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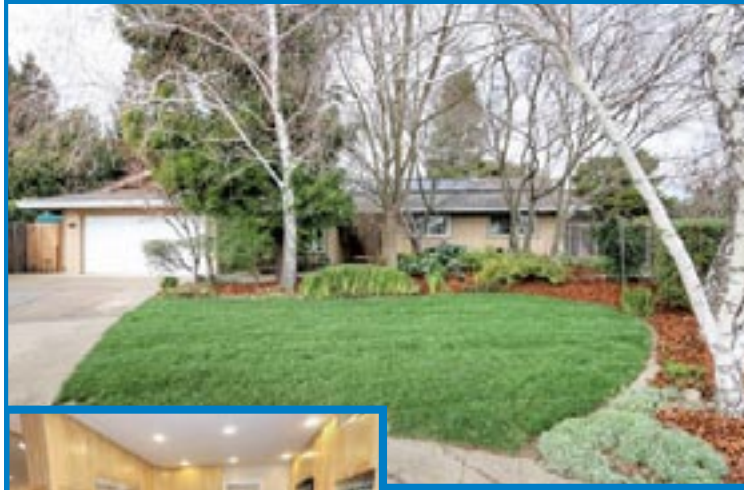


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Question for the holiday: Why is your Valentine so special to you?

Compiled by STEPHEN CROWLEY

The question above was asked to the men about their Valentines at the Sweetheart Dance held at the Elks Lodge, No. 6 on Friday, Feb. 12.



"She has shared her love of bowling, dancing and her love of Church. She has enriched my life so much."
Joe Yee - Mary Jane Yee - Together for 21 years



"She is sweet, kind and loving woman."
Tom Rehberg - Loretta Rehberg - Together 50 years



"She is the best mother of all five of our children."
Tony Muljat - Anne Muljat - Together 69 years



"She is the best dance I have ever met, and I have danced a lot."
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Broadcasting, Whales and Real Estate

Early in the day, just before dawn, he drives down the Belmont hill, waves "good morning" to the security guard opening the gate, walks from the parking area across the lush but mostly deserted grounds toward his office. There is one stop to make before starting another day of keeping all of the plates in the air at MarineWorld/Africa USA. A friend to greet and spend a minute or two of quiet time. The five-ton, black-and-white Orca floats effortlessly across her lagoon and rolls over at the edge to offer her chin to be rubbed - their morning ritual.



Dick West

"With his years of experience," the announcement reads. Real Estate experience one would assume. And that, of course, is there. Twenty some odd years of owning realty offices in Sacramento and Lake Tahoe together with wife and master's club member Beth, managing, selling and appraising. But there is more. Lots more.

With a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcasting Dick began an almost two decade long enviable stint with ABC-TV and production of Wild World of Sports with Jim McKay, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Game of the Week with Jack Buck, and

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writing and producing programs for San Francisco's KGO Radio. He was Acting Program Manager, and Labor Relations Manager, solving problems and negotiating contracts. As a partner in Waldear Motion Picture Productions he later was Emmy nominated, and as Executive Director of Marine World was recipient of seven national advertising awards. He is a member of the Television Academy of Arts and Sciences (Silver Circle), and San Francisco Broadcast Legends.

Other credits include a Lifetime Credential from Los Rios Community College District, Sonoma County

Hospital Chaplaincy, and Audio/Visual Producer for the 126th National Guard Helicopter Air Ambulance. He is a past member of the Yacht Racing Association, a past Big Sir, Fruitridge Branch 93, and an accomplished piano/keyboard musician.

"I relate well with folks over a certain age," he says. "It's natural, being there myself, and I like being a sounding board for them. Should we sell our home, they may ask, and move into smaller quarters? Update or modify where we are, or maybe look for senior or assisted living facilities? Those are areas I can help with since I know this market so well. "My gosh," he adds, "I've appraised more than 3,000 homes here, myself!"



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The Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Bridge feature
- Stringed instrument
- Jane Fonda film, "Monster"
- Make a bundle
- Arabian bigwig
- Green
- Cybercafe patron
- Take for a bride
- Not bold
- Beat
- Gym tote
- Itsy-bitsy biter
- Ogler's look
- Formula
- Chester White's home
- Understandable
- Kind of photograph
- Folklore fiend
- Part of MADD
- It may be flared
- Carry on
- Energy drinks, perhaps
- "Carmen" highlight
- Drone, e.g.
- Cleopatra biter
- Shipping hazard
- Donations
- What a slow runner may need
- "Ciao!"
- Arise
- Armoire feature

DOWN

- Adjoin
- Itch cause
- Religious leader
- Graceful bird
- Cut down
- During
- Small stream
- First choice
- Apprentice doc
- Catch
- Pole-lowering dance
- Winged
- Golf club
- Breakfast sizzler
- Charge
- Get rid of
- Identifying mark
- Forum wear
- Top 40 lists
- ___ bag
- Core
- Prospector's funding
- Opportune
- "If all ___ fails..."
- Gumbo pod
- Like some talk
- Clique
- Out
- "Wanna ___?"
- Coming up
- Taste, e.g.
- Ottoman title
- Avian chatterbox
- Face-off
- Dashed
- Dastardly doings
- It may be due on a duplex
- Propel a boat

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Matias Bombal's Hollywood

Deadpool

The MPAA has rated this R

Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation offers the latest Marvel comic book on the big screen with "Deadpool". I know nothing about comic books, so my thoughts that follow are entirely based on my movie experience. I was unable to attend the press screening, which allowed me the treat of seeing this at the first advance showing at Sacramento's Esquire IMAX theatre and I am so glad that I did.

This is the story of a handsome special forces operative (Ryan Reynolds) who had become a mercenary, righting wrongs for people for money. He's just met a neat girl (Morena Baccarin) and might even settle down, but he's found to have cancer and becomes depressed and runs away from his new love trying to figure out what to do next.

He arrives at a tough-guy bar where a man in a dark

suit offers him a chance to become a superhero and cure his cancer. Instead, he's subjected to evil experimentation by the sadistic Ajax (Ed Skrein) and his body mutants, giving him the super power of advance healing, but has destroyed his flesh making him look like a horribly disfigured burn victim.

He comes up with a costume to hide his disfigurement, assisted by a blind lady (Leslie Uggams) who he has moved in with. Returning to the bar to find clues of how to track down Ajax, he decides on a name for his new self, "Deadpool" from the bartender's (T.J. Miller) weekly wager board where bets are made on which tough guy will be bumped-off next, the "dead pool". From that moment on, he's sought after to become one of the X men, but his real drive is revenge against Ajax.

My description of the plot above is linear, but the movie is not, with much told in flashback with clever devices such as Deadpool speaking



Ryan Reynolds gets sassy in a super way in "Deadpool" -Photo: Joe Lederer - Marvel & Subs. TM and © 2015 Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation

directly to the theatre audience in his sarcastic, fast and flip manner, breaking the 4th wall numerous times with total audience engagement. But for the plot device of the girlfriend, you'd think this was an openly gay superhero character, for his wisecracking and silliness has never been seen in quite this style from superheroes in past Marvel movies. The sadomasochistic moments between Deadpool and Ajax definitely has a gay vibe and is far more interesting than the relationship with his pretty girlfriend who is a pole dancer in a night club.

This movie is unlike any of the comic book movies which flood the screen these days. Principally because it is rated

R and is naughty in a mirthful way. Nudity, sex, and fresh dialog which might have been a big mistake, works well to make this movie great fun. The music and pop tunes used garnered total audience engagement with the theatre patrons nodding their heads to the "beats" of Salt n' Pepa's 1993 hit "Shoop" and laughing while enjoying Wham!

The usual outrageous break-neck speed of ridiculous car crashes and mayhem that these comic book movies provide is there in full force, too. Ryan Reynolds is unlike you've ever seen him, much more than the pragmatic attorney he played in "Woman in Gold". This movie has moments reminiscent of the "Seconds" re-boot "Self/Less" in which he appeared in recently, but he's never quite sparkled like this before.

This movie reaches a new target audience; that of adults, not children, interested in comic books and the Marvel Comic's empire. Watch for Marvel "legend" Stan Lee as the DJ in Deadpool's girlfriend's strip club. Fun for adults who are afraid to leave childhood behind and who enjoy naughtiness at the same time. The best part may be the credit sequence at the beginning, where in place of the names in the usual places, the letters spell out types like "Evil British Villain". I enjoyed it much more than I thought I would. Best seen at The Esquire IMAX in Sacramento.

Where to Invade Next

The MPAA has rated this R

The appropriately named Dog Eat Dog Films releases the latest film by Michael Moore waving his own flag, as ever, with "Where to Invade Next". The movie begins with the premise, highly far-fetched, that Moore has been summoned to the Pentagon by the Joint Chiefs who feel that without a war, they don't know who to invade next. Michael offers to help them in a way that would not involve even one single soldier to land "boots on the ground". Instead, he will invade multiple nations on their behalf, planting Old Glory in the soil of each land and bring back some aspect of that culture home to improve the present state of affairs in the USA.

Thus, Moore's latest movie begins with more mirth than one usually might associate with the activist filmmaker. He's not one of my favorites. However, I found myself delighted with the smirk-filled cleverness of this documentary, which offers an editorial about what could be improved in these United States for healthier living relations between all that inhabit and share this nation. I was delighted for the first 45 minutes or so, then his agenda-driven beliefs become repetitive, and the strings started to show on how he chose

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The Write Place: California Writers Club

By LEIGH STEPHENS

"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club."
-Jack London

In October 2015, the Sacramento California Writers Branch celebrated its 90th anniversary. The branch has 150 members of the approximate 1,800 members and 21 branches of California Writers Club (CWC) throughout the state.

The club, founded in the early twentieth century, is one of the oldest writers' organizations in continuous operation in the nation. Its members are poets, journalists, essayists, technical writers and creators of genre and literary fiction. Members are also editors, booksellers and others involved in related fields. They form a community based on the craft of writing and the realities of getting work published.

Call of the Wild author Jack London (1876-1916) is considered the CWC founder. Its beginnings date to the early 1900s when London and his literary pals gathered at the home of poet Joaquin Miller in the Oakland hills for picnics and conversation. About the same time, the Alameda Press Club led by California poet laureate, Ina Coolbrith was holding meetings in Berkeley. These literary groups merged and in 1909, formed the California Writers Club.

Sacramento CWC Branch President Margie Yee Webb says, "It's exciting to see our members and other writers networking and energized from what they learn at our meetings and the connections they form."

The branch serves the greater Sacramento region and has monthly luncheon meetings, the Writers Network and Open Mic. Other events include an annual Writing Contest and a Meet to Write group. Members also participate in local author events with the public libraries in the community.

Webb is the author of Cat Mulan's Mindful Musings based on her cat Mulan.

She says the kitty inspired her to write. Mulan was adopted from the Front Street Animal Shelter at six weeks of age.

She says, "I stalked her with my camera and captured some

amazing images. Her expressive, philosophical nature inspired me to create words of wisdom to accompany each photo."

Webb is also the co-creator of Not Your Mother's Book... on Cats and co-producer of a video titled FEMME: Women Healing the World. The film is an inspirational voyage about women around the world who actively transform and heal the global community. FEMME was screened at the Crest Theater in 2013.

Margie Webb says, "I strive to make a difference in what I do. The cat books support pet awareness, and the film supports women. I am now working on another gift book that features quotes about empowering women."

Another club member is international crime fiction writer Michael Brandt who uses the pen name of Brandon Michaels. Brandt is a retired LAPD homicide detective, who lives in the Sacramento area with his wife and daughter. In addition to writing, Brandt has run in more than 100 marathons and describes himself as an extreme adventurer who has traveled the four-corners of the world.

His crime thrillers feature historical and archeological facts and fiction.

One example is Echoes from the Grave (2010) that highlights the genocide under Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.

As an accomplished athlete, Brandt has also written Women's Fitness, Figure, and Bodybuilding.

CWC member Shirley Parenteau, a successful children's book author, lives in the Elk Grove community with husband Bill and near her three children and six granddaughters.

And where does her writing inspiration come from? As a child, she says she helped her mother gather neighborhood social news for her mother's weekly column for a small Oregon newspaper.

Her father was a logger, which caused the family to move around a lot. She says her mother always took this in stride and managed to write feature articles for a number of Oregon newspapers.

Parenteau says she began writing travel articles for outdoor magazines, and her successful

children's books come from her experiences with her own children and grandchildren. Her picture book series began with Bears on Chairs and has become a big hit in Japan, Germany, and in four Scandinavian countries. Recently Thailand joined the list. The Bears series has birthed collateral bear products such as plush teddy bears, bears on notebook covers, bears on stationary, and bears on backpacks. The ongoing books continue the Bears' romp through beds, the bath, and through birthday parties. The sixth book in the series is Bears in the Snow scheduled to be published in October 2016 by Candlewick Press.

In a feature story in the Elk Grove Citizen in 2015, Shirley says, "I was in a bookstore with my granddaughter who was three at the time and seemed to be fascinated with the chairs. I thought to myself, Bears on chairs...what would you do if you had more bears on chairs. It all started there."

The project was a peace movement in 1926 between children in the United States and Japan. The exchange was a goodwill plan after the Immigration Act of 1924 was enacted to prohibit East Asians from immigrating to the United States.

Dolls of War, the third in the series, is set against the background of World War II when in both the United States and Japan, the dolls became symbols of the enemy.

Parenteau says she has just sent Candlewick the first of two middle-grade historical novels set in San Francisco in 1905, before and after the devastating earthquake. Her books can be located at Gifts from the Heart in Elk Grove, where she has launched a number of book parties.

Her advice to beginning writers is, "Read currently published books." Styles change over the years."

CWC member Dr. Amy Rogers is an MD as well as a Harvard-educated PhD writ-



Author Margie Yee Webb, CWC President.

er, scientist, editor and critic. Her writing includes thrilling science-themed novels in the style of Michael Crichton such as Reversion, The Big Thrill, and Petroplague.

Reversion is a novel that asks can rabies cure as well as kill. The book introduces Dr. Tessa Price who knows what it's like to lose a child to a genetic disease. In her work she invents a radical new gene therapy that she takes to clinical trials in Palacio Centro Medico. It is a resort-like hospital on a Mexican peninsula where rich medical tourists get experimental treatments that aren't available anywhere else. While at the Palacio a rabies-like infection is spread from research chimpanzees to humans. Dr. Price investigates and finds a shocking connection to her gene therapy experiment.

Steve Liddick who is on the Sacramento CWC Board of Directors is a print and broadcast journalist who started writing for Playboy Magazine gags. He has written articles for TV Guide, L.A. Times and other publications. His extensive radio experience includes his work as news director for stations KRTH and KDAY in Los Angeles. He also served the Associated Press for six years as the Pennsylvania legislative radio news correspondent.

A fulltime writer and editor, Liddick writes adventure novels that include, All That Time, Sky Warriors, and Old Heroes. He lives on a horse ranch east of Sacramento.

Writers need contact and encouragement from other writers, and Sacramento pro-

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For details, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Knit Together (Adult)

Friday, Feb. 19 at 1 p.m.

Love to knit? Want to learn to knit? Got a knitting problem you need advice or help to solve? The Library knitting group can help! Join them every Friday at 1pm for expert advice, great conversation and more. All crafters are welcome-- not just knitters!

Balance Training 101 (Adult)

Saturday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m.

Have fun as you learn how to improve your balance and reduce the risk of a fall. Using physical therapy-based balance training techniques, FallProof™ balance and mobility specialist, Kelly Ward will train the sensory systems and muscles involved in balance. Kelly's goal is to educate you about fall prevention, demonstrate effective balance training exercises and facilitate your ongoing compliance. Consistency is the key to your success. Balance is a motor skill and yours can improve with practice. It's never too late to start Registration is required. And some physical eligibility requirements do apply. Ask at the desk for more information. Registration is required.

Baby/Toddler Stay & Play (Early Childhood (0-5))

Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 10:15 a.m.

"Stay and Play" is an unstructured social time for babies and toddlers (ages 0 and up!-- older siblings are welcome as long as everyone can play nicely together), and their caretakers. Developmental toys and board books will be available. These informal play sessions will be immediately followed by a storytime for babies and toddlers (ages 0-3 years) and their caretakers/families, except on the last Tuesday of each month, when we have a special performance by Mister Cooper instead. This program is supported by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

Mr. Cooper's Sing-a-Long Club (Early Childhood (0-5))

Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.

A family-friendly performance by local singer/guitarist Mr. Ken Cooper. This program is made possible by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

Books at Lunch for Middleschoolers (Teen)

Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 11:10 a.m.

SES 7th and 8th grades are invited to join a book discussion in the Teen Room at the library during lunch period (11:10-11:40). (Homeschoolers are welcome too!)

Job Coach (Adult)

Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.

Get 1-1 help with your job search! Make an appointment to meet one on one with a volunteer job coach and get help with online job searching, using library databases, interviewing tips, resume writing and more. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please ask at the library service desk or call 916-264-2920.

NO STAY & PLAY OR STORYTIME TODAY (Early Childhood (0-5))

Thursday, Feb. 25 at 10:15 a.m.

**Due to the special puppet show taking place in the community room today, we will not be able to host a Stay & Play or a Baby/Toddler Storytime there on Thursday, February 25. However, children and caretakers are invited to enjoy the play area inside the Ready to Read Room of the library's Kids' Place before and after the puppet show (11-11:35am).

Zomo the Trickster Rabbit Puppet Show (Family/All Ages)

Thursday, Feb. 25 at 11:00 a.m.

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With a cultural twist "The Portuguese Kids" to bring improv comedy to the Pocket

By MONICA STARK
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Derrick DeMelo, Brian Martins, Alex Sardinha, and Jason Casimiro also known as the Portuguese Kids will bring situational, sketch and improv to Pocket's very own Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society Hall on Friday, Feb. 26. In the vein of "Saturday Night Live!" meets "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?" the Portuguese Kids highlight the funnier side of growing up as children of immigrants. In a written description of the performance, DeMelo told the Pocket News, "You'll see scenes that have an over-reactive widow mourning her husband (by diving in the coffin to join him!); and things like a mom and son driving down the old neighborhood while mom points to who's died already this year. She's a walking obituary!"

With a very dedicated fan base all over the Portuguese speaking world, many people message the Kids asking them to pay their neck of the woods a visit. Taking note of those messages and when an opportunity opens up to perform in a new city they do it, says DeMelo. "Sacramento has always been on our radar and we've even performed in Elk Grove at one point a couple of years back. We look forward to every show, but there is something special about a new city. We get a lot of first timers and it's as exciting for us as it is for them. We definitely cannot wait."

The Kids' tour in California is short-lived; they're performing in the Bay Area and Sacramento then they're off to Australia for a couple of weeks with a tour there.

Hailing from the former textile capitol of the world, Fall River, Massachusetts, The Portuguese Kids! share their hometown with Lizzie Borden and Emeril Lagasse.

Catered to people who grew up in a cultural household, don't be fooled by the name, The Portuguese Kids!, because somewhere along their travels, they realized that they appealed to a lot more than just Portuguese people. If you

grew up with someone who was Portuguese (or another culture) you can appreciate their humor, DeMelo says.

"We're very fortunate in that our comedy has a wide range and we'll often see whole multi-generational families at our show. We try to keep our comedy PG-13, but we do Improv and take audience suggestions. So sometimes it goes a little R, but just a little," DeMelo says.

Paying attention to pop culture and what goes on in the news, DeMelo says they're inspired a lot by that material, adding on their own funny twists, but much comes from personal experience. One such experience related to a car accident that Brian got into. "Brian got into a car accident once and his dad was very upset that he totaled the car, more than the fact that Brian was in a car accident. Brian was alive and well, but that car was expensive so his dad had the opposite reaction than that of a typical 'American' dad. We take things like that and create scenes on stage. Obviously, it's a bit exaggerated; but that's part of the fun."

Having seen the Portuguese Kids perform before in Elk Grove, SPHSS Festa vice president Gina Cedros said since the comedians have never been to the Pocket area, the SPHSS decided to try them out. "They mix stories of (Portuguese) grandparents and parents mixing half English and half Portuguese. They do stories on Portuguese lifestyles. Our parents go to the extreme on things and that's basically what they are about. They're making fun of parents that their English is not 100 percent."

Born in the Azores (islands in Portugal), Gina came to the U.S. when she was 9 years old, so the jokes are topical to her experience with her elders. That said, she shares some criticism of the Portuguese Kids and their jokes. "I kind of been around what they are talking about. Their show (in Elk Grove) was about three hours long and they have funny stuff; other stuff can get on your nerves. There were older ladies there that got offend-



ed because it was them in the stories that they were saying."

While she worries that her own mother may not find all the jokes funny, she will be one of the ladies cooking (the dinner). "It will be interesting to see how she is going to react ... My nephew makes fun of my mom" who for example pronounces "watermelon": "watermeller."

"(The Portuguese Kids) do things like that -- how Portuguese people say English words here and there, but who don't have right pronunciation."

Even amongst the Azores, variances between Portuguese dialects can be problematic to residents of the different islands. "Even though you understand the pronunciation, it's a little different," Gina said. "One of the main guys (from the Portuguese Kids) is from San Miguel. That island -- I have such a hard time understanding them. They have to speak really slow. I'm from Picu ... It's not so much populated. It's more a kick-back type of place. San Miguel is like the main island. Think of Hawaii; it's very populated: movie theaters and pretty much everything you'd find here. My island is more like Little House on the Prairie. It's more laid back. I was raised with no running water, no electricity. San Miguel is so different."

Gina said her family still has their home in Picu, which is located about 10 minutes from the ocean. "My mom goes pretty much every summer. I'm jealous because two of my sisters already bought

trips for the summer." Gina said her parents arrived in United States in the late 1970s right when Picu began having electricity. "My parents felt that by coming to America we would have a better life and a better education. They wanted to see if we could have a better life than what they had. It was hard for my dad because we were four girls and dad was already in his mid-30s. Just imagine starting your life in a different country and you didn't know the language and they did it all for us. They wanted us to have a better life. And I love it

here. I would not change my life for anything." To get a taste of the culture that's very much a rich part of the Pocket area, catch the Portuguese Kids on Friday, Feb. 26 from 6 to 11:30 p.m. as they bring their unique brand of comedy to Sacramento for the first time. It's a one-of-a-kind comedy show! Tickets are only \$35 and include dinner and show. For tickets call Sueli at 916-752-2870. Gina at 916-698-3293 or visit portuguesekids.com to purchase online. Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society Hall is located at 6676 Pocket Road.

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Chinese New Year celebration at JFK

Written and edited by EDDY YU, EMILY CHU, SAMANTHA TAKEMORI (JFK) Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY (VCN)

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, students from John F. Kennedy High School celebrated the Lunar New Year. Victoria Chen and Aaron Wong spoke about the holiday over the intercom, and wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year. During this week, multiple events occurred to celebrate this occasion. There were festive displays in the library and in front of the auditorium sponsored by Assets and the Chinese Department. Chinese music played over the intercom during passing period all week. The music was brought together by Steven Yu, a level 1 Chinese Student.

During lunch, we had very outstanding performances led by Jason Ju, who has received many dancing awards in China. Kayla Toy, the master of ceremonies, talked about what the Chinese dances and performances represented. The theme of the performance was family unity. Through Assets Chinese Parenting Work-



shop, the grandparents stepped in to produce a traditional dance while Jason Ju was performing a modern dance. The grandparents and Jason's group grew closer because of their common love

of dance. The performances were brought to an end by a group singing the Jasmine Flower song in costume. Also, during lunch red

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envelopes were handed out to the students as a symbol of prosperity and luck.

After lunch, there was a luncheon for the parents, students, teachers, and administrators. We also had the honor of having Darrel Woo, a SCUSD board member, and Jerry Lu of Intel. Manager Sue of the Meadowview Starbucks provided refreshments for the entire day. The lunch consisted of traditional festive Chinese food such as dumplings, and nian gao, in addition to fried rice, chow mein, orange chicken, and sushi.

The students at John F. Kennedy High School were able to experience this culturally diverse event through the celebration of Chinese New Year. The entire school benefited from this event since it brought Chinese culture to JFK.



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Faces and Places:
Sweetheart Dance at
the Elks Lodge, No. 6

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Shown here is a collection of photographs from this year's Sweetheart Dance held at the Elks Lodge, No. 6 on Friday, Feb. 12.



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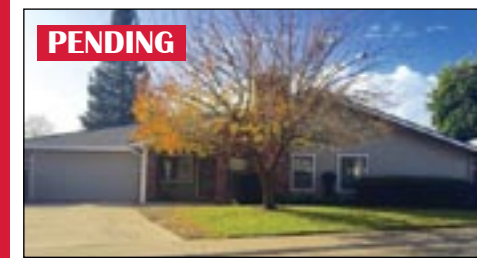
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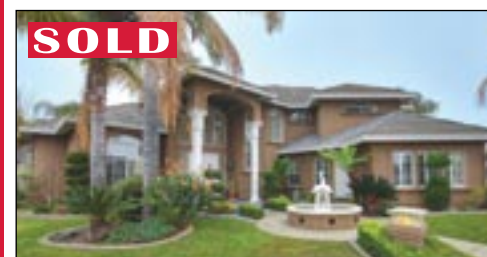
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Cougars JV boys basketball celebrate undefeated Metro League season

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Congratulations to JFK JV boys basketball who finished their Metro League season undefeated. Their final game, which was held at home on Tuesday against Hiram Johnson, ended with score of 81 to 36.

Out of the 12 players, six are freshmen and in Coach Lane Uda's five years thus far coaching, he said he's never had more than three freshmen at a time.

"I am very proud of what we've accomplished being so young," he said.

In terms of the season overall, Uda described the success of the team, acknowledging two wins against Sacramento High School and beating the McClatchy Lions in packed gyms. "But I think the biggest game just happened last Thursday (Feb. 11) against Burbank High. We were losing by nine points with just over two minutes to play and we ended up winning the game by two points. The boys played hard and never gave up, even when things were not looking good. All of their hard work and preparation they put in practice paid off in one of the most exciting games we've had this year. All these players show up to practice and play hard and try to get better everyday and still stay on top of their school work. It's been a joy coaching these young men this season. It's been a fun journey. I'm going to miss them."

Uda said it's hard to say how many will make the varsity team next year. "I like to say all the 10th graders, and the rest of the 9th graders play for me next year; but who knows."

During the game against Johnson, family members of various players spoke with the Pocket News about the season and their star players.

Gladys Koloamatangi said her brother, Hopoate Koloamatangi (#34), first began playing basketball in the seventh grade and has made his way up to a starting position and is the team's center. "I'm proud of him. I think he will make it to varsity. He is a freshman," she said. The youngest of six in the fami-



ly, all of Hopoate's siblings have attended Kennedy, where Gladys and her sisters played volleyball.

An excellent defensive player, point guard Cristian Johnson (#5) has been playing basketball since he was 8 years old. A freshman at Kennedy, many of Cristian's teammates played with him at Sam Brannan where they competed in championships. "They came together here. So I knew they would be good," Cristian's mother, Rocio Johnson, said.

No. 11 Izayah Talmadge has been playing ball since he was 3 years old at the YMCA in St. Louis, his mom Erica Peppers said. "He plays a lot of positions. He's the guard. I'm very proud of him. He does very well. He's a leader on the court. He does well in school. He's a pretty good kid."

To Erica, attending her son's basketball games is like going back to high school and getting a second chance to get into team spirit. "I never went to games. They're fun. It's good watching him. (On Tuesday) he got three dunks."

At 6 feet and an inch tall, Erica said to her he's not "that big. Our whole family is tall." She said her son's goal is to attend Michigan State and play ball.

Erica has been videotaping the games and broadcasting them live on Periscope so her family in St. Louis can comment and press the "like" button.

So, watch out Sacramento, these Cougars may be young, but they will grow and who knows, next year we may see another undefeated JV team and perhaps an undefeated Varsity.

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to disseminate information to the audience.

His 'round-the-world tour takes him to nations that include Italy, where he offers to return to the USA with what he's learned. The Italians have a happier life because they have more sex, and have eight-week paid vacations, as well as paid maternity leave. One Italian lady sums it up best: "Yes, it is like when you play music for cows, they make more milk." The tour continues as Moore informs us "my mission is to pick the flowers, not the weeds."

In France; school lunches are made with the best and freshest ingredients. Sex education classes don't teach abstinence, which startles Moore as he remembers sex education in the USA is taught in films and pamphlets which encouraged him to be frightened to not have any at all as vintage clips from 1960's sex education movies are shown to bring home his point.

Educators in Finland show him that they have reached the top in children's education in the world due to the elimination of standardized and multiple choice testing, fewer hours in school and no homework. Continuing to Slovenia, no one has college debt, as college is free, with many students from the USA traveling there to learn because they can't afford to be educated in the USA even with community colleges. Moore even meets with the president whilst there, and is impressed by Krista Kiuru, the Finnish Minister of Education.

Arriving in Germany, we visit the Faber Castell pencil factory where the worker's input is taken seriously to improve the company productivity. Throughout the nation workers are on boards, so that industrial relations are more balanced. Should a worker become stressed, they are sent to spas to become reinvigorated. In Portugal, the use or possession of what are illegal drugs in the USA are not cause to be arrested, and this eliminated a national drug problem. Police officers there urge the United States to eliminate the death penalty, as human dignity is above all else.



Michael Moore plants Old Glory in Italy in "Where to Invade Next" - Dog Eat Dog Films.

At this point, Moore becomes heavy handed by juxtaposing these ideal issues of other nations with the worst examples of horrific injustices in the USA. He begins to put words into the mouths of his interview subjects, repeating them to drive his perspective. In Norway, we see the lax prison system. Sensational imagery of the worst abuses and atrocities of the U.S. prison system are shown in contrast, where it is suggested that the prison system is the new slavery in the USA, used to control votes and provide labor cheaply of U.S. companies.

Having touched on race, Moore moves on to women's issues in several nations beginning in Tunisia: The women's improving rights struggle there where abortion has been legal since 1972. One woman there makes point that those in the USA have little curiosity to learn more about the world outside of the United States. Iceland's woman president is at the forefront of women's advancement there, where unlike the USA, a recent bank collapse resulted in the those responsible going to jail for a very long time. The nation's recovery is due much to women's involvement in the financial structure of commodities trading in that nation.

Michael Moore, in "picking the flowers not the weeds," does not give us a balanced view of the other countries by pointing out only the negative from the USA and the best from lands abroad. He seems to find all the present day sensitivities and demographics and touches on them, manipulating those issues with irony, but it goes on too long. The point is made in the first half hour, then becomes redundant. Some good points are made, and it is lovely to see nations that have more understanding of basic humanity. Many of the universally adopted ideas of freedoms of had their roots in the USA.

After visiting these many nations, Moore stands looking at a hole in a remaining section of the Berlin wall and says to a friend: "I've turned into this crazy optimist, and now anything: this wall proves that anything can happen" The "American Dream" seemed to be alive and well everywhere except America. This is an overly long editorial from Michael Moore, but has good moments. I liked it more than I thought I would until Moore began to drag on too long. Playing in Sacramento at the Tower Theatre.

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Shown from left to right. Cherylann Rapp (event chairperson); first place goes to Gina D'Arcangelo, second place goes to Charles Holdredge and third place to Jason Landreth at the chili cook-off held at the Elks Lodge on Jan. 31.



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Teaching compassion:

Parkside pastor discusses new banners and the homeless at her church

By MONICA STARK
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About a week before Martin Luther King Jr. Day, two big banners rose above Parkside Community Church, one a Black Lives Matter banner (with hashtag) and another expressing love for "Our Muslim Neighbors."

With political campaigns underway and negativity surrounding them, the timing of putting up inclusive banners of progressive messages seemed perfect, says Parkside Community Church Pastor Elizabeth Griswold. She said one of the newer members, a former minister of another church Raj Rambob, took on the project and got those made. "He and I talked back and forth and made it happen." Griswold said putting up such banners have been talking points at the church for a long time and now they're showing their beliefs in a more public and visual way, adding that one person prayed to give thanks for the banners.

Despite overall positive feedback, some church members question if there will be repercussions. Within the church she said people accept the Muslim banner more so than the Black Lives Matter one. "I think because it's not just making that statement, but about the demonstrations, and tactics (behind BLM)."

But as a white church in a privileged neighborhood, she says most of her congregation (as a white person, herself included), doesn't have the right to say what tactics BLM employs when it comes to social and racial justice.

"This makes the congregation a little uncomfortable. What does it mean to follow Jesus today? This could be a spiritual exercise as a church and also the kind of outreach of evangelism we want to do in the community. It's part of what being a Christian is about."

Additionally, an ongoing struggle with a homeless couple persists, despite a signed covenant by Griswold, the church moderator and the couple.

Allowing them to sleep outside the church, the covenant also states that they are not supposed to be there during the day, mostly because of the presence of children at the Land Park Montessori School (formerly called Little Blossom Montessori School), located on the property.

"It's something the church council worked out. It's been a real compromise... Some think we should be doing more for them, and others that think it's an eyesore. There are arguments on each side. It's something we continue to struggle with."

One of the men was sick and was sleeping near the school's gate one day and kids at the preschool were asking

a bunch of questions to staff. "(Children) have amazingly generous hearts, but I understand not everybody wants to have that conversation with a 3 year old," Griswold said. The mother of a preschool-age daughter herself, Griswold, on the other hand, does discuss poverty with her little one and they volunteer at soup kitchens together.

"There's just not enough places to sleep and what I preach about is compassion. We're fighting over a square of concrete when the rest of us get to go home to a warm place. (The discussion) is a blessing and a bit of discomfort."

"Sometimes it's uncomfortable to live together and acknowledge Jesus and be in the community and look at people who are not privileged in society. How do we support and enable when it's something we are very much struggling with?"

Actual members and participants in the church, the homeless couple, have been using the facility prior to Griswold's 2013 arrival as pastor, but have been frequenting the church for sleeping more often recently because she thinks they've gotten in trouble by the police for camping in Belle Cooledge Park.

While she trusts they are not dangerous and don't cause any trouble, she says they've also been a thorn in her side. "We have asked they don't come (to sleep) until af-

ter 6 p.m. Before, they were camping all day... We had to remind them just at night."

Griswold said the couple used to be more involved as church members, but since they have been staying there more, people haven't been as welcoming. "Their own participation in church activities has declined. I think they don't feel welcome," she says.

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Parkside Community Church on South Land Park Drive and 35th Avenue raised two banners to promote compassion and tolerance, virtues pastor Elizabeth Griswold preaches.

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Tuesday, Feb. 2 (Brandishing): South Land Park Drive / Florin Road at 11:16 a.m.

An argument on school grounds occurred between two parents whose children had been in a fight the prior week. A School Resource Of-

ficer responded and separated the parents. As the victim was leaving campus an unknown vehicle pulled up and a subject threatened her with a firearm. The victim fled in her car and called 911. A report was generated and the case remains active.

(Assault Report): 7300 block of River Place Way at 8:25 p.m.

Officers responded to the area after receiving reports of shots fired in the area. After a search of the area, officers located bullet holes in the back of a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was contact-

ed and advised that a dark vehicle pulled up behind him at the stop light at 13th Street and he heard 4-5 gun shots. At the time the victim did not know that he had been shot at so he sped off. The vehicle followed the victim for some time and then turned off on a different street. Later, the victim discovered that the back of his car had three bullet holes in it. A report was generated and this remains an active investigation.

Wednesday, Feb. 3 (Brandishing): 1300 block of Florin Road at 5:55 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of a subject that had threatened employees of a nearby business with a makeshift baton. Officers located the suspect on scene and

found him to be in possession of drugs. He was booked for brandishing, possession of a prohibited weapon and narcotic related charges.

(Accident): 5400 block of Rosita Way at 10:34 p.m.

Officers responded to a vehicle accident where the driver had crashed into a parked car. The driver remained on scene as the registered owner of the parked car took her keys. The driver of the vehicle was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol and was booked for DUI.

Thursday, Feb. 4 (Burglary): 5900 block of Freepoint Boulevard at 1:06 a.m.

Officers responded to a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, of-

icers found the front window of the business had been broken out. It appears the suspect entered the business and took alcohol and loose change. The suspect is outstanding and the case remains active.

(Shooting): 2500 block of Kit Carson at 10:46 p.m.

Officers responded to the area regarding a subject who had been shot. While units were en-route to the scene, officers received an update that the victim had been transported to an area hospital by an unknown subject. The victim remains in critical, life-threatening condition and it is believed that this was possibly a home invasion. Due to the severity of the victim's injuries,

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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.

Nar-Anon meeting for families and friends

The group meets to learn about drug abuse, share problems, encourage the addict to seek help, replace despair with hope, improve the family attitude, help regain your self-confidence. For more information, call the First United Methodist Church at 446-5025, ext. 101. Meetings are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., 2100 J St.

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.

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Widow persons monthly buffet and social

Widowed Persons Association of California, Newcomers' Buffet and Social is open to any and all widows and widowers, the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

The buffet will be held in the private dining room at the Plaza Hof Brau, corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue, cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. There is no charge to attend the social other than the meal chosen. For more information, call 916 972-9722. Widowed Persons Association of California, Sunday Support, is open to any and all widows or widowers, every Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the WPAC office, 2628 El Camino Avenue, Ste. D-18. Enter from the back parking lot. For more information, call 916 972-9722. Saturday, Nov. 7, Widowed Persons Association of California Workshop, "Coping with the Holidays," 2 to 4 p.m., the doors open at 1:30 p.m.. A second session will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. The workshops will take place at 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18. Enter from the back parking lot. For more information or to register, call 972-9722.

FEBRUARY

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Feb. 26: Advance tickets are on sale now: \$35 for the 8th Annual "Taste of McClatchy" fundraiser. Food, Beer & Wine tasting. All you can eat and drink, plus a fabulous raffle and silent auction. This is a fun alumni and local community event and all proceeds benefit the McClatchy Baseball Program. Hope to see you there from 6 to 9 p.m. at Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St. Tickets are available at www.mcclatchybaseball.com.

The Portuguese Kids live at the Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society

Feb. 26: For \$35 enjoy dinner and a show. doors open at 6 p.m. The show features the Portuguese Kids - They are taking their unique brand of comedy to Sacramento for the first time. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind comedy show. SPHSS Hall, 6676 Pocket Road. For tickets call Sueli at 752-2870 or Gina at 698-3293 or visit portuguesekids.com to purchase online.

Pop-Up Adventure Play Day at Maple Neighborhood Center

Feb. 27: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., join Fairytale Town and the Sacramento Play Coalition for a day celebrating play at the future home of the Sacramento Adventure Playground! Children and adults will work together to create their own play structures and spaces by re-purposing everyday items such as cardboard boxes, tubes, pipes, wood and magazines, plus household wares, natural elements and unexpected items such as colorful fabric and old computer keyboards. Families are requested to wear closed-toe shoes

and clothes that can get messy. The event will take place rain or shine. While the Pop-Up Adventure Play Day is a one-day event, plans are afoot to establish a year-round Adventure Playground at the Maple Neighborhood Center. The Pop-Up Adventure Playground is based on the concept of Adventure Playgrounds in Europe. After World War II, landscape and playground architects noticed that children spent more time playing in the war rubble than they did in structured playgrounds. They observed that children were more engaged in play in spaces they created themselves and thought that these non-traditional environments inspired imaginative, collaborate and thoughtful play. Donations are needed: Recyclable materials, such as cardboard boxes, tubes and magazines; Household items like paint, paint brushes, string, rope, yarn and old bed sheets; Natural objects like sticks, twigs, acorns and bean pods; and Miscellaneous items like bright fabrics, parachutes, old computer keyboards or musical instruments. Donated items can be dropped off at the Pop-Up Adventure Playground site at Maple Neighborhood Center from 2-6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from Feb. 15 through Feb. 26 or by special appointment. Contact Kathy Fleming at 808-7060 to make an appointment. Items can also be brought on the day of the event. All items must be clean and free of sharp objects.

Beer Week 5K

Feb. 28: Have fun and get a workout too. There will be a run starting at 11 a.m. at New Helvetia Brewing Co., 1730 Broadway. Register at www.timeyourrace.com. \$35 pre-registered/\$40 day-of registration. Race fee includes: dry-fit tech t-shirt, swag bag and fresh craft beer at the finish line. More details at facebook.com/sacbeerweek5k. Any questions, contact sloppymooserrunning-club@gmail.com.

MARCH

Music at noon

March 2: Free music programs, offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy music by Pacific Arts Trio: Alice Lenaghan, flute; Natalie Cox, harp; Dan Reiter, cello.

Sacramento County History Day

March 5: National History Day (NHD) is a premier competition that engages more than half a million students nationally. As part of NHD, Sacramento County History Day (SCHD) allows students to participate in authentic, challenging, project-based learning that lasts an entire

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school year. Students select topics and research them as historians would - by using libraries, archives, museums and oral history interviews. Their analysis and interpretations come together with the facts and evidence they've gathered to become their final projects. Sacramento County History Day will be held at Inderkum High School in Natomas, 2500 New Market Drive. Students may participate in one of three divisions which are based on their grade level. The divisions are: Elementary, grades 4-5; Junior, grades 6-8; and senior, grades 9-12.

Cal Spring Thing

March 5: To help Cal, continue on its path of excellence for the students and community, friends of Cal are getting ready for the 7th annual Cal Spring Thing on March 5. The Annual Cal Spring Thing raises much needed funds for the school and has become a neighborhood celebration as the community rallies behind its only middle school. The community's involvement has been pivotal in the growing successes of Cal. The Spring Thing will feature small plates served by local restaurants, beer and wine tastings, a live & silent auction, Wall of Wine and Cal student art will be for sale. Also, featured this year will be Cal Culinary program. The community is invited and encouraged to attend the event, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Congregation B'Nai Israel at 3600 Riverside Blvd. For more information on the event and to purchase tickets visit www.calspringthing.com. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Music at noon

March 9: Free music programs, offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy music by singers/songwriters Gayle Anderson and Bob Gram.

Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society General Meeting

March 10: From 7 to 8:30 p.m., the program: "Features and Tools of The New Ancestry" presented by Tamara Noe will be held at Christ Community Church, 5025 Manzanita Ave. in Carmichael from 6:15 to 7 p.m. There will be a pre-meeting with in-

formal discussions. Folks can ask questions, share brick walls, find others searching your surnames or locations. Visitors always welcome! For more information, go to info@rootcellar.org

Music at noon

March 16: Free music programs, offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy music by Random Harps.

Fresh, Hot Crab at West Campus Crab Feed!

March 19: Support one of our premier local high schools by attending the West Campus Crab Feed and Silent Auction coming up Saturday, March 19 from 5:30-10 p.m. at Giovanni Hall of St. Mary's Church. Tickets are \$60/person, available at www.westcampus.scusd.edu or in the school office at 3022 58th St. The evening will feature: fresh, hot crab or rib eye steak cooked right on the premises; "Aloha" Hawaiian theme with special tropical cocktail; live music from West Campus' award-winning band; as well as a raffle and silent auction. All proceeds go to support West Campus students programs including the classes of 2016-2019, WCCHS marching band and the West Campus Foundation for Excellence. Donations for our raffle and auction are also very much appreciated! West Campus High School is recognized as a California Distinguished

School, rated the top high school in Northern California by Newsweek magazine, and has one of the highest CAASPP scores in ELA and math in the state. In addition to high academic expectations and a strong commitment to the arts and athletics, West Campus High School is devoted to developing future leaders and building strong ties within our neighborhood and community. Commitment to diversity and civic responsibility are central to West Campus' educational mission and goals for student development. Your donation to West Campus High School helps support the development of tomorrow's leaders. Many school programs at West Campus are only made possible with the assistance we receive from our family, friends, and community business partners.

Music at noon

March 23: Free music programs, offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy silent movies with Theater Organist Dave Moreno.

Music at noon

March 30: Free music programs, offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy music by Free music programs, offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy music by a nostalgic swing band.

APRIL

Sacramento SPCA's 23rd Annual Doggy Dash

April 9: Join the Sacramento SPCA for the 23rd Annual Doggy Dash and Bark at the Park Festival, where an estimated 5,000 animal enthusiasts will gather both with and without their canine companions to raise funds for animals sheltered at the Sacramento SPCA. Come for the 2k or 5k walk, and stay for the SPCA's Bark at the Park Festival, where you can enter your canine pal in the Pup Show, high-flying disc contest, or the ever-popular pug races! Watch canine demonstrations, participate in a variety of canine contests, visit with pet-friendly businesses, learn about Sacramento-area animal rescue organizations, or sit back and just enjoy all of the action. Walk registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; Bark at the Park Festival, from 9 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m. Walk begins at 10 a.m. Where: William Land Park, Village Green Area in Sacramento; Why: Proceeds from the Doggy Dash will help the Sacramento SPCA care for more

than 7,000 homeless animals in 2016. Whether you choose to bring a canine companion or invite a two-legged friend, mark your calendar and join us for Doggy Dash and the Bark at the Park Festival. Register as a solo participant, start a team or join an existing team. Registration fees start at \$30 per person. For additional information or to register, visit www.spsca.org/Dash. For questions about Doggy Dash, please call (916) 504-2802 or email speialevents@spsca.org.

SacSings! Sacramento choral festival

April 23-24: Held at the Sacramento City College Performing Arts Center, the festival features 15 choral groups performing in three concerts over the course of the weekend. Each concert features five choirs each singing their best five songs each. The choral groups are all from the greater Sacramento area and there will be a large variety of musical styles and lots of beautiful music. There will be a Saturday and Sunday concert at 2 p.m. and an evening concert on Saturday at 7 p.m. More info at: www.sacsings.org.

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Faces and Places: Knit-a-Thon

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The 5th annual Alice Birney Knit-A-Thon was held for two hours on Saturday, Jan. 30 and featured a bake sale and live entertainment as well. Children in first through eighth grade knitted squares and collected donations for this very important fundraiser that directly supports the children's handwork program. All of the collected knitted squares are made into blankets and given to children in need.



Police log:

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homicide detectives responded to the scene and took over the investigation. This does not appear to be a random incident and it is possible that the victim knew the suspects. At this time, the investigation remains active and on-going.

Saturday, Feb. 6
(Assault): 5600 block of Freeport Boulevard at 7:14 p.m.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report of an assault. The suspect entered the business, caused a disturbance, and threw a blunt object at an employee. No injuries were reported. The same suspect entered another business in the area, damaged property, and fled prior to police arrival. A report was generated.

Sunday, Feb. 7
(Assault): 3000 block of Florin Road at 6:40 p.m.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report of an assault. Two men engaged in a physical altercation after one of them attempted to steal property from the other. One man was struck with a blunt object during the altercation. The other subject was also reportedly hit with a vehicle intentionally. No major injuries were reported. Officers arrived on scene and were able

to detain both men. One was then became combative and was detained following the use of a CED. The men were arrested for various charges.

(Shooting): 800 block of Warner Street at 10:41 p.m.

Officers responded to the residence regarding a report of a shooting with no injuries. An unknown suspect reportedly arrived at the home and fired shots from a handgun, struck the residence, and fled prior to police arrival. The home was not occupied at the time of the shooting. Follow-up was conducted and a report was generated.

Monday, Feb. 8
(Vehicle Burglary): 7500 block of Greenhaven Drive at 4:42 a.m.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report of a vehicle burglary. Officers arrived on scene and detained one of the suspects who was found in possession of stolen property. The other suspect managed to flee prior to police arrival. The suspect who had been detained was arrested on various theft-related offenses.

(Vehicle Accident): 2400 block of Florin Road at 5:25 p.m.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report of a vehicle accident with injuries. The driver and another pas-

senger were driving in the area recklessly and hit a curb causing the car to overturn. The vehicle came to rest after hitting a parked car. Both occupants were transported to and area hospital to be treated for serious, but non-life threatening injuries. The investigation is on-going and no arrests have been made at this time.

(Missing Person): 7700 block of Rotherton Way at 10:55 a.m.

Officers responded to the residence regarding a report of a missing person. Officers conducted follow-up, but have not yet located the subject. A report was generated.

Tuesday, Feb. 9
(Ringing Alarm): 4700 block of Franklin Boulevard at 2:35 a.m.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report of a ringing alarm and determined that the business had been burglarized.

Thursday, Feb. 11
900 block of Woodshire Way at 2:06 a.m.

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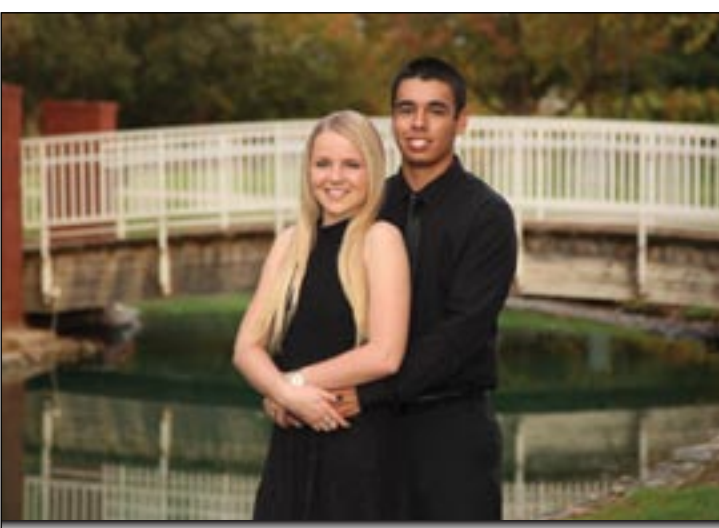




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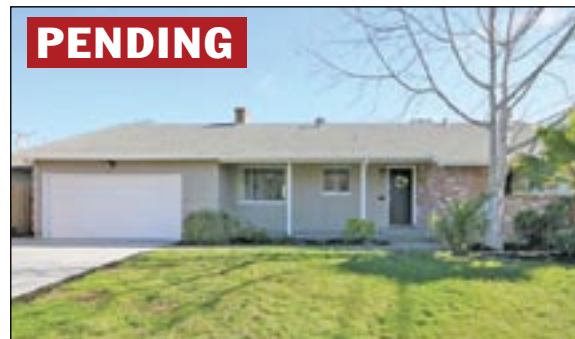
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