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FROM YOUR COUNCILMEMBER

What's going on in District 7?

Hello June!

June does not just mark the close of the first half of the year. It is also a month of celebration: of dads and grads and the beginning of summer. And, don't forget all the great activities coming up in the Pocket/Greenhaven area this month.

Let us know about more events or programs by emailing the details to cursery@cityofsacramento.org. We can also include your event or program our Social Media blasts.

♦ **Sign up now for the Pocket 4th of July community business fair & festival now – June 17**

It's time to celebrate the 4th of July with your friends, family, and neighbors at the Annual Fourth of July in the Pocket Parade! And, after the parade, enjoy the Pocket Community Business Fair & Festival at Garcia Bend, featuring our local community organizations and businesses. For more information or to request both space, contact our office at 916-808-7007 or our Community Affairs Director, Casanya Ursery, at cursery@cityofsacramento.org.



♦ **Community spotlight**
June 9, 8:30am
State Farm Insurance (7485 Rush River Drive)

Hang out with Superbowl Champ & Vice Mayor, Rick Jennings at one of our great neighborhood businesses. For more information or to host a Community SPOTlight at your local business, contact our office at 808-7007.

♦ **Family, friends, food trucks & fun!**
June 17
Garcia Bend Park

Don't miss another great evening out with our friends from SactoMofo. To find out the food truck line up in advance, visit Facebook.com/SactoMoFo. Contact our office at 916-808-7007 for more information.

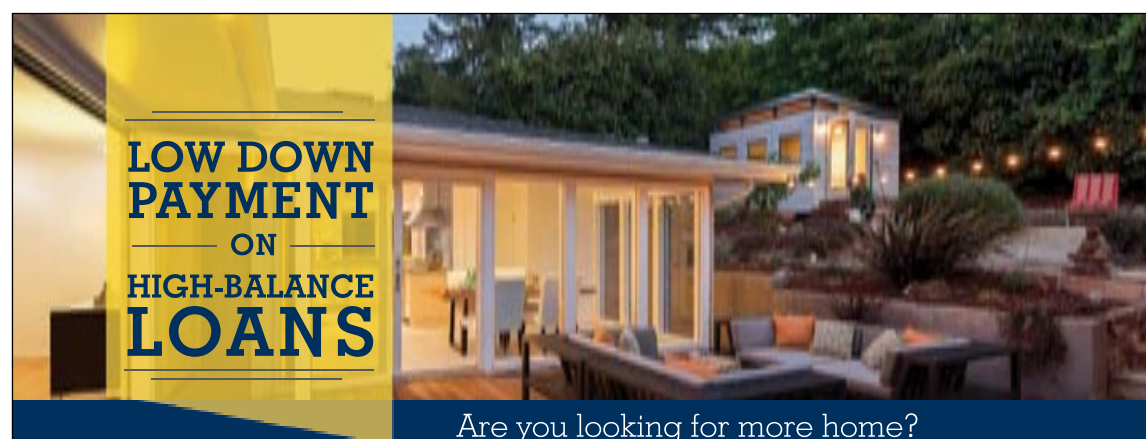
♦ **Come out and play**
Summer 2016

Looking for some summer fun for kids, ages one through 100? Check out the City of Sacramento's Summer 2016 Recreation Guide for lots of free and low cost summer activities. The Summer 2016 Recreation Guide is now available at www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec.

♦ **Read for the win! summer reading program**
May 14 – August 15

Sacramento Public Libraries
Sacramento Library's 2016 Summer Reading Challenge kicked off Saturday, May 14th and continues through August 15th.

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To register or for more information, visit your local library or www.saclibrary.org/SummerReading.

And...don't forget our ongoing events and opportunities:

♦ **D7 hot spot**
Fridays, 7-10pm
School of Engineering & Sciences – 7345 Gloria Drive

TEENS, cool out at the D7 Hot Spot! Boys & Girls ages 13-19, Basketball, Snacks, and more! Call our office (916-808-7007) for more information. Paid for by Measure U and sponsored by the Department of Parks & Recreation.

♦ **South Sacramento Youth Advisory Committee**
2nd Wednesday, 6-8pm
Pannell Community Center – 2450 Meadowview Road

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH: We're calling for all our young leaders that are ready to make a difference in the community. Food will be provided! For more info, contact Casanya at 916-808-

7192 or cursery@cityofsacramento.org.

♦ **City Hall in your Neighborhood**
3rd Thursday, 6-7pm (February – November 2016)
Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Join Vice Mayor Rick Jennings and staff to discuss matters of importance to you and your neighbors, 3rd Thursdays of the month at the Pocket-Greenhaven Library from 6-7pm.

♦ **Trucks & Such**
3rd Friday, 5-8pm (April – October 2016)
Garcia Bend Park

Enjoy food trucks, fun, family and friends every 3rd Friday at Garcia Bend Park.

♦ **Free tours offered at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant**
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Local Nurse Serves on Mercy Ships

By LEIGH STEPHENS

"I came here with this expectation that I was the one to give. But after a while, I realized that I am actually the one who is receiving - all the time."
- Mercy Ship volunteer

Mercy Ships is an international charity that sends ships to ports around the world to provide free healthcare for those who have little medical care or cannot access what their country

offers. The Ships have operated in more than 57 developing countries and 18 developed nations around the world. The current focus is on the countries of Africa. The organization was founded in 1978, by Donald and Deyon Stephens, and the idea came from Donald's experience with his own disabled son.

The charity's location is Garden Valley, Texas, but there are regional offices around the country. Their slogan is "Bringing Hope and Healing," and their mission

is to provide free healthcare and improve healthcare delivery systems in the poorest nations.

Katie Wolf, a Sacramento registered nurse at U.C.

Davis Burn Center spent March through April 2015 volunteering on the Africa Mercy docked at the Island of Madagascar off the coast of Africa. This 16,500-ton

ship is the world's largest non-governmental floating hospital equipped with operating rooms and modern medical equipment.

Nurse Katie is 34-years-old and has cared for third-world patients, some who had never had any medical care. She previously worked with orphanages in Zimbabwe and Guatemala and did clinical work in Bolivia.

She says she is a Christian who wants to help the diseased and broken. Much of what you see comes from poverty. "I love being able to use my nursing skills in other countries."

Katie Wolf grew up in Sunnyvale, but has been in Sacramento since 2003.



Nurse:

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She earned her B.S. degree in Human Development from UC Davis. This influenced her to later to earn her B.S. degree in Nursing from Sacramento State's Accelerated Nursing Program in 2009.

She says, "I decided I wanted to be a nurse after my first degree in Human Development. I wanted to gain technical skills to help people, and I wasn't going to let my fear of chemistry stop me from being a nurse!"

Katie has been at the UCD Med Center for six and one-half years, working in the Intensive Care Unit specializing in burns. She says she cares for one to two patients per shift, providing total coordination of care from wound care to ICU-level care.

The Mercy Ships media specialist says the crew of the Africa Mercy has more than 400 volunteers from more than 40 nations. They are responsible for paying all costs associated with their

service, including crew fees and their own travel fees.

Many people in Africa have little or no access to healthcare. There are only 2.5 physicians per 10,000 people in the country. Mercy Ships report that more than 50 percent of the world's population lives within 100 miles of a coast so the Ships offer a much-needed resource to coastal cities. They report more than 79,000 surgeries have been performed on board since 1978. Doctors remove tumors, give sight to the blind, give dental care, correct cleft palates, fix bone fractures, and much more.

One patient story is of Elisabeth. When she was born with a cleft lip and cleft palate, her parents were already struggling to provide for their children. They had no hope being able to get medical help for Elisabeth.

Her mother Therese said, "I would never have any money to get any treatment."

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the size of a melon coming out of her cheek for the last seven years. She was my age at 33, had four children, and her husband had left her years ago. Her surgery was a success, but what really stuck out to me was the joy she had. She had such a beautiful smile and gracious attitude both before and after her surgery. When we live in a culture of entitlement, it's refreshing to see someone with such a reason for bitterness and pain to only show love and joy."

Mercy Ships lists two ways to donate, a one-time gift or a monthly gift.
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Professor Leigh Stephens is retired from CSUS Journalism and Communications Studies Department. She is the author of more than 500 articles and several books.

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Hollywood Hardware to celebrate grand opening under new ownership

By MONICA STARK
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In the face of big box hardware stores, Tom Tognetti goes old school back to a time when families would come to the general store for everything from tools to candies for the kiddos and something for mom.

Tom, a San Rafael resident, bought Hollywood Hardware a year ago and at the time some neighborhood folks and customers feared the beloved neon "Hardware" sign would be removed and that some jobs would be lost. All the staff has remained as has the sign and two full-time and one part-time staff members have been hired. Soon, he hopes to erect a vertical Hollywood sign to complement the hardware one (rendering on the cover).

Tom's fourth store since 1993, Hollywood Hardware, in the last 10 months transformed into an old-time general store with something for everyone. "Our motto is that we carry out so much more than a hardware store," he said.

Proud of the store's transformation, Tom's opening the doors for a grand opening under his ownership on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. With nearly 1,000 door prizes, including some hot giveaways like a \$500 barbecue and an Apple Watch. Freeport Bakery will provide coffee and Danishes; neighboring Little Caesar's will provide pizza for 50 cents, Burgess Brothers will sell their famous ribs and Hollywood Park's St. Robert Catholic School elementary band will play a couple hours in the morning. (See ad on page 11 with all the details.)

"It's a passion. I love business and I love people. It's been a lot of fun but now we're on the home stretch and it's fun to see the results. At the beginning people said they loved the store and were glad that it didn't go away. Good store or not, it needed some fresh life. I think I've injected that into it."

Tom's previous three stores—Alameda-based Pagano's Hardware Mart and Pagano's Hardware Towne Centre and Fredericksen Hardware in San Francisco's Cal Hollow neighborhood — each follow Tom's formula for creating a family inclusive one-stop shop.

Tom remembers reading his favorite quote from Alameda Magazine. From memory, he said he loved the part that recommends readers "get a cup of coffee and see what's new at Tagano's."

An owner and founder of an electronics company for the past 30 years, Tom would sell products to Sacramento stores and it was during that time



Tom Tognetti, new owner of Hollywood Hardware.



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he made strong ties with the Messners, the family that previously for the last 67 years owned Hollywood Hardware. "I've sold every hardware store in Sacramento and got to know the owners from Emigh's to Yankee to Greenhaven. When Denny Messner talked to me at first I turned him down, but then I decided (Hollywood Hardware) has what it takes for an old-time store."

Born in San Francisco, Tom moved to San Rafael at age 8 and spent most of his life living there. Currently, he comes to Sacramento on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to give his all to Hollywood Hardware. "I love doing it and I have a wife that puts up with it. She knows that it's what I do and that I'm fairly good at it."

Under Tom's leadership, Hollywood Hardware expanded its houseware and giftware section and added impulse-type of buys, such as "As Seen on TV" products and palm sized cheese graters, as well as storage containers and expanded its paint department with Color Match. Hollywood Hardware even sells jewelry and crafts made by people in South Land Park, including tote bags with "Hollywood Park" written across.

"We expanded every department by at least 30 percent and now the hardware aisle has 400 more fastener assortments."

At the beginning of Tom's leadership, he said often times customers would come to the store but then had to leave for Home Depot because Hollywood Hardware didn't have what they were looking for. "Now they're saying you just saved me a trip to somewhere else," he said.

Having torn every inch apart of the interior and added 60 percent more inventory, Tom acquired the nickname "Tornado" by staff. With positive morale at the store, Tom said a few of the workers actually completed nearly most of the store's remodel.

The next step in the store's remodel, Tom plans to remove the black bars that cover the windows near the roof on the front side of the store. He wants to remove them, clean the windows and get some natural light into the store, so he will also re-lamp and paint the ceilings white inside the store.

Tom spent his first eight years of life in SF, then moved to San Rafael, got his first job in high school working a couple of days at a hardware store (LC Smith) then at Jim Corbet's in Larkspur. After serving in the Marine Corps, he sold electrical and lightbulbs and called on Sacramento stores, half of which he said don't exist anymore. "It's sad. I think the old time stores are going away to big boxes and going to cookie cutters."

And that's his impetus to keep moving forward. "I like to take a store that is flat, stale and recreate it."

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Looking for the next Grand Marshal

By **MONICA STARK**
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The annual Fourth of July Spirit of the Pocket Parade, the largest parade event in the Pocket-Greenhaven area, is preparing for another magnificent patriotic celebration and is looking to the community for volunteers and floats. The parade, to be held on July 4 this year, is a popular community-produced visual spectacle.

Do you know a Pocket resident who has dedicated his or her life to the betterment of the community? The parade committee is currently looking for this year's grand marshal. Past grand marshals have included: local historian Dolores Greenslate, mayor Kevin Johnson, Senate pro-tem Darrell Steinberg and Sacramento Fire Department Engine 11.

The Fourth of July Pocket Parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at Parkway Oaks Park, next to the old Lisbon Elementary on South Land Park Drive.

The parade will then travel down Windbridge, ending at Garcia Bend Park.

Volunteers are needed to support the efforts (and the fun) of the parade. To volunteer in positions ranging from pre-parade phone calls, blocking streets (while sitting in a comfortable chair), parade marshals and helping with the after-parade activities at Garcia Bend, e-mail linda@valcomnews.com or contact her at The Pocket News at 429-9901.

Parade float entry forms can be picked up at The Pocket News office, 2709 Riverside Blvd. Completed entries can be dropped off at the newspaper office or emailed to linda@valcomnews.com. All pre-registered parade entrants will be part of the parade judging. Entries will be judged against others in their group type.

Preparations are already underway to make the parade bigger and better than ever before.

Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Public Library events

The hours for the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Public Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, events are as follows: Sunday and Monday: Closed; Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday: noon to 8 p.m.; Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday: 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Friends of the Library Booksale (Family/All Ages)
Friday, June 3: 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.

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NO Baby/Toddler Stay & Play (Early Childhood (0-5))
Tuesday, June 7 at 10:15 a.m.: Baby Toddler Stay & Play is cancelled for today, Tuesday, June 7 because the library meeting room is a polling place for the Pocket-Greenhaven community.

NO Baby/Toddler Storytime (Early Childhood (0-5))
Tuesday, June 7 at 11 a.m.: Baby Toddler Storytime is cancelled for today, Tuesday, June 7 because the library meeting room is a polling place for the Pocket-Greenhaven community.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting - inside the Teen Room (Teen)
Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m.: Please note that because of the GIANT book

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Wednesday, June 8 at 3:15 p.m.: We will have Wii games or Xbox games and/or board games.

Baby/Toddler Stay & Play (Early Childhood (0-5))
Thursday, June 9 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 Mis-

ter Cooper instead. This program is supported by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

Knit Together (Adult)
Friday, June 10 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 Storytime (Early Childhood (0-3))
Thursday, June 9 at 11 a.m.: A combined toddler and baby storytime in which babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 3 years) and their caretakers are invited to join us for songs and rhymes in this language enrichment program designed to boost brain development. PLEASE NOTE that on the last Tuesday of each month, we will have a special musical performance by Mr. Cooper instead of storytime. This program is part of the Sacramento Public Library's "Read for the Win" Summer Reading Challenge. Please sign up for our free brain-boosting challenge at saclibrary.org or at the front desk.

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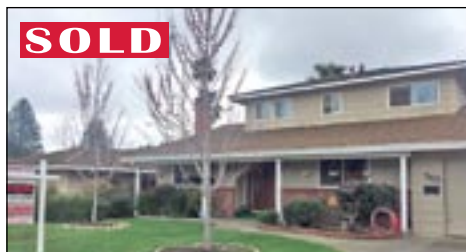
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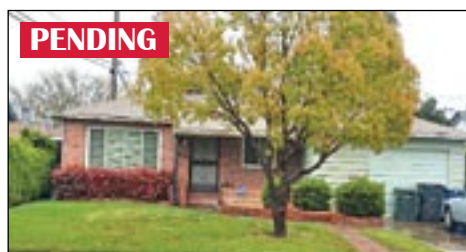
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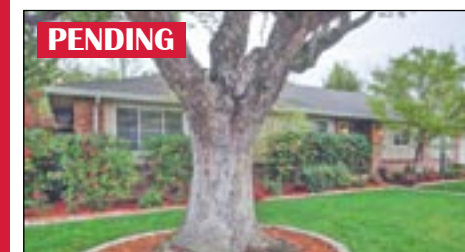
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Kennedy soccer player awarded \$20,000 scholarship from Foot Locker at surprise ceremony

By MONICA STARK
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Ku'ulei Osako's love for soccer has run deep in her veins for 12 years. With three older siblings who set great examples for her as soccer players, the John F. Kennedy senior always been inspired to become a player as good as them. Throughout the years she has fallen more and more in love with the game because it provided lessons that were effective both on and off the field.

"It taught me about teamwork which led to friendships and sportsmanship which led to respect. Soccer was also my outlet for when I was sad, mad, or stressed out. The game never failed to free me of all my emotions and brought genuine happiness. My love for this game has become a big part of who I am," she says.

Ku'ulei's talent and dedication to the sport has not gone unnoticed. Local coaches nominated her for a Foot Locker scholarship and she won \$20,000. A special surprise ceremony at the school's Little Theater was held on April 22 when Foot Locker gave her the large check.

"It may sound cliché, but this scholarship means the world to me," she says. "All my life I've worked so hard for everything I've ever pursued and fought endlessly through the tears, pain, and stress. To come out a winner for this



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Foot Locker scholarship is proof that no matter where you come from or what you have been through hard work does pay off. You can be successful! You can do anything you put your mind to, even if it seems impossible!"

Ku'ulei applied for this scholarship in December, 2015 with intentions of sharing her love for the game and academics. When January came, she was notified that she had made the top 50 finalists and she was to have a Skype Interview with some of the Foot Locker Representatives. All went well and she felt good about her interview but she never heard anything back from them after that so she just thought she didn't get it.

"I shook it off and was proud to have even made it to the top 50! Little did I know, a surprise ceremony set up by the JFK Staff and Foot Locker Representatives was waiting for me in the Little Theater at JFK High School on April 22, 2016. As I sat in my fourth period class, two big security guards walked in and said they needed to see me immediately. They escorted me to the discipline office without saying one word and left me completely in the dark. The Vice Principal placed me in the in-house suspension room and all he had to say was 'Turn your

phone off, don't speak, face the front.' I was afraid that something had gone wrong and I began to get irritated after they left me in there for 30 minutes!! Finally the VP came in and said follow me. He escorted me to the back door of the little theater and when I walked in, there were drums playing and confetti in the air. I was so surprised when I saw my friends, family, and coaches clapping and cheering happily for me. I was so shocked that I began to cry without even knowing what the ceremony was for. I cried even harder when I found out it was because I won the scholarship! All my teammates, friends, and family told me that they were so proud of me, that I deserved it and it was an amazing accomplishment. It hit my heart when my coach said: 'This is why we, coaches, do what we do.'"

This scholarship will not only assist Ku'ulei's in obtaining a higher education in college, but it will serve as a reminder that her success is completely up to her. As she says: "You can work hard on the field when others are watching, but it's the things you do when no one is watching that really make your hard work turn into something beautiful. I will continue to work and fight through any obstacle that life throws my way because in the end only beautiful things will transpire." Asked about her proudest moments on the field,

Ku'ulei said they would include her being captain. One of the main things that drive her to play her hardest is the support and well-being of teammates. "If I know that they're not having a good game or day, without even thinking, my first instinct is to cheer them on; tell them to keep their head up, play hard, and do my best to take the weight of their unease upon my own shoulders. My team is my family and if one person is down there is nothing I wouldn't do to pick their heads up," she says.

And, her proudest moments off the field are very similar to the ones on it. For as long as Ku'ulei can remember, she has always been concerned with the way people are feeling. "It's like my emotions are linked to everybody else's and if they're feeling pain or sadness, I feel it too. And I hate the fact that someone, anyone would ever feel that way. So without hesitation the comforting words flow from my mouth whether it be small compliments, appreciation, or recognition for little things that they do."

Mother Roberta Osako wrote into the Pocket News with the following response regarding how proud she is of her daughter: "There are no words to describe how very proud I am of Ku'ulei, thinking of this very rewarding and deserving scholarship that Ku'ulei won brings tears of joy and happiness to my eyes."

"I have watched Ku'ulei from very early on, being disciplined, determined and responsible in every aspect of her life so there would be no question that she could achieve such a high honor. This is a young lady that literally shows the responsibility of a grown woman, there is no missing work, there is no excuse ever to not get excellent grades and absolutely unacceptable to miss soccer practice. This is definitely a moment that makes my struggle as a single mother

er of 6 children well worth the effort." Thankful to Wayne Nova and Mike Ferrigno for the character letters that they wrote on Ku'ulei's behalf for the Footlocker Scholarship, Roberta also wanted to acknowledge two families that to thank for their on-going support in ensuring that Ku'ulei stayed in the soccer family, The Seaton's and The Kitt's. "And lastly to my daughter Ku'ulei thank you for making me the proudest mom in the world."

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Matias Bombal's Hollywood

Alice Through the Looking Glass

The MPAA has rated this PG

Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures brings us a sequel to their "Alice in Wonderland" of six years ago, "Alice Through the Looking Glass", this time with some screenings in 3-D and in IMAX presentations in selected cities. Several of the players from the first movie return, including Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter, Terrant Hightopp, Mia Wasikowska as Alice, Helena Bonham Carter as Iracebeth of Crims, The Red Queen, her sister Mirana, Anne Hathaway and Steven Fry as the voice of the Cheshire Cat.

In a prologue showing Alice, much more adult from when we last saw her, we find that she is the master of her own ship at sea and from what we see, quite a good one. When she returns from her voyage, she discovers there are some pressing financial issues that weigh her down. These include the pending confiscation of her ship and possible loss of her ancestral home. Distressed, she once again notices that the looking glass in a secluded room beckons her, and through it she goes.

She is informed on arrival in Wonderland that the Hatter's life is slipping away from him, and he is ridden with regret that he has lost his family, the Hightopps. He is wounded further by Alice, who visits him, yet does not believe his story. She must find out just how to reverse time so that the Hatter may save his family. The answer to how that may be done is contained in a little time-travel orb called the Chronosphere. To find it, she must actually meet Time himself in his far-away castle.

The screen writer, Linda Woolverton, may have been inspired in coming up with dialogue for some of the time related elements of this movie by a scene written by Truman Capote and John Huston for the 1953 movie "Beat The Devil", where Peter Lorre defines time:

"Time, time, what is time? The Swiss manufacture it, the French horde it, the Italians squander it, Americans say it is money, Hindus say it does not exist...You know what I say, I say time is a crook!"

Time himself is a new character in the Disney telling of this story, an amalgam of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass". Time is played by Sacha Baron Cohen, naturally, with a Swiss-German accent.

This movie's fantasy world is escapist not only in place but in and out of time as well. Part of the rich imagination that dazzles the eye is the handiwork of Oscar winning costume designer Colleen Atwood. Her costumes are quite sumptuous in this production. The move is technically a wonder, with some remarkably good sound recording and subtle use of clever sound editing, much of it the work of Benjamin A. Burtt. Larger than life in 3-D and IMAX is surely the best way to experience this movie, which I found highly entertaining. Yes there are moments in the in and out of time sequences when it seems much more like science fiction that Lewis Carroll, but it is well done. Perhaps the designers were also reading about Baron Munchausen. The Gothic design of the interior of time's castle is splendid indeed and Helena Bonham Carter's Red Queen is joyfully wicked and intolerant. Not a great film, but a highly visual and entertaining one. Madcap fantasy and fun.

X-Men: Apocalypse

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation offers "X-Men: Apocalypse" from director Bryan Singer, who helmed the first of several X-Men movies in the year 2000. The most recent X-Men movie before this one was set in the 1970s. This one is set in the 1980s. Returning are Professor X, played by James McAvoy, Magneto played by Michael Fassbender, and Mystique played by Jennifer Lawrence.



Photo: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures
Mia Wasikowska spends a few ticks with Sacha Baron Cohen in "Alice Through the Looking Glass"

These principal players must reunite as another mutant from ancient Egyptian times forces himself into the present. He is the all-powerful and Egyptian god-like En Sabah Nur or Apocalypse for short and you may sure bet that he will collect four mutant horsemen to cleanse the world of what he perceives may be its iniquities. At the U.S. intelligence agency, we see actress Rose Byrne as MacTaggart, who has just returned from a hidden dig in Egypt and seen remarkable things occur before her very eyes. The X-Men pay her a visit and she tells them what she's discovered about the rise of Apocalypse.

I was surprised at the rich level of detail and care taken with the photography in this movie, which runs a long 144min. Cinematographer Newton Thomas Sigel has taken great care to light the bigger than life personalities majestically. In the role of the all-powerful En Sabah Nur or Apocalypse as he is alternately called, is talented Oscar actor Isaac, in blue face paint and dress of an Egyptian God. He summons four helpers his "four horsemen", as it were to protect him for destruction as he plans to purify the earth and wipe it clean of national superpowers and what he calls false gods.

The four horsemen of the apocalypse of the bible's Book of Revelation were Conquest, War, Famine and Death. In this story partially written by director Brian Singer, Apocalypse's helpers are made up of Storm, played by Alexandra Shipp, Psylock, played by Olivia Munn, aforementioned Michael Fassbender as Magneto, and as Angel (as in angel of death), a young newcomer that caught my attention that I'd not seen before, English actor Ben Hardy. He does not have a lot of screen time, but it is memorable.

I have never been a fan of Marvel comics or DC Comics turned into movies. I often argue that there is not enough character development and that without investment in an entire series of these movies the casual moviegoer that has not seen all in the series may not catch-on to much of the nuance in the fast paced narrative. However, in this picture I was seduced from the opening shot set in ancient Egypt and looking stunning in 3-D. I was delighted by the time that was taken to re-introduce old characters and solidly establish new ones, like Cyclops with his destructive eyes, played by Tye Sheridan. It had the feeling of a classic Saturday afternoon serial, in which pith-helmeted explorers search through Egyptian ruins. Mind you this is no masterpiece of cinema, but highly entertaining, even when it goes over the top with CGI effects of mass destruction. I viewed it in my mind with child-like delight of watching Godzilla destroy Tokyo. The cast is top-heavy with talent, including a return to the screen for Ally Sheedy. One of my favorite young actors today, Nicholas Hoult turns in a solid performance. I think he's going to go on to great things in his career. Marvel legend Stan Lee's obligatory cameo has an unusually serious tone. Two performances elevate this movie to something to really enjoy; that of Oscar Isaac and that of Michael Fassbender as Magneto, who is really sensational in his performance, which is given enough context for it to resonate with the audience.

I found this far superior to any other comic book based story in the movies of recent. Much care was given to the look of the movie but most of all; it's fun to watch. With all of the dissecting that one can do with a movie in critical analysis, sometimes we might forget an important value for the moviegoer: Is it fun? On that level, X-Men: Apocalypse soars above many.

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Country Joe McDonald to perform at Sierra 2

By CORKY OAKES

Long before "Country" Joe McDonald gave his infamous cheer at Woodstock in the summer of 1969, Woody Guthrie's persona channeled through his being.

McDonald's father had many similarities to Guthrie. He was born in Oklahoma near Guthrie's hometown; grew up on a farm during the Depression; traveled the freight trains looking for work; was a hobo like Guthrie; ventured to the East Coast whereupon he became involved in "radical politics" and married a "Jewish East Coast intellectual woman" just as Guthrie had.

Joe McDonald's youth was enveloped in this environment and surrounded with music. "My parents had a collection of 78 RPM records called Songs from the Dustbowl. I listened to that music as a small child along with other 78 RPM records my parents had. It was just a certain kind of music I grew up with."

With this collective exposure, McDonald acquired the foundation for what would become "This Land is Your Land", a theatrical production presenting Woody Guthrie's music, writing and philosophies.

McDonald is bringing this production to Sacramento on Friday, June 3 at Sierra 2.

Given his success in the rock 'n' roll world, it is interesting to note that McDonald's first solo album was Thinking of Woody Guthrie (1970). "We went to Nashville, me and the producer from the record company, to make a country western album. We were using great country western instrumentalists. It was a place called Bradley's Barn. They did it so fast we had extra time left over so we decided to record another album with those people because we had already paid for the studio time. We just decided on the spot to record a Woody Guthrie album. I picked out songs I remembered from my childhood and also songs I had heard people sing. I got the lyrics over the phone to some I didn't remember. We recorded it. Then I forgot about it completely and hardly did any Woody Guthrie material."

Five years later, Guthrie's widow Marjorie together with Harold Leventhal (Guthrie's manager), were planning a tribute to Woody Guthrie at the Hollywood Bowl. Knowing that McDonald had recorded Thinking of Woody Guthrie, they asked if he would be interested in putting music to some of Guthrie's lyrics, something that had not been done before. McDonald recalls that the result of his music and Guthrie's lyrics was "kind of sexy." "They wanted to introduce the audience to this sexy erotic stuff." One of the songs, Woman at Home, gained particular notoriety. This project was followed in 1980 with McDonald recording Joady Guthrie's (Arlo Guthrie's younger brother) original songs.



Shown here is a recent photo of Country Joe McDonald.

Photo by Tom Weller

In 2001 Nora Guthrie (Woody and Marjorie Guthrie's daughter) launched a traveling exhibit called This Land is Your Land. The exhibit was hosted by the Steinbeck Center in Salinas. McDonald consented to performing some songs to kick off the exhibit. "For some crazy reason

I thought, 'I think I'll read some Woody Guthrie stuff that was my favorite over the years.' I had found a collection of his newspaper articles he wrote for the Communist newspaper, Woody Sez. I also inherited a collection of little books that reviewed records in the folk song era called The Little Sandy Review. They just reviewed folk song albums coming out in the '60s and '70s. I also remembered seeing some letters from Malvina Reynolds to Guthrie concerning a box of cookies she sent to Guthrie when he was in the hospital suffering with Huntington's Disease. I really liked the letters, Woody's column, some stuff from his autobiography and some stuff from my father's book. This morphed into the show I'm bringing to Sacramento."

Over his 50-year singer-songwriting-performing career, McDonald has recorded 25 original albums and a host of compilations. When asked how much of this experience impacted This Land is Your Land, McDonald says, "Throughout my career, I've written songs that were of country roots style. I do a pretty eclectic style of music. I'm very comfortable with country western. I grew up with country western music when I was a kid. There was a Grand Old Opry West called Town Hall Party in a near-

by town. I heard all those country western stars. I understand the Oklahoma guy who Woody Guthrie was; his sense of humor and style of talking."

McDonald has been known throughout his life as a political activist and supporter of many causes, most recently the environment and nursing (he is an acknowledged scholar about Florence Nightingale). This Land is Your Land stands on its own. "There wasn't a goal. I just picked stuff that I like. I do stuff that I enjoy. I'm quite surprised that it has been as successful as it has been. I'm a singer-songwriter and mostly I like doing my own stuff but this show has become quite popular. I only pick the songs I enjoy, and not always songs people would normally hear of Woody Guthrie."

This Land is Your Land will be performed Friday, June 3, 2016 at the 24th St. Theatre/Sierra 2 Center for the Arts & Community, 2791 24th St. in Curtis Park. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 advance/\$30 door. Tickets are also available at: <http://www.inticketing.com/events/535101/country-joe-mcdonald-tribute-to-woody-guthrie/>

For more information on Country Joe, visit his website <http://www.countryjoe.com>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am a retired teacher. I read your article in the Pocket News and I find it highly disturbing that some of our schools have sunk to this low level. Academic standards are being ditched in order to reduce suspensions, or so it would appear. What is the priority? It should be learning but it obviously is not learning.

If the school does not want suspensions, it should simply not suspend anybody no matter how bad and disruptive the classroom behavior. The kids who want to learn will suffer and transfer to other schools and the troublesome kids will not be suspended.

Academic learning does not end when school is out. Homework is an extension of the classroom. There should be a reasonable amount of homework given to students. We can discuss what a "reason-

able" amount of homework is but that is another topic.

The teacher who gave out most of the referrals was trying to maintain an orderly classroom, but was obviously not supported and basically threatened with his job. I understand the situation because I have been in that situation.

I think that any intelligent parent who has a child in that school will take their child out of that school and send their child to a school that believes in academic standards, behavior standards, and a school that supports its teachers.

Who are the parents who want their children to go this school? Only the ones who do not care about their children's education. The school needs a new principal.

Milo Turaylich

Community Worship

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475 Florin Road (at Gloria Dr.) • 428-8449
9:00am Bible Study & Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service (Alternating Traditional & Contemporary)
www.GreenhavenLutheran.org
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625 Florin Road (adjacent to Kennedy High in Greenhaven/Pocket) • 428-3439
A community loving Christ, building disciples, serving all
Worship Sunday 9 and 11 am
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• Family Programs • Adult Education

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am
Bible Class: 9:00am
5700 South Land Park Drive & 35th Avenue 421-0492

Riverside Wesleyan Church
6449 Riverside Blvd. • 391-9845
Sunday Worship: 9:00am & 10:45am
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Greenhaven Neighborhood Church
630 Ark Way • 422-8253
Sunday School Bible Study: 9:15am • Sunday Worship: 10:30am
Weekly Bible Studies - Jr/Sr High Events

St. Anthony Catholic Church
660 Florin Road • 428-5678
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