To ensure that storytime is a positive experience for all, attendance is limited to 40 children (they can bring as many adults as they want!). Belle Cooledge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Preschool Storytime at Belle Cooledge Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

Oct. 23: Starting at 11 a.m., preschoolers ages three and older and their caregivers are invited to join us for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a craft or play activity - all designed to build early literacy skills. Belle Cooledge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dr.

Pumpkin Carving Contest at McKinley (Teen)

Oct. 24: Want to get ready for Halloween and show off your artistic skill? Join us for an afternoon of pumpkin carving! You will have one hour to hollow out your pumpkin and create your own jack-o-lantern design. Those interested can have their pumpkins judged at the end of the hour for a chance to win prizes. All pumpkins will be provided and will be yours to take home! Fun starts at 3:30 p.m. at the McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd.

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