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From Baseball in West Sacramento to movies in Hollywood, Eric Arthur Martinez proves nothing should stop you

By Matías Bombal

Exclusive to the News-Ledger

A montage of memories of violent events turns into a transforming sense of visual poetry on screen; Joe Montoya relives the pain of his slain wife, a victim of urban gang violence. The music is plaintive. As Joe's memories are laced together image after image, his voice is heard as he pensively walks away from the camera, in a setting evocative of the great noir films of the past: "One man can't end a war. All he can do is stop the one that is in his heart. People are always going to be killing each other, that's the way of the world. A question a man has to ask himself: Is he going to be one of the ones holding the gun, or one of the ones walking away?"

So ends a powerful moment in the movie "5th Street" which was released in March of 2014. The man behind the voice and

face of Joe Montoya is actor Eric Arthur Martinez, 52. Martinez is also the writer of the movie, released by Indican Pictures for home and streaming markets through Amazon, RedBox and Wal-Mart. With a shoestring budget of \$80,000 as compared to major Hollywood studio pictures that often top \$350 million dollars, "5th Street" is doing very well in the home market with this new way to distribute movies without theatres. The movie industry is shifting on precarious technology changes. Soon, much will be seen in our homes rather than at the traditional movie theatre model that has served us for over one-hundred years.

Mr. Martinez lives in Redondo Beach, California, with his wife Sylvia and a cat that tried to lure him away from the telephone to play during our interview last week. The journey to actor and screenwriter

from local beginnings is a relatively recent chapter in his life, which began in Broderick, CA. There, he had played baseball with Washington Little League from the time he was 15 years old. His parents, Fidel and Judie Martinez, still live in the area, as does his sister. He has a brother in Lincoln.

Eric Martinez attended River City Senior High School, where his passion to become one of the boys of summer, and to play professionally, filled his dreams and ambitions. "I thought I would become a professional baseball player, but passion and desire can only take you so far," said Martinez. He would continue his education at Sacramento City College and Sacramento State University.

During a baseball game, a baseball, just having been hit by the bat into

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Eric Arthur Martinez

Judie Martinez and her actor/writer son Eric Arthur Martinez at a screening of "5th Street"

New laws for the new year

By Monica Stark

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With the new year comes new laws. Here's a breakdown.

Vaccinations for schoolchildren

Senate Bill 277 requires full vaccinations for schoolchildren with the exception of home-schooled children and those children with serious health problems.

Highway lane use

Assembly Bill 208 requires on two-lane highways that slow moving vehicles turn off the roadway at "the nearest place designated as a turnout or wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists." This law also applies to bicycles.

Earphone and headset restrictions

Senate Bill 491 states that it is unlawful for one to wear a headset covering, earphones or earplugs that rest on or are inserted in both ears while operating a motor vehicle or bicycle. Exemptions include per-

sons operating authorized emergency vehicles and construction equipment while wearing safety earplugs or a headset.

Gun-free school zone

Senate Bill 707 prohibits a person licensed to carry a concealed firearm from doing so on college or university campuses, and K-12 school grounds. Retired law enforcement is exempt from this law.

Gun violence restraining orders

Assembly Bill 1014, allows family members, who have a relative they believe to be at risk of committing an act of violence, to obtain a temporary restraining order to bar gun ownership of that relative for 21 days.

No more exit exams for high school students

No longer are high school seniors required to take the exit exam to graduate from high school. The law goes into effect for each student completing grade 12 for the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

The law, until July 31, 2018, requires the governing board or body of a local educational agency (i.e.: Washington Unified School District) to grant a diploma of graduation from high school to any pupil who completed grade 12 in the 2003-04 school year or a subsequent school year and has met all applicable graduation requirements other than the passage of the high school exit exam.

Vapor products sales to minors

Existing law prohibits the sale of electronic cigarettes to people younger than 18 years old. The new law, Assembly Bill 216, prohibits the sale of any device that produces vapor, including non-nicotine products.

Gender wage differential

The law prohibits an employer from paying any of its employees at wage rates less than those paid to employees of the opposite sex for substan-

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Farmers, Environmentalists and State Agencies Team Up to Rescue Salmon

Despite four years of record drought, large numbers of salmon are coming back to the Sacramento Valley rivers this winter. Unfortunately some of these salmon are taking wrong turns out of rivers into dead-end drainage canals where they will die unless redirected back into the rivers.

In the Yolo Bypass, hundreds of large salmon – some weighing up to 30 pounds – are swimming the wrong way up dead end drainage canals. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is trapping dozens of these fish and trucking them back to the Sacramento River, where they are released to continue the upstream journey to their spawning grounds. Upcoming repairs to the agricultural drainage system should prevent the problem from recurring.

CDFW's efforts are supported by a diverse group of local farmers, drainage districts and salmon advocates. This past August, farm groups, conservation organizations and government agencies banded together to make repairs to prevent fish from swimming into the Colusa Basin Drain near Knights Landing Outfall Gates. A similar project is planned for next year to block fish at Wallace Weir.

"This model for collaboration, investment, and hard work is vital to the future of the Sacramento Valley and is essential for delivering reliable water supplies to our farms, cities, and the millions of birds migrating along the Pacific Flyway," says Lewis Bair, program manager of Reclamation District 108. "That's why our district invested in the Knights Landing upgrade, and why we're on board to upgrade Wallace



Photos by Jacob Katz

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Currently, salmon are blocked from swimming into the Colusa Canal with a temporary fish trap constructed at Wallace Weir as well as a secondary trap in the Colusa Basin Drain itself. CDFW staff operates both trapping sites and have rescued over 450 fall run salmon in the last three weeks. Rescuing fish isn't always the best decision from a population standpoint, but after evaluation, CDFW determined that assisting would be prudent and this effort has been successful.

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Gavel Passed, Baseball, PPIE, and Appreciation at Friends Annual Meeting

Submitted by Donna Seaver for Friends of the Yolo County Archives

The meeting began with Tom Crisp, researcher of semi-professional baseball, sharing facts and stories about many of Yolo County's baseball players from the 1800s to present. Tom's recently published book, *The \$1,000 Elimination League – A 1915 Sacramento Valley Baseball Experiment* provides more detail and was available for purchase (contact tachoops@sbcglobal.net for more information). As outgoing president, Tom then passed the gavel to incoming president Lana Paulhamus at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Yolo County Archives

held in the atrium of the Yolo County Administration Building on November 15. Lana welcomed members and guests and introduced attending board members. Current Directors are: President, Lana Paulhamus (West Sacramento); Vice President, Lon Springer (Woodland); Secretary, Gloria Lopez (Winters); treasurer, John Jackson (Woodland). Lon Springer read a report from Patty Wong, Yolo County Chief Librarian and Archivist. Meredith Sarmento, Yolo County Archivist gave a progress report on ongoing projects and opportunities at the Archives and then treated the group in sharing what she has learned in researching Yolo County's involvement at the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition (PPIE) in San Francisco. Meredith presented a display with photos of the PPIE and 2 laptops with rotating graphics and photos. She also introduced the Friends' latest publication – a reprint of a souvenir

guide to Yolo County, California issued by the Sunset Magazine Homeseeker's Bureau in 1915. The 33-page illustrated booklet was published for the PPIE and was designed to showcase the many attractive qualities of Yolo County, enticing visitors to buy land and call Yolo County home. One focus of the annual meeting is recognition and appreciation of volunteers who contribute their time to the Archives and others who have supported the Archives and Friends of the Yolo County Archives. Ted Smith, past president and newsletter editor was recognized for his contributions and the many years he dedicated to supporting the Archives. Volunteers are invaluable in keeping projects moving forward. Recognized that day were: Jason Bell, Connie Beard, Ruby Buentello, Sharon Brobst, Tom Crisp, and Bob Dunn. New member, Catherine Portman, spoke about the efforts involved in research-



During annual meeting, Friends of the Yolo County Archives past-president, Tom Crisp (Davis), passes the gavel to incoming president Lana Paulhamus (West Sacramento).

ing through the Yolo County Archives, and producing the large reprint of women picking hops in Yolo County currently displayed on the north wall of the atrium, donated by the Portman-Shellham-mer Family Trust (Don Tackett, Folsom-based photographer, donated his time printing and framing). The meeting closed with light refreshments provided by the Board.

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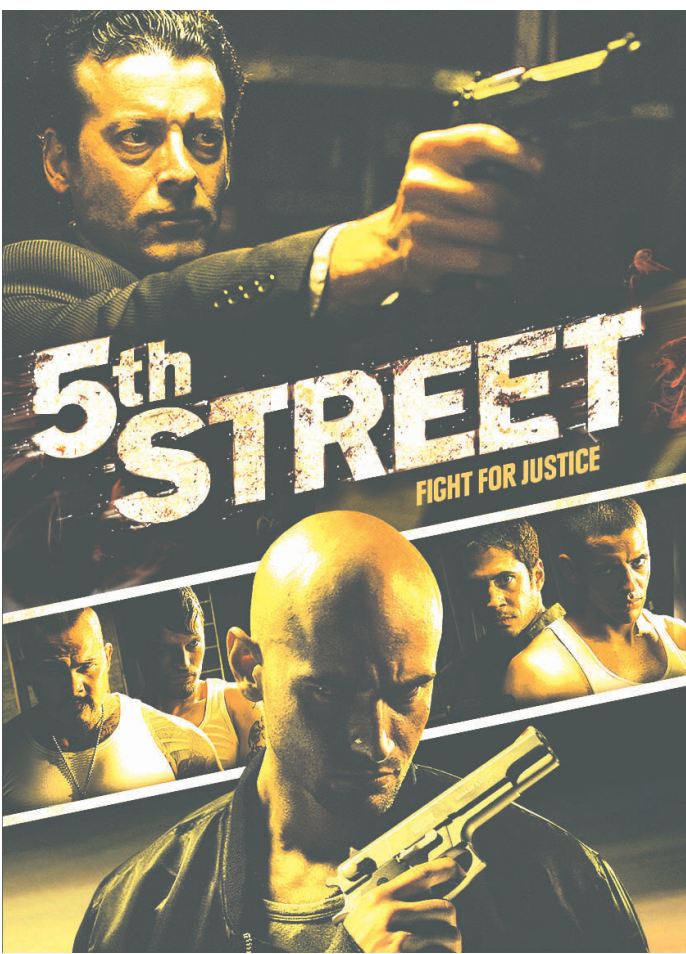
play by Martinez’s coach, struck him forcibly in the thigh, bruising his bone. It required lengthy physical therapy. This event triggered a new interest for Martinez. Here was a way that he could remain connected to sports, yet from a different angle. This led to a trip east to Chicago where he would attend Northwestern University for a degree in psychical therapy. Retuning to West Sacramento with his degree , he wondered what would be next.

He met a girl that needed a roommate in Los Angeles, and that sounded like a great place. At 30, he might establish a practice and follow that California dream of a little surfing on the side. The timing did not work out. He preceded the young lady’s arrival there by many months. His practice would eventually last 18 years, however, with a busy nine to five schedule.

In 1992, Martinez became intrigued by actor patients, in for treatment that would discuss their craft. His interest led him to take acting classes beginning in 1992.

Martinez said, “The more time I spent working on scenes the more comfortable I became.” By the mid-1990s his skills improved by acting in six-week runs of several plays. The study of scripts and the focus on dialogue awakened an interest in writing, too. He published “A Knight Without Intellect”, a collection of poems and short stories under the name Eric Arthur.

The evolution of Martinez’s movie “5th Street” from first screenplay draft to finished movie took seven years. Inspired by the great visual style of classic mob movies, like 1974’s “The Godfather: Part II”, Martinez loves the work of Al Pacino. He hired established script doctor Howard



5th Street Films/Indican Pictures

Dratch to take a blue pencil through the screenplay and guide his hand. Dratch polished his character development and taught Martinez much in the process. There would be many rewrites over time. Time is money; Martinez cashed in his retirement to fund the picture with his company, 5th Street Films.

“I’d lose the wind from my sails when I’d have to return to another draft,” said Martinez, “It’s like a punch in the gut; you’re so close to it.”

He finally had a screenplay of 145 pages in length. Too long.

In 2001, Martinez had an audition for actors with the director and producer present. He heard his words read by others for the first time. “I grinned inside,” said Martinez with a smile in his voice.

The film’s director, Alex Meader, was able to help Martinez cut it to the final 90 pages that were photographed. Some of the best moments came from real life experiences that Martinez drew from in writing the story.

“There’s a moment when a gang member lies about his pain level in a medical appointment,” said Martinez. “That would happen in my office, a gang member working the system.”

“I’m very happy with the way it worked out,” Martinez continued. “The hard part isn’t coming up with the idea; it is just doing it. Nothing should stop you. Do the best that you can and let the chips fall where they may.”

Every quarter Martinez gets a statement of his earnings trickling in from the rentals of “5th Street”; he visits his family in West Sacramento about four times a year. On a recent visit, he was beguiled by the new Raley Field, which he wished had been around when he was a boy in the area. He has written a new short movie, and has three new script ideas. He is grateful for his wife who supports him, and those who worked on the film for very little pay to see it realized. Says Martinez, “I want the audience to be purely entertained.”

Traffic calming in West Sacramento

(Editor’s Note: A reader sent in the following message and the City of West Sacramento Traffic and Transportation engineer Peter Hanson’s reply follows.)

Reader: I was wondering why Lilac Lane has speed bumps and Poplar does not and it is right in front of Westfield School. Also Manzanita Way, which is a long street with sharp turns at both ends, also needs to be mentioned. Why were these streets left out of the loop?

Peter Hanson: Traffic calming devices are typically installed as per the direction of the residential working group with the assistance of city staff. It appears that the traffic calming devices in the specified neighborhood have been installed way before my time (10 years plus) so I cannot comment on why the residents decided to not install the devices on other streets. In West Sacramento speed bumps are installed as part of a larger traffic calming effort. Unfortunately, due to budgetary reasons the city’s traffic calming program has been suspended until further notice. However, we still do accept petitions that will be processed on a first-come first-served basis once the budget allows us to proceed with the program.

A link to the program, including the petition, can be found here: www.cityofwestsacramento.org/city/depts/pw/traffic_n_transportation/residential_traffic_calming.asp

The text from the above website has been reprinted here for your convenience:

PLEASE NOTE: Due to budgetary constraints, the Residential Traffic Calming Program has been suspended indefinitely. Specific safety issues and concerns should still, however, still be reported to the city.

Traffic Calming Defined

The Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), an international association of transportation professionals, provides the following definition for traffic calming:

“Traffic calming is the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users.”

Traffic Calming in West Sacramento

In July of 1998, the City of West Sacramento City Council adopted the Residential Traffic Calming Program (RTCP). This comprehensive program was created to address resident concerns about traffic issues in residential neighborhoods, particularly the issues of speeding and cut-through traffic. It validated a commitment by the city to provide safe and livable neighborhoods. The program also helps to ensure that traffic calming solutions are applied in a consistent and equitable manner.

While concerns may be similar from neighborhood to neighborhood, solutions typically vary. The RTCP provides residents with an opportunity to work hand-in-hand with City staff to create and implement the best solutions for their particular neighborhood. There are choices to be considered, which include types of measures installed, location of measures, boundaries, etc. Each choice

has its own cost, feasibility, and effectiveness issues.

Purposes for Traffic Calming

Reduction of traffic speeds and volumes are the most common reasons for the implementation of traffic calming measures. Other reasons for traffic calming include reducing cut-through traffic, traffic noise, collisions, truck traffic, and increasing pedestrian and bicycle safety.

A Comprehensive Approach to Traffic Calming

The city of West Sacramento practices the “3 E’s” approach to traffic calming:

Education: Staff provides information to residents regarding available methods and tools to make educated decisions to properly address neighborhood traffic concerns.

Enforcement: Through selective enforcement, the Police Department addresses targeted traffic issues.

Engineering: Staff works directly with residents to identify concerns and solutions, and implement traffic calming strategies based on established and proven traffic engineering principles.

Staff works closely with residents to address problems and provide solutions consistent with neighborhood goals. The majority of residents in a neighborhood must validate their support for a traffic calming plan. The intent is to address traffic issues, while not shifting problems elsewhere.

Residential Traffic Calming Process

The City of West Sacramento’s RTCP relies on significant community participation. Residents typically initiate traffic calming requests and must live with any modifications on a daily basis. Consequently, the City relies heavily on resident participation throughout the process. The development of a safe and effective traffic calming plan depends on the successful cooperation between residents and city staff. Implementation of a traffic calming plan is subject to available funding and resources.

Petition

Participation of a neighborhood in the traffic calming program begins with submittal of a completed, Residential Traffic Calming Program Petition Form. The form must include the signatures, names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least 10 residents of the affected neighborhood, and information about the location(s) and issues of concern. Only one signature per household will be accepted.

Consideration and Prioritization

Upon receipt of the petition form, the City’s Transportation Section will conduct an analysis to determine a neighborhood’s eligibility. Aside from the petition requirements, a neighborhood must meet certain criteria on affected streets to be eligible. These criteria are:

-Streets must be two-lane local residential or residential collector streets with a posted speed of 25 mph.

-A speeding problem validated by means of a speed survey showing an 85th percentile (critical) speed of at least 6 mph over the posted speed.

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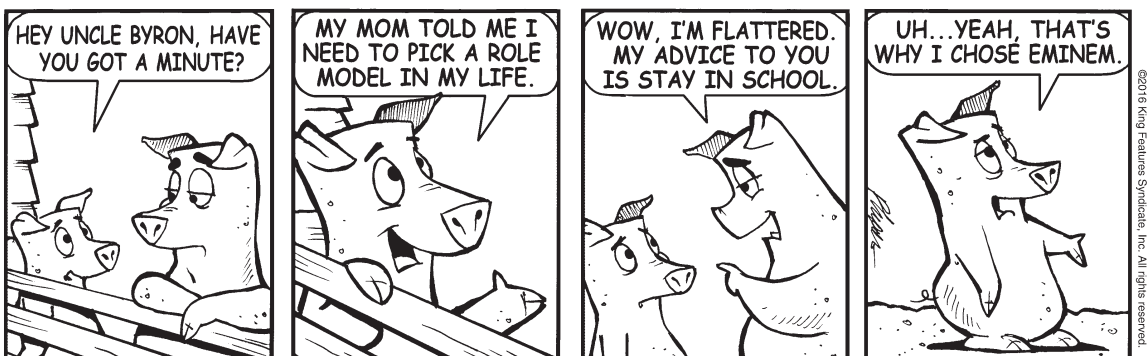
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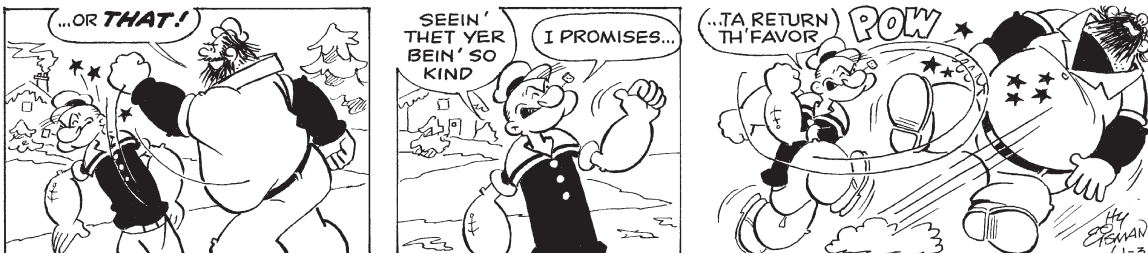
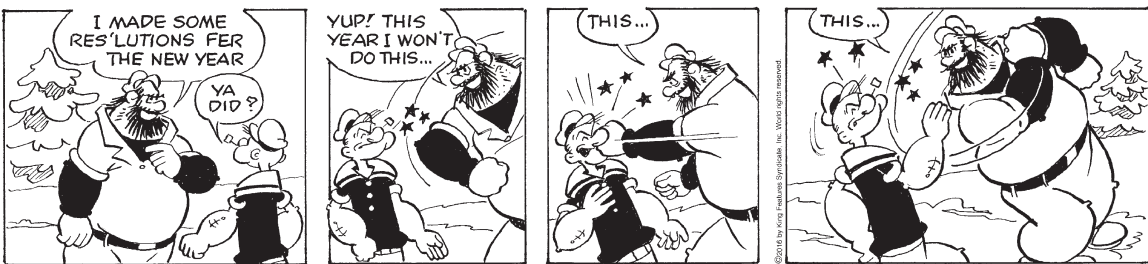
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 - 27 Spherical body
 - 28 Swing back and forth
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 - 30 Grappled, rural-style
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 - 38 Nobody — business
 - 39 Actress who played Marcia in "The Brady Bunch Movie"
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tially similar work, when viewed as a composite of skill, effort, and responsibility, as specified. The law would revise and recast the exceptions to require the employer to affirmatively demonstrate that a wage differential is based upon one or more specified factors, including a seniority system, a merit system, a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production, or a bona fide factor other than sex, as specified. The law requires the employer to demonstrate that each factor relied upon is applied reasonably, and that the one or more factors relied upon account for the entire differential. The law prohibits an employer from discharging, or in any manner discriminating or retaliating against, any employee by reason of any action taken by the employee to invoke or assist in any manner the enforcement of these provisions. The law authorizes an employee who has been discharged or discriminated or retaliated against, in the terms and conditions of his or her employment because the employee engaged in any conduct delineated in these provisions, to recover in a civil action reinstatement and reimbursement for lost wages and work benefits caused by the acts of the employer, including interest thereon, as well as appropriate equitable relief. The law prohibits

an employer from prohibiting an employee from disclosing the employee's own wages, discussing the wages of others, inquiring about another employee's wages, or aiding or encouraging any other employee to exercise his or her rights under these provisions. The bill would also increase the duration of employer recordkeeping requirements from two years to three years. By changing the definition of a crime, law imposes a state-mandated local program.

Sexual health education

Also introduced this year is Assembly Bill 329, which requires that junior high and middle school students receive instruction in sexual health education at least once, and students in high school receive such instruction at least once. This instruction includes updates regarding HIV and AIDS prevention education.

Reproductive FACT Act

The Reproductive Freedom Accountability Comprehensive Care and Transparency Act requires a licensed covered facility to inform clients that the state has public programs that provide immediate, free or low-cost access to "comprehensive family planning services, prenatal care and abortion for eligible women." It also requires unlicensed covered facilities to inform clients that they are not licensed as medical facilities by the state of California.

Salmon:

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"Salmon straying into Colusa Drain is clearly a large problem and it is in everybody's interest to fix it," said local rice farmer and landowner John Brennan.

Born in freshwater, salmon travel to the ocean to mature and then return, swimming upstream to their natal streams to reproduce. Canals, levees, dams and other manmade water infrastructure interrupt the normal salmon migrations and are the focus of these collaborative efforts to improve salmon migration, habitat and food supplies. These parties are all working closely to advance a series of projects as part of the Sacramento Valley Salmon Recovery Program.

"To have big adult salmon that have already made the perilous trip to sea and back only to die right before spawning because they take a wrong turn is just plain tragic," said Jacob Katz of California Trout, a non-profit organization that advocates for the recovery of the state's threatened native fish. "It's tragic because it so preventable. It's time to upgrade our water system and fix this problem."

Winter run Chinook salmon are listed as a federally endangered species and their population fluctuations can limit water supplies to farmers and cities. Because winter run and fall run Chinook are difficult to distinguish during fishing operations, low numbers of returning winter run salmon have curtailed West Coast commercial fishing in previous years.

"To have adult spawners fail to contribute to the next generation has real economic consequences for California," said John McManus of the Golden Gate Salmon Association, a coalition representing sport and commercial salmon fishermen. "Fishermen get penalized with fishing restrictions when winter run numbers are low, even though fishermen are not the source of the problem."

Salmon navigate largely by smell but are also attracted by water flow during their return migration. Water operations including reservoir releases and exports from the Delta can confuse signals fish use to migrate back to natal waters. Because the drainage water flowing out of the agricultural canals originates in the Sacramento River basin, it can mix up salmon, luring them off track where they become stranded and die. Prior to CDFW's fish rescue efforts starting in 2013, the number of salmon lost each year is unknown. Muddy water in winter

usually makes it hard to observe fish in the canals.

"This effort provides a second chance for these fish to contribute to the next salmon generation," said Colin Purdy of CDFW. "If these salmon are not brought back to the river, they will die without reproducing because there is no spawning habitat in these drainage canals."

In 2013, more than 300 winter and spring-run salmon were rescued from the Colusa Drain.

Frequently Asked Questions: Why does it matter if a few fish don't manage to reproduce this year?

Winter run Chinook salmon, begin their spawning migration in December. These are the most endangered run in the Valley and their numbers have direct effect on multibillion dollar industries important to the California economy. If the same number of adult winter run Chinook salmon taken in the Drains in 2013 were caught at sea, the National Marine Fisheries Service could have shut down the \$1.4 billion ocean salmon fishery. If 20 percent of the offspring from these adult fish were sucked into the Delta pumps, the National Marine Fisheries Service could be forced to shut down the Central Valley and State Water Projects which provide water to tens of millions of Californians.

The drainage canals also entrap fall run Chinook salmon which support the commercial and sport fisheries. Like all salmon fall-run need cold water in order to successfully reproduce. California is in its fourth year of drought. Water levels are down and water temperatures are up. As their name suggests fall-run begin spawning in autumn and most of the run has already spawned. Those fish caught in the trap over the last several weeks are relatively late arrivals. Ensuring that they are saved and successfully spawn is particularly important because elevated river temperatures caused by drought are believed to have killed many of the salmon eggs laid earlier in the season. Only with the arrival of the winter rains have temperatures in upriver spawning beds cooled enough to successfully hatch salmon eggs.

What effect has the drought had on overall salmon populations in the Central Valley?

Central Valley salmon runs are adapted to drought. Under natural conditions salmon would adapt by using the cold-water habitats where and when they are available. But

human alteration of the valley, especially construction of dams which cut salmon off from high elevation cold water habitats in the hills and mountains and levees which limit food production on floodplains, has degraded the river habitats on which salmon depend. Many of the native Central Valley salmon runs are now imperiled and this drought could be the last straw.

How many fish have been caught and transported out of this canal to date this fall?

Over 500 fall run have been captured at this one location alone in the last three weeks. Many more are showing up each day. Genetic samples taken from each fish will definitively assign the fish to the different runs, but those samples take some time to be analyzed. Preliminary data suggest that most of the fish captured to this point are fall run, endangered winter run Chinook salmon could be migrating soon.

Where is the drainage canal in question located?

Beginning near Red Bluff and ending in the Delta, the network of flood protection and ag drainage canals stretches for over 100 miles down the west side of the Sacramento Valley. Attracted by the water flow coming down the canals, fish leave the Sacramento River and swim into the drainage system in the southern Yolo Bypass near Liberty Island. The trapping location, at Wallace Weir on Knaggs Ranch, is 30 miles north near the town of Woodland. If the trap is not in place, salmon can continue upstream into the Colusa Drain, a maze of ditches which extends approximately 80 miles north.

What fixes have been proposed to state and federal agencies that would prevent these types of wrong turns in the future?

Government agencies working with local stakeholders including drainage districts, environmental conservation organizations and farmers have a plan to upgrade the obsolete Wallace Weir to include gates that would block salmon and sturgeon from swimming up the Colusa Drain. State officials expect to break ground on this win-win water system improvement at Wallace Weir this coming summer. Other solutions are being proposed such as a seasonally operated bladder dam downstream in the toe drain which may also help to block fish and prevent stranding thereby avoiding the need for fish rescue.

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Police Log

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The news items below are collected from police dispatchers' notes and arrest reports. The information in them has often not been verified beyond the initial reports. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Dec. 24 at 10:29 a.m.— Reporting Date and Time

Suspect arrested per a non-bail warrant out of Sacramento. Incident occurred on the 500 block of A Street after a call for service.

Dec. 23 at 8:45 a.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A suspect used a victim's lost/stolen credit card at McDonald's and several online retailers. The credit card is believed to be lost/stolen from Grocery Outlet. The arrest took place at the 800 block of Harbor Boulevard.

Status: Active

Dec. 25 at 1:30 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A suspect was reported to run off with a cell phone without paying for it. The incident occurred at the Sprint store, located at the 700 block of Ikea Court.

Status: Active

Dec. 25 at 8:54 p.m. — Reporting Date and Time

An unknown suspect grabbed a victim from behind and made a threat to hurt him. The suspect took the victim's wallet so the victim punched the suspect a few times in the face and ran off. The incident occurred on Bryte Avenue.

Status: Active

Dec. 25 at 11 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A known suspect has been found standing outside the victim's home on Catalina Island Road for no reason and showing up unannounced. The subjects know each other through church.

Dec. 26 at 5:45 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A woman was arrested for shoplifting at the 700 block of Riverpoint Court. The suspect is scheduled to appear at the Yolo County

Superior Court.

Dec. 26 at 5:26 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A woman was arrested on charges for shoplifting and trespassing on the 1200 block of West Capitol Avenue.

Dec. 26 at 7:39 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

The suspect was contacted at the 2000 block of Olive Court during an argument with her family. The suspect was found to have outstanding warrants. While the suspect was placed under arrest for her warrant, she resisted uniformed officers and she did not comply with verbal commands to stop resisting and to submit to arrest. The suspect also kicked the reporting officer twice while she was being taken into custody. The suspect was then taken to the ground and she was arrested. The suspect was still combative and she was placed in a WRAP restraint. The suspect was then booked into the Yolo County Jail for the above reasons and for the outstanding warrant.

Dec. 26 at 12:07 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A woman was arrested for shoplifting at the 700 block of Riverpoint Court.

Dec. 26 at 10:03 a.m.— Reporting Date and Time

The suspect was contacted for a call for service at the 2000 block of Claudia Court. The suspect had an outstanding warrant and is on probation out of Yolo County until next month. The suspect was arrested for his outstanding warrant.

Dec. 26 at 12:07 a.m. — Reporting Date and Time

An officer was contacted for a call for service at the 1600 block of West Capitol Avenue. The suspect had blood shot water eyes, slurred speech and was unstable on his feet. The suspect stated he had been drinking beer. The suspect was unable to care for himself in public. He was transported and booked into Yolo County Jail and his property was booked

into the West Sacramento Police Department.

Dec. 27 at 8 a.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A woman was arrested for shoplifting at Wal-Mart and upon arrival, officers noticed she had an outstanding warrant. She was transported and booked for the shoplift and outstanding warrant.

Dec. 27 at 12:43 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

The man was arrested for possession of a meth pipe at the 1700 block of West Capitol Avenue. The individual is schedule to appear in court.

Dec. 27 at 8 a.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A man was contacted by police for shoplifting and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 700 block of Riverpoint Court. The subject is scheduled to appear in court in April.

Dec. 27 at 4:15 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A woman was contacted by police for shoplifting at Wal-Mart. The individual is scheduled to appear in court next month.

Dec. 27 at 12:22 a.m. — Reporting Date and Time

A man was contacted by police for shoplifting at Wal-Mart. The individual is scheduled to appear in court in April.

Dec. 28 at 9:50 a.m. — Reporting Date and Time

A woman was arrested for shoplifting at Wal-Mart. The individual is scheduled to appear in court in April.

Dec. 28 at 5 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A transient woman was arrested and booked into Yolo County Jail after being found "squatting" at the 900 block of Poplar Avenue. She was arrested after being found out she had a no-bail warrant out of Sacramento Superior Court.

Dec. 28 at 1:56 p.m.— Reporting Date and Time

A transient man was contacted at the 700 block of Poplar Avenue. The individual is known to the reporting officer that he is a parolee at large. He was arrested and booked into Yolo County Jail without incident.

Local Scene

First and second Sundays of the month: VFW breakfast: VFW breakfasts are now only the first and second Sundays of the month at 1708 Lisbon Ave., Bryte/West Sacramento. The cooks are Deb and John Flores.

Golden Years Club: Those age 50 and up are invited to join the Golden Years Club of West Sacramento. The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. at the VFW, 905 Drever St. For info, call Dareld at 396-3617.

Trees for Tomorrow – Free Shade Trees!: The city of West Sacramento in partnership with Tree Davis has been awarded a large Cap and Trade Grant designed to reduce Greenhouse gas by planting trees. The target area for the grant is north of the deep-water channel. If you would like some FREE shade trees to plant around your home, please come to one of three workshops being offered Jan. 6, Feb. 3 and March 2 at the Community Center at 1075 West Capitol Ave. from 6 to 7:30 pm. Trees are delivered to your home. The trees are free however, you must plant them yourself. Call 617-4620 to sign up. The Trees for Tomorrow Program will plant and maintain a total of 1,000 new trees in communities throughout West Sacramento to sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in an effort to lessen the impacts of climate change throughout California. Funding for the Trees for Tomorrow Program has been provided through a grant awarded by the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and administered by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Urban and Community Forestry Program. This grant will span three years; host nearly 80 planting and tree care events, provide multiple internships and employment opportunities, and will make a lasting, positive environmental impact on our region.

Now until Jan. 15, 2016: Little Hats, Big Hearts looking for newborn and preemie knit hats: Calling knitters, crocheters and loom knitters of all ages. The American Heart Association Sacramento Chapter is calling for handmade little red hats in preemie

and newborn sizes. Hats need to be completed and delivered to the Sacramento Chapter Office located at 2007 O St., 95811 no later than Friday, Jan. 15, 2016. "Little Hats, Big Hearts" is a nationwide campaign of the AHA, bringing awareness to the babies who are born with heart ailments and heart defects. All hats received will be distributed locally in February 2016 as part of Go Red Month. This event is also being hosted on Facebook as "Little Hats, Big Hearts" for Elk Grove and Sacramento. Enjoy being part of this special project. Participants in Elk Grove will have designated drop-off locations to be announced in the Elk Grove Citizen and Facebook. For more information, contact Teresita Valadez at tere-sitagabriela@yahoo.com.

Book Club for Seniors

Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. to discuss a book chosen by participants at the West Sacramento to Community Center. The schedule, is, as follows:

Jan. 12: Bossy Pants by Tina Fey

Feb. 9: The Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown

March 8: Dandy Gilver and the Proper Treatment of Bloodstains by Catriona McPherson

April 11: The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

May 10: The End of Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe (non fiction)

June 14: Cooking with Fernet Branca by James Hamilton-Patterson

Free lunch for seniors: A free, tasty lunch is available at Riverbend Manor to any senior, 60 or older, with a resident address in Yolo County. Although lunches are free, donations are always accepted and appreciated. The lunch is tasty, nutritionally balanced, served every week Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Riverbend Manor is located at 664 Cummins Way. In order to plan food supply, a mandatory 24-hour advance reservation is required. For more information, reservations, or directions, call 373-5805.

Widowed Persons Association of California: On the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. any and all widows or widowers may attend the newcomers' buffet and social in the private dining room at the Plaza Hof Brau on the corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue. Cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. This is a public service to all widows and widowers and there is no charge to

attend the social other than the meal they choose. Also, every Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m., widows and widowers are invited to Sunday support from 3 to 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the WPAC office. Enter from the back parking lot at 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18.

Jan. 8: West Sacramento Little League Registration:

Registration will be available from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the West Sacramento Recreation Center. Fees and other information at Westsacll.org.

Jan. 9: Special Tot Play Time: Little Mozart from 1-2 p.m. Parents and their kids up to age 5 are invited to come and join in special play time in making small and playable instruments. Free at the Turner Library.

Jan. 9: Beer train: Starting at 3 p.m., The Sacramento Beer Train is a popular event in the Sacramento craft beer scene. Each trip features live music and three-four Northern California breweries pouring two freshly-tapped selections. Standard tickets include a three-hour train ride, souvenir tasting glass, eight tasting selections, and live music. Upgrade to VIP status to get priority boarding 30 minutes before general admission begins, two bonus beer tasting selections, and one meal choice from the menu of smaller pub fare entrées. First departure starts at 3 p.m. General: Regular, \$45; premium, \$65; dog, \$10. Designated drivers: Regular, \$25; premium, \$38. Ages 21 and older only. For more information, call 800-866-1690.

Jan. 11: Elders Celebrating Life Series Introduction:

"From Being Doing to Being" at 12:30 to 2 p.m. Come and explore the natural aging process from DOING to BEING. Let's discuss topics such as losses and gains, self-compassion and forgiveness, life review, surrender and letting go, new visions and more. Let's explore the concept of conscious aging whereby we age with purpose and intention. Facilitated by Katheryn Haines. Free at the Turner Library.

Jan. 14: All Things String:

From 6 to 8 p.m. Whether you knit, crochet, embroider, or enjoy other fiber arts, this social crafting circle is for

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Jan. 16: Post-It Note Art Crafts: From 1 to 2 p.m. Teens (ages 13 through 17) are invited to come and create art crafts using post-it note. Free at the Turner Library

Jan. 16: Financial Aid Workshop: 3 to 4 p.m. High School students and their parents/legal guardians are invited to come and learn all the ins and outs of applying for financial aid. Free at the Turner Library.

Jan. 16: 33rd Annual Music Business Seminar: The California Lawyers for the Arts presents a unique blend of music industry insiders, distinguished legal experts, music vendors, and live musical performances at the Black Box Theater. Join California Lawyers for the Arts in Sacramento for a day of learning, networking, and live music. This event features music industry experts presenting panels on “How to Get Your Music in TV, Film, and Video”; “The Year in Music Litigation”; “The Future of Music”; and a Keynote presentation by Jeff and Todd Brabec. There will also be live musical performances; including a performance by Grammy nominated jazz pianist Dave Bass; lunch from Hot Italian; and a free copy of the 7th edition of Music, Money and Success by the Brabec Brothers for each registrant. West Sacramento Black Box Theater, 1075 West Capitol Ave. Admission information is as follows: General \$75; students and seniors, \$45; attorneys, \$160. General day and time information: Sat 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 442-6210.

Jan. 16: Old Vine Express: Presented by Sacramento RiverTrainat Sacramento RiverTrain - West Sacramento. The Old Vine Express is a casual stroll through the best vistas and vinos that Yolo County has to offer. A standard ticket gets you the three-hour scenic train ride and six tastes of your choice from an extensive collection of wines produced right here in Yolo County. Upgrade to a VIP ticket to add early priority boarding, ten wine tasting opportunities, and a souvenir wine glass. Food will be available for purchase on the train. Participating wineries: Berryessa Gap, Bogel Vineyards, Capay Valley Vineyards, Carvalho Family Wines, Casey Flat Ranch, Merlo Family Wines, Miner’s Leap Winery, Putah Creek Winery, Route 3 Wines, Senders Wines, Simas Family Vineyard, Three Wine Co., Turkovich Family Wines and Wilson Vineyards. 400 N Harbor Blvd. Admission information: General, \$35; VIP, \$50; designated driver, \$25; dog, \$10. General time information: Starts at 3 p.m. General boarding is 15 minutes prior to departure. VIPs may board 45 minutes before departure. For more information, call (800) 866-1690.

Jan. 19: Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) distribution schedule for January:

The Yolo Food Bank will distribute food to eligible West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents during the month of January, as follows: West Sacramento County Building, 500 Jefferson Blvd., 9 to 9:30 a.m. Trinity Presbyterian, 1500 Park Blvd., 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Yolo Housing Authority, 685 Lighthouse Drive, 11 to noon Clarksburg Firehouse, noon to 1 p.m. Participants may receive food at only one site on Jan. 19. Eligible participants are asked to bring a bag to carry their food home. For more information, call the food bank at 530-668-0690.

Jan. 20: Evening book club: From 6 to 7 p.m. Join in this monthly book club and explore new worlds. For more details call Cindy at 916-731-5504. Free at the Turner Library.

Jan. 20: What’s Happening Seniors? From noon to 2 p.m., this is a social group for older adults to discuss trips, events and timely issues. Free at the Turner Library.

Jan. 25: Elders Celebrating Life Series- Losses and Gains: From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Come and explore the natural aging process from DOING to BEING. Let’s discuss topics such as losses and gains, self-compassion and forgiveness, life review, surrender and letting go, new visions and more. Let’s explore the concept of conscious aging whereby we age with purpose and intention. Facilitated by Kathryn Haines. Free at the Turner Library.

Jan. 25: Tales for Tails: From 4 to 5 p.m., children are invited to meet up to 5 (FIVE!) very special dogs who LOVE listening to stories! Free at the Turner Library.

Jan. 25-29: Southport Elementary School Clothing Drive: The school is coordinating with the California Clothing Recyclers to raise funds in an environmentally friendly way. All items collected will be sent to developing countries to be reused or recycled. Please clean out your closet and donate the following items to the fundraiser: Gently used clothing, shoes, linens, towels, hats, belts, purses, and stuffed animals. No pillows or items made with down, please. Please bring items in neatly tied bags to Southport Elementary any day between Monday, Jan. 25 and Friday, Jan. 29. For more information, call Tammara Kropp at 205-2219.

Jan. 27: West Sacramento Friends of the Library Meeting: From 5:30 to 7 p.m. The West Sacramento Friends of the Library support all programs held at the library. They conduct their monthly meeting on the last Wednesday day

of each month. The group is always looking for a GREAT MANY new friends to join at the Turner Library.

Jan. 27: All Things String: From 6 to 8 p.m. Whether you knit, crochet, embroider, or enjoy other fiber arts, this social crafting circle is for you! Bring your current project or start something new! Free at the Turner Library.

Jan. 27: Back To School Night with the Washington Unified School District. For more information, call 375-7600.

Jan. 30: Lego Day: From 3 to 4 p.m. Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to come and show their talents in building using Lego. Lego and supplies will be provided. The best design will win a \$25 gift card. Free at the Turner Library.

Feb. 6 - April 9: AARP Tax Aide - help with your taxes: AARP Tax-Aide, the nation’s largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, begins its third tax season. AARP Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation and assistance for low and middle-income individual taxpayers, with special attention to those aged 60 and older. You do not have to be a member of AARP or more than 60 years old to receive help. Tax preparation sessions will be held on Saturdays at Riverbend Manor, 664 Cummins Way, between noon and 4 p.m. Call 245-0226 to make an appointment.

Ongoing events

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.

Senior Bowling League Sign-ups

Senior League sign-ups begin now for the Fall league at Capitol Bowl, 900 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento. Meet some new friends or bring some old ones. It’s all about getting out and having a good time. Bowling begins, Fridays at 12:30 p.m. For more information about the senior league, call Capitol Bowl, 371-4200 or visit www.capbowl.com, or call Sally, a member of the league, at 372-0341.

Volunteers Needed

The City of West Sacramento Parks & Recreation Department is recruiting Active Aging Volunteers to work with the new “Generational Bridge” intergenerational program. Volunteers are needed to work with the City’s after school and summer youth

programs. For volunteer opportunities, contact jacquelinen@cityofwestsacramento.org or call 617-4620.

Family Resource Center classes and food distribution

Zumba classes are held regularly at the West Sacramento Community Center, as are free parent education classes and workshops on a variety of topics. Food distribution for families with children takes place every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at 673 Todhunter Avenue in room #21B. West Sacramento Family Resource Center also offers assistance and information about health insurance, WIC, school meal assistance and Cal-Fresh. For more information, call 572-0560.

New at VFW Post 8762

West Sacramento VFW 8762, located at 905 Drever Street, is now offering Friday night appetizers, 5 to 7 p.m., with happy hour Monday through Friday, 4 to 6 p.m. Stop by and support local veterans. The public is invited, feel free to bring your family and friends.

Seniors Get-together

Want to get together with interested, active seniors to make new friends, share stories, learn from one another, and find out what is going on in West Sacramento? Transportation is available by Yolo Bus and the Senior Shuttle. For more information call 375-6465.

Evening Book Club

West Sacramento residents are invited to join a monthly book club that meets at the Arthur F. Turner Library. For more information, call Cindy at 731-5504.

Cash for Grass and Toilet Rebates Now Offered in West Sacramento

Turf and toilet rebates are now available for West Sacramento residents! If you’ve been waiting to tear out your lawn or replace your toilets with water-efficient models, the time is now. California’s Department of Water Resources is offering the rebate

programs with funding available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit <http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com/> for a rebate application.

West Sacramento Library Programs and Events in January

The following programs will be held during the month of January at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library, located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento:

Jan. 9: Special Tot Play Time: Little Mozart, 1 p.m. Children ages 0 to 5 and their families are invited to a special play time where they will make small musical instruments.

Jan. 11 and 25: Elders Celebrating Life Series: From Doing to Being and Losses and Gains, 12:30 p.m. Come explore the natural aging process and discuss topics such as self-compassion and forgiveness, life review and more. Facilitated by Kathryn Haines.

Jan. 14 and 27: All Things String, 6 p.m. Whether you knit, crochet or embroider, this social crafting circle is for you! Bring your current project or start something new.

Jan. 16: Post-It Note Art Crafts, 1 p.m. Teens ages 13 to 17 are invited to create

crafts using post-it notes.

Jan. 16: Financial Aid Workshop, 3 p.m. High School students and their parents or legal guardians are invited to learn about the ins and outs of applying for financial aid.

Jan. 27: West Sacramento Friends of the Library Meeting, 5:30 p.m. All are invited to attend their monthly meetings held on the last Wednesday of every month.

Jan. 30: Lego Day, 3 p.m. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to build legos. The best design will win a \$25.00 gift card. All supplies will be provided by the library.

The following ongoing programs continue in January:

- Buddy Reading: Mondays at 4:30 p.m.
- Tales for Tails: Last Monday of the month, 4 p.m.
- Russian Story Time: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Mother Goose on the Loose: Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
- Homework Center: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m.
- Preschool Story Time: Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
- What’s Happening, Seniors?: Third Wednesday at noon
- Evening Book Club: Third Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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Seventh Day Adventist Church Sasa Andelkovic, Senior Pastor 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. 372-6570	Trinity Presbyterian Church 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. CA 916-371-5875 www.TrinityWestSac.org info@TrinityWestSac.org Pastor: Rev. Eric Keller Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m. English Language Blended Worship Service Noon Spanish Language Worship Service	Holy Cross Catholic Church 1321 Anna St. (corner of Anna & Todhunter) Pastor Jacob A. Caceres Sat. Vigil 5 p.m. (English) Sunday 9 a.m. (English) Noon & 7 p.m. (Spanish) Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8:30 a.m. Thurs. 6:45 p.m. (Spanish) Call 371-1211
West Sacramento Baptist Church Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship 11am Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	SouthPort Community Church Pastor Bruce Maier Celebration Worship Sunday 10:30 a.m. KidLand during service. Youth & Small Group Ministry for All Ages. Call 372-7818. Meets at 2919 Promenade St. www.southportcommunity.com	Lighthouse Covenant Church 3605 Gregory Ave (in Southport, where Jefferson, Davis & Gregory meet) (916) 371-6706 Pastor Don Bosley
Horizon Christian Fellowship Rev. Claude J Perez, Sr., Pastor 1800 Manzanita Way, 371-3458 SUN. Worship 9:15 am, 11 am TUES. Celebrate Recovery 6:30pm WED. Fuel Station Prayer & Devotion Service, 6:30pm WED. Girls Ministries & Royal Rangers, 6:30pm THURS. CounterCulture Student Service, 7pm	American Buddhist Seminary Temple at Sacramento Mindfulness Meditation Practice for general mental health Please call for schedule (916) 371-8535 423 Glide Ave., West Sac. www.abstemple.org	Advertise your place of worship in this section. Call 596-0476

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