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Shown here is Chicory Bend Beach, which is located in the Little Pocket and city-owned.

City-owned Chicory Bend beach is often a trashed-out area

By **MONICA STARK**
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It's a beach where soft, white sand gets underneath the toes, dogs run free and boaters venture inland to enjoy. To some, it feels like a hidden secret – a beach that not many people know about; and some have wanted to keep that secret to themselves. So a gate was put up early last week, only to be taken down by city staff days later.

Jointly owned by the City of Sacramento and the State Lands Commission, Chicory Bend is legally only publicly accessible by water. The property underlying the levees, which extends on either side of the park, is private property, and there is no legal public access on the levees. Private property includes the levee that extends from the intersection of 35th Avenue and Riverside Boulevard to Chicory Bend Park. Without

the individual property owner's permission, people accessing Chicory Bend Park using the levee are considered trespassing.

"The gated vehicle access ramp located at the end of Seamas is locked, and there is no public access to the park from this point. In order to develop public access from the end of Seamas, capital improvements would need to include the addition of a pedestrian gate, trail construction and signage, at a minimum. Such improvements are not financially feasible," Maria C. "Marycon" Razo, media and communications specialist for the City of Sacramento, Office of the City Manager, told the Pocket News.

Chicory Bend Park was acquired in 1998 as part of a settlement agreement between the former owners, City of Sacramento and

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ACC held fall prevention workshop

To highlight Fall Prevention Awareness Week, Sept. 22-29, ACC Senior Services held a series of educational events. One Fall Prevention Workshop was taught by Wayne Shimizu on Tuesday, Sept. 22. The second workshop, Fall Prevention 101, was taught by Kelly Ward, The Fall Prevention Lady, on Wednesday, Sept. 23. ACC capped off the week with the Take A Stand to Prevent Falls, StopFalls Sacramento Screening Event on Friday, Sept. 25, which was co-sponsored by UC Davis Medical Center. Services included nutrition and exercise information, vision screening, medication reviews, blood pressure checks, shoe assessments and falls and balance assessments.

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State Lands Commission. Purchase price was \$1.1 million with city and SLC each contributing, \$550,000 equally, the property under SLC ownership, and the city is responsible for its management via a 49-year lease agreement with the SLC.

"Without the individual property owner's permission, people accessing Chicory Bend Park using the levee may be cited for trespassing if the person refuses to leave when a police officer requests them to leave the area. Under those circumstances, if the District Attorney decides to prosecute the violation, it is a misdemeanor and the fine can be as much as \$1,000," Razo said.

For the past 10 to 15 years (maybe more), Michael Derrick, assistant cross country coach at John F. Kennedy High School, has been coming out to the area and has seen wild turkeys, owls, beavers and even a fox. "This is, or was, a lovely wildlife area ... It was an urban jewel," he says as he's giving an impromptu tour, pointing out spots along the way where homeless have camped and left mounds of trash and where people have been leaving cat food for ferals. "Now it's continued to be trashed out. It's a sad story."

He says it's just in the last two years the area has gotten out of control with litter. Gracious to property owners for allowing him to walk his dog along the levee, he says there should be more effort on the city's part to help clean the area. "Property owners - I am gracious to them, but



Chicory Bend Beach is shown here trashed out.

Photo by Darrow Sprague

the city has not done the constant sweeping to clean the area. It's a shame the city has let it get this bad."


Cleaning up the area would require tough law enforcement and a big clean-up effort, he says. "It's a major, major job." For those who boat in and party on the beach, there's no place for them to dispose of their trash. "You should bring back what you take in, but perhaps the city could put a small dumpster toward the back of the beach that could be collected, assuming people would use trash cans. You can't assume one time in four months (of patrolling the area) is enough. Is it possible to hire

security guards? Lack of resources is always the mantra, but I think this is a real shame what has happened to this area."

In response to the call for city staff to help clean up Chicory Bend, Razo explained, "Chicory Bend Park is a city owned natural open space, and is not considered a developed park; there are no trash cans for regularly pick-up, nor funding available through Measure U for increased maintenance. The city's maintenance staff monitors, cleans, and inspects the area three times a year, and will come out to address complaints of illegal dumping."



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The Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Soothing stuff
- Monastery head
- After the hour
- "O" in old radio lingo
- Blush
- "___ bitten, twice shy"
- Urban blight
- Close-knit group
- Bank transaction
- Place to find thyme
- Like some hands
- Rosy-cheeked
- Just say yes
- ___ oil
- Hardly handsome
- Stomping ground
- Mall binge
- Farm sound
- Basket material
- Deck (out)
- ___ squash
- Soaked
- Circumvent
- Area of South Africa
- Bad look
- How some things are chopped
- Emphasize
- Time on the job
- Bone-dry
- Like some assets
- Drawn-out
- Two-door

DOWN

- Shrek, e.g.
- Part of TMNT
- Aetna offering
- Positive terminal
- Massage target
- Article of faith
- Eucalyptuses
- Making a big profit, with "up"
- Third place
- ___ on Down the Road"
- Exec
- Advocate
- Antares, for one
- Detachable container
- Bit of dust
- Grad student's grilling
- The "O" in S.R.O.
- Hymn of praise
- Bliester
- Accountant's book
- Fancy duds
- Rabbit food
- Figure of speech
- Dentist's direction
- Dwarf
- Spy, at times
- "High" time
- Actor Pitt
- Air bag?
- Christian Science founder

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100 years of history shared at old Sutter School building event

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part two of a two-part series about the Cabrillo Civic Club #5 building, which was originally home to a public school for children in the then-rural Riverside-Pocket area.

A special event was held at the Cabrillo Civic Club #5 building on Sunday, Oct. 4, as many people from in and outside the community celebrated the 100th anniversary of the structure.

The Spanish mission-style building, which is located at 4605 Karbet Way, was established as a public school known as Sutter School. And the majority of its students were local children of Portuguese and Japanese descent.

Prior to the beginning of the 1 p.m. gathering, guests, many of whom

were former students of the school, signed a page of a large book, which rested on a table next to a small bust of the Portuguese navigator, John Cabrillo (João Rodrigues Cabrilho), who discovered "a very good enclosed port," which later became known as San Diego Bay, on Sept. 28, 1542. Cabrillo is also recognized as the first European explorer to navigate the coast of present-day California.

Above the signatures on that featured book page was the heading, "100-year celebration, Oct. 4, 2015."

The program for the day was led by Scott J. Costa, the event's master of ceremonies.

Boy Scout Troop #236 performed a presentation of colors, which was followed by a welcoming by Cabrillo Civic Club #5 President Janet McKay and an introduction of Cabrillo Civic Club state officers, including President Cheryl Borba.

A special recognition of the event from the office of Rep. Doris Matsui was presented by Daniel Lightstone.



The event brought together former Sutter School classmates, left to right, Gene Itogawa, Gary Silva, Gary Artz, Roberta Johnson and Jane (Schroeter) Owen.

Additionally, Rep. Jim Costa acknowledged the event through a presentation by Ken Costa.

One of the highlights of the program was a history of the building and school by Lynette Bell and her mother,

Dolores (Silva) Greenslate, whose mother, Mary "Mamie" (Machado) Silva, was one of the first two graduates of Sutter School.

Bell, who described various historical features of the building and school, marveled at the language barrier challenge that was faced by early Japanese students at the school.

"Nobody (at the school) knew Japanese," Bell said. "And then when (the Japanese students) came to school, it was very difficult, because these poor kids didn't know English at all."

Greenslate, who attended the school from 1929 to 1934, spoke directly to some of the former Japanese students of the school who were in attendance at the event.

"It's great to see you all here today," Greenslate said. "We haven't seen each other since we attended this school together, then you were sent away because of the war. We got along so well then and even fought a little and learned each others' bad words. Our homes were welcome to each other, as if we were all family, and I loved you then and I still love you now."

Bell and Greenslate's presentation was followed by an open microphone period designated for the sharing of memories of former students of the school.

Among those who shared their memories of the school during that time were Aiko "JoAnn" (Kimura) Nomura, who attended the school from 1945 to 1952; and Adelaide Jones Caetano, who was a student at the school from 1949 to 1952.

Nomura, who grew up near Southside Park, spoke about both her time at the school and her experience during the Japanese internment of World War II.

During an interview with this paper shortly after her speech, Caetano recalled attending Sutter School.

"I graduated (from the school) in 1952," Caetano said. "We had moved into a new housing area. At that time it was called Riverside Village. My parents built this cement block house. There were four of us (kids). My brothers were too little at that time (to attend Sutter School), but my sister and I came here. And we rode our horse and put her in the lot across the street. (The horse's name) was Ladybug. We ended up selling (Ladybug), which was one of the worst things I ever did in my whole life. Yeah, my mom talked my sister and I into selling lady bug. It was one of the most traumatic things we ever did. It was awful."

"I was a good student, loved school, loved the area,

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loved the kids, and we were in 4-H. It was a farm community."

While Caetano was sharing her memories of the school for this article, Julian Wood greeted her at her table.

Wood commented that he had also attended Sutter School in "probably 1953, 1954," and that several other members of his family were also students at the school, which was relocated to 1141 Seamas Ave. in 1952.

The school, which was then known as Sutter Union School, was annexed into the Sacramento City Unified School District in 1958. And the name of the school was changed to John Cabrillo School (later John Cabrillo Elementary School).

In commenting about one of the school's longtime teachers, Wood, who eventually spent 40 years working as a carpenter, said, "I remember Emma (Fortado) James. She even taught my brother-in-law, (Ed Mauricio), and he turned 93 just the other day."

Another former Sutter School student, Emmie (Kato) Makishima, expressed her appreciation for the event, which also included a dancing performance by the Luso Ameri-



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Dolores (Silva) Greenslate, left, and Emmie (Kato) Makishima speak about their elementary school days at Sutter School.

can Youth Council #4 Dancers, and a lunch.

"I think it was a great celebration," Makishima said. "It was a good thing to be a part of. I'm glad they decided to have it, otherwise we wouldn't even know of (the anniversary). I didn't even know (the building) was 100 years. All I know is I came here (to Sutter School) in the 1930s."

Makishima, who said that most of her first grade classmates were of Japanese descent, also recalled her modes of transportation to the school, as she said, "Sometimes I would ride a bicycle to school. That's when I was older. Other times I would roller

skate, but most of the time, I would walk to school."

And as for the old school structure itself, Makishima commented that the building seemed smaller.

But she added, "Everything seems bigger when you're small."

Following the event, Scott J. Costa, who is a past president of Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California, mentioned that it was important for the club to honor the history of the building through last Sunday's event.

And he said that efforts are presently being made to continue that history for many more years through an ongoing remodel of the structure.

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\$2.2M grant in the works for Del Rio Trail project

(Editor's Note: The following is a brief statement from the South Land Park Neighborhood Association):

"Great news for South Land Park and the City of Sacramento: the Sacramento Area Council of Governments is slated to approve a \$2.2 million grant to launch the Del Rio Trail project!"

"This rail-to-trail conversion will provide a great neighborhood amenity on an abandoned rail spur running from Pocket Road to the Land Park area near the zoo. Biking and walking in our community will be greatly improved."

"SLPNA pushed very hard for this project, and worked in tandem with many facets of our community. Many neighborhood volunteers, public officials, school children, nonprofits, and city staff participated in getting this off the ground! Stay tuned for future details!"

The following piece was written last May by Valley Community Newspapers' Greg Brown. It was featured in our sister paper, the Land Park News.

The Del Rio Trail in South Land Park sounds like something John Wayne would have rode a Stagecoach through in one of those old movie Westerns. "Alright, pilgrim. I'll meet you on the Del Rio trail."

The natural trail has primarily been used by locals as a 4-mile public walking trail. One spot along the trail is nicknamed the "Secret Glorious Place" by a local Waldorf pre-school teacher.

The sights and sounds of birds and bees are everywhere.

California poppies and wildflowers blooming throughout the trail. There's also a strong scent of springtime in Sacramento along the trail.

There's a "No Trespassing" sign that everybody ignores and some janky gates that don't keep anybody out. The trail is lined with backyard fences along the way.

The Del Rio Trail is owned by Regional Transit. They bought it back in the '80s as surplus property thinking one day they'd run the Blue Line through there. These days they have no use for it.

It's now up for sale. I saw the new For Sale sign staked on the corner of San Mateo and Riverside.

The State Parks and Recreation Commission was proposing an excursion train full of tourists chugging through the four mile stretch of the Del Rio Trail on its way to Pocket Road from Old Sacramento. There would be a stop in between at the Sacramento Zoo. Once the neighborhood learned about it they mobilized and expressed vocal opposition to the train traffic traveling through their quiet neighborhood.

It worked. State Parks backed down and agreed to remove the four-mile neighborhood section from its general plan and a revised plan was adopted last May. The State Parks and Recreation Commission approved the train stations at the Sacramento Zoo and at Pocket Road.

This raises a question as to how will the trains travel from

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Old Sacramento to Pocket Road without using the South Land Park tracks?

Could there be a round two battle brewing over the tourist trains?

Hopefully, not. Although, there are still concerns from local residents.

A group of neighbors have joined together with the leadership of the South Land Park Neighborhood Association and the City Of Sacramento. They call themselves the South Land Park Trail and Greenbelt Committee. The committee includes residents from South Land Park Hills, South Land Park Terrace, and local high school students. They are creating a neighborhood action plan for the four miles of abandoned tracks that run from Sutterville Road, behind Sprouts, and extends to Pocket Road near Freepoint Boulevard. It would be a multi-use trail. Pedestrians, bicyclists

and dog walkers would co-exist in harmony along the urban trail.

In the wider sections of the trail they'd like to create community gardens where a school group or neighborhood could plant organic gardens. Some parts of the Del Rio Trail can get gritty. Wider sections towards the South are brownfields with some trash from Freepoint and illegal camping. The goal is to improve and protect the neighborhood.

Give the trail some TLC.

I met with Brian Ebbet and Sharon Louie on the Del Rio Trail one sunny afternoon to learn more about the rail to trail idea. Brian and Sharon are both members of the South Land Park Trail and Greenbelt Committee, also known as the "rail to trail" team.

"The rail to trail proposal is more than just a local amenity, it's also to prevent the trains from coming through our neighborhood," Brian told me. They want to be pre-emptive and pro-active.



"There's a pot of money out there for bike trails," Brian said.

The project is being considered for future grant funds that have a goal of improving bicycle and pedestrian mobility. The next step for the Rail to Trail team is to reach out to the community and engage with residents.

If you want to be a part of the rail to trail team or have comments or suggestions, contact Committee Chairperson Sharon Louie at SharonL6251@gmail.com

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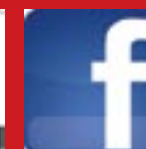
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My Sister's House: A safe haven for domestic violence victims

By NORA FINCH

My Sister's House has been in Sacramento for 14 years, but many of us still don't know it exists, as it is tucked away on its own just off Broadway and Riverside Boulevard in the Land Park area. I feel it deserves the recognition as well as those who run it work very hard at providing a safe haven for many women.

My Sister's House offers a continuum of services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. As well as education and outreach to help prevent violence against women and children. They also offer a 24/7 multilingual crisis line to help provide safety planning, information, and referrals, as well as a 6-bed shelter and 6-bed transitional housing program.

Then there is also their Women to Work Program, which helps victims become survivors through peer support, counseling, legal assistance, job training, and other assistance.

They help approximately 60-75 women and children a year with emergency or transitional housing assistance; 300-plus women with face-to-face counseling and support; 500 women and men with legal assistance; approximately 2,000 crisis

or help calls; and 10,000 individuals with outreach and education and training presentations on domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Nilda Valmores is another amazing woman in the community trying to make an impact as the Executive Director, which means she is the Chief Program and according to her, "budget worrier, meeting planner, and part-time janitor," she says.

When asked how she became interested in this industry, here's what she said:

"I am so glad to have a job which allows me to practice my personal and political beliefs that to change the world we need to make sure all children have a safe environment in which they can thrive. My job choices from out of college has been a reflection of that.

"Before coming to My Sister's House, I have worked as a teacher, worked on child abuse and foster care legislation, and housing and community development programs. At my last job prior to My Sister's House, one of My Sister's House board members asked me to consider joining the board. As we talked about the organization and its needs, I told her I would also consider joining the staff.

It has been 10 years of hard work, great memories and great people.

"One of the things I love about My Sister's House is that the issue of domestic violence is connected to many of the issues I care about — children, women, poverty, housing, education, and more.

"I am very fortunate. I have been married almost 30 years to a wonderful, kind man so I am not a survivor of domestic abuse. I also grew up with a great dad. I do remember however, my grandmother living with us and telling me that being a good Filipino wife meant doing whatever your husband told you and putting up with all his actions, i.e. if he hit you, if he yelled at you, if he cheated on you — as a wife you were not to complain or fight back or tell others. My grandmother and my mother would tell me that my job was to "serve my husband." Unfortunately, some Asian/Pacific Islander men and Asian/Pacific Islander women (and non-Asian/Pacific Islander men and women) still hold those thoughts today.

"From working with survivors, I have learned so much. I have learned about graciousness, gratitude, generosity, and fortitude. I am amazed at the strength that they have to leave and the courage to carry on, often alone.

"I think that the domestic violence survivors that we serve are so grateful that they have a new family that will provide them emotional and other support to assist them in living a healthy and safe life with their children.

"They are happy to be part of My Sister's House family."

Nilda feels it is extremely important to have a place like this in our community. Sacramento is one of the cities in California with the largest Asian/Pacific Islander population. It is important not to just have a diverse community but to offer culturally appropriate and responsive services. I am also so grateful for the support received from non-Asian/Pacific Islanders who recognize these need. Even though My Sister's House does have a target audience, from the beginning of our history we have never turned anyone away because of their ethnicity.

Nilda and the staff have always been committed to ensuring quality services. They will be moving their administration offices as one of their biggest projects of 2015, as well as expanding their counseling services. It's always wonderful to hear the dedication to causes such as this one. Victims need to feel safe and supported, as do all of us in the many facets of life.

My Sister's House hosts 12th annual Run for a Safe Haven

Proceeds to help survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking

My Sister's House, a non-profit organization addressing the culturally unique needs of Asian Pacific Islander women and other underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence and human trafficking in the Central Valley, is hosting its 12th annual 5k run or walk on Saturday, Oct. 24 at William Land Park. Proceeds raised from the event will help My Sister's House in its efforts to putting a stop to domestic violence and providing shelter to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

The annual Run for a Safe Haven has been a primary fundraiser for My Sister's House since 2003 and expects to draw in more than 2,000 runners and walkers. Last year, participants in attendance raised over \$45,000 for My Sister's House services and programs.

"We are so excited to host this wonderful event again this year to work toward homes without violence and lives

without fear," said Nilda Valmores, My Sister's House Executive Director. "The Run for a Safe Haven creates awareness about the devastating violence toward women and children in the Asian Pacific Islander community. We are hoping to exceed last year's record and excited to partner with News 10 as their Make a Difference Project.

The event features a Kids Half Mile, prizes, food, and music the entire family can enjoy. Participants are encouraged to dress in costumes and awards will be given to the most creative.


For companies or groups looking to support a great cause while having fun, the Run also features teams to support My Sister's House. A team is a minimum of 10 people at the rate of \$30 per team member. Contact us at info@my-sisters-house.org to set up your team coupon code for advanced registration. Registration on race day opens at 8 a.m. on Oct. 24. For more information, visit www.runforasafehaven.com.

If you are unable to make the Run, please consider donating to this worthy cause at www.runforasafehaven.com. You can also find My Sister's House on Facebook and Twitter.

My Sister's House was founded in 2001 as the first and only non-profit organization to serve the culturally unique needs of women and children affected by domestic violence in the Central Valley's highly diverse Asian and Pacific Islander community. My Sister's House provides outreach and education to help prevent domestic violence, a 24/7 multilingual helpline, a 6-bed shelter, a 6-bed transitional shelter, and a Women to Work Program, which offers legal assistance and mental health counseling. My Sister's House is an inclusive organization and has provided more than 22,000 nights of shelter to women and children across all ethnic backgrounds. To learn more about My Sister's House, call 930-0626 or visit at www.my-sisters-house.org or on Facebook and Twitter.

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Local residents can help foster youth have stockings and presents to open this holiday season through United Way's Women in Philanthropy Holiday Gifts Drive for foster youth. Visit United Way's online Volunteer Center at www.yourlocalunitedway.org starting Nov. 1 to sign up to bring specific gifts for children in Sacramento County's Child Protective Services or provide a \$30 donation to purchase a holiday stocking for a foster youth in United Way's programs. All items must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 30 at United Way's office, 10389 Old Placerville Road.




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"If using your landline home phone call 911 for all life and death emergencies, injury accidents, or fires or incidents and crimes in progress especially if weapons of any sort are involved. The advantage is that the Police Dispatcher immediately gets your home address information via the phone systems 911 program.

"If using your cell phone it's better to call the Sac PD emergency number 732-0100 for emergencies of the same type as above. The advantage to this is that it will go to our local Sac PD Dispatch Center instead of the CHP so you will save time in getting the event reported and improve response time.

"When you call the Police Dispatcher they will need to know this information in this order:

- Where did the crime occur? (Needed for determining jurisdiction)
- What happened? (To determine if possible felony, misdemeanor or disturbance)
- When did it happen or is it occurring now? (To determine priority)

"For non-emergency events please call 264-5471. Those include non-life and death events, not in progress crimes and most property crimes.

"I strongly recommend that you program both of these numbers, emergency and non-emergency, into your family's cell phones.

"Thanks for your time, SPHA NW"

Source: South Pocket Homeowners Association, Neighborhood Watch

Pocket area author and photographer to speak among world interfaith leaders

Celebrated author Richard Turner will speak amid Nobel Peace Prize winners, religious leaders, and interfaith activists tackling issues of war and violence, climate change, and wealth disparity at the Parliament of World Religions in Salt Lake City on Oct. 17, 2015.

The Parliament is the oldest, largest and most inclusive interfaith organization, dedicated to respect and tolerance of all faiths. Since its inaugural event in 1893, notable world leaders, faith leaders, scholars and organizers have participated, and this year is no exception. Featured 2015 contributors include His Holiness the Dalai Lama, world-renowned naturalist Dr. Jane Goodall, best-selling author Marianne Williamson, Former Vice President Al Gore, and PBS television and radio host Tavis Smiley.

Turner, a Sacramento attorney turned author and nature photographer, will share mes-

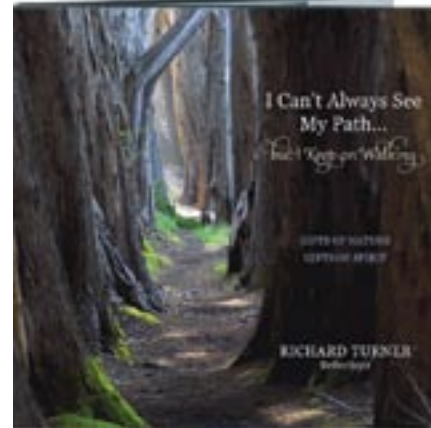
sages that promote love and tolerance to a venue that will host 10,000 people from 80 nations and 50 faiths.

"I am honored to have been invited to speak at this special gathering of the world's spiritual leaders, seeking answers to the terrible violence we are experiencing and the potential destruction of our environment," said Turner.

Speaking directly to the perils of climate change, he will share his ideas about saving the environment by loving and protecting all life.

"We are one with all living species," said Turner. "No trees, no humans. It's almost that simple."

Turner is also among those chosen as an exhibitor to present his book, "I Can't Always See My Path... but I Keep on Walking," which conveys a message of tolerance, faith, love and respect for all living beings.



Shown here is the cover of Richard Turner's beautiful book of poohography.

"Richard's story will touch people's minds and hearts with his message," said Reverend Dave Lyman, Assistant Minister at Spiritual Life Center. "Our group is so honored to have someone from Sacramento speak at such an influential event."

Lyman and his wife Rachel lead the Spiritual Life Center's Interfaith Connection program and is organizing a Sacramento group to attend the Parliament.

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Upcoming Pocket library events

Note: There will be no storytimes in October.

The hours for Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, are as follows:

Sunday and Monday: Closed; Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday: Noon to 8 p.m.; Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday: 1 to 6 p.m.; Sat-

urday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details, call Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 2:45 p.m. — Teen and Tween Hangout (Teen)

There will be Wii games or Xbox games and/or board games.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. — Carrot Tasting & Cooking (Adult)

Come to a carrot tasting with Sabrina Modelle the food blogger behind The Tomato Tart. Sabrina shares a variety of carrots from baby carrots to a factory farmed one to an organic carrot from a large producer and a locally grown carrot from a farm.

She will demonstrate a couple of easy tasty carrot dishes too.

Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. — Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library Board Meeting (Adult)

Interested in knowing how you can help your library? Attend the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library monthly Board meeting (usually held on the fourth Thursday each month) for more information.

Friday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. — Knit Together (Adult)

Anyone interested in knitting—even an absolute beginner—is invited to join the Pocket Library Knitting Group. 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!

Matias Bombal's Hollywood

"99 Homes"

The MPAA has rated this R

Broad Green Pictures brings us "99 Homes", the latest offering from director Ramin Bahrani. A very real horror story of big banks and a Florida middleman realtor that seizes homes from defaulting homeowners to evict them. The movie begins with no apology by showing an unexpected and unpleasant moment, setting the tone for the unease that will prevail for the movie's entire running time. The scene is an eviction of a home. The next home in the path of bank repossession offers a tense moment for the Nash family: Dennis, a hardworking construction worker, played by Andrew Garfield, is trying his best to catch up with mounting debt. He lives with his mother, Lynn (Laura Dern) and his son, Connor (Noah Lomax). His wife has left him.

There is a knock on the door of the Nash home. Dennis answers to find the sheriff serving the eviction along with a realtor with the bad news that they must leave at once. Michael Shannon, playing Rick Carver, is literally the realtor from hell.

This psychological assault will trigger Dennis to action beyond his normal experience. As horrible as this may seem, things go from bad to worse. The humiliation of clearing out their house in two to three minutes of valuables, then standing by as workmen rapidly empty the house forcefully, is an impressive and brutal process.

Actor Michel Shannon is a relentless, remarkable talent and here he certainly may be considered "the man you love to hate," a term first used for silent screen actor and director Erich von Stroheim. Shannon is intense and fantastic in playing complex characters like this one or his role in TV's "Boardwalk Empire".

Dennis is compelled to action to save his family. First, his mom and son are placed in a low-rent motel. Then, he finds out where the eviction team meets, intending to get back some of his tools so he may work. Whilst arguing to get back his tools, a strange turn of events takes place; he's offered money by Carver to work on his next eviction. Cash money.

Desperation leads Dennis to start with odd jobs for the realtor that evicted him and his family. The money is good and under the table, and begins to increase with more and more work as Dennis hopes to eventually make enough to buy his own home back. In this "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em" attitude, Dennis begins to change and becomes emotionally lost, never telling his mother or son what he is doing that brings them much needed revenue not only to survive, but eventually leave their stranded motel life. Andrew Garfield is like you've never seen him before in this picture and his scenes with Shannon are intense and well performed.

The plot offers Faustian undercurrents, the course

for the two to damnation seems set. Director Ramin Bahrani, who I had a chance to chat with after the press screening in San Francisco, shared with me his horror at discovering the housing eviction situation in Florida during the period the picture depicts, where banks have two departments, each giving the lender different advice. One department says to default on the loan, the other to keep paying, all calculated to confuse the home owner so that the bank may evict the owner for non-payment. I asked Bahrani why he chose to make this a dramatic feature and not a documentary with all the true

facts he uncovered in preparing this idea for the screen. He felt it would artistically best be expressed as a dramatic narrative.

Bahrani additionally shared that he chose the wide-screen anamorphic aspect ratio to give a sense of the vast emptiness of these re-possessed houses, barren of life, for Shannon and Garfield to unravel their

performances in real spaces. Most of the homes seen in the picture were actually repossessed empty houses in Florida. This movie is clearly not a subject for everyone, a true horror story of big banking, opportunists and graft. There are great moments from both Shannon and Garfield that make this a must see for fans of the process of acting.



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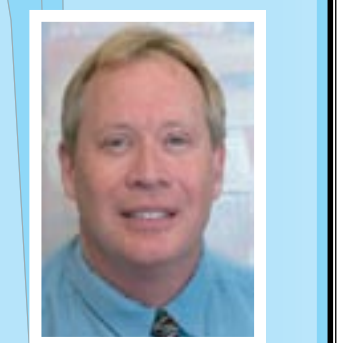
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The Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society (STJS) monthly music event

Every second Sunday of the month, STJS has music at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., from noon to 5 p.m. Each month STJS has a different band, there

is three different rooms to listen to music. Nominal fee for members is \$8; non-member price is \$10.

Rotary Club South meeting

The Rotary Club of South Sacramento meets at noon for lunch every Thursday at Iron Grill, located at 2422 13th St. (Broadway and 13th Street). Rotary is one of the largest service organizations in the world dedicated to community service both locally, and internationally. Please call JR Springer at 425-9195 for additional information.

OCTOBER

"Souls of the City" Events & Activities Presented by the Sacramento History Museum

Now-Nov. 1: In honor of "Day of the Dead" activities celebrated each year in Mexico and in major cities around the world, Sol Collective and the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation have teamed up to present a series of community workshops and special activities that showcase the traditions and/or demonstrate how to create some of the special items used in "Day of the Dead" celebrations. The effort culminates with a Dia De Los Muertos celebration on November 1. For more, visit www.sachistorymuseum.org. The museum is located at 101 I St.

Ghost Tours at the Sacramento History Museum

Oct. 16 and 17: Visitors to Old Sacramento can journey back in time to hear ghostly tales and spooky stories as they walk through the history-rich streets and re-live 19th century lore. Entertaining yet knowledgeable tour guides will take daring and inquisitive guests through Old Sacramento's infamous locales to experience a bit of the dark side of California's history. For more, go to www.sachistorymuseum.org, 101 I St.

Lantern Tours at the Sacramento City Cemetery

Oct. 16 and 17: Embark on a lantern led walking tour through Sacramento's past at

the Sacramento City Cemetery! Guests experience stories of murder, death by spirits, death by duel or morphine, and even men impersonating women – all this while encountering other unexpected visitors from beyond. Stories will be told by our eternal residents. Hurry, tickets sell out fast...for more information please visit www.oldcity-cemetery.com, 1000 Broadway

Fire Station 30 Open House

Oct. 17: Fire Station 30, located at 1901 Club Center Dr., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Food festival at the Chinese Community Church

Oct. 17: The 32nd annual festival features delicious Chinese food including the famous barbecue chicken, pot stickers, chow mein, chicken salad, combo plate and more. Enjoy live entertainment and activities for children. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission. Chinese Community Church is located at 5600 Gilgunn Way. For more information, call 424-8900 or visit www.cccsac.net

5th Annual CureSMA 5k Walk N Roll

Oct. 17: This event goes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and starts and ends at the William Land Park at the Village Green, on the corner of Sutterville Road and Freepport Boulevard. Organizer Nina Daya writes on the event's Facebook page, the reason for the event as follows: "Our daughter Malena was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) type 2 at age 15 months. As a family we did not know what the future would hold for us since we learned that SMA is the number 1 genetic killer of children under the age of 2 years old. We quickly realized that spreading Awareness of this little known disease would be of utmost importance & this was the central theme keeping ourselves hopeful about the future. Our Walk N Roll was born in beautiful Sacramento and as a community we have raised over \$50,000 and would like to continue until a cure is reached. We are already at Clinical Trials - A truly Exciting Time to be Involved! 100% of all donations

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"Choctoberfest": A crazy and tasty high calorie production by Sac Women's Chorus

Oct. 17: The Sacramento Women's Chorus (SWC) fall concert, "CHOCToberfest" is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Sacramento, Calif. The concert will feature fun and lively songs about love for sweets, chocolate and community. Adults and children are invited to attend. This popular concert sells out quickly, so you are encouraged to purchase tickets soon. Wine, beer, refreshments and tasty chocolates will be available. "Our CHOCToberfest concert will celebrate everything good - music, friendship, fun, love and of course, chocolate. Our music is upbeat, entertaining and engages the audience. Our fall show is typically a bit crazy with unexpected turns and tunes - a kind of crazy-high calorie production!" said Robin Richie, SWC Artistic Director. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Location: The Center at 2300, address: 2300 Sierra Blvd. Cost for tickets is \$25 each. Tickets available online or through a chorus member. To buy tickets online, go to: www.sacmentowomenschorus.com

4th Annual Monster Bash at the Sacramento Children's Museum

Oct. 17: Visit the Sacramento Children's Museum for a night of ghoulish fun at the 4th Annual Monster Bash! Gear up for Halloween by wearing your best costume and come play the night away at the Museum! They'll have a DJ, dancing, refreshments, photo opportunities, a "haunted hallway," and of course - Museum play. For more information, visit www.sackids.org

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"Spookomotive" Train Rides at the Railroad Museum

Oct. 17 and 18: All aboard for some Halloween fun Old Sacramento style! California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to offer diesel-powered "Spookomotive" train rides aboard a whimsically decorated train crawling with spiders, cobwebs and cornstalks while staffed with an entertaining "skeleton crew". Also, discounted "combo" Halloween-themed train rides and river cruises are offered twice per day, 125 I St. For more, visit www.csrmf.org

Sacramento Symphonic Winds, a 60-piece symphonic band presents "Winds of Change"

Oct. 18: Bring the entire family to this extraordinary concert season entitled "Winds of Change" at the Crowne Plaza Northeast. The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult symphonic band conducted by Dr. Les Lehr who is retiring after this season, and guest conductor Timothy M. Smith. Selections during the season will include Chorale and Shaker Dance by John Zdechlik, Pas Redouble by Camille Saint-Saens, A Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson, La Fiesta Mexicana by Alfred Reed, American in Paris by George Gershwin, Irish Tune by Percy Grainger, and more! Show starts at 2:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Northeast, 5321 Date Ave. Tickets are sold at the door. Children 10 and under Free; Student/ Senior (65+) \$10; General \$15. Contact number is 489-2576; www.sacwinds.org; <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Crowne+Plaza+95841>

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Lecture/Presentation: Art & Science of Anatomy - The Skull - Inside and Out at the Museum of Medical History

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are offering a free evening lecture & presentation about the fascinating art and science of anatomy starting with a focus on the skull. Betty Nelsen, an Art Instructor at American River College, will demonstrate how the study and knowledge of the anatomy of our facial muscles relates to understanding the expression of our emotions. Plus, a replica skull will be available for examination. For more, visit http://www.ssvms.org/Portals/7/Assets/pdf/lecture_series.pdf

Judah Harvest Festival

Oct. 23: The annual Theodore Judah Elementary Harvest Festival is scheduled from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the back of the school's campus. This is an exceptional event for families and you don't need to have a student at Judah to attend. Festivities include carnival-type booths created by each class, back by popular demand are food trucks, a pumpkin carving contest, an incredible cakewalk, a photo booth and pony rides. Harvest Festival wristband for unlimited carnival booths (not good for food, cake walk or pony rides) or individual tickets can be purchased in advance or the day of the event. Money raised from the Harvest Festival goes directly back to Theodore Judah Elementary teachers and will be used for supplies and field trips.

Check the Judah PTA website at www.theodorejudahpta.org or download the school new app on your Smartphone for more information and to purchase tickets.

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Oct. 23: Robinson's Taekwondo offers a free clinic on personal safety and self-defense just for women. Women are especially vulnerable as they are exposed to danger as they pick up and drop off family members in school or shopping mall parking lots. Registration is required at <http://www.robinsonsktd.com> or call 1-888-249-7853 for more information regarding time and location.

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3 bedroom 2 bath with hardwood and parquet floors, slate entry, and stained glass front door. Bonus room for an office or hobby room. Updated master bathroom & kitchen, Private backyard, with a pool, backs to Reichmuth Park.
\$399,900

**LEIGH RUTLEDGE 612-6911
BILL HAMBRICK 600-6528**



AMAZING GREENHAVEN HOME

High quality remodeled home in the Didion School boundaries! Cul-de-sac lot with a big big yard! Beautiful built-in pool, 3 bedrooms 2 baths, updated open floor plan with spectacular double sided fireplace and travertine floors. Gorgeous remodeled bathrooms.

\$395,000

MONA GERGEN 247-9555



PENDING

SOUTH LAND PARK CUL-DE-SAC

Located on a spacious lot on a convenient cul-de-sac in South Land Park. Big lot (.36 acre) with big backyard, 3 bedrooms 2 baths with newer roof and dual pane windows. 2-car garage, covered patio, close to shopping and easy freeway access. Nicely maintained!

\$385,000

CHRIS BRIGGS 834-6483



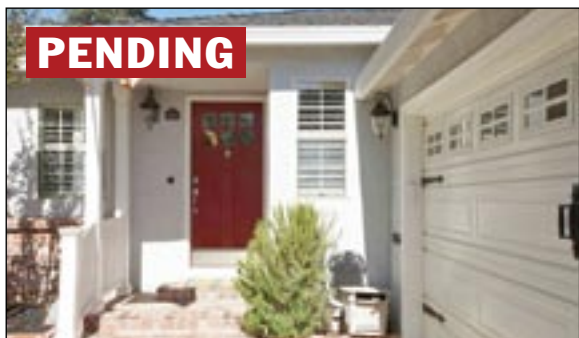
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AFFORDABLE ELK GROVE

Desirable open floor plan at an affordable price! 3 bedroom 2 bath with a few personal touches, this home is ready for you to move into. Nice-sized family room opens to kitchen and dining area. Backyard is a blank canvas waiting for you to make it home. With no homes behind you, great privacy!

\$275,000

PAULA SWAYNE 425-9715



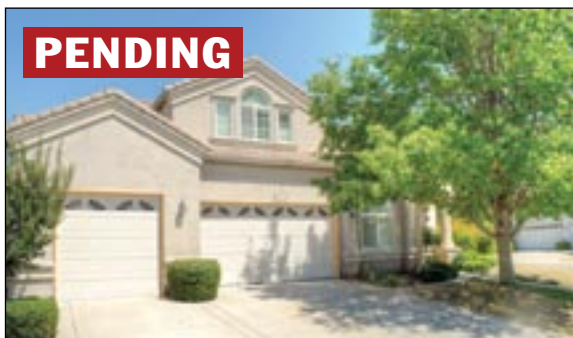
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HOLLYWOOD PARK

A happy home is just waiting for you! Sometimes you just know when something is right – open the door! Family home in Hollywood Park with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, plantation shutters, an incredible kitchen and so much more! 4th bedroom could be a perfect office; updated bathrooms.

\$369,500

SHEILA VAN NOY 505-5395



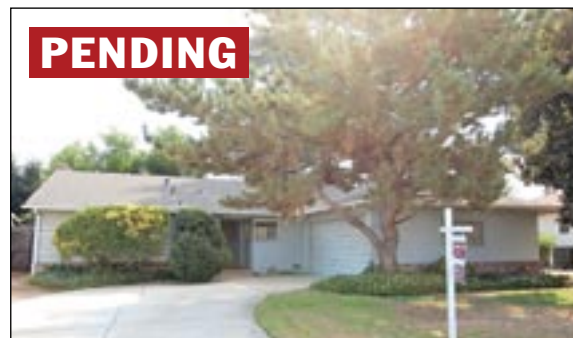
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UPDATED ELK GROVE HOME

Nicely redone and renovated corner lot property with 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, 3 fireplaces and 3-car garage. Possible 5 bedroom! Upgrades include new paint, new cabinets, counters, faucets, light fixtures, appliances and so much more!

\$428,000

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PENDING

HANDYMAN SPECIAL

Spacious 1739 square foot home with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths located near Park Terrace Swim and Tennis Club. Living room fireplace, separate family room and breakfast nook. Inside laundry, 2-car garage. Tons of potential, bring your imagination and your toolbox.

\$285,000

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