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County Supervisor Jimmie Yee, who will officially retire on Jan. 6, is planning to do more golfing and fishing in his retirement years. Photo by Lance Armstrong

Jimmie Yee remembers Sacramento's Chinatown, political career, more

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part nine in a series regarding historic Asian districts of Sacramento.

Sacramento native Jimmie R. Yee, who will officially retire from his long run as a Sacramento County supervisor representing District 2 next week, has certainly had many experiences in his nearly 81 years of life.

Those experiences range from growing up near this city's now-former Chinatown and building a career as a structural engineer to serving as Sacramento's first Asian mayor and leaving his position on the county Board of Supervisors three days shy of his eight-year mark.

In an exclusive interview with this publication last week, Jimmie sat down to share some of his memories about his life.

During that interview, Jimmie began by speaking about his parents and siblings.

He initially noted that although he was an American-born Chinese person, his parents, Charles "Sam" Yee and Bau Jung Yee, experienced a much different life during their youth, as they were immigrants from Toisan, China.

Jimmie, who was the last born of his parents' six children, attended Lincoln elementary and junior high schools at 4th and Q streets before beginning the first of his three years as a student at Sacramento High School. He graduated from the latter named school in February 1952.

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Like many Chinese who grew up in the city's Chinatown area, Jimmie also attended a Chinese language school during his youth.

In response to being asked to share some of his memories about Sacramento's Chinatown, Jimmie said, "Well, it was a real Chinatown. Back then we all lived on the west end of town, and so, we frequented Chinatown all the time.

"Chinatown went from 2nd Street to around 6th Street, between I and L (streets). Actually, it went to I and J (streets) and then (there were) little small (Chinese) businesses (to the south). Yeah, it was mostly between I and J (streets).

"Well, there were a lot of restaurants, a couple of (poultry businesses, and Chinese) family associations were down in Chinatown. Back when I was young, I didn't do too much (with the associations), but my dad was very active in the (Yee) family association. So, every time they had events, I attended the events with my dad.

"Chinatown had everything you needed as far as food is concerned. There was a lot of gambling going on in old Chinatown. They had the pai gow. A lot of the workers saved their money during the year just so they could gamble during Chinese New Year."

And in regard to a particular Chinatown business, he said, "Hong King Lum (at 306 I St.) was one of the bigger restaurants, because that's where we all celebrated Chinese New Year with dinners."

After graduating from Sacramento High School, Jimmie attended the University of California, Berkeley, and graduated from the latter named institution with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1956.

In speaking about that post-high school period of his life, Jimmie said, "At the same time, I went through the ROTC program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant and I graduated. That would be the Army. I did eight years of reserve. It was six months active duty and seven and a half years reserves. My active duty was at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and then some of it was at Fort Ord."

After graduating from UC Berkeley, Jimmie spent three years working for the state.

Jimmie said that his decision to leave his position with the Department of Water Resources came through a job offer from Walter D. Buehler.

"I met this engineer, Walt Buehler," Jimmie said. "He and his dad had a structural engineering firm, and he asked me if I was interested in learning building design. So, I left (the position with) the state and went to work for Buehler & Buehler."

Jimmie left Buehler & Buehler in 1966 to become the business partner of Eugene Cole, one of his former co-workers, who had established his own business.

After Jimmie joined Cole, that consulting structural engineering firm became known as Cole & Yee.

Jimmie said that his business partnership with Cole continued until 1988.

"(Cole) decided to retire (in 1988), and I said, 'Hey, if you're going to retire, I'm going to retire, too,'" Jimmie said. "So, we both sold our share in the firm. At that time, we had brought in another partner (named) Carl Schubert, so (the business) was called Cole, Yee & Schubert. And my desire was to stay on for another five years as an advisor. And they were so busy, I stayed on for another 12 years, right up to the year 2000."

Certainly, no summary of Jimmie's life would be complete without some details about his involvement in politics.

In speaking about his initial years as a local politician, Jimmie said, "What happened was I got involved in politics. In 1992, I was elected to the

city council, and I was on the council for 12 years. When Joe Serna, (Jr.) died (on Nov. 7), 1999, he was the mayor of the city of Sacramento. I was selected by the city council to succeed the late Mayor Joe Serna, Jr."

Jimmie said that he believed that his time as a politician had ended in 2004, following his service as a member of the city council.

"I figured I was retired in 2004," Jimmie said. "That was my second retirement. I had already retired from my business, and I was enjoying (that second retirement) until a year later. Illa Collin, (District 2) county supervisor, after serving 28 years on the county board, decided that she would retire and she called me to ask me to come out of retirement and run for her position."

Jimmie accepted the challenge and was elected to

serve as the District 2 representative in June 2006. He was sworn into office on Jan. 9, 2007.

In speaking about the topic of the end of his political career, Jimmie said, "I enjoyed the political world. There are a lot of issues and you get a lot of heartburn on some of the more difficult ones, but I enjoyed it. There's no question. There is a lot of power in it, but you don't go into that seeking power. In fact, many times, I don't even consider myself a politician. Well, I'm out of office at the (beginning) of this year, so I'm enjoying it right now."

Jimmie, who has a wife named Mary, six children and 17 grandchildren, said that he plans to fill his additional leisure time during his third retirement with such activities as playing golf once a week and fishing with my son, Kenneth, and his grandson, Miles.

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Dear readers,

This year, the Pocket News has enjoyed bringing you stories about your neighbors and about the history that has made up the community you call home. What follows are summaries and excerpts from some of our favorite stories from the past year. Also, see some of the best photos of the year on page 10, many of which were taken by our star photographer, Stephen Crowley, who has had six photos nominated for awards by the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Additionally, movie reviewer Matias Bombal shares with readers the top five movies he has reviewed for Valley Community Newspapers since he started writing for us in 2014. Without further adieu, here are the

top stories and columns selected by staff this year.
Sincerely, Monica Stark

Building up against sacred land: Is 'The Brazil Mound' now threatened?: By Monica Stark: *Editor's Note: It has come to our attention that the property, known as the Brazil Mound, is on the market. Driving along Pocket Road, a vacant lot surrounded by large suburban homes evokes mystery and a bit of intrigue to those who know its history as an Indian burial ground. The Brazils recognized more than 70 years ago that the low mound located on their Sacramento River property contained materials and information of great value to archaeologists, Native Americans, and all those with an interest in the prehistory of California.*

mento River, prehistoric people lived on the high spots of land, which served essentially as natural buffers that the Army Corps of Engineers has since raised higher.

According to a 1990s educational public pamphlet, titled "The Brazil Mound; Archaeology of a Prehistoric Village" by Sharon A. Waechter, between 1939 and the 1990s, several archaeological excavations were done at this location, which has been named by scientists "The Brazil Site" after the Manuel Brazil family. The Brazils recognized more than 70 years ago that the low mound located on their Sacramento River property contained materials and information of great value to archaeologists, Native Americans, and all those with an interest in the prehistory of California.

Developers until last year have stayed clear of the 4.22-acre property, where on the northeastern side 0.4 acres have been determined "archaeologically sensitive."

Surrounding that 0.4-acre section within the property has piqued the interest of B&B Homes for the development of seven homes, ranging



Photo by Monica Stark
Driving along Pocket Road, this vacant lot surrounded by large suburban homes evokes mystery and a bit of intrigue to those who know its history as an Indian burial ground. The property is currently on the market.

in size from 2,500 to nearly 4,000 square feet, as the developer early last year submitted a request for preliminary review to the city of Sacramento Community Development Department for the "Azores Project."

According to the public pamphlet, which has been circulated around at schools and museums, the Brazil Mound was once a prehistoric Native American village and cemetery and was first inhabited almost 2,400 years ago, and then abandoned for reasons

unknown about 600 years ago. Between 1939 and the 1990s, several archaeological excavations at the Brazil Mound removed thousands of artifacts, animal bones and stone chipping waste from the site, as well as many Native American burials.

These archaeological remains have been stored at various universities and museums since that time, but no complete analysis or report was ever done.

Brookfield School owner reveals his stake in 'The Trap' bar by Monica Stark: John C. Sittner, owner of Brookfield School, revealed he owns 50 percent of The Trap business. At a community meeting on Monday, May 19 inside the multipurpose room at John F. Kennedy, where city of Sacramento staff discussed many of the safety and park-

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ing issues surrounding the large 5-acre property, a concerned neighbor asked about the specific ownership of The Trap business.

In a quick interview with the Pocket News after the meeting, Sittner said he bought 50 percent of the business, as an investment in December 2013, about a year after he got approval from the city for the building of the school. Not involved in the day-to-day operations of The Trap, Sittner, upon describing his intention of the purchase, said, "My interest in The Trap is an investment. I have no interest in The Trap going away. It was a neighboring property and it was convenient to purchase, so I did, and I got a return on my investment. It was personal."

Sittner said he had been looking for years to find a property that would be appropriate for moving the school. "We've been wanting to relocate for quite a long time. We needed to find a location that was going to be convenient to the families who attend (Brookfield) currently," he told the Pocket News.

Looking at once-closed schools, like the Bear Flag Elementary, which, since 2003 has operated as Sol Aureus College Preparatory, Sittner said he has not been in a position to acquire them, since they go first to other public entities like charter schools. The 5-acre open space surrounding The Trap is ideal for Brookfield's new home, as it will have the opportunity to feature baseball and soccer fields.

New Brookfield School site is a place of much history by Lance Armstrong: As moon dust took flight on the 5-acre, then-future Brookfield School site behind The Trap bar at Riverside Boulevard and 43rd Avenue, the topic of history also has been in the air.

For instance, until Friday, March 21, the 90-year-old concrete stairs and foundation of a building could be seen a few hundred feet north of the bar.

Many Riverside-Pocket area residents recall when a house was once located on that foundation.

Although many people might imagine that the house

was demolished, it was actually moved in two sections in 2004 by the Fisher Bros. House Moving Co. of Manteca, Calif.

According to the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society, the structure was transported to a lot somewhere on T Street in Sacramento.

The house was built in 1924 for Tony Pimentel, then-owner of the bar, which would later become known as The Trap.

Tony resided in that home with his wife, Margaret "Maggie" (Valine) Pimentel, who he married on Jan. 21, 1916, and their children, Lloyd, Kathryn and Geraldine.

Although many people today would identify the 5-acre site that includes The Trap as being located in the Pocket, the site is actually part of the historic Riverside area.

The left hand side of a c. 1912 photograph accompanying this article shows a portion of the Pimentels' original house on the property, which has become the future site of Brookfield School.

Although the house had a rural, county address during its early years, it would later acquire the address of 6115 Riverside Blvd.

And whether future generations will have the opportunity to view the possibly 150-plus-year-old bar, one thing

remains indisputable: it is obvious that the new Brookfield School site is a place of much history.

The Pocket Watch: Parenthood and the Fine Line between Joy and Sorrow by Jeff Dominguez

What is the difference, I've been asking myself, between my son, whom I recently watched with utter elation walk across a stage to receive his diploma from one of the finest universities on the west coast, and the two boys he grew up with, whose parents, just a few weeks prior, endured the nightmare of watching their sons being slowly lowered into the ground and covered with dirt? How is it that I get to throw a graduation party, while they have to host a wake?

It can't be anything notable that I did differently. I know these other parents. They are very good people who loved their sons, I'm absolutely sure, every bit as much as I love mine. The boys attended the same schools, played on the same sports teams, went to the same birthday parties, walked in virtually the same footprints for the first 20 years of their lives. Like me, their parents volunteered, they coached, they taxied, and they interceded swiftly to ad-

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Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society
Pimentel's Ingleside Café - now known as The Trap - is shown in this c. 1912 photograph. Part of the original Pimentel family home is shown on the left hand side of the photograph. The people standing in front of the bar and grocery business building are, left to right: Anna Savoie, Ernest Garcia (child), Joe Prady, Mamie Koch (child) and Ernest "Alvin" Savoie.

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dress any situation that needed it. From my perspective, they weren't just good parents; they were great parents.

How did it come to be, then, that, within months of each other, one boy dies face down in a driveway on the wrong side of the tracks, killed from gunfire returned during a drive-by shooting that allegedly stemmed from a drug deal, and the other dies in a tiny home in a faded neighborhood of South Sacramento from an overdose of, unbelievably, heroin? How did they fall into this fate? How did my son avoid it?

In raising my kids, I've prayed a lot, especially with Ruben, because these momentous decisions come up, and you think, "I don't know... I've never done this before!" With Gabby, the decisions still come at me nonstop, but at least I've had a little on-the-job training, courtesy of



Photo by Monica Stark
To much disappointment to regular customers of El Faro Taqueria, last spring, the longtime Mexican favorite has closed its doors in the Promenade Shopping Center, located on the corner of Rush River and Windbridge drives.

her brother. I figure that, if I'd had seven or eight kids, I'd have had the job down pat by the time the last couple of them left the house.

But as it was, we only had two kids. So without much trial and error, they're stuck with nothing more than the best that I can do. We hope our decisions are right more often than wrong, and, if that's not the case, that our children will take into consideration in their hindsight evaluations the fact that everything we have done with them has come from a place

of indescribable love and a fervent desire for nothing but the best for them.

I think, initially, I looked around at the people I knew who were having children at the same time that we were, and, with the aforementioned lack of experience in mind, came to feel like we were all in one big boat on this voyage together. These were my shipmates, more or less partners in this adventure. We participated in the same activities and frequently compared notes. Invariably, the course of our day-

to-day activities varied, but we were still aboard the same vessel. To see one of my shipmates lose a child overboard is crushing for me. I can't help but think, "That could be me." I experience a twinge of guilt—"Survivor's Guilt," I'm told—at these tragedies and wonder why I am so lucky. I pull my kids closer, hold on just a bit tighter.

For someone such as myself, with somewhat more divine core beliefs, the ultimate conclusion is that luck has little to do with it. "Grace" becomes the more appropriate term, as in "There, but for the grace of God, go I." This explanation works for me. More importantly, it gives me someone to thank. It also provides a set of core values to follow and consult in every decision I make. And someone to turn to in the face of great suffering. God bless my friends and bring them comfort in this time of unimaginable grief.

El Faro closes its doors at The Promenade Shopping Center by Monica Stark: To much disappointment to regular customers of El Faro Taqueria last spring, the longtime Mexican favorite has closed its doors in the Promenade Shopping Center, located on the corner of Rush River and Windbridge drives.

As taco lovers came by their favorite neighborhood, they were caught off guard by a sign in the window that thanked them for their patronage, but due to an increase of rent to their lease, they had to shut their doors.

Unfortunately, El Faro Taqueria owner Hugo Olivertos never returned calls to discuss his established Pocket area business, but it is known that El Faro has deep roots in San Francisco with more than 50 years in business with three locations (435

El Camino Real, 346 Kearny St., 1634 Haight St.) and has been owned by the self-proclaimed creator of the original "Super Burrito," a traditional burrito with added rice, sour cream and guacamole.

Casey Deeha, a writer for Bay Area Review of Burritos, wrote about Hugo's ruminations serving Carlos Santana "Super Burritos" in the 1960s in San Francisco's Mission District.

"Let's paint the picture," Deeha writes. "We're in the Mission; it's 1961 and the cultural and social renaissance is taking place. Carlos Santana, once a resident of the Mission, has just released a live album and the 68ers have set the backdrop for the summer of love to pave the way as a future lucrative marketing campaign. Political and cultural dissent is rife in the air and Carlos Santana sits down at a table at El Faro to order what will soon become known to the world as The Super Burrito.

"I remember when Carlos Santana used to come in and have a burrito," says Hugo; "he was like everyone in those days, he had his specific burrito." Indeed, at El Faro, since 1961, patrons were choosing among a range of fresh Californian ingredients to create what has now become known as the 'Mission Style Burrito.' "It was a crazy time," says Hugo, "everyone was coming in and out—there were a lot of people."

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photographs and posters of times passed.

The restaurant leaves a gaping hole within the community.

Pocket Watch: Local entomologist continues his string of discoveries in web of intrigue by Jeff Dominguez

It's difficult to talk to Terry Allen—even if you've known and loved him for 20 years plus, as I have—without occasionally stopping as he speaks and thinking to yourself, "There is no way that is true!" But then he pulls out one of his meticulously kept scrapbooks, and you read a clipping from the Sacramento Bee or from Time Magazine and realize that he really was involved in every one of those crazy adventures that he references in the course of nearly every story he tells. Spend an hour with Terry and you leave convinced that the guy in the Dos Equis commercials has pretty much led a milquetoast life by comparison.

Nationally recognized and fully-accredited entomologist, longtime Pocket neighborhood supporter and activist, dinosaur expert, cancer survivor, humane trapper, man of intrigue, overall hard luck guy, and friend to all, Terry recently contacted me with a claim that was no less difficult to believe than any of his other impossible-but-true stories: "I know what's killing the bees!" he declared. With that information, I

knew that I would soon be visiting the epicenter of every arachnophobe's worst nightmare, Terry Allen's home laboratory in the River Village neighborhood.

Terry explains how the recent discovery of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug in the backyard of his neighbor, Roger Sava, himself a retired biologist, could spell trouble for fruit harvests in the Delta, just across the river from the Pocket. Native to Asia, this particular stink bug (there are several other stink bug relatives, Terry points out) is a voracious eater known to attack a variety of fruit trees. With very few natural predators and an abundance of food source, this invasive insect is currently classified only as a nuisance threat in California because of its limited presence here. Terry's identification is just one of a few in Northern California. But in 2010, it caused catastrophic damage in some mid-Atlantic states, where some growers of sweet corn, peppers, tomatoes, apples, and peaches reported total losses.

Remnants of another major threat, this to humankind, itself, according to Terry, was recently discovered in a flowerbed in his own front yard, in the form of the European Wool Carder Bee, a nasty little cousin from the Leafcutter bee family that Terry refers to as the "Butcher Bee." Terry witnessed the very specimen he has mounted on a pin in his lab attack a typical Honey Bee, precious pollina-

tor of 80 percent of all flowering crops, which represent a full third of everything we eat, not to mention pollinating crops like alfalfa, a staple for the cattle that provide our beef and dairy. The demise of this little bee would result in a lot of empty cases at Bel Air and Nugget.

Terry has countless wild, stories about the kind of intrigue that swirled around him at the time, stories that are virtually impossible to believe of this kind and unassuming man, whose slight stature and bookish appearance belie his claims involvement, albeit as a victim, of chicanery of this level. Yet, each story is has been carefully documented in a way that, really, only a fastidious scientist could document. Doubt him, and he'll hand you a binder filled with clippings and reports that confirm his claims. You imagine that the movie rights to his story could be worth a fortune, a cross between The Rainmaker and Arachnophobia just waiting to appear in theaters everywhere.

Congratulations to our very own: Lance Armstrong: The Sacramento County Historical Society recognized Valley Community Newspapers' very own historical writer, Lance Armstrong, at its annual dinner on Tuesday, March 25 at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.

Lance's early interest in history led to his many years of researching local histories and preserving historical documents, photographs



Photo courtesy
The Sacramento County Historical Society recognized Valley Community Newspapers' very own historical writer, Lance Armstrong, at its annual dinner on Tuesday, March 25 at the Dante Club. Lance is currently working on a book project on the history of Sacramento.

and other historical items from throughout Sacramento County and other areas of the Golden State in his vast personal collection, which is recognized as the Lance Armstrong Collection.

After graduating from California State University, Sacramento with degrees in journalism and music, Lance began his professional writing career, which includes his

work for local newspapers such as the East Sacramento News, Land Park News, Arden-Carmichael News, Pocket News, Elk Grove Citizen, The Sacramento Union, Capitol Weekly, Sacramento Downtown News, Sacramento Midtown News, Old Sacramento News, Natomas Journal, The Folsom

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Telegraph and the Sacramento News and Review.

Lance, who is presently employed by Valley Community Newspapers, has used his knowledge, researching abilities and personal archives in the process of producing local history articles for each of these publications.

These informative and entertaining articles provide a valuable resource for the present and future understanding of the area's rich history.

The majority of Lance's local history articles include oral history quotations from his interviews with people from various levels of society.

In addition to his hundreds of local history newspaper articles, Lance is the author of Echoes of Yesterday: Elk Grove – the first book in his Echoes of Yesterday history book series.

In 2007, Echoes of Yesterday: Elk Grove was recognized as the nation's top regional history book for that year by the American Authors Association. Lance is presently nearing the completion of several comprehensive history books about Sacramento from the times of Captain John Augustus Sutter to present.

Riverside-Pocket area native Marvin Silva remembered by Lance Armstrong: Marvin Silva, who passed away in October 2013, less than two weeks shy of his 90th birthday, lived a very eventful life.

His connection to the Riverside-Pocket area is undoubtedly rich, as he was literally born in the area.

On Oct. 28, 1923, a doctor arrived by horse and buggy to assist in his birth at the Silva house on the ranch of Marvin's grandparents, John and Clara Machado.

The Silva family home was located at the postal delivery address of Route 8, Box 752, directly across the street from Manuel "Pachtude" and Carrie Mauricio's home at Route 8, Box 737.

Although the old Mauricio home still stands on the river levee at the present day address of 5890 Riverside Blvd., the Silva home was demolished in preparation for the construction of Interstate 5 in that area.

Marvin Silva, who had become student body president during his senior year at C.K. McClatchy High School, continued his life adventures. He learned to box from boxing champion Max Baer. While attending Sacramento Junior College, Marvin, who had a dream to become a pilot, was enrolled in aeronautics and studied aircraft and engines. Additionally, he worked at McClellan Field for about 10 months prior to being drafted into the Army Air Force on Jan. 27, 1943.

Marvin made the decision to become a student in Los Angeles at the Chouinard Art Institute, a professional art school that would eventually merge with the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music to become the California Institute of Arts.

While attending Chouinard, Silva was hired by Disney Studios to draw repetitious movements of animated characters for motion pictures.

Local resident recalls development of Riverside Village by Lance Armstrong: At 89 years old, longtime Sacramento resident Theresa Marie (Godwin) Knight said she "has seen a few things in her life." For one thing, Theresa explained, she was one of the earliest residents of what became known as the Little Pocket.

The Knights' property was recognized as Lot 116, and is shown on

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the official "Plat of Riverside Village," which was filed in the office of the county recorder of Sacramento County on Jan. 10, 1947, in Book 25 of maps, Map No. 13.

In about early 1949, the Knights had their house built on their newly acquired property by a Japanese man, whose name Theresa unfortunately does not recall.

And while chuckling a bit, Theresa also recalled that the monthly payment for her house, which was sold for \$45,000, was only \$45.

Theresa said that purchasing a home in Sacramento County with her now late husband was a great moment in her life, especially considering that she had been "raised in poverty, with love."

I never thought much about Per's observation at the time, because, back then, I wouldn't be caught dead walking around the park. Then, last year, my doctor told me that I just might be caught dead if I didn't start walking around the park sometime soon. And so, I succumbed to this medical threat, staked out a route along the greenbelt that runs throughout my neighborhood, and began incorporating a half-hour-long, 1.5-mile walk into my daily routine.

I noticed after those initial walks that you do tend to see the same faces out there on the greenbelt who all stick to a consistent time of day for their daily jaunt. Start your walk an hour or two later, and you get an entirely different set of characters who consistently appear at that time. One particular time-frame suits my schedule best, and I've enjoyed the crew that works the park at that specific time of day.

The Pocket Watch: A Walk in the Park by Jeff Dominguez: My old neighbor, Per Ostland, used to marvel at the way walking in the park next to our homes was like being a cast member in some great play. He could tick off the characters: the old guy who walks backwards, the woman who performs elaborate arm exercises as she goes, the crowd of old ladies shouting at each other in Chinese, various people and their interesting dogs, the young woman who talks on her cell phone the whole time.

There is a woodpecker that lives out here somewhere. I can't pinpoint the exact spot (too much loud rock and roll in my past), but that sound, like the sound of a rattlesnake rattling, is unmistakable. Sometimes it sounds like I'm directly beneath it, and then it suddenly sounds like it's off a little further in the distance. When you're walking, it's like there's nothing else to do but walk, so your mind tends to wander. With me, I catch myself slipping off into my thoughts and mem-



Theresa Marie (Godwin) Knight was among the original residents of Riverside Village. Photo by Lance Armstrong

ories. The sound of the woodpecker brings up one of my favorite stories that my grandpa used to tell me.

When he was maybe 12 or 13 years old, living in Vacaville, he was home one day, sick in bed with the flu, trying to rest. He had finally managed to fall asleep, but, first thing in the morning, the jackhammer sound of a woodpecker against the house stirs young Grandpa from his slumber. He turns over, trying to maintain his semiconscious state, hoping that the woodpecker will fly away. No use. A few minutes later, the woodpecker is at it again. An-

gry at the interruption, grandpa gets out of bed, slides his window open, and spots the woodpecker working on the wood trim around his sister Annie's window at the end of the house. With that, grandpa retrieves his .22 rifle from his closet, leans his entire torso out of the window and picks the bird off with one shot.

Next comes my favorite part of the story that I always made my grandpa repeat several times when he told it: After shooting the bird, Grandpa puts on his pants, goes downstairs

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Photo by Stephen Crowley
The Kennedy Cougars varsity baseball beat Burbank on Wednesday, May 7, paving the way for the playoffs. The air of excitement was contagious with crowds of alumni and families showed their support.



Photo by Stephen Crowley
John F. Kennedy Women's Volleyball won the Metro League Championships this year. The championship game included a festive introduction with music and decorations.



Photo by Stephen Crowley
Matsuyama Elementary School honored its namesake and Sacramento's sister city – Matsuyama, Japan – with a traditional Cherry Blossom Festival on Friday, March 21. Japanese heritage and culture were celebrated through food, crafts, taiko drumming performances and art. The day also emphasized the school's warm relationship with Sakura Elementary School in Matsuyama.



Photo by Stephen Crowley
The Pocket neighborhood was included in this year's Capital Artists Studio Tour. Held Saturday, Sept. 13 and Sunday, Sept. 14, there was art, food and music. The Kennedy High Marching Band was scheduled to perform on Saturday as was rock-and-roller blues man, Gary Michael Weinberg, that Sunday. This was not your usual ho-hum art walk. This was a party.



Photo by Monica Stark
Children filled their Easter baskets with candy-filled eggs on Saturday, April 12 at Garcia Bend Park. The Easter bunny made an appearance and volunteers offered face painting for the children.



Photo by Monica Stark
Thousands of people enjoyed the Pocket 4th of July Parade. The Pocket News thanks the community for your participation, whether you volunteered, had a float, sat on the sidelines, manned a booth at Garcia Bend at the business fair. A great time was had and we'll soon be gearing up for this year's parade. Planning starts early each year.



Photos by Monica Stark
Shown here are John F. Kennedy football players taken during the homecoming parade, which was held on Friday, Oct. 17. The sounds of the band practicing in the evenings often provide neighbors with free concert music.



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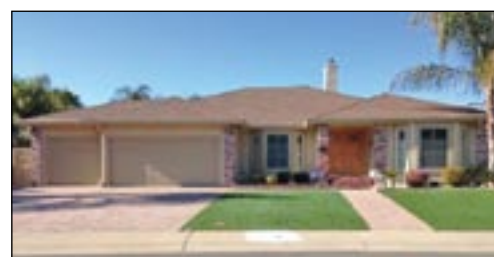


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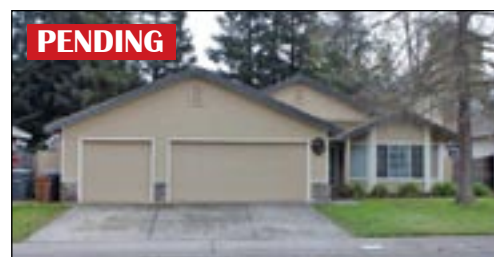
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and retrieves the dead bird for his mother, Grandma Juanita, who promptly plucks it and makes Grandpa some nice woodpecker soup for breakfast that morning.

The Runkeeper, a heartily recommended phone app by a couple of friends who have made a similar conversion to exercising for exercising's sake, has just chimed in to tell me that my average pace per mile is now 18 minutes and 23 seconds. I remember a day when it was a matter of miles per

minute rather than minutes per mile. Now look at me... Like grandpa used to say, "You can't beat Father Time." Man, I miss my grandpa.

When I return home, I hit "STOP ACTIVITY" on my smartphone. The Runkeeper lady then offers me my final numbers, along with an aerial view of the neighborhood with my route that day traced onto it. I swipe through the walks I've done to this point, all neatly filed on my phone. Technically, they're all workouts, but if I were to consider them as such, I'd lose interest almost immediately. Luckily,

they've become something much more to me. Visits, maybe. A promenade of visits with friends whom I don't really know. Whatever they are, they seem to make time pass quite quickly for me, my only hope for a consistent exercise program. Further, they seem like something that only a resident of the Greenhaven/Pocket community can enjoy.

Former resident recalls early Japanese presence in Riverside-Pocket area by Lance Armstrong: When it comes to Japanese history of the Riverside-Pocket area, Emmie (Kato)

Makishima is someone who has no trouble recalling first-hand details about that area.

After reading the first articles of this series, Emmie, 88, expressed a desire to share various details regarding her memories of that area.

Emmie, who presently resides in Rio Linda, spoke about the main concentration of early day Japanese of the Riverside-Pocket area.

"It was actually from Sutterville Road - Japanese lived across from the zoo and had farms over there - to all the way to the brickyard (which was located next to today's Lake Greenhaven)," Emmie said. "And past the brickyard was mostly the Portuguese."

In regard to the farming site of the family of Rose (Ishimoto) Takata, who was noted in the initial article of this series as having resided near today's Cabrillo Civic Club #5 at 4605 Karbet Way, Emmie said, "There weren't that many Japanese farming there, but further down south there were quite a few."

In recalling her own family farm and other Japanese farms near her old Riverside home, Emmie said, "Everybody in our area were truck gardeners, (who grew) vegetables. Most of the farms were close to Riverside Road, either on the side of the river or the opposite. My father grew all kinds of vegetables. We grew, let's see, corn, cabbage, cauliflower, radish. I don't think we had anything that took too (much) time to bundle. Let's see, we didn't have tomatoes. Most of these things we had to put on the wagon with the horse pulling the wagon. We brought (the filled wagon) to the tank house, where we washed the vegetables up by the house. The roads were not paved out in the field. It was dirt, so when it was raining and muddy, that's why we had to use the horse and wagon. They would bring (the produce by truck) to the farmers' market on 5th Street, near Broadway. And then he got orders from different grocery stores, too, like Arata Bros. And there was a Red & White market. So, (Sohei) would deliver (produce) to these grocery stores, and in exchange he might get some groceries or money."

Through his service during the war, Yohei acquired his American citizenship.

Emmie recalled that following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, her father was approached by the FBI, who immediately departed after learning that he was an American citizen.

She added that although Yohei did not own his own land, he did own his own house and crops, which proved additionally important to him in 1942.

"When they were working (on that property) and they had to evacuate, (Yohei) was able to sell (his assets) to a group of Chinese people from San Francisco," Emmie said. "So, all the crops and the house and the farm equipment, everything was sold to them. So, in that way he was lucky, because he didn't lose everything."

Following the war, Emmie resided in Minnesota, where she underwent training to become a registered nurse. She later passed the state board for that work in Washington.

Emmie moved to Sacramento in 1950, where she worked at Sutter Hospital at 2820 L St. and resided near Curtis Park.

She also spent some time residing in Fresno before returning to Sacramento, where she married Joe Makishima in 1957. Joe died at the age of 80 on July 22, 2003.

Joe and Emmie, who had three daughters, Kimi (Joanne), Keiko (Diane) and Sherri, moved to Rio Linda in 1959. Emmie is presently active in her community, as she volunteers for the Rio Linda-Elverta Historical Society and the Friends of the Rio Linda Library.

A little bit of country in the midst of a little bit of controversy by Monica Stark: Habitat to local fauna Regional Transit's tracks between Sutterville and Pocket roads are overgrown with lush greenery and natural beauty. It's just a little bit of country in our backyard. The South Land Park refuge attracts neighbors who enjoy taking walks with friends and family, and, of course, the family dog. With signs like - "You forgot to pick up your dog's poop? Oh, my gosh, really?" - or landscaping with plants like golden poppies, and cacti, the greenbelt is a beacon of neighborly dogoodery - one that has been

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saved, at least for the time being, from having trains run on the tracks again.

At an Old Sacramento State Historic Park General Plan meeting, which was held Tuesday, April 15, inside the Stanford Gallery, 1111 I St., representatives from the department clarified an important piece of information. The part of the proposal to use the RT tracks has been cut from the plan, which was voted on by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on Friday, May 2 at the State Natural Resources Building auditorium. What remains in the plan now is the potential use of the rail line right-of-way from Old Sacramento to the Sacramento Zoo and from Pocket/Meadowview roads to the town of Hood, with views along the way of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

In an interview with this publication hours before the April 15 community meeting, project manager Steve Musillami said the plan will include improvements to the railroad museum, depots, as well as the rail yards and "some property state parks owns around the Sacramento River. It's a visionary plan for next 20-plus years, but all proposals are based on funding issues. As far as between The Zoo and Pocket Road - we

don't own (the railway). That's up to Regional Transit. It could be reintroduced as another rail line again. It could be paved a trail line. It could be a rail trail."

Tony and Anne Muljat celebrate 65 years of marriage by Lance Armstrong: Thursday, June 19 was a very special day for one of the most notable Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 members, Anthony M. "Tony" Muljat, and his wife, Anne (Buljan) Muljat. The couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

During an interview at the lodge's building in the Pocket, the couple shared details about their lives and their wedding day of June 19, 1949.

The story about Tony and Anne is undoubtedly a very local story, as they were both born in Sacramento.

After graduating from Christian Brothers in 1942, Tony was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II.

During his 33 months of service, Tony was stationed in Sacramento, Monterey, Idaho, England, France, Germany, Luxembourg and Japan.

Later in his life, Tony worked as a caterer, and he still enjoys preparing food for various gatherings.

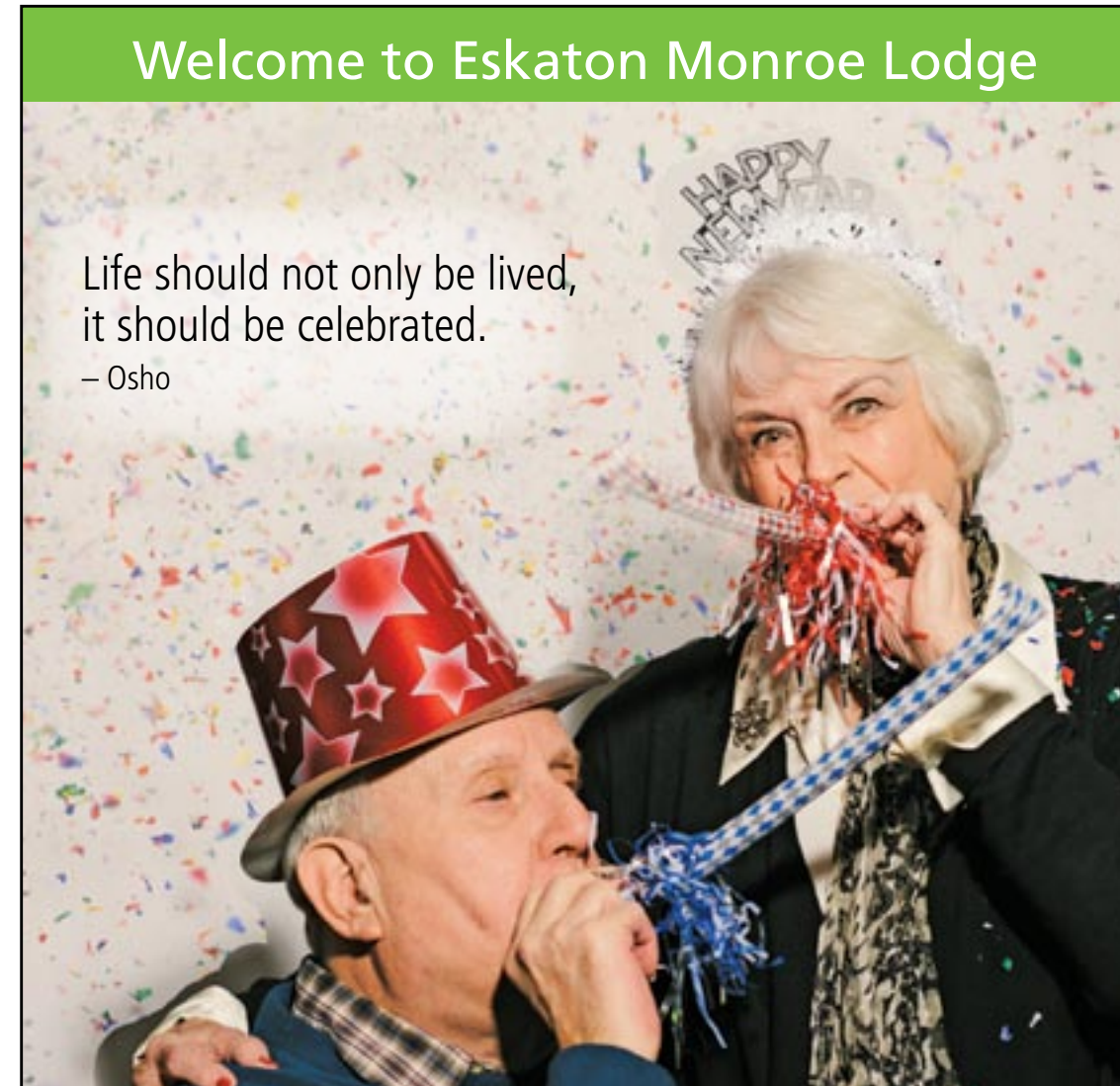
In telling her own story, Anne said that she was one

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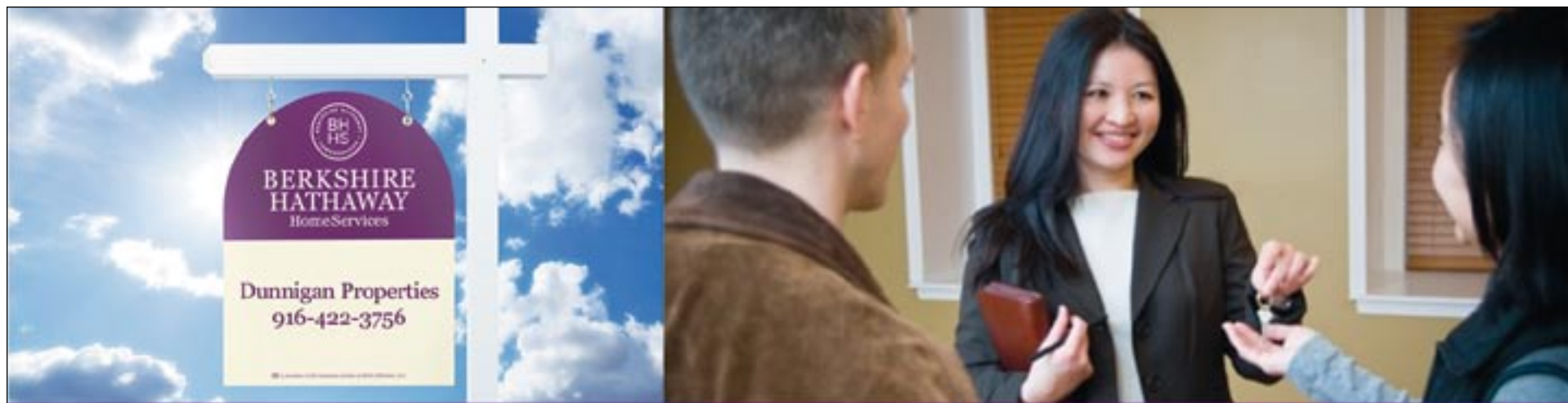
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Muljats:

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of the two children of Croatian immigrants Nick and Lucy (de Polo) Buljan, who were married in 1923.

Although she explained that she remembers seeing Tony at William Land Elementary in the 1930s, Anne chuckled before sharing an even earlier story related to herself and Tony.

"My mother knew his mother," said Anne, who grew up at 1911 18th St. "They came from the old country. She was pregnant with Tony, so she went to see him. She (later) said, 'Little did I realize, I was seeing my (future) son-in-law for the first time. I wasn't even thought of (at that time).'"

Anne recalled that while she was growing up, she was not yet attracted to Tony, but did think of him as a "nice guy." She would see Tony at early 1940s gatherings at the Dante Club, which was then located at 1511 P St. In recalling those times, Anne said, "The kids would go into one corner – the boys and the girls – and (Tony) would ask me to dance. We were just close that way, this whole group."

While Tony was in the service, he sent Anne several letters, as well as a package.

Anne recalled a humorous story about that package. "Tony sent me a lovely gift, and I was so excited," Anne said. "I opened it up and it was a bottle of Chanel No.

5 from France. It was all wrapped with toilet paper, and (the bottle) was empty. (Its contents) evaporated. The funny part of it is our friend, Jean Grasi, he wrote to her also, and she said, 'Tony sent me the most gorgeous gift. It was all wrapped in toilet paper and when I opened it, it was empty. Chanel No. 5. I laughed so hard.'

Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696 meets in Pocket area by Lance Armstrong:

Among the war veteran organizations in the capital city is Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696, which meets in the Pocket area.

In speaking about the post's history, Freeman Lee, the post's 1st vice commander, said, "Gung Ho Post was formed and chartered in 1946, following World War II. There was still much discrimination, so Chinese Americans formed their own post."

Lee explained that although members of the Gung Ho post were originally Chinese men, the post has evolved to accept non-Chinese and female memberships.

"As the years have gone by, so has discrimination and racism," Lee said. "Veterans are free to choose their post. We continue to reach out to all veterans."

And in adding a bit of Chinese American wartime trivia, Lee said, "Little known to the American people is the fact that more Chinese Ameri-



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696 met for its November meeting in the Pocket area home of Gene O. Chan.

cans by percentage of ethnicity served in World War II for the U.S. because single men were more often to be drafted first. This was due to the Chinese Exclusion Act that prevented Chinese women to emigrate to the U.S., so few Chinese men had opportunity to marry. And that Chinese Americans fought for liberty and freedom for their country when in fact their country denied them these rights due to the Chinese Exclusion Act."

The post's original officers were Tim Jang, commander; James Fong, 1st vice commander; Edmund E. Yee, 2nd vice commander; Earl D. Wong, adjutant; Dr. Donald Yee,

finance officer; Richard Mar, sergeant at arms; David Dong, chaplain; Dr. Shue F. Wong, service officer; Joe Jang, historian; and John Mar, mess officer.

Welcoming Mr. Hammond to Kennedy: The new band teacher, has big shoes to fill, but is succeeding by Monica Stark: Since the retirement of Kennedy's longtime band teacher George Miles last May, Sam Brannan's Jeremy Hammond has added high school curriculum to his schedule, leading students to multiple first and second place wins at regional competitions.

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"Stretch, Strengthen, and Thrive" at ACC:

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Easy Tai Chi at ACC

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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 dynamic 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.

Riverside Wesleyan Church offers older adult fitness class

Oasis, a fitness class for older adults, is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Wesleyan Church, 6449 Riverside Blvd., in the Pocket/Greenhaven area. The charge for each class is \$2. Participants do not have to be affiliated with the church. The class has about 40 regular members, but the area used to exercise is large and can accommodate more.

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 comfortable 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.

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Stretch, strengthen and thrive

This class is designed for the needs and abilities of active older adults interested in gaining or maintaining mobility. These exercises will help participants maintain their cardiovascular health, muscular endurance, and vitality, enhancing their range of motion and increase energy with a mix of full body stretches, body weight exercises, strength training and active stretching. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr. Pre-registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome. For detail, call 393-9026, ext 330, www.accsv.org

ACC presents Senior Yoga

Enjoy movements designed to maintain joint mobility, muscle strength, and flexibility. This class is gentle, easy to follow and uses the floor and chair. 10:30-11:30am Wednesdays at ACC Greenhaven Terrace, 1180 Corporate Way. Pre-registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome. For detail, call (916) 393-9026, ext 330, www.accsv.org

Tai Chi/CQ Gong

Learn the simplified 24-forms of Tai Chi, plus Qi gong exercises, a healing art combining movement, meditation, and visualization. Ideal for students new to Tai Chi. 9:00-10:00am, Thursdays at ACC Greenhaven Terrace, 1180 Corporate Way. Pre-registration is preferred but drop-ins are welcome. For detail, call (916) 393-9026, ext 330, www.accsv.org

Free Young Adult Bereavement Counseling:

The UC Davis Hospice Program and UC Davis Children's Hospital Bereavement Program will offer an eight-week Young Adult Bereavement Art Group for individuals 17 to 24 who are coping with the recent loss of a loved one. The sessions will be held on eight consecutive Monday evenings from Sept. 29 through Nov. 17. Each session will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the UC Davis Home Care Services Building, 3630 Business Dr., Suite F.

Stretch, Strengthen, and Thrive!

This class is designed for the needs and abilities of active older adults, who are interested in gaining or maintaining mobility. The class consists of a mix of full body stretches, body weight exercises,

strength training, and active stretching. 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. \$5 per class if pre-paid. Pre-registration and pre-payment is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome at a rate of \$6 per class. Held at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr., Sacramento, 393-9026 x330, www.accsv.org.

Sacramento Zoo needs wheelchairs

The Sacramento Zoo is looking for a few "gently used" wheelchairs, 808-5888. Your wheelchair can be a tax deductible donation, and four zoo tickets will be offered as a thank you.

Register for city of Sacramento's technology program for adults age 50-plus

The winter/spring 2015 session of TechConnections, a comprehensive technology literacy program designed specifically for Sacramento's residents age 50-plus, will begin at the Hart Senior Center and selected community centers in late January. Class descriptions, dates, times, and locations will be included in the "TechConnections Winter/Spring 2015 Class Catalog" on the city of Sacramento's Older Adult Services website. Offerings range from one-on-one assistance sessions to six-part classes, with start dates through late April. Registration day for all offerings is at 1 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Continuing registrations will be taken weekdays at Hart Senior Center until all classes are full. For inquiries, call 808-5462 or visit: <http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Recreation/older-adult-services/Programs/TechConnections>

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Youth Connections Unlimited announces fundraising campaign

Did you know that one Sacramento organization can reduce recidivism for crimes

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Brain Gymnasium

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

Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Each second Tuesday of the month at Revolution Wines at 6:30 p.m., Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. The presenter will start their presentation promptly at 7:15 p.m. and will last 15-20 minutes with an open question and answer forum after. RSVP is appreciated as well as a \$5+ donation per person that will go directly to the non-profit presenting that month. 2831 S St. Visit www.womenwithgoodspirits.com or find the group on Facebook.

The Community Housing and Services Coalition monthly meetings

Originally created by the Sacramento Community Services Planning Council, the Community Housing Coalition (CHC) was created as a vehicle to provide information and educate community leaders and decision makers regarding housing for low income, disabled and older adults. CHSC monthly meetings are free and open to the public; they are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Sacramento Sheriff's South Area Office Community Room at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento (the Sacramento County Voters Registrar Building). At each meeting a guest speaker is invited to attend and give a 30-minute presentation

with 10 minutes for Q&A. Speakers are selected for their expertise and knowledge in their respective fields, and agencies/organizations. The speakers are encouraged to provide handouts, fliers, and other informational materials to the 15 to 30 attendees. If you have any questions, please contact either: Alex Eng at 424-1374; email xeng916@sbcglobal.net; or Cindy Gabriel at 916/732-6189; email cynthia.gabriel@smud.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 Freepoint Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

South Sacramento Rotary club meetings

Every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m., South Sacramento Rotary meets for lunch at the Iron Grill located at 2422 13th St. (near Broadway). Rotary is one of the largest service organizations serving local, national and international charities through community service and good fellowship. For more information, contact Michael DiGrazia at 396-7244.

JANUARY

Free e-waste recycling event

Jan. 4: Congregation B'nai Israel will be hosting a free e-waste recycling event for residents and businesses between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at its 3600 Riverside Blvd. location (west side of Land Park). The event will benefit the congregation and Family Promise. Electronic items will be accepted such as television sets, monitors, computers, computer components, fax machines, printers, cameras/ camcorders, cell phones, servers, and network devices. The drive will also take toner cartridges if they are in plastic bags, as well as servers, VCRs and DVD players. For those businesses that require hard drive destruction, LEED documentation, assistance with labor or other inquiries, call B'nai Israel's partner in this drive, Neuwaste at 310-734-6700 or email info@neuwaste.com.

ACC offers computer classes open house

Jan. 9: Thinking about taking a computer class? Come visit the lab and try the computers. Friendly computer instructors will be available to answer questions about upcoming classes and discuss which classes are best for you. Ask questions about your own computer and any specific problems or issues you have. Refreshments available. Friday, Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon, ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr., Sacramento, 393-9026x330, www.accsv.org.

ACC presents: "Advanced wellness: Topics helpful to both veterans and non-veterans"

Jan. 13: The presentation will address public benefits, resources and how to access them, pre-planning for the future and how to prevent crisis, dealing with the Veteran Affairs Aid and Attendance Pension program. Free of charge; class will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr. Pre-registration is required. For detail, call 393-9026, ext 330, www.accsv.org

Matias Bombal's top five movies of the year (that he reviewed for VCN)

In order of greatness, Matias Bombal has selected the following films as the best in 2014: "The Immigrant," "Fading Gigolo," "Magic in the Moonlight," "I Origins," "Only Lovers Left Alive." He lists "Chef" and "Kill the Messenger" as runners up.

1. "The Immigrant": Set in 1921, a Polish immigrant arrives to Ellis Island with her sister with hope for the future after the Great War, were she had witnessed her parents massacred by soldiers. On the ship, her sister became ill in the squalor of steerage and was separated from her by the immigration authorities to be confined in the hospital on the island. With her family gone, her bond with her sister is vital. Remarkable and strong Ewa, played by Oscar winning actress Marion Cotillard, must find a way to find her sister and not be deported herself. This movie has captured the Ellis Island experience vividly and is beautifully mounted. The music is lush and appropriate, never intrusive, but highly melodic, both in Christopher YOUNG's original music, and the other well known orchestral pieces selected.

2. "Fading Gigolo": Set in the Chasidic neighborhood of New York City, John Turturro plays Fioravante, who in the opening scene is sadden to learn that his friend of many years, Murray, played by Woody Allen in a good acting role, is closing his bookshop. In order to help Murray out, he's convinced to become a gigolo to entertain Dr. Parker, radiantly played by Sharon Stone, and Murray's own dermatologist.

3. "Magic in the Moonlight": Woody Allen's "Magic in the Moonlight" is the story of a popular English magician in 1928 acting as a mysterious man of the orient, Wei Ling Soo, played by Colin Firth, who has little tolerance for tricksters, mystics and séances. A fellow magician asks him to debunk a young lady, played by Emma Stone, who is holding séances in the south of France. In "Magic in the Moonlight", the real magic starts when you by your ticket, sit there in the dark and let it weave its smart period spell. Presto!

4. "I Origins" stars handsome Michael Pitt as a molecular biologist, Dr. Ian Gray, who, with his lab partner Karen (played by Brit Marlin), uncovers a fascinating bit of biological evidence about human eyes and their individual patterns. This evidence might cause some big societal changes. I was captivated by this intelligent movie with excellent performances and subtle use of music. Michael Pitt's deliberate and clear delivery of the dialog, sensitive performance and natural ability as a screen actor offers great presence on the screen. The characters are engagingly developed and speak intelligent, believable, well-researched dialogue.

5. From director Jim Jarmusch, "Only Lovers Left Alive", is a modern vampire movie that folks might call off-beat. It is not a shock or fright fest, but rather an interesting story of two name dropping vampires of exquisite education that continue to survive in the modern world, yet in places of relative obscurity: Tangier, and the depressed and abandoned old neighborhoods of Detroit.

Matías Bombal's Hollywood

A Most Violent Year

The MPAA has rated this R

A24 offers "A Most Violent Year", a title that stands in contrast to the content of the story, but don't be misled, the impending freeing of potential violence to come lingers from the first shot to the last.

Set in 1981, screenwriter JC Chandor, who also directs, tells the story of an immigrant who tries to build his business in the most violent year in New York City history. You may think gangster or mobster, which often in the movies would be Italian, if this were a typical mob movie.

Not so, refreshingly, though there is the mob undercurrent, our protagonist is a non-Italian, Spanish speaker. What a new way to tell this type of story! This man, Abel Morales, is played by Oscar Isaac with an integrity and a non-violent ethic you just don't expect. His firm sells heating oil in the big metropolis. The Teamsters union supplies his truck drivers. Competing firms are stealing oil trucks from him, so between the theft of his shipments and the teamsters, he's got headaches and ethical in his own way.

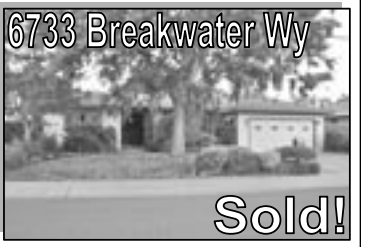
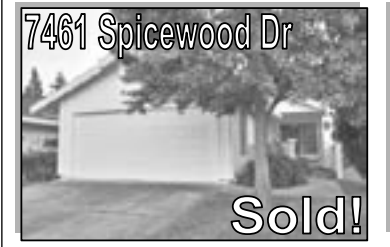
Jessica Chastain is marvelous as Mrs. Morales, mother of two children.

This movie keeps you on the edge of your seat and is gripping and excellent throughout. Mr. Isaac offers his best work since the movie, "In Secret" of last year, which I also liked very much.

It is also a delight to see Albert Brooks in this film as the Morales family lawyer, in an unfunny role, which he does very well. Overall this movie is superb on all levels of appreciation. The MPAA has given this an R rating, and I highly recommend you not miss this outstanding movie, as it's the kind of picture that will have you leaving the theater saying to yourself: That was great!

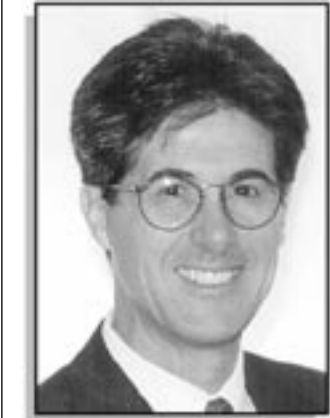
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