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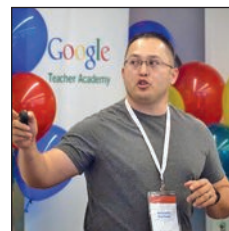
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# Pocket Bistro owner addresses erroneous letter to the editor

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*Editor's Note: It came to our attention that the letter to the editor regarding the Pocket Bistro in the last issue of the Pocket News was not written by the stated author. The real Edmund Abay sat down with staff on Monday to discuss point-by-point inaccuracies made by the letter's author.*

The letter's headline states that the owner apologizes for "untruths regarding the restaurant's closure" and the letter begins with the following: "Unfortunately, I have to say that I've lied to you." At Monday's meeting, Edmund Abay said the two articles in question were, in fact, truthful. (One was written Aug. 22, 2015, and the more recent one on April 26, 2016.)

In the first article, Edmund expressed hopes to reopen another Pocket Bistro location. On Monday, he confirmed that those were his intentions at the time. Then, in the April 26 issue, he spoke about wanting to concentrate on his family and that reopening the restaurant was indefinitely on hold. As he said on Monday, "Never, say never."

Unfortunately, the letter expresses otherwise, as follows: "We did not close 'voluntarily' because of 'plumbing' and 'bathroom' issues. I'm surprised that so many people believed these excuses I was peddling to cover for my pride. Wanting to spend more time with your family' is just another excuse all politicians use."

Edmund responded that the restaurant did close due to plumbing issues and the landlord's lack of attention to the problems. "It was out of my hands. There was no way I could afford thousands of dollars (to fix the problems)."

On Tuesday, wife Jade Abay added that they lost a great deal of money because of the plumbing problems, which included thousands in lawyer fees. "We are still currently in a lawsuit with the landlord because the landlord provided Pocket Bistro with an uninhabitable premises. We were advised a week before our closing date to vacate the uninhabitable location immediately," she said.

While it's true the Franchise Tax Board suspended Pocket Bistro's business license in 2010, the letter misleads readers into believing that the reason for the restaurant's closure was due to unpaid taxes. In fact, Jade and Edmund are still paying the outstanding bills.

Another falsity in the letter states that the Abays lost their business and had to close because they lost revenue and letter alleged that Edmund took the money that he was supposed to pay the state for both sales and employment tax to try to keep the business afloat. Edmund said that in actuality he continued to gradually pay the state taxes and that revenue also went to pay for plumbers and repairs and an extra \$1,000 a month tacked onto the rent.

The letter took a personal turn when it stated that the Abays lost their home, but that's not true, either.

In conclusion, the letter itself was full of lies and it was a personal dig. The Pocket News takes the issue seriously and our best to the Abays. Valley Community Newspapers regrets the error. The letter sent to the newsroom was via email. For future letters to the editor, phone numbers and a physical address are required for the stated author's verification (not publication).

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# Sol Aureus principal produced the set design for local production of Avenue Q

By **MONICA STARK**  
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By day Norman Hernandez runs Sol Aureus College Preparatory School in the Pocket area and in his free time has been the set designer and builder for the Runaway Stage Production of Avenue Q just across the river.



Norman Hernandez principal of Sol Aureus College Preparatory School

With just two more weekends, Avenue Q is back by popular demand and has returned to the West Sacramento Community Center Black Box Theatre, RSP's "summer home away from home." This Tony and Drama Desk award winning musical is the bawdy and hilarious story of New York's Avenue Q, where humans, puppets and even Gary Coleman live and love in a world where they aren't quite as "special" as their parents promised them they were and life's possibilities aren't as endless as they once seemed. For mature audiences only, the play is rated R for sexual situations, adult content and language.

Not very familiar with the show at first, Hernandez got involved with RSP's recent production of Big Fish and was recruited to work on Avenue Q.

Hailing from the Broderick and Bryte neighborhood in West Sac, Hernandez attended Alice Norman and River City High School where he directed Little Shop of Horrors as his senior project, one of his favorite sets to date. "I was a high school senior and it

was just one of those moments where you learn a lot from yourself and say, 'Yeah, I did that from beginning to end.'"

Hernandez went onto Sac State and worked in theater here and there throughout his lifetime. "I'm getting back into it and I'm taking whatever I can get."

In a world today with people oversaturated with "everything on YouTube", theater, Hernandez argues is gaining some ground. "You can't go back and replay it. I just enjoy it. No two shows are exactly the same. It's fun."

New to RSP, the group invited him in because of his knowledge of theater

and they're always trying to expand their repertoire that will bring some value. Downplaying his role with RSP, Hernandez says he does "bring a little bit of the acting, which is not that great" and that the "behind the scenes is what (he's) probably better at."

Designing the set for Avenue Q, which resembles Brooklyn buildings smashed together, Hernandez said the set is a metaphor for West Sacramento. "People are trying to rebuild their block and make it nice community. I grew up in Broderick. You grew up hating it because it's so small. Then, you end up missing it."

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# An exceptional cast of young performers set to perform the classic, Les Miserables

Local students, Alex Greenlee and Adan Hensley, are set to play the iconic antagonists, Jean Valjean and Inspector Javert, in the hugely popular musical, Les Miserables, May 20-29 at the 24th Street Theatre. Director, Liorah Singerman of Young Actors Stage, is presenting the school edition with her Main Stage Senior Cast. The play, Les Miserables, known as a "sung-through" musical, is con-

sidered by some to be the world's longest running musical. For example, the London production has run continuously since 1985! It has been seen by over 70 million people in 42 countries and has won over 76 international awards. Based on Victor Hugo's hugely successful 19th century novel of the same name, the story about broken dreams, passion, and redemption, takes place during revolutionary

unrest in Paris in the early 1800s. Songwriter Alain Boublil, along with composer Claude-Michel Schonberg, are responsible for the inspiring music, and Herbert Kretzmer and James Fenton are responsible for adapting the original French version into English. Les Miserables features a long list of wonderful songs, including "I Dreamed a Dream," "The Innkeeper's Song" (Master of the House), and "The People's Song" (Do you Hear the People Sing).

Ms. Singerman has wanted to produce Les Mis (as the musical has been affectionately referred to) for a long time. However, this musical requires a mature cast of exceptional singers, with a lot of experience. This year she has found such a cast. Without her anchors, Alex Greenlee and Adan Hensley, the production probably would not have happened. Alex Greenlee, a senior in high school, has an exceptional voice and a long list of credits to his name. He has been in multiple productions of the Music Circus, has appeared in numerous leading roles for Runaway Stage and River City Theater Company, including "Catch Me if You Can," "Legally Blond," and "Children of Eden," receiving Elly nominations for the latter two. High school junior Adan Hensley also



Photo courtesy

Shown here are Adan Hensley on the left as Javert and Alex Greenlee on the right as Jean Valjean in this year's Young Actors Stage production of Les Miserables, which will be presented at the 24th Street Theatre in Curtis Park from May 20 to 29.

has an impressive resume in musical theater. He has had leading roles in "Thoroughly Modern Millie" for Sacramento Theater Company and "Sound of Music" for Young Actors Stage (YAS). Also, he was quite impressive as Professor Harold Hill in YAS's "The Music Man." Both of these musical thespians train seriously and are expected to attend excellent theater programs and/or be on the professional stage in short order.

Not to be outdone, the difficult role of Fantine will be sung by Ana Riley-Portal and Kate Brugger, both of whom have a great deal of experience in leading roles for several local theatre companies, including the Music Circus, River City Theater Company, Sacramento Theater Company and Young Actors Stage. Miss Riley Portal has won numerous major singing competitions, and has received accolades for her performances as Maria in "The Sound of Music," Marian in "The Sound of Music,"

Polly Browne in "The Boyfriend," and Dorothy Brown in "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Miss Brugger has an impressive resume of important roles in local musical theater companies, including the Music Circus and Young Actors Stage. Some of her roles have included Ariel in "The Little Mermaid," Belle in "Beauty and the Beast," and Millie in "Thoroughly Modern Millie." The role of Cosette will be sung by experienced musical theater performers, Emma May Gordon and Clara McNatt. Miss Gordon has performed for River City Theater Company and Young Actors Stage, as well as in other venues. Some of her favorite roles include the title role in "Annie," Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz," and Mushu in "Mulan." Miss McNatt, a serious ballet dancer, also has a great deal of experience in local musical theater and has performed in numerous productions, including starring roles as Maria in "The Music Man," Wendy in "Peter Pan," and Liesl in "The Sound of Music." Others with leading roles in Les Mis include Alexi Ishida, Tylar Traum, Asa Williams, Milan Williams, Julia Avila, and Wyatt Varley.

These young performers, as well as the entire cast, are looking forward to sold-out audiences for this popular show. The tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at [youngactorsstage.com](http://youngactorsstage.com) or at the door. Performances are Friday, May 20 and 27 at 7; Saturday, May 21 and 28 at 2 and 7; Sunday, May 22 and 29 at 11 and 3 at 24th Street Theatre.

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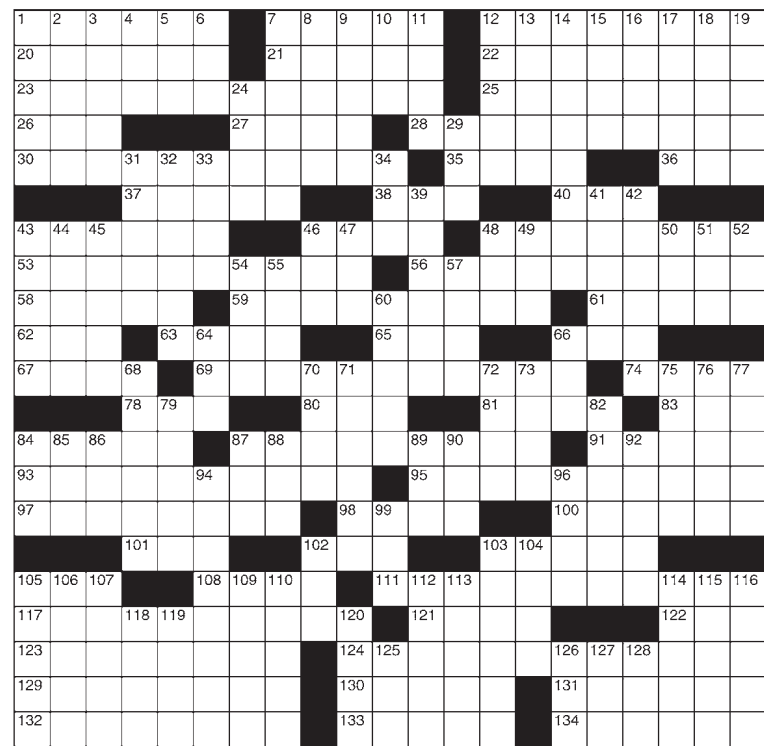
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Blazing
  - 7 Greek vowel
  - 12 Alternative to "mac" or "bud"
  - 20 One offering hush money
  - 21 Tons
  - 22 Mayonnaise, butter or mousse
  - 23 Thing pushed by a flight attendant [left hand]
  - 25 Unimportant matter
  - 26 Atop, to poets
  - 27 Not keep in
  - 28 Plant that's a drug source [right hand]
  - 30 Dog-paddies [left hand]
  - 35 Upfront stake
  - 36 Date steadily
  - 37 "How Do I Live" singer Rimes
  - 38 Full of frost
  - 40 — chi
  - 43 Sore
  - 46 Mama's man
  - 48 One on the same squad
  - 53 Ziploc product [left hand]
  - 56 Fashion designer with the "3.1" label [right hand]
  - 58 Greene of "Bonanza"
  - 59 People
  - 61 Dial and Zest
  - 62 "That's —" ("Negative")
  - 63 Minnelli of "Cabaret"
  - 65 "... — gloom of night ..."
  - 66 Double curve
  - 67 Hand over formally
  - 69 Typing (and the theme of this puzzle)
  - 74 Orient
  - 78 Charlotte of sitcoms
  - 80 Telecast
  - 81 Excavates
  - 83 "No noise!"
  - 84 Rigging poles
  - 87 Spike heels
  - 91 Autumn bloomer
  - 93 University in San Marcos [left hand]
  - 95 Hit song from a Leslie Caron film [right hand]
  - 97 Recorded in advance
  - 98 Light beams
  - 100 English Channel swimmer Gertrude
  - 101 Vote in favor
  - 102 Fast WWW hookup
  - 103 Astronomer Tycho who coined the term "nova"
  - 105 Tennis unit
  - 108 Manage OK
  - 111 "What I think is ..." [right hand]
  - 117 Strike zone, say [left hand]
  - 121 Boat blades
  - 122 Livy's 1,006
  - 123 Software clients
  - 124 American violet [right hand]
  - 129 Diverges
  - 130 Develop
  - 131 Bassett of "Notorious"
  - 132 Thin quality
  - 133 See 29-Down
  - 134 Limy cocktail
- DOWN**
- 1 Chief monk
  - 2 More relaxed
  - 3 Book, in Nice
  - 4 1860s prez
  - 5 Sea, in Nice
  - 6 History topic
  - 7 Sci-fi hominid
  - 8 Lawful
  - 9 Entrée
  - 10 The woman holder
  - 11 Re
  - 12 Country in West Africa
  - 13 Folder's call, in poker
  - 14 Dull bluish-gray color
  - 15 Freak (out)
  - 16 Bygone U.S. gas brand
  - 17 Some speech flaws
  - 18 Jeweler's magnifier
  - 19 Not bat —
  - 24 Ball dress
  - 29 With 133-Across, amounts that rise with raises
  - 31 Non-earthing
  - 32 Actor Washington
  - 33 Very wise
  - 34 Put a tear in
  - 39 Hostage holder, e.g.
  - 41 Wrong
  - 42 Force (upon)
  - 43 Insurer with a duck icon
  - 44 Witchy woman
  - 45 Judean king
  - 46 Hole number
  - 47 Epoch
  - 48 Cravat, e.g.
  - 49 Lofty trains
  - 50 Carte lead-in
  - 51 Gratuity
  - 52 Letters before ens
  - 54 Bulldoze
  - 55 Donkey's cry
  - 57 Bovine bunch
  - 60 Kind of drum
  - 64 1950s prez
  - 66 Nest nugget
  - 68 Galley goofs
  - 70 Angling need
  - 71 NHL team
  - 72 Reversed one
  - 73 Not yet final, in law
  - 75 In motion
  - 76 Snail coverer on
  - 77 Piercing pain
  - 79 Appraise
  - 82 Gave a quick greeting
  - 84 Indy sponsor
  - 85 Part of mpg
  - 86 Log chopper
  - 87 — Foy, Que.
  - 88 Iota
  - 89 "Love — neighbor ..."
  - 90 "— a shame"
  - 92 Actor Martin
  - 94 Watch a sports event
  - 96 Vault
  - 99 Liston fighter
  - 102 Poor grade
  - 103 "77 Sunset Strip" actor Edd
  - 104 Optimistic before ens
  - 105 Earring types
  - 106 Studio prop
  - 107 Fountain in Rome
  - 109 Caravan layover sites
  - 110 Iron
  - 112 Perfectly pitched, in baseball
  - 113 Parson's estate
  - 114 Motivate
  - 115 Future seed
  - 116 Bite gently on
  - 118 Forbidding
  - 119 "My People" writer Abba
  - 120 Partially open
  - 125 "... — mouse?"
  - 126 Spree
  - 127 One: Prefix
  - 128 "Gigi" studio



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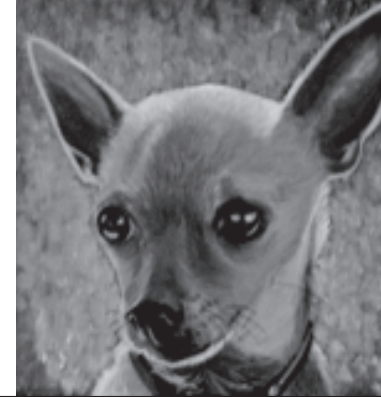
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# Bernie at Bonney:

Between 15,000 and 21,000 fill the field, leaving another 10,000 outside

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*"(A democracy is a) government of the people, by the people, for the people"*

—Bernie Sanders quoting President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Despite a last minute decision to come to Sacramento, presidential candidate Bernie Sanders drew more than 15,000 maxing the capacity of Bonney

Field on Monday, May 9, leaving a reported 10,000 outside the gates. Bernie fans and rally volunteers arrived as early as 10 a.m. for the 8:30 p.m. speech and the line to get into the gates wrapped around the field for the most of the day and early evening hours.

Part of the last group that made it in the gates, Sacramentan Andrea Seppinni exclaimed on social media, "It was worth the wait! #DropOutHillary

#feelthebern #BernieinSacramento' ... There were still a lot of people still waiting, but we lucked out!"

Chants of "Bern, Baby Bern" reverberated as people danced and sang and by about 7:20 p.m., the stage began to fill with volunteers, creating a backdrop for Mr. Sanders that symbolized, in a festive way, the grassroots support that has created his campaign, one that has been funded not by billionaires or Wall Street but by every day people.

Igniting the crowd with his opening, Mr. Sanders said, "Millions of Americans want a political revolution. It turns out a lot has changed in a year. The corporate establishment is getting nervous... When they see 15,000 people coming out in Sacramento, they get very nervous. And they should be getting nervous because real change is coming. Over the last year we have won 18 primaries and caucuses."

Addressing the crowd, giving individuals a large task, he boldly stated: "With your help we are going to win the biggest prize of all, the California primary, which elects 475 pledged delegates."

Acknowledging a steep climb to victory, he said with California on his side, there can be that possibility. If so, he said, "We will walk into the democratic convention with a majority of pledged voters. Let me tell you we are going to fight for every vote... and we are going to take the political revolution into the convention in Philadelphia."

Criticizing the current campaign finance system, calling it corrupt and undermining American democracy, where "democracy is one person, one vote — not about billionaires and Wall Street and their super-pacts buying elections" — the senator said if elected he will overturn the Citizen's United decision and move to public funding of elections. "Democracy isn't about republicans suppressing the vote," he said.

"Together we're going to create a democracy which we will have the highest voter turnouts in the world, not one of the lowest."

Mr. Sanders contrasted himself with opponent Hillary Clinton from campaign contributions where she has taken between "\$10 to \$15 million from Wall Street" to his average contribution of \$27. He also spoke on raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour nationwide (versus Clinton's sup-

port of a \$12 an hour wage), to banning fracking, lowering interest rates on people's student debt, taxing carbon and offering free community college.

Speaking about Republican candidate Donald Trump, Mr. Sanders denounced the possibility of him becoming president. "He will not become president because he does not understand our strength is in our diversity. That when black and white and Latino and Native Americans, when gays and straight and men and women stand together that is when we are strongest. And the American people understand we are great when we stand together. When my family hurts, we are there for you. That's what America is supposed to be about. Supporting each other always trumps selfishness. At end of the day, love always trumps hatred."

Sitting in the press box for the duration of the speech former mayoral candidate Russell Rawlings, a governmental journalism student at Sacramento State University, said he is overjoyed that he finally has a presidential candidate that he agrees with on practically every issue. "I feel like I did the first day of Occupy Sacramento: awestruck, inspired and ready for the political revolution!" he said.

Phone banking since the very beginning stages of Sanders' campaign, Rawlings hosted his own phone bank and had coffee in his own neighborhood, Oak Park. "I have noticed that Oak Park is very accepting. I see Bernie signs everywhere in my neighborhood."

Since he dropped out of the mayor's race, Rawlings said he will "have more time for Bernie. After next week I will be finished with finals and I can put in the last real hard push. I will be living at the Democratic Party of Sacramento County."

Journalism student Tirtsah Yisrael said she enjoyed Bernie's focus on young voters, stating that she can't see herself voting for anybody else.

Rachele Lizarraga, also a journalism student at Sac State said she enjoyed the rally, noting that the student newspaper, The Hornet, may post video at a later date. "I thought the speech was great. I liked how he is so focused on diversity and mentions as many groups as possible. There was good energy and it was laid back. I felt safe. It was not chaotic."

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resident Darrow Sprague took some time while waiting for the senator to take the stage to speak with this publication regarding his involvement with the local group.

"I have seen the candidate go from someone people didn't know about to where lots of people know about him and they're getting behind the issues he's bringing to the table... It's pretty awesome. A year ago, no one in Sacramento had heard of him, except for the hardcore political geeks ... A year ago I launched the Facebook page and it's taken a year to get here. I remember people asking me what will it take to bring Bernie to Sacramento. If we are able get volunteers and make an impact: that will put us on the radar."

To Darrow the most important issues Sanders addresses include wage inequality issues and providing greater opportunities to join the middle class. "(He is) someone who is addressing the challenges that we face. I also think his position on climate change is very important to me. I do think we need a World War II scale mobilization to combat climate change, not something we can do incrementally. The crisis is great. Bernie Sanders recognizes that and wants to make it a priority."

Arriving at Bonney Field at 10 a.m., 10 hours before Sanders took the stage, Darrow described the scene as including "a lot of enthusiastic people", about 100-120 volunteers who gathered in the bleachers to hear from campaign staff regarding different roles for volunteers to fill.

While he's been so involved with the local campaign efforts, Darrow said many of the people who came out to the volunteer efforts on Monday were unfamiliar to him. "It's kind of the nature of the grassroots campaign. A lot of people are doing their thing without it being centralized."

The next morning, on Tuesday, May 10, Land Park resident Shelly Keller described: "I loved this event. So many young people. My favorite things he spoke about were restoring the American Dream, and how human beings are part of nature and we need to protect our environment. You'll never hear that from Hillary or Trump. And I loved when he spoke about war and the crowd responded by raising their hands, making the peace sign. I've never felt more patriotic than I did last night."

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# Turtle territory

Pocket's "Turtle lady" and park volunteers discuss city park ponds and the future of the popular reptilian residents

By **MONICA STARK**  
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As news of "turtle trouble" at McKinley and William Land Park's ponds hit various media outlets, Greenhaven's very own turtle lady, Felice Rood, has been fielding phone calls for future turtle adoptions because starting in July people can adopt a turtle by calling 311.

In July, construction to renovate the ponds will begin after waterfowl nesting cycles complete.

The city of Sacramento is improving these ponds by restoring them to serve as both park amenities and a wildlife resource. The projects are in the design phase; therefore, the wildlife constraints and opportunities are being evaluated continually and on a pond-by-pond basis.

McKinley Pond contains about 90 non-native red-eared sliders that will need to be relocated during pond renovations. The three ponds in Land Park also contain red-eared sliders; however, they occur at a lower density than at McKinley Pond. Waterfowl also use both parks' ponds and there is an unknown fish population in each pond. It is anticipated that the ponds will need to be drained, cleaned and reconstructed as part of the renovation process.

It was decided the non-natives can't return to the ponds and language in the restoration pond contract discussed euthanizing the turtles. Two years ago, Felice said her club was asked to foster them before returning them back to the ponds. Since then, it's been deemed against the law, but fortunately with the help from members of the Land

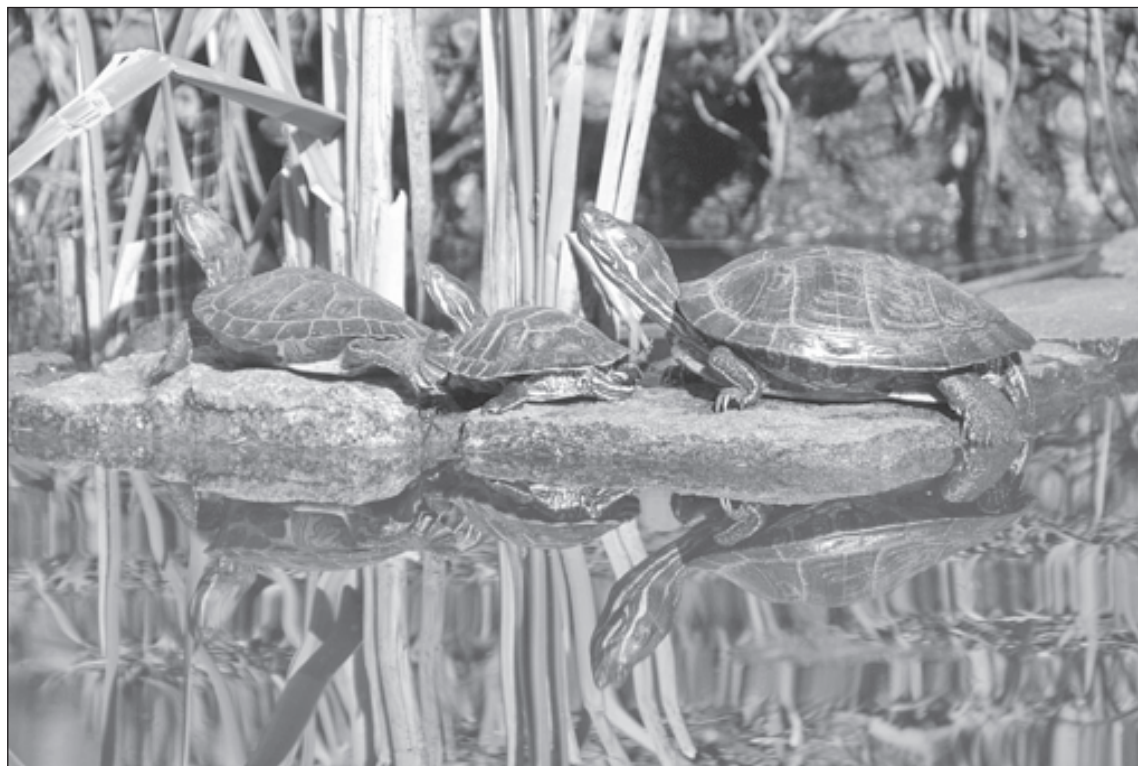
Park Community Association Felice and other residents, language has been changed to not include "euthanize" when referring to the relocation of the ponds' turtles.

Felice takes issue with the fact that after the ponds are drained non-native red-eared sliders, the most popular turtles occupying the ponds, can't be returned to their homes. "There is no reason for the turtles to be evicted from their home forever ... My grandsons are all grown up and they remember seeing (the turtles) as children and the city council wants to get rid of something people have enjoyed for years and years - it's just not fair," she said. She also fears that in July, the baby turtles won't actually be saved. "I think the trucks that will be there will compact the earth so hard that the babies will not be able to dig out. Won't there be duck eggs there too? What about frogs? The more you think, the worse it gets..."

"The one good thing that has happened is I now have a bunch of new people to give turtles to me that land here after being found running down the street."

Having adopted turtles and tortoises out since 1975, Felice thinks she may be the only legitimate turtle and tortoise rescue in Sacramento, with a rubber stamp of approval from the California Department Fish and Game. "My home is a hotel, hospital, hospice, orphanage and maternity ward all for turtles and tortoises and there is no charge although if people want to donate, the money goes into the Sick Turtle Fund," she says.

Felice has an adoption form people fill out and from that,



Photos by Monica Stark

Shown here are turtles that have made McKinley Pond their home.

she can tell fairly well, if they are qualified or not by their answers to the questions. Dogs can and do often kill the turtles (as do raccoons) and they are not a suitable pet for small children and should never be trapped in a fish tank. It's cruel and they become very deformed, if they live at all, she says.

Rick Stevenson of the Land Park Volunteer Corps monitors William Land Park daily and described McKinley Pond's situation different from Land Park's.

"In McKinley, they have the problem of collecting animals. But at Land Park, if one (pond) is drained, the turtles will move on their own (to a different pond)." Additionally, while volunteers at McKinley advocated for not deepening the pond, Stevenson said they want deeper ponds in Land Park. "In summer, when it's so hot, when water is too shallow, oxygen it goes down and we get big fish kills."

"They're completely different situations because they are different ponds."

While about 90 turtles have been identified in McKinley Pond, Rick said they won't get a good idea in Land Park until the ponds are drained, though he noted Lily Pond doesn't have any turtles.

Over on Duck Lake, the turtles sun themselves and Rick said he's seen them vary in size from 3 to 10 inches long. He's also seen a turtle dig a hole in the walkway inside the WPA Rock Garden and lay eggs. "I had never seen a turtle lay eggs. I didn't bother the turtle at all," he said. "I have seen them on Land Park Drive in over a seven-year period and I picked them up, the ones that got hit by cars. Normally, they stick to the ponds. They don't travel much beyond the rock garden ... They got a pretty good gig there. Nice big pond, everything they need. It's good turtle territory."

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## Knit Together (Adult)

**Friday, May 20 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!

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

**Tuesday, May 24 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.

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ing a GIANT BOOK SALE in the community room. Our regular stay & play/storytime/Mr. Cooper schedule will resume the following week, May 31 and June 2.

**\*Change of Date!\* Mr. Cooper's Sing-a-Long Club (Early Childhood (0-5)):** \* Note that this month's Mr. Cooper performance will be held on Tuesday, May 24 instead of May 31, due to the GIANT Book Sale being held in the community room May 28-June 4.\*\* 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, May 24 at 11:25 a.m.:** SES 7th and 8th grades are invited to join a book discussion in the Teen Room at the library during lunch period (11:25-11:55). (Homeschoolers are welcome too!)

## Job Coach (Adult)

**Wednesday, May 25 at 1 p.m.:** Get one-on-one 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.

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

**Thursday, May 26 at 6 p.m.**  
A meeting of the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library Board to discuss programs, funding, and projects related to their work as supporters of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven branch library. All community members are welcome to join the discussion.

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Find great deals on a variety of gently used books for all ages, DVDs, audiobooks and much more. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

## Read to a Dog (School Age (6-12))

**Saturday, May 28 at 1 p.m.:** Looking for a way to boost school-age reading skills? Join us in the library's Reading Tower area and practice reading out loud to a registered therapy dog (Marvin, the Wonder Corgi). Kids are invited to bring their own books or borrow one from our fabulous collection.

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## \* No Mr. Cooper today \* (Early Childhood (0-5))

**Tuesday, May 3 at 11 a.m.:** Due to the GIANT book sale in our community room this week, Mr. Cooper was rescheduled to perform on Tuesday, May 24 (the 4th Tuesday of May instead of the LAST Tuesday in May). There will also be no Stay & Play today.

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Faces and Places:

# Walk on the Wildside

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Shown here is a collection of photos from this year's Walk on the Wildside in Freeport last Saturday. Children got to hold a python, pet an alligator and take a Walk on the Wildside's technology trail that girl scouts from local troops designed. In addition, the event called attention to various projects local environmental groups are currently working on.

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Save the date:

## Mid-Century Modern home tour set for June 18

For the first time ever, the Mid-Century Modern home tour in Sacramento will expand its territory into Hollywood Park and Greenhaven, in addition to featuring homes in South Land Park and Land Park.

This year features a wide variety of mid-20th century living — highlighting the time period's distinctive architecture, design, and lifestyle. Guests will spend a fun day touring some of Sacramento's best mid-century homes, gardens, and vintage vehicles in authentic Sacramento mid-century neighborhoods. Styles range from minimalist to kitsch, moderns to ranch homes, and everything in between, explains Sacramento Modern president Gretchen Steinberg.

"This year's tour is more inclusive and expands beyond architecture. It's also a celebration of the lifestyle — even the products of everyday living from that era — that are also worthy of appreciation," she said.

The seven tour homes include: a rare custom modern home by Sparks and

Thaden (1959/1967) in Land Park; two Eichler Homes (1955) designed by Jones and Emmons in South Land Park; a custom modern home (1967) in Greenhaven; a Sierra Builders ranch home (1950) in Hollywood Park; a unique custom South Land Park ranch home built by Floyd Cantrell (1959); and, a distinctive ranch/modern home designed by Leo McGlade and Associates (1962) in South Land Park's Weber Estates.

The tour begins at Alice Birney Waldorf-Inspired K-8 School in South Land Park (designed by Herbert Goodpastor in 1958). Tour guests will be able to view modern and vintage products from local designers and vendors. They will receive a collectible guidebook that features addresses and a map, in-depth historic information, related points of interest, and local vintage resources. Guests will also receive complimentary bottled water (courtesy of Ral-

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# Tour:

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ey's); the summer issue of Atomic Ranch magazine (courtesy of Atomic Ranch magazine); and retro candy, toys, and other small treats along the tour route while supplies last.

Gretchen's favorite aspect of the tours, she said, is the homeowners themselves. "It takes very special and generous people who are willing to share their private spaces. This year's group not only has a great eye for design but also includes folks who are especially devoted to modernism: fogmodern, Hepcat Restorations, Vintage Sacramento, and SacMod. These homeowners are also very smart and creative; they demonstrate that maintaining a mid-20th century home can also be sustainable and economical. We have an example of a water-wise modern garden and a wonderful kitchen project that incorporates adaptively reused/salvaged vintage cabinets."

A lean organization led exclusively by volunteers, the funds raised go directly toward fulfilling Sacramento Modern's mission statement to promote, preserve, and protect modern art, architecture, and design. The accomplishes this by conducting tours, film



screenings, lectures, preservation campaigns, and educational materials. The tour is the biggest fundraiser — and only happens every three years because it is such a huge undertaking. The funds for this year's tour are going into a collaborative effort to proactively identify and cata-

log historic modern places throughout Sacramento.

Gretchen said both previous tours (2010 and 2013) sold out and were attended by more than 1,000 guests, but that she has noticed a particular excitement for this year's tour. "We do have a maximum capacity and tickets are selling a lot faster this year," she said.

## If you go:

**What:** Sacramento Mid-Century Modern Home Tour  
**Where:** Tour starts at Alice Birney eK-8 Waldorf-inspired school  
**When:** Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m..  
**Cost:** Tickets, while they last, are \$20 for SacMod members and \$35 for non-members.  
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# Former Brick Oven Pizza family karaoke has new venue

By MONICA STARK  
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Karaoke jockey Bethy Evans will revive her family karaoke nights at Tahoe Park's Public House Theater (5440 14th Ave.) on June 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. Bethy and her boyfriend Patrick Riley ran family karaoke at Brick House Oven Pizza in the South Hills Shopping Center for many years the first Friday of every month until owners Gary and Amy Correllier retired and closed the business in 2013, as Land Park News writer Greg Brown reported at the time.

Deemed a family event, all ages are welcome. "I'm really excited about the venue," says Bethy. "We will be outside on the patio with lots of seating and lots of shade. If this turns into a long term show then we will move inside when the weather changes. I sure would like to see everyone there."

Whereas most karaoke venues are bars with an age limit, family karaoke is just that -- a place where families can go as a unit and sing. Family karaoke offers a place to go where the children can be and not be inundated with songs that have harsh language or content. And yes, moms and dads get up and belt out their favorite rock, country, R&B or old school songs, Bethy says. "The kids sing all types of songs depending on their age. I have songs for the very young (Row, Row, Row Your Boat, Alphabet Song, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, etcetera) all the way to the recent songs by Katy Perry, Selena Gomez, Beyonce, Jus-

tin Bieber, Bruno Mars, etcetera. The one thing I don't allow is heavy rap, or any genre that contains harsh, foul language or violent, disrespectful content."

Started by boyfriend, Patrick Riley, in the late 1990s, Patrick ran several well-known shows with Big Guy Entertainment, but had to stop full time because of health reasons. That's when Bethy stepped in, taking the business over after his passing.

Currently she has shows three nights a week: Monday and Tuesday at Monty's Lounge (10493 Folsom Blvd.) and Thursday nights at JB's Lounge (9777 Lincoln Village Drive).

If a good turnout and the interest are high, then family karaoke could be a weekly show at PHT. It could also go to either once or twice a month.

On tap at PHT include domestic and craft beer, wine, soda, water. Food options include (but are not limited to) pizza, calzones, paninis, quesadillas, tacos, and snacks. Parking is very limited inside the gate so most will have to park on the street and walk in. The entrance is in the back of the building.

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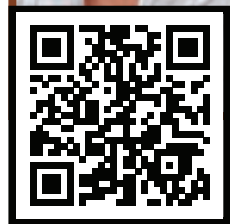
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## Which came first; the money or the monster?

### Money Monster

*The MPAA has rated this R*

Actress and director Jodie Foster opts for time behind the camera, helming this neat little hostage thriller "Money Monster" from TriStar Pictures, a part of SONY and distributed by SONY Pictures Releasing. George Clooney stars as Lee Gates, an on camera financial advisor at a major television network. His style and content very much resembles many of the real life so-called money gurus of TV like Jim Cramer and his show, "Mad Money" on CNBC. Gates makes it through each show with the aid of long-time producer and director Patty Fenn, played by Julia Roberts. She has been withholding from him that she is courting another job at a rival network. They have a past together.

During one broadcast, what appears to be a deliveryman appears in Patty's view, carrying two large parcels behind one of the stage sets. Not knowing if it is part of the act, she has the camera and sound man move in, and Gates improvises. The delivery man sets the parcels down and pulls a gun out of his back pocket

and fires it into the air. He now has the attention of everyone in the studio, yet many watching TV and accustomed to the stunts pulled by Gates, cannot tell if it is a comedy bit or real life drama.

In fact, a hostage situation is in full effect. He threatens Gates' life unless the cameras remain on for him to address an issue of burning concern. The deliveryman turned gunman is actor Jack O'Connell. He plays young Kyle Budwell. Budwell then mounts an explosive vest onto the TV host as his desperation builds. Budwell had risked everything, his entire savings, at the suggestion of one of Gates' possible money making investments, a company called Ibis. The Ibis representative Diane Lester (Caitriona Balfre) is brought on to the show at once and it seems that Kyle's great loss was not merely a computer glitch, but more... what is really going on?

The tension mounts with each scene and this is a well-made movie. Jodie Foster as director proves that she has gifts in all aspects of the cinema. The performances are top notch as the situation escalates. Whilst Patty has all of her key staff investigating the details about Ibis,



Jack O'Connell is directed in this movie by Jodie Foster. Photo: Atsushi Nishijima - ©2016 CTMG, Inc. SONY

the police department have plans of their own, sneaking in snipers into the studio catwalks at key locations to stand by for action. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is the chief of police, a reasonable man. His deputies want to shoot both men for the safety of others.

You'll just have to see for yourself how things unravel in this excellently made movie which I am sure will be popular. I found it engaging and with results that may please audiences that have growing distrust of big banks and bankers. Also in the picture; Dominic West plays

Walt Camby, the head of Ibis. Actor Lenny Venito is the lone camera man named "Lenny" that follows the unfolding real-life drama with his lens.

Kudos to Jodie Foster for her grand entertainment. Now in wide release across the USA.

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# Art & Music Event at ACC on the Big Day of Giving

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ACC Senior Services marked the Big Day of Giving, May 3, with an "Art & Music" celebration. Although the Big Day is an online giving event, ACC decided to have an open house showcasing their in-house arts programs. The "ACC Gallery" made its official debut, with photography by the ACC Photo Club on display. Scenes of Venice, Tahoe, Iceland, and close-ups of flowers, animals, and people graced the walls. Chinese Calligraphy and Painting class also displayed their work. Chieko Hirai-Brim, the Ikebana instructor and Isako Wasano, the Kimekomi Doll-Making instructor presented demonstrations. Musical performances by the Pocket Pickers, ACC Guitar Ensemble, Auntie Amy's Hula, ACC Taiko and the Chinese Zither class enchanted the crowd. Hands-on activities included taiko, keyboard, and guitar lessons. There was also an origami station and hot dogs, smoothies, and coffee drinks served. Technical glitches on the Big Day of Giving website, stymied many donors who wanted to give online. However, many of ACC's donors decided to go the old-fashioned route, and dropped off checks. Because of their dedication, and the generosity of the performers, ACC had another successful Big Day of Giving!



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# No homework and half as many suspensions:

New principal at New Technology High School describes new discipline and teaching techniques

By **MONICA STARK**  
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*(Editor's Note: This story came about as a request to plug the students' art show on Saturday, not to brag about the school, but Principal Kenneth Durham's passion for education was expressed and what follows is an interview with this new administrator at Sacramento New Technology High School.)*

Charged with the task to boost enrollment by about 130 students, Kenneth Durham, the new principal at Sacramento New Technology High School, wants the school to stand on its own as a place worth promoting before actually promoting it.

Told that he wasn't holding enough events, doing enough recruiting, Durham said he told his boss he really needs to make New Tech the place the school community and district want it to be. "And, after we have that right, then we will share our story. I don't want to bring a bunch of people in and then flop. We really spent the year trying to identify for ourselves what will make and create an amazing experience for teachers and students?"

Durham convinced some teachers to stop giving out homework and to listen to students. Suspensions have been slashed by 50 percent and he's hoping the school becomes a place students want to attend.

## Homework

One of the math teachers at the school struggled getting kids to turn in their homework and Durham asked the teacher: How does that make you feel? "It makes me sad," Durham said, quoting the teacher. "Well, have you ever thought about not doing homework anymore," Durham responded. Left with confusion, the teacher said, "I can't do it, could I?"

Durham then proceeded to tell the teacher to first identify the deficiencies the students struggle with and to find a different strategy for guiding their quest for knowledge. "We made some shifts. He's happier; the students are happier."

Meanwhile, other teachers at New Technology have adopted that no-homework model and staff began to question the status quo: Why do we do what we do? If the answer is

because we've always done it, that's not a good enough reason, Durham argues.

## Past practices

Other things have changed at the school as staff and students have questioned past practices. Before graduation, seniors traditionally get treated by staff with a senior pancake breakfast. While well-meaning, the results in the past have meant teachers don't necessarily get to spend quality time with the students and therefore the purpose of the event – saying goodbye and sharing memories – was not achieved to its fullest potential. "We're not cooking pancakes this year. We're going to serve bagels and we're going to talk with the kids and have mini conversations, then we'll go to graduation."

## Suspensions

Next year the school district will require a charter renewal for New Tech and to showcase the school's success, Durham has asked staff to look at data that tells their story. Pulling the last five years of suspension data, they found they cut more than half in



New Technology High School principal Kenneth Durham.

one year. "It's not that the kids stopped doing things, but we just decided to take a different approach," Durham said. "We have conversations with parents and students to find how they can grow past those mistakes. The real issue is not when one student makes a mistake, but when they repeatedly make it."

So, they find a way to learn from their mistakes and Durham said, "I absolutely do find that they are learning." Sharing an example of this restorative process at work, Durham said earlier in the year, a fight occurred on campus. "It was at the end of the day. A former student came on campus to settle some kind of disagreement. There's video of it. Every single one of our students was trying to mediate and stop it."

In his fifth year in a school administrator role, Durham said, this is the first time he's seen video of kids saying, "This isn't right; somebody go get help. YouTube is full of them with kids saying 'fight, fight, fight; go, go, go.' Our kids were saying there's a better way."

As the school collected disciplinary referral data, administrators at New Tech saw that out of 13 referrals, eight came from one teacher. Wanting to help that teacher out, the assistant principal visited the classroom and asked everyone there how they felt coming into class. Starting with blame on the teacher, the conversation morphed into students telling their peers that disruptive behavior kept others from

learning. Since that intervention last November, there has not been another referral from that teacher who then shared that experience with her peers. The process was duplicated twice in other classrooms. "We're trying to provide students a voice and give teachers feedback and success is a result. If we can create conditions under which people are happy to come to work, ultimately it will lead to success," Durham said.

"New Tech has always done and felt this way, but with my experience and with what was already here, we now have a deeper understanding to grow into a happier, healthier school and to have a way for students and staff to resolve conflict," Durham said.

One night meeting early in the year began with an apology. "(The senior class) has had four principals in four years. I started by saying sorry. Consistency in site leadership is huge for student academic success and I have no intentions of leaving, so I asked them: What do you want out of your senior year? There were a lot of requests (from students and parents) of wanting help getting kids into college."

Under the guidelines of the charter, the school has autonomy to go to the parents, teachers and staff and collectively decide on the school's spending priorities. So to address the community's desire for more college acceptances, New Tech pulled funds together to

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## New Tech:

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pay Kaplan SAT Test Prep tuition for about 30 students, resulting in test scores to jump 250 points or more. Some saw the achievement in a larger light – one about bringing equity to students (most the students are minorities). “I wasn’t calling it equity. I just asked parents, what do you want for your kids? I just wanted to help. When I share that story, people are like: ‘do people pay to come to your school? It’s a (Sacramento City Unified School District) dependent charter, a public school. So, if kid wants to come and there’s space, they can come.’”

The test prep lasted 10 sessions on Tuesdays and Saturdays and will return next year, and will be offered twice, once in the fall and once in the summer.

### On student-led learning

“I have a vision that we will stop teaching students what we think they should learn, but encouraging them to experience. If we as educators can think of simpler and more unique questions to get there, then maybe students will start (leading the learning process). We are a project-based learning school, which is now developed by teachers. What if next year we just have one project that is created by students. I am not a psychologist, but I know I don’t like being told what to do. If I have some say, then I will embrace the work.”

## Art show and design exposition set for Saturday morning at New Tech

With artwork spanning from video and digital photography, to lively debates and music performances, Sacramento New Technology High School (1400 Dickson St.) will be opening its doors on Saturday for a student art show and design exposition from 9 to 11 a.m.

One student learned how to manipulate an electrical current and run it through pieces of plywood and other lumber, burning the wood and creating a “spider, viney bird.” He found how to do it on YouTube and said he wanted to do this project. “He had no experience about it before,” explained Principal Kenneth Durham, who told the student he could proceed with the project if he found a teacher to supervise its progress. “Last week he went through all the wood that he brought and today brought in a stack of 2x4s and said he needed to work on it some more. I said, ‘Go for it.’”

### Kenneth’s Story

([newtech.scusd.edu/](http://newtech.scusd.edu/))

I am honored to serve as principal of Sacramento New Tech High School. I am a graduate of the University of California, Davis where I received a B.A. in geology and North



Wood was burned using an electrical current. This piece shows the beautiful result.

Central University, where I received a M.Ed. in educational leadership.

After graduation from UCD, I spent a couple of years working as a professional baseball umpire in Minor League Baseball before beginning an eight-year career as a secondary science teacher who infused technology and PBL principles into the classroom. During my final year in the classroom, I was selected as the Twin

Rivers Unified Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Following this honor, I transitioned into administration and spent the last four years working as an assistant principal (two-years at Inderkum High School and two-years in Davis). Along with the Sacramento New Tech team, I look forward to creating an environment where students, staff, parents, and community partners are amazed, passions

are ignited, and students graduate equipped to travel any path they choose.

My wife of 16-years, Katie, teaches history at McClatchy and we are blessed with three wonderful girls: Chloe (9), Colby (6), and Kylie (4). I always felt like I knew how to work with kids, but these three little girls have taught me that every child is someone’s entire world and as an educator I must never forget that.



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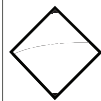
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# CALENDAR

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**Sons In Retirement (SIR) Branch #93 Luncheon programs** are held on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Elks Lodge No.6. SIR is a luncheon club with 141 branches and a membership of 18,000 men who are retired from full-time employment. Activities included weekly golf tournaments and bowling league teams.

For more information or an application call Chairman Dick West at 919-3858.

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**ACC presents Ikenobo Ikebana**  
This class provides an introduction of Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging. Learn the principles and techniques of Ikebana and create your own unique arrangement in each class. Optional starter kit, which includes a flower vase, scissors, and kenzan can be purchased from the instructor for \$50. Pre-registration required. #35 per class includes flowers. Class will be held Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City. For more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org)

**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 bands, 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 Aviators Restaurant at Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822. 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.

**Beginning tai chi gong**  
These exercises use the principle of chi flowing properly throughout the body to maintain the equilibrium of yin and yang. Regular practice of these forms will develop better balance and flexibility, gain strength, promote deep relaxation, and improve health. This beginning class will also learn the 24 Yang Style Tai Chi and Yi Jing, a traditional Health Qi Gong. Pre-registration and prepayment required or \$7 drop-in fee at the door. Class will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org).

**Soroptimist International Sacramento South**  
Meets the second and fourth Tuesday at Executive Airport, Aviators Restaurant at 12:15 p.m.

**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, ev-

ery 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.

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## MAY

**View a film screening of "Alive Inside", a film that celebrates the capacity of music to reawaken our souls**

**May 19:** From 6 to 8 p.m., Snowline ([www.snowlinehospice.org](http://www.snowlinehospice.org)) will present a screening of the film "Alive Inside" at the Tower Theatre, 2508 Land Park Drive. The film demonstrates music's ability to combat memory loss and restore a deep sense of self to those suffering from it. "Alive Inside" chronicles the astonishing experiences of individuals around the country who have been revitalized through the simple experience of listening to music. The documentary filmmaker, Michael Rossato-Bennet, will be in attendance and speak about his film that chronicles the astonishing experiences of individuals around the country who have been revitalized through the simple experience of listening to music. His camera reveals the uniquely human connection we find in music and how its healing power can triumph where prescription medication falls short. An uplifting cinematic exploration of music and the mind, "Alive Inside's" inspirational and emotional story left audiences humming, clapping and cheering at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Audience Award. Tickets are available online for a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds from ticket sales for this event will be donated by Snowline to the local Alzheimer's Association. The City of Sacramento's Triple-R Adult Day Program, Alzheimer's Association and Revere Court Assisted Living Community are co-sponsors of this presentation. For more information and to get tickets view: [www.snowlinepre-sentalsaliveinside.eventbrite.com](http://www.snowlinepre-sentalsaliveinside.eventbrite.com)

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## Women's Empowerment 15th anniversary gala

**May 19:** Tickets are on sale for Women's Empowerment's 15th anniversary gala honoring formerly homeless women in ballgowns. Community members are invited to the 15th Anniversary Celebration of Independence Gala that benefits Women's Empowerment, a local nonprofit job training and empowerment program for women who are homeless and their children. The event, which raises funds for the organization and honors the group's 1,322 graduates, will take place 5:30-8:30 p.m. on May 19 at the Red Lion Woodlake Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane. Guests will mingle with graduates from the program and enjoy a formal dinner, live and silent auctions, live music and presentations from the graduates. Tickets are \$100. Those who cannot attend, or wish to contribute more, can sponsor a graduate to attend the event. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, call 669-2307 or visit [www.womens-empowerment.org](http://www.womens-empowerment.org).

## Locke historic district

**May 20:** Established in 1915, Locke is an island of Chinese culture and the only existing town in America built exclusively by and for Chinese immigrants. Learn about its unique history and be transported back in time. Participants for the trip will meet at ACC Senior Service, 7334 Park City on Friday May 20, 2016 from 9:15 a.m. to 2 pm. Pre-payment of \$10 and Pre-registration by May 13, 2016 required. Lunch is included. For more details, call (916) 393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org)

## Locke Asian Pacific Spring Festival

**May 21:** Gala event featuring lion dance and martial arts, cultural entertainment, arts and crafts, vendor booths, food, silent auction, mahjong and poker tournament. Come visit the only surviving rural Chinese town in the U.S., historic Locke,

13916 Main St. Walnut Grove. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost includes free admission and free parking. Event is sponsored by the Locke Foundation. For more information, visit [www.locke-foundation.org](http://www.locke-foundation.org), call 916-776-1661 and email: [lockefoundation@frontiernet.net](mailto:lockefoundation@frontiernet.net).

## Cemetery Tour – Drugs in the Old West

**May 21:** The dice weren't the only thing loaded in the Old West! Between opium dens, easy availability of laudanum, cocaine and morphine, and patent medicines packed with who knows what – it's a wonder more pioneers didn't overdose. We'll give you the dope on true stories of chronic misbehavior and high anxiety. The Old City Cemetery Committee presents an evening tour of Sacramento's drug history on Saturday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. Tickets are \$10 and will only be sold at the cemetery gates. The cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. There is ample free street parking on surrounding streets, with limited parking within the cemetery. For more information, call 448-0811.

## Hearing loss and basics of a hearing aid

**May 25:** This presentation will touch on basic anatomy of the ear, hearing, hearing loss and testing. Free of charge. Pre-registration required. Class will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City. For more details, call (916) 393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org)

## SSIP Food Closet fundraising dinner

**May 25:** Annual fundraising dinner to support the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) Food Closet. The Food Closet has been housed at Bethany Presbyterian Church for over 40 years serving the greater South Sacramento area families. The annual dinner is the biggest fundraiser and for good reason. The food will be ca-

tered by a great caterer who's been kind enough to cater the dinner for over 10 years with a delicious menu to include chicken, marinated beef, rice, fresh vegetable salad, beans, green salad & rolls. The event will also have an amazing auction and raffle with spectacular prizes. St. Anthony's Church, 660 Florin Road, 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at 428-5290 or at the door.

## Music at noon

**May 25:** Free music programs, offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy music by

Jazz guitarist, Doug Pauly; vocalist Meleva Steiert; And Friends!

## Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival

**May 27-28:** The Sacramento Asian Pacific Cultural Village presents the 2016 Sacramento Asian Pacific Film Festival at the historic Guild Theater in Oak Park, May 27 & 28. Our mission is to celebrate and explore our diverse experiences and advance the roles of Asian and Pacific Islanders in film and new media. This year, we're celebrating the rise of Asian representation in film and television. Join us as we welcome feature

guests from ABC's hit shows, Fresh Off the Boat and Dr. Ken. Actors - Hudson Yang, Albert Tsai, Peter Kwong and blogger Joz Wang will discuss the past, present and future progress of Asian representation. Event is all ages, with the possible exception of LGBTQ, and some films which will be noted with Mature Audience advisory if rating is not available.

Dates and times are as follows: Friday, May 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, May 28 from noon to 9 p.m. The festival will be held at The Guild Theater, 2828 35th St., Sacramento, 95817.

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## MAY 30TH

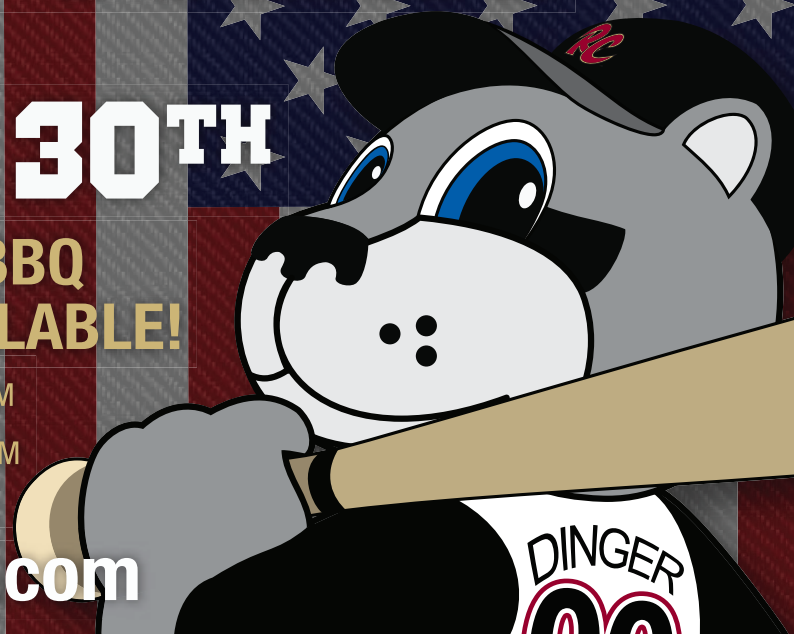
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# Car show at the Elks drew about 80 entries

Photos by MONICA STARK  
editor@valcomnews.com

Shown here is a collection of photos from last Saturday's car show at the Elks Lodge, No. 6. From a 1927 Ford Roadster to classic cars of the 1950s and '60s, a reported 80 cars occupied the parking lot, the first time in seven years.



# Reminder: Belle Cooledge ice cream social set for Friday

By DENISE HOLMES

As always, the Friends of the Belle Cooledge Library will be treating everyone to yummy Vic's ice cream, including "muddy mocha" and "cookies and cream". Yum! Nate, the Children's Librarian, has lined up some special entertainment, including music from the Chicken Lips, magic by Trevor Wyatt and fun crafts with the ArtBeast. Fire Engine #13 will also be making an appearance. Belle Cooledge Park is right next to the library and the event is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. on May 20.

A major feature of the annual Ice Cream Social is the biggest and best book sale of the year. The library has been receiving donated materials for months and they have sorted and selected the very best adult and children's books, CDs and DVDs just for you. Join bargain hunters and book lovers from all over town at the Belle Cooledge book sale. Beat the crowds and the book dealers and arrive early. There is a 10 percent discount on all purchases for Friends of the Library. Memberships start at \$10 for young people and \$15 for adults.

Special thanks to Councilmember Jay Schenirer and his assistant, Keilani Paneda. They helped us with permits and necessary equipment. Also, we would like to celebrate all the volunteers who have offered to set up, sell books, scoop ice cream and clean the park when it is over. Please consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Library. This is one of so many events we support every day.

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