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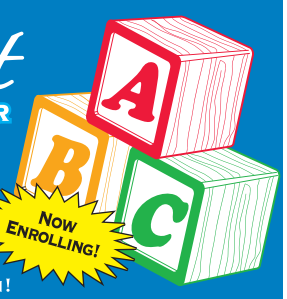
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Vallejo-based pot cultivation company applied for South Land Park growing location

By JAMES PEYTON

No matter which side of the fence you are on concerning marijuana in California, in Sacramento the fence has something growing on it. In November voters said "yes" to Proposition 64, legalizing recreational pot in California. That makes five states out of 50 legalizing weed at the state level. Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Colorado have legalized the use of marijuana, although it simultaneously remains illegal at the federal level.

Sacramento is preparing for this new legislation by setting a target date to build laws, regulations, and infrastructure before stores and growing facilities can legally open.

Around Jan. 1, 2018, there may be several recreational pot stores opening up. The city of Sacramento is creating 32 new positions to handle cannabis bureaucracy. There will be a 3-person office of policy and enforcement overseeing the recreational marijuana industry. More than 200 people wanting to grow or sell weed have contacted the city for information. The city of Sacramento has received more than 60 applications for cultivation sites. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. More bluntly put, if you can't beat 'em, tax em. There will be a 15 percent tax on marijuana sales, plus state and local tax. Medical marijuana can be exempted from sales tax. Weed will be sold at licensed pot stores, but not at liquor stores, supermarkets, or other businesses. Many pot stores will even have home delivery. The already existing medicinal marijuana infrastructure is expected to start carrying recreational pot as well.

Sacramento is the first municipality to create a cannabis chief position at the city level. Joe Devlin will oversee all aspects of the cannabis industry in Sacramento, including dealing with illegal commercial marijuana operations. His title is Joseph Devlin, City of Sacramento Cannabis Policy and Enforcement. He is a partner of SantillanDevlin LLC, a political consulting firm. Joseph was the chief of staff to Sacramento City Council Member Jay Schenirer. He was the legislative director of the California State Assembly from 2007-2010. He was Media Relations Manager with the Lincoln Group in Baghdad, Iraq from 2005-2006. He graduated from Sac State in 2002. Devlin said that it is expected that cannabis manufacturing will add millions to the economy in the next couple years. On the safety of this new produce, Devlin said he was "working with the state bureau to ensure that the products being sold in terms of edibles and other cannabis products that have been extracted are safe for consumption and that we have guidelines for use of pesticides and making sure those products are safe."

Not everything about weed has been made legal. Smoking weed in public is still illegal, with a $100 fine for smoking in a public place, and a $250 fine if caught smoking in a designated "No Smoking" area. DUI laws can apply to you if stopped for impaired driving while smoking. There is no current standard "intoxication level" for intaking weed, but law enforcement may develop one as recreational weed becomes the norm. You must be 21 to legally smoke, and are allowed to possess about an ounce on person. An individual can legally grow up to six personal plants, although Sacramento County bans growing it outside. Landlords can still ban it on their properties. Marijuana delivery services will require a permit.

A point of contention is a new proposed marijuana growing facility that would be housed in a former school. "Herbal Velocity", a company based in Vallejo, applied for a permit to use abandoned Capitol Autism Services School, across the street from the Sacramento Executive Airport at 6400 Freeport Blvd. The 7,668-square-foot school, with seven classrooms, several offices, and a kitchen would become a facility to grow marijuana, and to dry and process the buds. Nearby this site is a pre-school named Kinder World. Many residents are concerned about this facility starting up in their neighborhood.

Margaret Sharkey of Herbal Velocity claims the potential weed-growing facility will have no signage, no walk in traffic, and no cash business.

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"That One Teacher" retires from 18 years of teaching at Crocker-Riverside Elementary

By MICHELE TOWNSEND



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"That One Teacher" Hedda Louie retired from 18 years of teaching at Crocker-Riverside Elementary School.

As the 2016/17 school year ends, so does the career of a teacher that is described as "That One teacher." Mrs. Hedda Louie only recalls negative memories of her teachers as a child. Those bad memories inspired Hedda Louie to become a teacher… a *good* teacher.

For the first 10 years of her career she taught in the Lemoore/Fresno area. When Hedda and her husband started a family, Hedda decided to take a break from her career to care for her children. Four children, and 16 years later, she went back to work as a teacher. Sacramento City was lucky to be the district that she returned to. Crocker-Riverside Elementary School has been the home of Hedda's teaching for the last 18 years. Though she has taught third grade, she has primarily been a second grade teacher.

Hedda is described as a beloved teacher that is very interactive with her students and parents. She inspired and encouraged the children not only in their education but in their development in becoming a good person. Manners, responsibility, friendship and respect were also key lessons that this lady has instilled in her students. Principal Daniel McCord stated, "The next grade's teachers always loved getting Hedda's students because they knew the quality of education that child had received before them. They knew that child would know respect and would have a solid educational history, and that they would know the importance of attendance and paying attention."

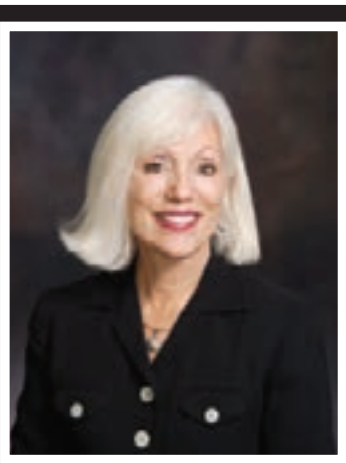
With the number of students she has taught at Crocker-Riverside exceeding 650, the families of those students, and the number of her colleagues, it was clear that a public retirement party was needed. On June 15, one day prior to her last day, that party was held in Crocker-Riverside's cafeteria. Former students and their parents surprised Hedda. "I got to see my students (and their parents) that are now in college, as well as several parents of students who couldn't make it *because* they are in college now. So many of those parents came and brought me messages from their students. It was so nice." Hedda said. She seems to be walking on cloud nine, but the common response is that "she is always that positive". Hedda's party seemed to take on a theme as student after student shared how much they enjoyed her reading to the class every day after lunch in different voices. Hedda's husband asked surprisingly, "You do different voices?"

Hedda said, "It's been a privilege and a joy to work with all of them. Teaching has been a pleasure. I will carry many happy memories with me. I hope that I made a difference!" She will miss her job, her kids and her colleagues, but is very excited to retire. "I have a lot of plans for retirement". She said she plans on doing some volunteer work that she has always wanted to do, but didn't have the time. She plans on gardening, traveling with her husband and learning to fish again like she did when she was a kid. "Not to mention my house could use a really good cleaning!" she said while laughing.

It's always sad to see a *really good* teacher leave our schools and Mrs. Louie will be at the top of those missed. McCord said, "Mrs. Louie is THE teacher her students will remember when they reflect back over their educational careers."

She wanted to leave you all with this: "Education is key to living a good life. Make it work for you!"

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However, the legislation and its implications remain controversial to many of the public.

Brian Ebbert of the South Land Park Neighborhood Association (www.slpna.org) reflected the concerns of the community in a recent meeting and opposition letter to the city. The membership of the SLPNA polled at 54 percent opposition and 19 percent support for the application to change the abandoned school into a weed growing installation. The organization offers a copy of the application for the proposed cannabis factory to the city on their website. In an effort to gain information about the project, SLPNA met with both property owner and applicant; canvassed nearby business and found strong opposition from nearby Kinder World, and hosted a community question-and-answer forum with the applicant and property owner.

Present at the meeting was Devlin, the Sacramento Police Department, Schenirer, city staff, and SLPNA board members.

The tone of the meeting was that the installation doesn't seem like the right fit for the area, near a residential area and school. Neighbors expressed their uneasiness, fears about crimes, and doubt over the proposed installation's security plan. The installation would have 24-hour security, but those 24 hours would be covered by a staff of just four people. The coming Del Rio Trail would also be close by, but would not be considered a park, losing the ability to block the proposal. A typical kindergarten must be at least 600 feet away from the installation for it to be legal, and it is thought to be about 620 feet away from the abandoned school site. Besides, Kinder World is a transitional Kindergarten, not applicable to city ordinances.

Neighbors also voiced their concern that they already have nearby cannabis dispensary FWC, and having both a dispensary and a growing facility in the neighborhood would be too much. These would be near the fitness center, dance center, and the kindergarten. Neighbors also expressed concern for the lack of a current legal framework for a cannabis facility, as those are in process for up to another year, the deadline being January 2018. Sacramento Modern is a historical preservation group also checking into the possibility that the old school qualifies as a historical site, due to its age and architecture style.

Some further concerns of South Land Park Neighborhood Association (SLPNA) were regarding the ambiguity of the weed facility proposal. There is a perceived rush to approve projects *before* city and state regulations are developed. Impact studies will start next year, no process is put in place as yet to disperse funding to communities from the 1 percent impact fee, and state regulatory framework is still under development.

SLPNA wants to know how the city government will monitor these operations. What will they do about resident complaints after the installation is there? How will they prevent crime? How could four full time security staff possibly police the installation 24 hours a day, seven days a week? If the operators of the installation do not live in town, how will they be responsive to the community when issues arise?

Ebbert expressed "Honestly, I think most of our board

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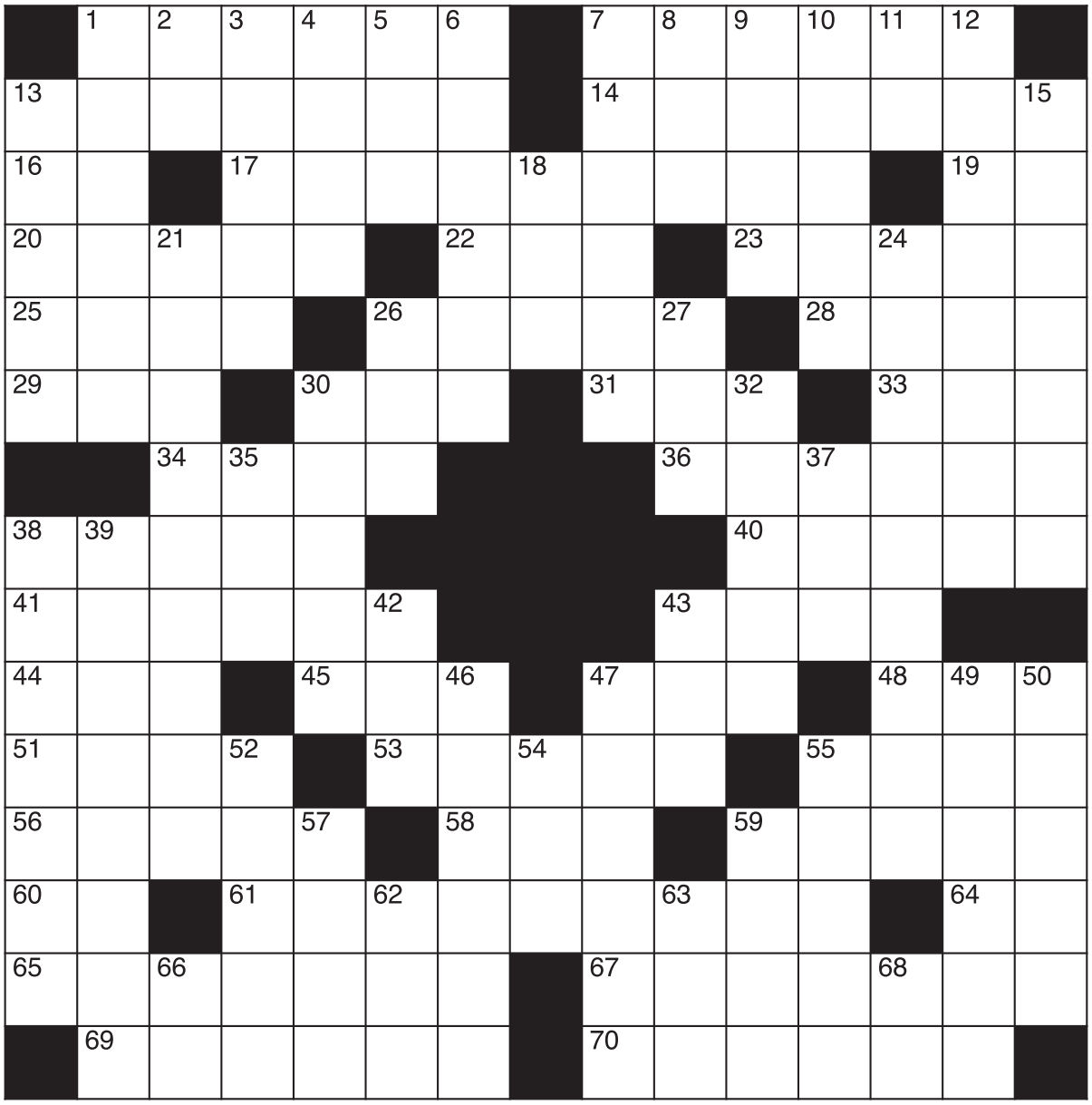
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22. School for healing
23. Of the cheekbone
25. Disco rockers The Bee ___
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30. A hiding place
31. Georgia rockers
33. Spanish soldier El ___
34. Deerlike water buffalo
36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period
38. Frocks
40. Nostrils
41. Spoke
43. Information
44. Where wrestlers work
45. Dash
47. Cool!
48. Tiny child
51. People of northern Assam
53. Austrian spa town
55. Written reminder
56. Italian monetary units
58. Tell on
59. More abject
60. Farm state
61. Cleveland's hoopsters
64. Famed NY Giant's nickname
65. Los __, big city
67. Rechristens
69. Shopping trips
70. Values self-interest

CLUES DOWN

1. Pressed against lightly
2. Rural delivery
3. Semicircular recesses
4. Groan
5. Donation
6. Mariner
7. One who accepts
8. __ King Cole, musician
9. Streetcar
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12. Used to make plastics
13. Swampy coniferous forest
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18. A way to soak
21. One who divides
24. Deeply cuts
26. A very large body of water
27. "Raisin in the Sun" actress Ruby
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42. Press lightly
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47. Hang 'em up
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The Spirit of the Pocket Parade Committee named Lance Armstrong grand marshal

The Spirit of the Pocket Parade Committee announced Valley Community Newspapers' historical writer, Lance Armstrong, will be this year's grand marshal.

Linda Pohl, parade organizer and VCN ad rep, had the following to say about Lance, regarding why he was chosen to be the grand marshal: "Lance has been our community historian for many years. He is loved and valued by those that have had the pleasure of meeting with him. He tells their story, he puts into words their world that has passed them by. Lance has been an asset to the papers he has worked for."

Lance said the committee's decision to select him as this year's grand marshal came as a surprise, and he's honored by this recognition. "It should be another fun Independence Day in the Pocket and I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces along the parade route.

"To me, being named grand marshal is more than a personal honor, but also a tool for further promoting the need to preserve local history, and the importance of literacy. I have spent many years researching and writing about the rich history of the Sacramento area, including fascinating history from right here in the Pocket. It is my constant desire to paint pictures of bygone eras through words that create more fans of this area's grand past," Lance said.

After graduating from California State University, Sacramento with degrees in journalism and music, Lance, a Pocket resident, began his professional writing career, which includes his work for local newspapers such as the East Sacramento News, Land Park News, Arden-Carmichael News, Pocket News, Elk Grove Citizen, The Sacramento Union, Capitol Weekly, Sacramento Downtown News, Sacramento Midtown News, Old Sacramento News, Natomas Journal, The Folsom Telegraph and the Sacramento News and Review.

Currently employed by Herburger Publications as the political reporter for the Elk Grove Citizen, Lance also contributes regularly to VCN, using his researching abilities and personal archives in the process of producing local history and news articles for these publications.

This is not the first time Lance has been honored locally for his contributions. In 2014, the Sacramento County Historical Society named him the 2013 History Writer of the Year for his contributions to the historical record of the capital city.

Lance, who is a member of the Sacramento County Historical Society, is also an honorary lifetime member of the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society (PHCS) for "his work in documenting the lives and contributions of the many Portuguese and Portuguese descended persons who were instrumental in developing the Riverside-Pocket area of Sacramento."

In addition to his hundreds of local history newspaper articles, Lance is the author of Echoes of Yesterday: Elk Grove – the first book in his Echoes of Yesterday history book series. In 2007, Echoes of Yesterday: Elk Grove was recognized as the nation's top regional history book for that year by the American Authors Association.

Past grand marshals have included: community member Kathi Windheim, local historian Dolores Greenslate, former Mayor Kevin Johnson, Mayor 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 School on South Land Park Drive. The parade will then travel down Windbridge Drive, ending at Garcia Bend Park.



Local celebrities Matias Bombal and Angel Cardenas return as masters of ceremonies. As Linda describes their energy: "They ham and egg it pretty good!"

To Linda, organizing the parade is a "labor of love.

"There's lots to do behind the scenes but the day-of always brings me to a wonderful feeling of community camaraderie, laughter, children, pets, floats, fun, fun," she said.

Linda added there's nothing really new this year, as it will have the same format as last year, which includes the community fair at Garcia Bend Park after the parade.

Linda co-chairs the big event with Kathy Garcia and works closely with Mike Higley and Brenda Williams.

If you want to participate in the parade, parade float entry forms can be picked up at the new Pocket News office, 1609 Markham Way, 95818. Just talk to Linda. 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.

Volunteers are needed to support the efforts (and the fun) of the parade. Positions range 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.

If you are interested in volunteering at the parade, the following are some opportunities.

Marshals—prepare the entries in the parade with numbers, order, and answer questions. They walk with their assigned entries. Check in at the registration desk (at the school—Windbridge and South Land Park) at 8:30 a.m.

Walkers—they assist the marshals by walking along the parade route, making sure people are off the street and that the entries are keeping up with the flow. Check in the at the registration desk (at the school—Windbridge and South Land Park) at 9 a.m.

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For those doing registration—there will be a registration desk (at the school—Windbridge and South Land Park) at 8 a.m.

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CK McClatchy boys and girls track win Metro, school board approves long-awaited all-weather track

By MONICA STARK



A testament to the strength and determination of the athletes at CK McClatchy High School, the boys and girls track team won Metro this year. Additionally, the only runner in the entire Sacramento City Unified School District to compete in the State Championships, Jose Cruz, ran the second fastest time in the preliminary for 800 meter event. He will attend UC Riverside in the fall on a running scholarship.

The success comes just days before the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Trustees approved $4.5 million in funding for the renovation the school's track and field with an all weather surface. Construction is anticipated to start in the summer and completed around October.

To the CKM community and head coach Rohit Sharma, getting the all-weather track helps level the playing field, as John F. Kennedy and Burbank high schools revamped their gravelly grounds to today's standards, and when Rosemont High School was built in 2003, an all-weather track came with the package. "We just want it equitable. It's one thing when they talk about equity. How's our equity when three out of the five major schools have a full-on facility to practice year-round rain or shine and two of the schools, McClatchy and Johnson are stuck with sub-par facilities."

Chuckling, Rohit added, "Even visiting schools would show up and look at us and be 'uuuhhhh.' Most people think that because we're McClatchy's in an affluent area that (we) have tip-top everything. We're still a Title 1 school; we still have more than 51 percent of our students get free and reduced lunch. We have kids that come from Seavey Circle, New Helvetia, Oak Park, Meadowview, Fruitridge."

Rohit said 115 Lions signed up at the beginning of the season, with about 75 at the end. "I told Athletic Director Rob Feickert be prepared, we're going to need two buses. We were very freshmen and junior heavy this year. Seniors will be hard to replace. We had seven seniors of which five of them were four year seniors (been in the program since they were freshmen). And they all scored points at league."

Arguably, it's been stated you can run anywhere, and while the decomposed granite track that's out there now it probably the perfect track out there for cross country, Rohit explained for sprinters looking for speed bursts, every step counts. "You're worried about every drive, every step. Our track is so inconsistent that you have weeds in the middle, so you can only use a certain part of the track. When it floods, you can only go around on certain bends and even on the bends people walk through the water

see imprints int he track itself. I was jogging on it the other day to get a quick mile in and I had to maneuver a few times."

The team's success Rohit says is based on the type of athletes and coaching staff CKM has, regardless of the conditions. "They make do with what they have. We have a leash on them, though it's a long leash."

However, replacing an inconsistent track with a consistent one takes some worry away for the runners. With the new track, the runners won't have to worry about slipping. The track will be underneath them and all they have to worry about is striding. With the decomposed granite track, athletes have had to worry about slipping and falling. "Our kids tend to hold back a little bit when they are running on the dirt track because of fear of falling. Every year, I have at least one kid fall and completely wipe out. They are scraped up on their elbows, forearms, chins, legs, and you slide on that decomposed granite."

This last year, with all the rain, the team took their training to the blacktop and ran in the hallways inside the school. "We would run the nice long hallways at McClatchy, run up the stairs and down. We had nice circuits and had access to the weight rooms... We can have 40-50 kids running through the halls. You can hear the thundering of the pitter-pattering of feet going through the social science and library quad. The kids never really complained. They took it as a challenge ... they had so much pride in themselves. And my coaching staff – they say to surround yourself with those who have the same goal, who feel the same about you and I couldn't have picked a better staff." Joining him include: Julie Watkins, Jmar Johnson, Chris Van Axel. "I trust them... when it comes to hurdles, or jumps or distance, I am going to trust the people I hire to do my job."

The winter swam-like conditions of the CKM track are nothing new to Rohit, a CKM alumnus, class of 2001. "I grew up in the swamp back there. That was all we knew, but that was the late '90s to early 2000s. There weren't that many all-weather tracks out there, and not too many all-weather football fields. It was the norm. We had our track meets at Hughes Stadium. It was perfect. We played football there as well. And then slowly when Rosemont was built, they got the state-of-the-art track, which is fine. It's a brand new school, so you want to make sure you have the best facilities. And a little while after that Burbank got theirs and then Kennedy got theirs. Then, we got air conditioning in our gym, which is nice. I am also the athletic trainer there, so I have to spend time in there as well."

Now closed, the entire campus will re-open on Aug. 14 as major renovations will be underway, including the Visual and Performance Arts wing, field renovations, power upgrades throughout the entire campus as well as drainage on the fields. There will be no water or power during the summer and the summer office will be relocated to California Middle School.

Restore the Roar, a fundraising organization made mostly of CKM alumni, began to lobby the SCUSD Board to make improvements to the outdoor athletic facilities at McClatchy about two years ago. Restore the Roar sent supporters the following message: "We believed that McClatchy was long overdue for athletic facility upgrades. We wanted to assure the safety of both the students using the facilities for physical education classes and the high-performing McClatchy student-athletes and visiting teams... The board's approval of funding is a milestone moment to making sure of that. Restore the Roar knows this would not have happened without the overwhelming community support that occurred. We want to thank each and everyone of you for your support in this initiative. Without it, this would have never happened."



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2017 Fireworks Buyers Guide

Get the Most Bang for Your Buck

By DAVID DICKSTEIN

It's almost time to enjoy a slice of our country's birthday cake, and as Sacramento collectively blows out 241 candles by day, many citizens will keep the flame alive at night by celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks.

Sacramento's patriotic and philanthropic will buy theirs from non-profit organizations hoping to raise money for myriad good causes. Volunteers at hundreds of fireworks stands throughout the region will show up for duty as early as noon June 28. The week-long fundraiser ends on the federal holiday, and despite it falling midweek this year, a Tuesday fourth is expected to help fundraising efforts, according to the state's largest fireworks resellers.

"Fireworks sales on a Tuesday are generally good because over 50 percent of people have Monday off from work, so it turns into an extra-long weekend celebration," said William Weimer, vice president and general counsel of Phantom Fireworks.

Also believing that more green is made with a red, white and blue Tuesday is TNT Fireworks, which corners roughly 75 percent of the Northern California market.

"With the Fourth of July falling on a Tuesday, many people will spend the holiday in town," said John Castilone, regional sales manager at TNT's Sacramento office. "With the rise in the economy we feel that people will be out spending more to celebrate our nation's independence and support local community non-profits."

When they do, folks will be asking those five big questions: What's new? What's loud? What's colorful? How long does it last? What gives me the most bang for my buck?

Valley Community Newspapers has the answers. This year's fireworks buyers guide includes reviews of every new state-approved firework from market-dominating TNT and Phantom along with returning favorites that scored at least four of five stars on a scale based on performance, duration, distinctiveness and comparative value.

This season, TNT takes "Best New Firework" honors while unveiling perhaps the strongest rookie lineup the state has ever seen. Meanwhile, Phantom has a California-record 13 buy-one-get-one items, including the "Deal of the Season."

Judges this year included firefighters of Metro Fire Station 65 in Rancho Cordova, where the test was conducted. Fireworks are listed by price, highest to lowest. Let the sparks fly!



New for 2017

Allegiance Fountain (TNT), $79.99 – Most expensive and largest fountain in California history is also the season's only new firework packing the legal maximum of 500 grams of powder. Sparks flirt with unlawful height and spread to an audience's delight. If you care about keeping up with the Joneses, here's your pyro-style mic drop. 122 seconds. 4 Stars

Miss Liberty Fountain (TNT), $39.99 – Beautiful multi-color stars with silver rain and crackles so intense that at times they sound like a violent storm of static electricity. 100 seconds. 4 Stars

Phantom Duo Fountain (Phantom), $29.99 – "Beauty & the Beast" was the intended name for this set of identically shaped, distinctively labeled fountains, but jitters over being sued by Disney is why a nameless mythical blonde hottie and anonymous underworld big cat adorn a cellophaned combo pack. Wide-spreading crackling silver sparks highlight an otherwise undynamic duo. 73 seconds ("Beauty"), 78 seconds ("Beast"). 3 Stars

Power On Fountain (TNT), $19.99 – "Best New Firework" winner also gets a rare perfect score. Before lighting, get a charge out of its electrifying power plant shape and high-voltage label. Then get excited by shockingly good and super-high crackling sparks, plus fusing that moves from one end to the other. 85 seconds. 5 Stars

Magic Beans Fountain (TNT), $14.99 – Outstanding green sparks, crackles, whistle and labeling combine for a magical debut. 61 seconds. 4 Stars

Lady Liberty Fountain (Phantom), $12.99 – Gorgeous red pearls – the prettiest ever seen in a fountain – lead to a fervent finale of silver crackle. 58 seconds. 3 1/2 Stars

Everglow Fountain (TNT), $9.99 – Rookie sensation scores with a quiet fish effect opening, titanium sparkle middle and boisterous crackle finale. Striking reds and greens. 61 seconds. 4 1/2 Stars

Phantom Tank with Sparks (Phantom), $7.99 for four – As a "new" item, this one tanks. Only thing new is they come in a box of four for the first time in California. Snore. So is the performance of this unexplainably popular novelty. 10 seconds. 1 Star

Cool Breeze Fountain (TNT), $3.99 – Talk about your cheap thrills. Sustained crackle, color and a price that – I can't believe I'm saying this – is actually too low compared to fountains of similar performance. 55 seconds. 4 Stars

TNT Poker Chip (TNT), $2.99 for two – Packaging is better than the performance with this subpar ground spinner. For the same price, get the TNT Crazy Eyeballs 3-pack. 15 seconds. 1 Star

Best of the Rest

Opening Show (TNT), $69.99 – "Best New Finale" winner of 2012 was dropped from the list last year due to a $10 price hike, but the 500-gram budget buster is back for the sole reason that it's memorable. What happens at the 1:40 mark is jaw-dropping and unique. No spoiler here. 130 seconds.

Wicked Strong Fountain (TNT), $59.99 – Five-hundred-gram rookie sensation from last season is a fan-finale hybrid. Surge of sparks at the 90-second mark puts muscle in its name. 105 seconds.

Apache Firedance Premier Fountain (Phantom), $49.99 – Former "Best New Firework" honoree has 500 grams worth of crackles, strobes and height. 140 seconds.

Coral Reef Fountain (Phantom), $49.99 – Phantom's longest-lasting fan fountain is a 500-gram crowd pleaser with radiant colors and clamorous whistles and crackles. Tested nearly identically to TNT's best-selling Delirium (see review). 105 seconds.

Delirium Fountain (TNT), $49.99 – Still the benchmark of all state-approved fan fountains after 12 years, this 500-gram showstopper packs intensity and stunning beauty. 105 seconds.

New York Harbor Fountain (Phantom), $49.99 — Grucci of New York, hailed as "the first family of fireworks," partnered with Phantom on this 500-gram fountain distinguished by its stellar burn time and best-of-breed chrysanthemums. 252 seconds.

Magnetic Heat Fountain (TNT), $39.99 – Year-old fountain amazes with gorgeous smokeless globs, pretty palms and intense colorful crackles. 112 seconds.

Peacock Tail Fan Fountain (Phantom), $35.99 – Despite its fleeting burn time, former "Best New Firework" builds excitement with each dazzling stage. Works out to 67 cents per second, but priceless will be the audience's "oohs" and "ahhs." 54 seconds.

Sea Serpent Fountain (Phantom), $35.99 – Outstanding crackles, whistles,

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darting silver sparks and height made this an instant classic last year. 100 seconds.

Core Reactor Fountain (Phantom), $25.99 – Rewarding tradeoff of height over duration, and love the raucous silver crackles from start to finish. 73 seconds.

Funky Monkey Fountain (Phantom), $24.99 – Pyrotechnic primate produces pretty prismatic pearls plus pleasing performance. 90 seconds.

Moondance Premier Fountain (Phantom), $24.99 for two – "Deal of the Season" right here. A $5 price drop plus a second one thrown in for free is unprecedented, and how awesome that it's on the highly rated super-sized version of Phantom's little Moondance Fountain. 100 seconds.

Zombie Apocalypse Fountain (TNT), $21.99 – Lots of life in these zombies, who prove you can add a quality-grade fan to your show for under $25. 62 seconds.

O-Blivion Fountain (TNT), $19.99 – Lord of the ring-shaped fountains emits multi-colored chrysanthemums with pine and impressive titanium crackles. Sweet burn time. 125 seconds.

Sparknado Fountain (TNT), $19.99 – Year-old crackle-happy fountain is now $5 less, making this an even stronger buy. Unique effect has geysers of sparks breathing in and out before going into a frenzy. 85 seconds.

Luminescence Fountain (Phantom), $17.99 for two – Starts out as a run-of-the-mill multi-effect fountain, then surprises with an eruption of wide-spreading sparks. Bright idea making this a buy-one-get-one deal for $3 more. 73 seconds.

Serenity Fountain (Phantom), $17.99 for two – Noiseless fountain opens with lovely lava lamp-like lumps and peacefully pleases with seven colors and white chrysanthemums. Two bucks more gets you twice the Serenity, so a great deal this season. 59 seconds.

Sundance Fountain (Phantom), $17.99 for two – Downgraded as an assortment-only item for a decade, this oldie but goodie is not only back out of the box, but a buy-one-get-one. Great height, color, whistles and crackles. 95 seconds.

King of Bling Fountain (Phantom), $16.99 – Crackles heard during the final third sound just like popping popcorn. Chrysanthemum and whistle effects are majestic. 90 seconds.

Raise Your Flag Fountain (TNT), $14.99 – Price drop of nearly $3, spreading crackling sparks and piercing whistle will make you pledge allegiance. 65 seconds.

Firecracker Fountain (Phantom), $10.99 – Lives up to its name with awesome crackling barrage alongside multi-colored pearls. 76 seconds.

Crystal Skies Fountain (TNT), $9.99 – Former "Best New Fountain" honoree has better height, gold glitters, white pines and crackles than many fountains sold at double the price. 68 seconds.

Phantom Dragon Slayer Fountain (Phantom), $9.99 for two – Solid pick with white, blue and lemon chrysanthemums, rowdy crackles and red stars. 66 seconds.

Luck of the Irish Fountain (TNT), $9.99 – Celebrating its sweet 16, fan favorite features gold and silver spray, red and green balls, crackles and four super-loud whistles. 75 seconds.

Neon Force Fountain (TNT), $6.99 – Some of the best height, crackles and color at this price point. 55 seconds.

Purple Rain Fountain (TNT), $5.99 for two – Little dynamo emits loud crackles, purple pearls and glittering gold and white sparks. Identical to Phantom's **Moondance Fountain** ($3.49). 45 seconds.

Rainbow Rays Fountain (TNT), $5.99 – Fourth of July's version of a stocking stuffer delivers on burn time, height and crackle. 56 seconds.

Assortments Review

Perfect Show (TNT), $99.99 – When a single fountain can cost $80, the value of even so-so assortments goes up. This mid-priced collection with 23 legitimate fountains is fine for families with young children. Still, just four fountains barely cross the 1-minute mark: Pyrofire, Starfire, Outbox and Combustion Chamber. 3 Stars

Backyard Barrage (Phantom), $159.99 – Consists of 17 fountains, five that last over a minute: Hasta La Vista Baby, Firecracker, New Age and the two Rockin' in the USA fountains. Got some single-tube imposters in there, bearing the same name as fountains that were multi-tube in the past. 2 Stars

The Big Deluxe (TNT), $199.99 – Contains 23 valid fountains, a generous 11 of which burn for over a minute. Bringing the most joy are Fire Destroyers, Devil's Delight, Combustion Chamber and Mad Dog. Sure hope the throwaway 42 tiny Flashing Fountains and 36 Lightning Flashes aren't there to artificially inflate the total number of items and advertised value. 3 Stars

Fireblast Assortment (Phantom), $199.99 – Inside the fountains-only box of 24 are a mere three that burn longer than a minute: the always-impressive Firecracker Fountain, year-old Uproar and classic Moondance fountain. 2 Stars

For stand locations and additional product information, visit TNT's website at www.tntfireworks.com and Phantom's at www.fireworks.com. Due to providing us with erroneous information last season regarding product availability and stand openings, Discount Fireworks Superstore (dfsfireworks.com) is not included in this year's buyers guide.

Don't be a statistic this Fourth of July

Here are some safety tips to help ensure that the red, white and blue on the Fourth of July aren't from the fire, ash and mood caused by a lack of common sense:

- Observe local laws.
- Always store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Always read and follow directions on each firework.
- Use only state-approved "safe and sane" fireworks.
- Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass or trees.
- Have a responsible adult present.
- Have a hose ready.
- Light at a safe distance.
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Q and A with Selland's Family Restaurant on Broadway

The Sacramento community really showed up and supported the grand opening of Selland's at the 915 Broadway location and reportedly the restaurant has been very busy. The menu and online ordering options are the same as the East Sacramento and El Dorado Hills locations. Additionally, Selland's boasts the same specials, such as the monthly pizza, salad and sandwich specials, and the $25 Dinner for Two and Bottle of Wine Dinner Specials. However, currently the Broadway location is NOT open on Sundays. Eventually, management will be open on Sundays at Broadway, and the Brunch Menu and the Sunday Spaghetti Dinner will be available too. Those dates are not confirmed yet. Currently the hours of business are Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

LPN: What inspired the Broadway location?
Selland's: It's really a great location! Selland's on Broadway is easily accessibly within minutes from surrounding neighborhoods such as downtown and State Capitol, Land Park, the Pocket/Greenhaven, West Sacramento, Natomas and Davis.

LPN: What is the square footage?
Selland's It's approximately 7,400 square feet.
WHAT ARE THE MOST POPULAR SELLANDS' DISHES? It's important to mention that we recently updated our Cafe Menu and added over 30 new menu items (see list below). But some of the favorites include our Pizzas (in general), Selland's Mac & Cheese, Spicy Moroccan Chicken Burger, Roasted Beet & Goat Cheese Sandwich, Super Greens Signature Salad, Kale Caesar and the Asian Noodle Salad.

Ham & Pineapple Pizza
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Spicy Moroccan Chicken Burger
Cubano Sandwich
Tuna Melt
Grilled Cheese
Roast Beef Sandwiched with beef marinated in garlic-parsley vinaigrette
Green Goddess Chicken Sandwich
Roasted Beet & Coat Cheese Sandwich
Greek Veggie
Super Greens Signature Salad
Greek Salad Signature Salad
American Signature Salad
Classic Caesar Signature Salad
Kale Caesar Signature Salad
Green Goddess Heart of Romaine Signature Salad
Cheesy Potatoes Au Gratin
Roasted Cauliflower & Chickpea Cold Salad Side
Roasted Beet Cold Salad Side
Green Goddess Chicken Cold Salad Side
Roasted Brocoli & Red Pepper Cold Salad Side
Asian Noodle Cold Salad Side

LPN: How many people were hired for this location?
Selland's: We hired over 60 new positions at the Broadway location. We are still looking to fill more positions. (Visit) the Careers Page to see what positions are available for hire. <www.sellands.com/careers/>. There were several promotions of existing employees for the new Broadway location. Collin Eggers came from our Selland's Market-Cafe in El Dorado Hills and was promoted to General Manager at the Broadway location. We also had two other cooks that were promoted from the El Dorado Hills location to Chef Supervisor positions at Broadway. In terms of hiring from within the local community, we worked closely with local community groups such as City Church and hired employees from communities such as Seavey Circle, Alder Grove and New Helvetia.

LPN: Tell readers about the local farms and various vendors that the restaurant works with.
Selland's: We have a dedicated staff person who shops the Sunday and Wednesday Farmer's Markets to pick up local produce for our restaurants. We also work with local farmers and food purveyors.

LPN: Tell us something about Randall Selland that most people don't know...
Selland's: I don't think there's much that most people don't know about Randall Selland because he's just about willing to share anything about himself if you just spark up a conversation with him. However some folks may not know just how important his family is to him. He and his wife Nancy, Chef & Co-Owner of Selland's Market-Cafe, spend quite a bit of time with their grandchildren that range from a toddler to teenagers.

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Q. Will any selling take place?
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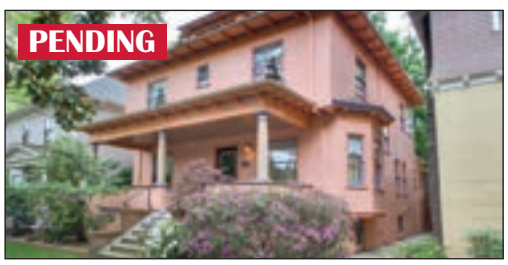
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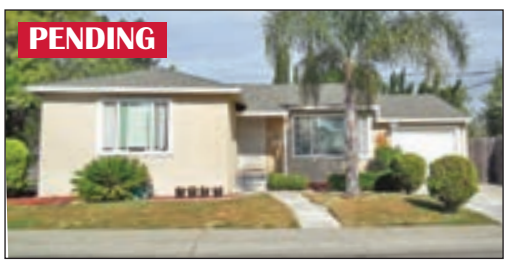
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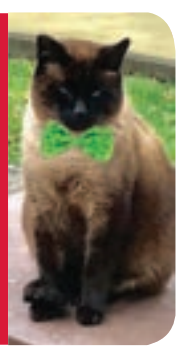
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The Del Rio Trail Project faces first major opposition from neighbors at public meeting

By JAMES PEYTON



Photos by Stephen Crowley

About 36 volunteers helped clean up the proposed Del Rio Trail on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. Volunteers met at the California Family Fitness at 1349 Florin Road (northwest corner of Florin and Freeport). According to promotional information on the event, it was a group effort to keep momentum on the trail project going, and to let the city know "that our neighborhood cares about the old rail corridor and wants to see it improved and become a great community amenity." The City provided tools and trash bags, Sacramento City Council Member Jay Schenirer's office provided snacks, and Assemblymember Jim Cooper's office donated some money for T-shirts to give to volunteers while supplies lasted. The T-shirts were printed by local business Kombat Ink. Regional Transit made a special effort to mow the site in time for the clean-up.

The Del Rio Trail Project is the city's proposal to make an official bicycle and walking path along some of the old railroad track areas of Sacramento. Specifically, Sacramento Southern Railroad's Walnut Grove Branch Line in the Land Park, Florin, and Pocket areas. A lot of the tracks are abandoned, and several segments are disconnected from the line at several intersections, with naturally growing grass and trees interspersed. The trail would start near Sutterville Road and end close to the Bill Conlin Sports Complex south of Pocket Road. The 4.5-mile trail is estimated to cost $15 million dollars, with $2.2 million for planning, design, and environmental clearance. Grants are anticipated to fund the project, such as transportation grant funds. Aside from paving some kind of walking path and parallel bike trail, other things are likely to be built along the path, such as signage, paint, benches, shade canopies, fitness machines, kiosks, gardens, playgrounds, and dog parks. The last 3 are not funded by grants.

Major intersections and access points are Sutterville, South Land Park Drive, Del Rio Road, Fruitridge Road, 35th Avenue, 43rd Avenue, Florin Road, and Pocket Road. These street names may be painted on the ground at said major intersections of the proposed trail. Both residents and city planners consider Fruitridge a traffic hazard. The existing railroad tracks in the incomplete sections south of the Zoo and the river may be removed, while those to the north between the zoo & river will be preserved, as there is a current train from old sac that makes a round trip.

Public workshop No. 2 was held on June 8, 2017 at Pony Express Elementary in the South Land Park Area. Sacramento City Council Member Jay Schenirer introduced the event and a PowerPoint presentation on the project with slides helped describe the proposed project and show where the modernized trail would be located. Three staff members were up front and gave out some verbal information on the project. It was mentioned that a national consultant on hiking and walking found that the happiness quotient increased for those with the opportunity to bike or walk to work. The South Land Park Neighborhood Association did a clean-up of the trail area with about 36 people coming together. City employees with the project did a survey up to Pocket Road, and walked the trail with police to familiarize them with the area. Existing

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iron fences along several courts and cul-de-sacs that parallel the trail were proposed by the city to become gates opening to the new trail. The new trail may be closed from sunset to sunrise, similar to a park.

After the presentation, the audience asked questions and expressed concerns. The audience was mainly elderly, and especially the residents near the proposed trail overwhelmingly opposed the project.. The representatives of the City were all younger in age. On several occasions, the presenters stopped the residents while they were still speaking, thanking them for their comments, although they were still making them. Many residents expressed that they were unaware of the public meetings until now. The advertising was through social media and mailers. Residents claimed they hadn't received anything in the mail and many of them likely don't use social media. Some of the city representatives candidly said that they didn't believe that the residents didn't get the mailers, as they were sent out by mail to all the addresses.

On to the feedback of residents living along the trailway.

A resident named Marcia said that people have walked and biked the existing trail for over 40 years without spending $15 million. She was concerned that the boat and vehicle access she had for 42 years (since around 1974) would be cut off by the project.

David Adelson said that most people seemed not to be notified of the public meetings, and that he wanted a longer public process involving residents affected by the proposal.

Herbert Cohen suggested making information available to the public about the specific granting agencies, so the public can address them directly, (rather than going to the city) and so people can know where the money is coming from. He wants the city to provide a maintenance budget, not solely a construction budget. He also thought no one received notice along the 3 block strip of houses where he lives.

Herb was one of several who wanted the new trail to be moved off the sections of the existing trail that are very narrow strips between backyards, and suggested running it along Del Rio Road. Other residents suggested moving the trail from behind backyards on to a main road or the existing bike trail near Riverside. Herb mentioned there is a drainway under some of the railroad tracks, which would be paved by the trail construction project, thus causing a problem. A man mentioned that the Parks & Rec Department did not know about the Del Rio Trail Project when he spoke with them, and said there was a lack of public knowledge on the project in general. A woman called "Pinky" asked about the landscaping costs, (which seem to be unknown at this time), and suggested researching and planting non-allergenic, native plants on the trail. Another common concern was existing public traffic, and the increase in public traffic the new trail would bring. Potential crime was a major concern.



Chuck Hughes of the South Land Park Neighborhood Association spoke about how his house was broken into, but feels the new construction will improve the overall conditions of the trail area. Residents mentioned that there are homeless on the trail currently in several spots. There are also spots that are habitat for animals, and places where gardening and planting are done.

Blair Hickman said the trail was currently a dirt path, and was good for recreation, but the intersections are pretty hairy. Residents asked where they would get feedback on their concerns. They were told to contact SLPNA and to check the Del Rio Trail Project website for updates. The people from the neighborhood looked unsatisfied with this answer.

It seemed as though the trail was a benefit for all, but at the expense of the individual.

Jesse Gothan of City of Sacramento Public Works said this was the first meeting with a lot of opposition and concerns, that the turnout was just "OK", and that this was the second public meeting. He said about 60 people were excited about the bike trail, and being able to commute downtown to work in the future. He also mentioned that by not building a tunnel bridge at Fruitridge Boulevard, that alone would cut the $15 million needed for the project down to $8 million.

According to The Del Rio Project Fact Sheet, the timeline is scheduled for environmental technical studies currently, environmental document completion in fall 2018, the final design in winter 2018, with construction beginning in "future years". An asterisk mentions that future funding is needed for this phase. So, there you have it, The Del Rio Trail Project, one of Sacramento's many upcoming changes.v

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- Never leave a person or animal in a parked car; temperatures inside a vehicle can rise to dangerous levels in minutes
- Don't forget pets that also need extra water and shade
- Check on vulnerable neighbors who may need assistance.

Cultivation:

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may not be opposed to legal cultivation generally, but they were opposed to this particular application and the 'cart before the horse' approach (issuing permits while city and state policies are still under development). Also, the objections by Kinder World were a major concern."

Bill Breeding, owner of Kinder World, a 30-year establishment in the neighborhood, said: "I want to thank the South Land Park Association in their due diligence. We understand the marijuana business is struggling to get established but we do encourage the city planning to look at the big picture when it comes to a community demographics. In my opinion city planning needs to consider more than the separation distance from sensitive use areas in determining location of businesses. The community risk factor should also be considered as we serve at-risk children and this should be included in the plan. In addition, the monies the city is collecting from these businesses should have a portion going back to the impacted communities. In our area we have not seen any improvements and it appears all the monies collected go elsewhere. We would like to advocate that a better balance system evolve to locate the various marijuana businesses and the monies collected from them."

In conclusion, although marijuana is a definite part of Sacramento's future, it is still a controversial topic that has a large impact on communities.

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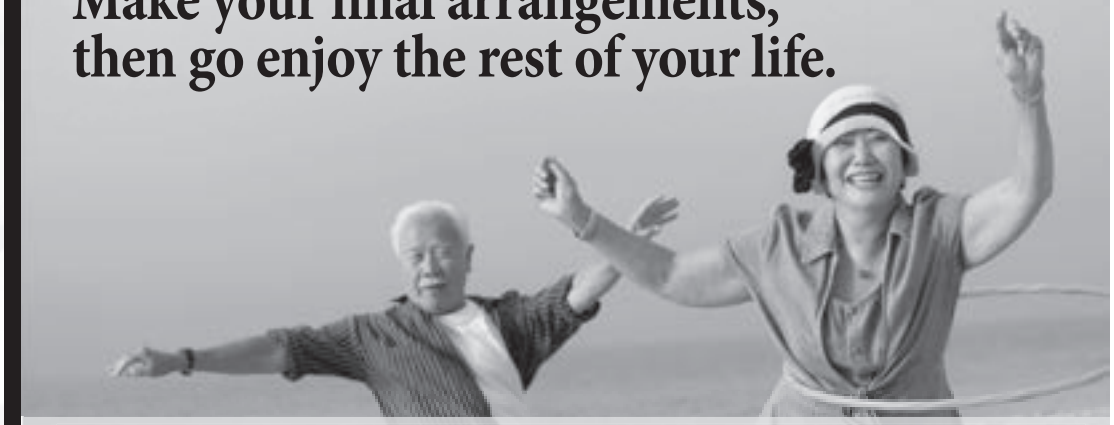
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SUNDAY, JULY 2

INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION: From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fairytale Town presents a day of international dance on the outdoor Mother Goose Stage. Enjoy nonstop performances of dances from around the world, including ballet folklorico, Cambodian ballet, and more. This program is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is $5.75 per person. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

INTERDEPENDENCE DAY: The Shift Network along with partners, Compassionate Capitol Region, Women for Equality, SacIONS, International World Peace Rose Gardens, Salam, Interfaith Council, UNA, Sacramento, Unity and Compassionate Sacramento are launching a California Campaign 2020. This four-year vision kicks off with TWO EVENTS on the 4th of July, a California-inspired upgrade to Independence Day, we gather to celebrate our community of diversity, inclusion, innovation and civic participation. The first, from 9 to 10 a.m. is a Global meditation of "Illuminating a Path for a Better Future", at the State Capitol's International World Peace Rose Garden. Children will light the way for us by carrying Quality of Peace Flowers and inflatable solar powered lanterns from Rebuilding Alliance's - Brighten the Future of Gaza's Children Program. This event will be streamed live on Facebook LIVE, so others around the world may join in and those around the nation are invited to take part at their own state capitols. The second, at Southside Park (2115-6th Street, Sacramento) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day's MC will be Terry Freeman Moore and will include music by the Midnight Players, inspiring words from our civic leaders and movement makers in forward-thinking policy, equity and equality, cultural diversity and social justice as well as vendors, with fun and meaningful, hands-on activities such as sand mandala-making, a labyrinth walk, a Red Tent, children's art and cultural dancing to list a few. These are both family events with no admission charge.

For more information, visit www.InterDependenceDaySac.com, email InterDependenceDaySac@gmail.com or call Joan Marie at 802-8798.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

WONK WEDNESDAY PRESENTS 'SACRAMENTO CANNABIS POLICY': Wonk Wednesday: Sacramento Cannabis Policy: Sacramento's newly appointed marijuana czar, Joe Devlin, will hold a discussion on modernizing the city's approach to cannabis regulation and its potential as an economic driver at the New Helvetia Brewing Company, 1730 Broadway from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

COMMUNITY DAY AT THE SACRAMENTO ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., all ages are invited for a day of play at the Sacramento Adventure Playground! Children get to create their own play structures and spaces by repurposing everyday items such as cardboard boxes, plus household wares, natural elements, and unexpected items. The Playground is a fun and safe environment where children can use their imagination and creativity to direct their own play! The Sacramento Adventure Playground is open rain or shine, and admission to the Playground is free. For more information, visit sacadventureplay.org or call (916) 222-3831. Maple Neighborhood Center, 3301 37th Avenue, Sacramento.

"CIGARS AND SPITTOONS" CEMETERY TOUR : Did you know that for years a good cheap cigar was seen as a sign of how well the economy was doing? Cigars were at the center of the 19th century's fiery arguments over race, politics, jobs and agriculture. Hear about our own local tobacco industry, and early attempts at limiting smoking and spitting, as the Old City Cemetery Committee presents a history tour on Sacramento's tobacco economy. If you're lucky, they'll tell you about the spittoon convention! The cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. There is free parking on surrounding streets. Tours are free; however, donations are appreciated and benefit cemetery preservation. For more information, call 916-448-0811. Tour starts at 10 a.m. and the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento.

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Thirty-two years in Land Park:

Sacramento Shakespeare Festival 2017 presents The Comedy of Errors and All's Well That Ends Well



Photo courtesy

Shown from left to right, Shelby Larsen as Helena and Betty "BJ" Nash as Queen of France in the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival's production of "All's Well That Ends Well" directed by Lori Ann DeLappe-Grondin.

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The Sacramento Shakespeare Festival is produced by City Theatre at Sacramento City College; in partnership with the City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation and Capital Public Radio; and with generous grants from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, and the Los Rios Foundation.

Tickets are available at www.sacramentoshakespeare.net. Tickets are festival seating, so arrive early for your best choice of seats.

What's happening, Land Park?

MONDAY, JULY 10

LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING: July's Parks Committee meeting will meet at Fairytale Town to walk the property from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with FTT director Kathy Fleming regarding proposed expansion plans at the site. The Parks Committee monitors the condition of William Land Park and all parks within the boundaries of the LPCA, coordinates with the officials of the City of Sacramento's Department of Parks and Recreation and other park stakeholders, coordinates and participates with the Land Park Volunteer Corps, and initiates and oversees LPCA projects to improve the Park. The Parks Committee also serves as an advocate for the proper care, maintenance, protection, and preservation of the Park. The Parks Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. LPCA Members may join the Parks Committee. Contact the Parks Committee Chair at info@landpark.org for more information or to discuss a related issue. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive; info@landpark.org

SATURDAY, JULY 15 AND SUNDAY, JULY 16

THE FAIRYTALE TOWN TROUPERS PRESENT: "DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

The Fairytale Town Troupers invite you to "be their guest" for this special adaptation of the classic Disney animated film--live on stage! "Disney's Beauty and the Beast" features the unforgettable songs and characters of the animated classic brought to life-plus the beautiful and timeless love story we all know and love. Performances will be held in the Children's Theater. Tickets are $2 for nonmembers in addition to paid park admission and $1 for members. For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462. Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). Show times at 12 and 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

WILD WEST BARBECUE AT CASA GARDEN: Don't miss the Casa Garden's Wild West Barbeque! Put on your dancin' shoes and do-si-do to a live western band, bring on your appetite for finger-lickin' good barbecue, and enjoy delicious ice cold Track 7 beer. Your $35 includes a Western buffet and two drinks—beer, wine or non-alcoholic beverages; 4 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 452-2809. Casa Garden is located at 2760 Sutterville Road.

SATURDAY JULY 22

MODEL RAILROAD PARTY: The American River Model Railroad Society to learn about where trains travel. Experience the history of America through the magic of model trains. You may even meet Thomas and Friends! This is a Read by Design Summer Reading Program that will be held at the Belle Cooledge Library from 1 to 2 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive.

WHISKEY, WINE & SPIRITS FESTIVAL: CBS Radio presents the 3rd Annual Sacramento Whiskey, Wine & Spirits Festival from 6 to 10 p.m. at William Land Park's Village Green. This year's theme is WHITE so get your white outfit ready for the sexiest party of the summer where you will enjoy samples of the finest whiskeys, wines, spirits and craft beers from around the region. In addition, enjoy live entertainment on two stages featuring crooners, DJs and more, plus sample bites from some of Sacramento's premier restaurants. There will also be a variety of Sacramento's hottest gourmet food trucks all in the beautiful setting of the Village Green at William Land Park, located on the corner of Freeport Boulevard and Sutterville Road. You can upgrade your night to a VIP experience which includes one hour early admission, at 5 p.m., into the festival plus access into the VIP lounge with a champagne welcome, exclusive tastings of top shelf whiskeys, spirits and tastings from select Napa Valley wineries! Gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts from Rayna's Gourmet Catering plus VIP entertainment and a commemorative event glass. General Admission doors open at 6 p.m.
VIP Doors open at 5 p.m. Miscellaneous Information: Rain or Shine; No Refunds; 21+ Event; No Ins and Outs; No Outside Food or Beverages; No Pets; Ticket prices range from $40 - $100.
http://now100fm.cbslocal.com/sacramento-whiskey-wine-spirits-festival-2017/

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FAMILY CAMPOUT AT FAIRYTALE TOWN: Spend the night in Fairytale Town's storybook park from Saturday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m. to Sunday, July 23 at 7 a.m. This exciting overnight adventure includes a theater show, arts and crafts activities, a scavenger hunt, fun games, and bedtime stories. Wake up the next morning under Fairytale Town's canopy of trees to a light continental breakfast. Prices range from $25 to $30 per person and include all activities. Member discounts are available. For more information, visit fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

SATURDAY, JULY 29 AND SUNDAY, JULY 30

CAT & THE FIDDLE MUSIC FESTIVAL: Hey diddle diddle! Celebrate music and fun in the summer sun with a two-day music festival at Fairytale Town from 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Families can enjoy rockin' daytime concerts on the Mother Goose Stage each day. The concerts are free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is $5.75 per person. Children ages 1 and under are free. Visit fairytaletown.org for the full festival lineup.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

SACTOWN WINGS - 2017 - CHICKEN WING FESTIVAL: National Chicken Wing Day will be celebrated with fare from Chicago Fire, Logan's Roadhouse | Natomas, Kupros, Adamo's, BARWEST, Blue Cue, Flaming Grill Cafe and more from 2 to 6 p.m., at Southside Park, 2115 6th St. Tickets are available at www.sactownwings.com. There will be music, games, cheap beer, and over 40,000 chicken wings! General admission is $10 in advance or $15 at the door. The event includes admission, live music, and a kid zone. You can purchase food and beer at the event. VIP Wing Judge: $45 in advance, not available day of event. Early entry at 1 p.m., 20 wing tickets (1 ticket = 1 wing), souvenir mug, and a Sactown Wings Judge t-shirt. You'll be one of only 300 people who get to vote on who has the best wings! Specific shirt sizes not guaranteed after July 15, so order early! The festival is no re-entry, so bring cash for extra food or beer refills. More information at sactownwings.com/about/

ONGOING/UPCOMING

SACRAMENTO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2017 presents ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL AND COMEDY OF ERRORS: The Comedy of Errors, directed by Luther Hanson, is set in Southern Europe on the Mediterranean in 1900 during a Carnival. The cast will include Christine Nicholson as Antipholus of Syracuse, Kathleen Poe as Antipholus of Ephesus, Fiona Nies as Dromio of Syracuse, Cole Yambrovich as Dromio of Ephesus, Sonny Alforque as Egeon, Kevin Frodahl as the Duke, Linnea Nordquist as Adriana, Shenandoah Kehoe as Luciana, and Dale Flint as the Abbess. The production will have original music and a live band.
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OFF THE GRID FOOD TRUCK EVENT: Every Thursday evening, Off the Grid is hosting a weekly food truck and music event from 5-9pm. Mark your calendars for this fun, family-friendly event on 15th Ave near Land Park Drive! Visit https://offthegrid.com/events/ for vendor details. Corner of 15th Ave. and Land Park Drive.

JANE AUSTEN READING GROUP AT ELLA K. MCCLATCHY LIBRARY: This monthly group reads the works of Jane Austen and meets the third Saturday of each month in the Ella K. McClatchy library from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. All Austen fans are welcome. 2112 22nd St.

MCCLATCHY CLASS OF 1967 50-YEAR REUNION: The 50th reunion for McClatchy graduates will be held at Scott's/Westin Hotel on the Sacramento River, $75 per person until August 1. Details at: http://www.1967mcclatchylions.com. Call Bob Sertich at 441-0657



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Documentary Film Memorializing Sacramento LGBTQ History Premieres June 24 at Guild

By BONNIE OSBORN

Just in time for Pride Month, Legends of Courage, a Sacramento-based documentary film and oral history project (http://www.lavenderlibrary.com/legends_of_courage.html), will present its debut film in a free community screening on Saturday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., at the Guild Theater. Seating is limited; please reserve tickets at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-story-of-rosemary-metrailer-tickets-33496266234. The project's debut film, "The Story of Rosemary Metrailer," centers on the pioneering local civil rights attorney who won a lawsuit against televangelist Jerry Falwell that provided seed money to found the Lambda Community Center (now Sacramento LGBT Community Center) in 1984. The film places the civil rights accomplishments of Metrailer and her peers in the context of the social and political environment in Sacramento from 1960s to the 2015 Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage in the U.S.

"The Rosemary Metrailer Story" includes interviews with Metrailer's peers—Sacramento leaders who forged Sacramento's tradition of support for LGBTQ equality, including former mayors Phil Isenberg, Anne Rudin and Heather Fargo—and the many advocates, such as former legislator Dennis Mangers, publisher Linda Birner and Democratic activist Laurie McBride, who helped blaze the trail.

Metrailer may be best known for her role as plaintiff's attorney in the infamous 1984 lawsuit filed by former Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) minister Jerry Sloan against televangelist Jerry Falwell. The conflict made national headlines, and the court awarded Sloan nearly $9,000, including punitive damages, a portion of which became the seed money to found the organization that would become the Sacramento LGBT Community Center.

"You can influence other people, about being outspoken, about what to believe in," says former Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin in the film. "Rosemary did that. She didn't have to worry about, are they going to like me, or is this going to make me look bad? She said it, she did it, and other people took courage from what she said and did."

Metrailer also is renowned in legal circles for her successful 1988 class action sex discrimination suit against McClellan Air Force Base (1988) on behalf of women employees. As a community leader, she founded Sacramento Area Community Women's Network, or SACWN, which continued in existence from 1984 till it was officially disbanded in 2007. Metrailer also is a founder of SacLEGAL, a local organization of LGBT attorneys. Today Metrailer lives quietly in Nevada City with her partner of nearly 22 years and spouse, Tina Costella.

Launched in 2013 by Land Park filmmaker Dawn Deason of 3D Media and the late arts patron Camille Wojtasiak, the Legends of Courage project is designed to capture the voices of pioneering civil rights advocates who helped build Sacramento's LGBTQ thriving community.

In addition to the Metrailer film, the June 24 screening will include several short video interviews with prominent Sacramento LGBTQ leaders. Deason said the concept for the Legends of Courage project came from late co-founder Camille Wojtasiak, a Sacramento professional financial advisor, arts patron and LGBTQ activist who died earlier this year. Wojtasiak's dream was to preserve the stories of the men and women who fought for LGBT equality.

Project supporters hope the Metrailer film is but the opening offering of the Legends of Courage series, Deason says. "Ideally, we would like to make one or two films per year, 30 to 45 minutes in length. There are so many stories to be told about how a small capitol city like Sacramento became a model in regard to LGBTQ rights."

"The Rosemary Metrailer Story" was produced in association with Sacramento's Lavender Library, Archives, and Cultural Exchange and is made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, visit www.calhum.org. Tax-deductible donations to the Legends of Courage project may be made to: Lavender Library, Archives, and Cultural Exchange for Legends of Courage, 1017 L Street, #540, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Any views, finding, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in "The Rosemary Metrailer Story" do not necessarily represent those of California Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information about the Legends of Courage project, visit http://www.lavenderlibrary.com/legends_of_courage.html.

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New Hollywood Park sign harkens back to simpler times

By MONICA STARK



Photos by Stephen Crowley

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Friday, June 9 unveiling the new Hollywood Park neighborhood sign at Freeport Boulevard and Stacia Way.

Harkening back to simpler times with neighborhood barbecues in the front yard and Fourth of July parades, Hollywood Park residents carved out a little slice of the past. Celebrating the 1948-50 era of when the neighborhood was developed, neighbors just this month erected a large sign of designation. But it's not just any sign and it's not just a "Hollywood Park" sign.

More like a public art display, the Hollywood Park sign includes metal chairs, a rake and lawnmower, inviting interaction with passers-by along Freeport Boulevard at Stacia Way.

To Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association sign committee member John Maradik Symkowick, the sign is also reflective of the neighborhood, which is creating an incredible community of neighbors who look out for others and who interact with each other. "We sit out on our front lawns. We sit out on our porches. We had a mini-porch fest a couple of weekends ago where we got everyone together … (The sign) reflects having that type of interaction all over the neighborhood, which is more than I could have ever dreamed of."

Longtime residents expressed to the sign committee that the sign really does remind them of when they moved to the neighborhood in the 1950s. John said a neighbor who has lived in the neighborhood for half a century or so said to him the sign really did remind her of that time and feelings of the past conjured up specific memories. "She would go to her neighbor's house, then to another neighbor's house," John said, retelling her story. "They'd sit on those lawn chairs, they'd talk while the kids played … You'd (hear) the click, click, clicking of those lawn mowers."

A financially joint effort, the sign cost about $21,000, split three ways – $7,000 from District 5 Sacramento City Council Member Jay Schenirer's office, $7,000 from Sacramento County Supervisor Patrick Kennedy's office, and $7,000 from Jan Jett, a Hollywood Park resident. The sign committee began with then-members of the HPNA, John, Eric Negendank and Greg Brown.

Greg said there was some push-back from a vocal minority in the beginning, and says, "To be honest, most of the folks who dislike the sign are old, mean, and a little crazy… The mean old people say things like, 'Now, the homeless will camp out there!' The sand…'cats will poop there'…." He adds: "You watch. Other neighborhoods will copy this idea."

It's also a catchy thing. It's a photo op. You can sit on it. Take pictures on it. "It creates a buzz, a positive buzz. We don't want to keep (the neighborhood) a secret," John said. He says many people outside of the neighborhood don't know where Hollywood Park is located. As Patrick Kennedy said at the sign's ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 9 – "I no longer have to say that's the place across the street from Raley's." John adds, "It's about that too."

A long journey for its completion, John says it's been wonderful to see it all come together. After calling out to various artists for ideas, an intern at the time in Schenirer's office recommended Land Park resident Casey Marshall of Fabritype Maker Co. "We were drawing things. We knew it was going in that Googie Mid-Century design, but (Casey) took it to the next level," John said.

A Sacramento based inventor, architectural designer and urban fabricator, Casey has more than 20 years of design, fabrication, construction and architectural experience working for himself and other Sacramento-based firms. Local public art installations include the exterior seating at the Warehouse Artist Lofts Public Market, a solar vernal calendar "Solaroid" at the courtyard of the downtown WAL as well as a rotating magazine file and bench "Read-O-Matic" on I Street.

John knew right away when he met Casey at the site of the sign he was the man for the job. "He had a vision. He looked at it. He took me across the street. It's not just about a sign. It's about creating a place. It's like placemaking for the neighborhood. He was brave. We wanted to give the neighborhood a professional product. When we met with Casey, he really was that guy."

The neighborhood approved the design in fall 2015 and then it took a whole year to really get the go-ahead on the project. By the following February, the HPNA settled on a contract and received approval from the city. "This is not a normal thing they do all the time. It was a property that had no title. It was 'no-man's piece of property', part of the highway right-of-way from (California State Route)160 back in the day. All this bureaucratic red tape. There were a lot of departments deciding how how to do this type of thing. IIt was a lesson in red tape and we muddled through. We got through and then at the same time we have a lovely neighbor named Jan Jett. She put up the entire share of the neighborhood's funding, $7,000. That was a big relief. We didn't have to do a big fundraising drive. That was wonderful."

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