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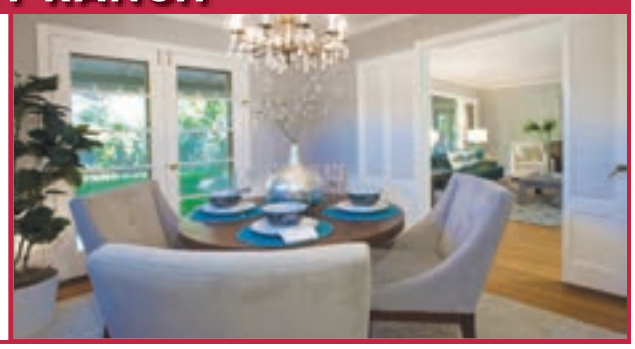
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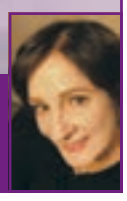
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Letter to the Editor

Land Park is not under siege; people in Syria and Afghanistan are

Dear Editor,

The answer to your March 22 cover story question "Land Park Under Siege?" is a resounding no. People in Syria are under siege. People in Afghanistan are under siege.

The relatively few people in need who make their way into Land Park are under siege themselves by government policies of neglect and forced scarcity.

The obvious solution to homelessness is housing. Unfortunately, federal government programs providing housing and other needed supports have been diminished steadily since the Reagan era.

Land Park folks and others need to recall the lyrics from Phil Ochs, "There but for fortune go you or I." Let's search for ways to find more active acts of compassion (24-hour bathrooms in Land Park?) rather than adapting an unhelpful mean spirited siege mentality.

Sincerely,
Dave Hosseini, Sacramento

Life on Two Rivers

By ELLEN COCHRANE

The next time you tear off a piece of white bread and pop it into a duck's beak in the Sacramento park ponds remember that ducks and geese in the wild feed on large amounts of protein, greens and unprocessed grains. Worms, crustaceans, grasses and vegetables––not processed breads, cookies or candy.

The ubiquitous duck has a cosmopolitan distribution and is often a young city dweller's introduction to wildlife. Watching a little one feeding ducks never loses its charm. So how to keep the ducks healthy and give kids the wildlife interaction that feeding provides?

Here are some tips to keep the feeding fun and the ducks well:

- Don't overfeed. Take a small bag of treats.
- Explain to the kids that the ducks are on a special diet to help them stay healthy.
- Feed dark, leafy greens (not iceberg lettuce), some corn, carrots, and peas for extra treats.
- Western Feed carries fowl scratch and corn. This commercial food is nutritionally designed for birds. Pellets and crumble can be found at other stores.
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Someday the city might be able to afford pay-to-feed stations with healthy food. Until then, feed our ducks sparingly with nutritious food and enjoy the wonderful parks.

Ellen Cochrane is a Certified California Naturalist.



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Brownie's Lounge to be sold to new owners

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Clair "Brownie" Brown, owner of Brownie's Lounge in the South Hills Shopping Center, said that the business will change ownership for the first time, after serving customers for more than 30 years.

The bar will cease operation under Brown's ownership at the end of this month, and will eventually be reopened by its new owners under the same business name. The sale of the business is currently in escrow, Brown said.

Brown, who turned 85 last week, described the situation that led to his decision to sell this bar space at 5858 South Land Park Drive.

"I had to close up, because I lost my lease," he said. "It's that simple. It came as a shock to me. (The landlords) would not let me stay there. They made that perfectly clear when they came down from San Francisco (about four months ago). Strictly plain, they would lease it to somebody else, but not to me."

Brown added that he was not given a reason why his lease will not be renewed and he noted that he will be leaving Brownie's as a financially stable business operation.

"I don't owe bills or anything else," he said.

Despite the success of this business, Brown said that it did not make sense for him to relocate it to a different location.

"It would cost me $150,000 to move to some other location," he said. "At my age, it wouldn't be worth doing. And I would never get my money back that way."

Although Brown noted that he would have continued to operate Brownie's indefinitely if his lease had been renewed, he has maintained a positive attitude about selling the business.

"I had a good run while I was there," he said.

Brown opened Brownie's Lounge at its current and only location in 1985, after operating the Gas Lamp bar at 4450 24th St., across the street from Panama Pottery, for about 20 years.

Brown's career in the bar business also includes working at The Stable, a pizza and beer business that operated at 4563 Freeport Blvd. He was hired to work for that establishment in about 1955, while he was attending Sacramento Junior College – now Sacramento City College.

About three years later, Brown began working at The Captain's Table, a cocktail lounge that was located at 4350 Riverside Blvd., in the area where Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar is now located.

Prior to owning the Gas Lamp, in about 1961, Brown acquired employment at that business through its owner, Bob Burns.

In operating Brownie's, Brown has not made it a mystery that he is a man who is very proud of his Irish heritage.

Born was born in Yuba City to his Irish-American mother, Hazel Estelle (Drennen) Brown, and his father Leo Brown, who worked in the turkey processing industry.

Reminders of Brown's heritage are evident in the business's interior. It has a very Irish theme, as many of its features are decorated in green – the symbolic color of St. Patrick's Day.

Brownie's patrons have been arriving at this establishment on an annual basis for its St. Patrick's Day gatherings, which include corned beef and cabbage and live, Irish musical entertainment.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Clair "Brownie" Brown is in the process of selling his longtime South Hills Shopping Center business, Brownie's Lounge.

Corned beef and cabbage is also a weekly tradition at Brownie's, as this fare is offered every Thursday.

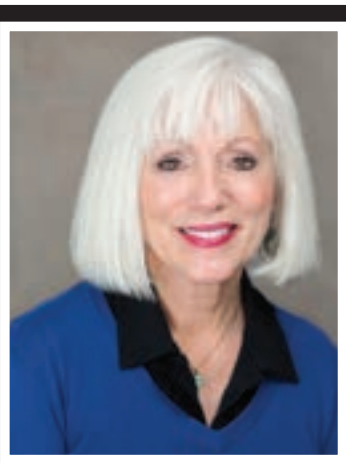
Brown said that he has cooked more than 300,000 pounds of corned beef during his time at Brownie's and the Gas Lamp.

With its on-site kitchen, Brownie's also serves other menu items, including rib-eye steak, cheeseburgers, sausage and kraut, ribs, prawn cocktails, sandwiches and salads.

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Dafydd Wynne as Lorenzo and Caitlyn Shannon as Jessica

City Theatre at Sacramento City College ends their 90th year of performing live theatre with William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. Director Adrienne Sher has adapted the play with a modern-day Venice Beach setting, and the scenic design will include brightly colored mosaics and graffiti.

This play was specifically selected as a response to the wave of hate crimes that have swept our country. The production focuses on the extreme anti-Semitism in the play and strives to mitigate the traditional portrayal of Shylock as a villain by highlighting the abuse he suffers at the hands of Antonio and his cronies, and by adding Jewish characters in the courtroom scene so that Shylock's support is equal to that of Antonio.

The production opens Friday, April 20, and plays through Sunday, May 13th. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays, with one Saturday matinee, on May 12th. Performances will be held in the intimate Art Court Theatre of the Performing Arts Center on campus at Sacramento City College, at 3835 Freeport Blvd, near Land Park in Sacramento.

Ticket prices for are $18 General Admission, and $15 Seniors, SARTA members, Veterans/Military and Persons with Disabilities and $10 for students with IDs. Group rates are available. All details and tickets are available online at citytheatre.net or calling 916-558-2228.

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SF Supermarket to open South Land Park location in June or July

Grocery business to occupy former Vic's IGA Market site

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

After three years of waiting for a new supermarket to open at the former site of Vic's IGA Market in the South Hills Shopping Center, neighborhood residents will soon have that store: SF Supermarket.

Making that announcement at the South Land Park Neighborhood Association's meeting on March 21 was Huy Trieu, general manager of the SF Supermarkets chain.

"I think everybody (is trying) to find out when we open," he said. "We secured our building permit two weeks ago. It is a long process. So, based on our normal experience, it's about three or four months. So, we are looking for June or July to be open."

In an update to that statement four days later, Trieu told this publication that the store will likely open in early July.

SF Supermarkets chain

The SF Supermarkets chain currently consists of 13 stores – 11 in California, one in Nevada and one in Texas. The first of those stores opened in Monterey Park in 1993.

These markets, which are owned by Vietnamese refugee Hieu Tran, also include stores at 6930 65th St. #123 and 4562 Mack Road. Opening in 2000, the 65th Street market is the oldest of the Sacramento stores.

A 15th SF Supermarket store will open on Sunrise Boulevard in Rancho Cordova early next year.

Six of the chain's stores are known by different names, including San Pablo Supermarket, in San Pablo, Calif.

South Land Park store

Trieu said that the current SF Supermarkets in Sacramento both have an interior appearance that will be similar to the interior appearance of the future, South Land Park market.

As for providing jobs in the area, SF Supermarket will hire 30 to 40 local people to work in the South Land Park store.

Because Trieu's visit with the SLPNA was brief, he provided additional details about the soon-to-be opened store and the company during an interview with this publication four days later.

Trieu, who came to the United States as a refugee from Vietnam in 1981, said that "SF" is the acronym of the Cantonese words, "Shun Fat," which he added means "prosperity."

The chain acquired the former Vic's site about 10 months ago, and cleanup work inside the building has been underway for several months. Roofing work, as well as work on adding LED lighting in the parking lot has also been performed.

Asian, American foods

Although the new, South Land Park market will cater to the Asian community (mainly Chinese, Vietnamese and Filipinos), Trieu said that it will be a full-fledged grocery store with all the basics of a typical American supermarket.

"If they want to have some Asian food, they will come for it," he said. "You can get bread, milk, ice cream, eggs, cereal. Those basic (items), you can get right there (at SF Supermarket). We are very modernized on those basic things. Anything American brand you can find there."

Fresh produce, meat, seafood

Trieu identified the top three foods that attract customers to SF Supermarkets.

"Our key of attracting business is we have a variety of fresh fruit, fresh vegetables," he said. "We have a very large produce department and then also fresh meat and the largest selection of fresh and live seafood."



Photo courtesy of SF Markets

SF Supermarkets are known for their large produce departments. Shown above is the produce department of the chain's 65th Street and Stockton Boulevard store.

Community-friendly store

Trieu mentioned that the business is very interested in working with the community.

"We would like to be a neighborhood store," he said. "Our success is based on your help, your support and your suggestions, so we can grow together."

In anticipating the opening of the South Land Park store, Trieu invited the community to visit this market when it opens.

"We would like to have the neighbors come to see a kind of new store that they have not seen in that area for a long time," he said. "And something new about the whole healthy food choice that they're going to have. It pays good and it's healthy. That's what we try to bring in."

Building's supermarket history

Longtime South Land Park residents know that the location of the soon-to-be-open SF Supermarket in South Land Park has a long history as a supermarket site.

The 40,000-square-foot structure was built at a cost of about $700,000 in 1968 to house Jumbo Market, Store No. 4. The project's architect was Sooky Lee and the contractor was John F. Otto, Inc.

Jumbo Market occupied 31,000 square feet of the building, while the remaining 9,000 square feet were leased for retail shops.

During Jumbo Market's first year of operation at that site, Joe Mar, who resided with his wife, Ruth, at 1356 Tuggle Way in South Land Park Hills, served as the store's manager.

At its height, the Jumbo Markets chain included about a dozen stores from Jackson to Dixon.

In 1989, five of the last seven Jumbo Markets were sold, and

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Discussion continues regarding blighted Upper Land Park neighborhood

By JOE PERFECTO

(Editor's Note: This is part two in a two-part series that discusses neighborhood issues like homelessness, crime and how local groups are working together to mitigate problems.)

Eyesores like dumping and over-parked, wrecked, abandoned and/or stolen vehicles in Upper Land Park were brought to the public's attention by Land Park Community Association public safety committee chair Art Taylor at the organization's January meeting. Taylor began the meeting by presenting three pages of printouts of photos documenting these code violations he observed on or adjacent to the area. "I've seen and claimed that SHRA (Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency) is not managing, not leading," Taylor said.

Acknowledging such problems, SHRA Assistant Director for Development Geoffrey Ross asserted that dumping is done by non-residents; he stated that SHRA generally addresses these issues in a timely fashion, but reduced staffing during the recent holiday period caused a delay in responding to those Taylor raised. "Our sites are very large—they're pretty wide open," Ross said. "There's a constant issue with folks bringing things to the community. We have big dumpsters, because we have a big community—people dump stuff on the outside, so we actively try and manage. (During the holidays) we weren't able as quickly to respond to some of these issues as we normally do."

Taylor noted that sometimes vehicles were not removed for weeks, even when staffing is not reduced. "There are folks who bring stuff and drop it off there," Ross said. Taylor asked if Ross was suggesting that outside parties were doing the dumping. "I'm not suggesting—I am stating that other folks do do that," Ross said. "I'm not saying all of our residents don't have that happen, or participate, but I will tell you that when we do get word of stuff goin' on, a lot of times it's not our folks. It could be homeless, it could just be folks driving into the neighborhood." Ross did not address the weeks-long delay Taylor reported.

At the tail end of Ross' appearance, Taylor referenced some local crime statistics. "When you look on Nextdoor, both for Land Park and Upper Land Park, you see a lot of crime and issues that people are concerned with, and if you look at Lexis/Nexis Community Crime Map, (it shows that) 0.5 miles out from the center of the public housing, crime is three times as much as it is further out," he said. "So what they're trying to say is there's a lot more crime coming from (the SHRA site)—whether it's the people coming in or whether it's the people that are living there." As the comment followed on the heels of an agreement that SHRA would attend future meetings to address this and other topics related to the projects, Ross offered only a non-verbal acknowledgement.

Community members are skeptical of SHRA's ability to determine the actual extent of project residents' involvement in the criminal activity impacting Land Park. In an interview with the Land Park News, LPCA President Stephanie Duncan buttressed the crime stats Taylor quoted, referencing a spate of vehicle break-ins in the adjacent market-rate Mill housing development that prompted the residents to hire a private security firm. "There's no indication technically that that's from the public housing project—it could be from (homeless) criminal groups that are living underneath the freeway," she said. "(But) historically, if you look at the police crime reports there are a lot of little blips within the public housing projects and Upper Land Park."

This skepticism comes in part from the perception that SHRA's position is based on inadequate data. "At a community meeting last year the SHRA manager for that public housing was asked about crime in that area, and he said 99 percent of the crime is not from (their) residents but potentially from people (their) residents allow to stay with them—like boyfriends or friends," Duncan said. "(Art Taylor's) concern is that there are not regular checks of who's living in the housing and if they're authorized to do so. The rules are broken all the time; SHRA really doesn't want to talk about that. At that same meeting, SHRA was asked, do you have your own patrols, and they said, yeah, we do have people patrolling by our office. And they have cameras set up by their office, but not throughout the entire facility."

While Ross asserted that the projects have "a lot of resident community management that goes on as well as professional management," Duncan questioned its adequacy to ensure the safety of not only residents outside of the projects but within the projects' boundaries. "There are people who live there who are potentially being victimized; I don't know if SHRA is keeping an eye out for their tenants."

For a time the projects were served by a dedicated team of POP (problem-oriented policing) officers paid for by SHRA with federal grant money. Once the funding dried up in 2014 policing was transferred to a crime suppression force that serves the entire city, and thus security generally falls to SHRA's limited staff.

Duncan's concern was reinforced by a Jan. 26 shooting in Marina Vista that left one person dead and a second hospitalized, which prompted Councilmember Hansen to call on SHRA to address various issues including security patrols. SHRA would be the lead agency in such efforts as city police resources are already well overstretched.

The concern for the wellbeing of project residents was also voiced by another board member at the Jan. meeting who pointed out that since the projects are located within LPCA boundaries, the residents are thus members of the Land Park community and the association also represents their interests.

The welfare of project residents is also one of a long list of concerns for LPCA in the context of the planned major overhaul of both public housing sites, first considered just over a decade ago and only now entering the public input phase. The controversial overhaul, involving upwards of $700 million, could include a doubling of the current 751 units and a mix of public, workforce and market housing in all-new housing. Duncan highlighted the question of the logistics of relocating current residents given that Alder Grove and Marina Vista account for fully 30% of the city's total fixed conventional public housing, and the current—and likely future—dearth of similar housing within the region means that relocating project residents will pose a serious challenge. While these 751 units represent a small percentage of the 36,500 throughout the city and county, not only do most units operate under various restrictions, there are waiting lists. "(I)s it something that's going to happen over 20 years in multiple phases? (If so,) they're going to have to move people elsewhere—where are they going to go?" Duncan said.

SHRA sees the replacement and expansion of the projects as inevitable, and a means of accomplishing a number of long overdue changes, including eliminating the de facto segregation of its residents from the rest of Land Park. "(T)he lessons learned throughout the country in the last 50 years is very clear: Building in isolation doesn't work; making it where folks do not have connectivity to their surrounding community does not work," said SHRA's Ross. "That isolation, that barrier is designed to be broken

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down, and that's what HUD has been working on around the country. We've had the opportunity to see some of the sites, and they're being very successful with breaking down those barriers."

While the demolition of all existing project structures would enable SHRA to start with a clean slate, it arguably is not absolutely necessary. Ross indicated that the existing housing is still serviceable: "No matter what you think of the housing itself, we try to keep it in as good a shape as possible, but the reality is, underground, those systems are our biggest challenge. It's the infrastructure that's gonna go--the housing is gonna survive."

The original 1940s structures, at least in Alder Grove, are deemed to have historical significance, and were nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in 2013. Whether SHRA will raze or renovate them depends on the results of a future consultation with the state concerning any identified historic preservation issues. Some structures were added in the 1960s; their exclusion from the listing nomination signals that special status is less likely to apply to them.

Preservation has proved to be a divisive topic in the community, with some residents advocating retention of the old structures and other supporting demolition. There are also those who want to see public housing removed from Land Park, whether the old buildings stay or go. They argue that the projects are a poor fit for Land Park, that their residents have no investment in the larger community.

Even should these contentions be true, the point is moot; according to Ross, per current law public housing can only be relocated to a "comparable site or better in terms of amenities and opportunities," and finding such a site would be very challenging. "There are not very many spots within the city. And then you have to go acquire those sites, which adds to costs. So while you don't have to put every unit right back on top of where it was, it's a practicality thing. Ultimately, if I'm moving them from Land Park, there are very few neighborhoods that can match what you have here," Ross said. In addition, even if a suitable site could be found, the long development process would start anew, pushing back even further the wholesale improvements SHRA seeks to provide to Alder Grove and Marina Vista residents, and the infrastructure at the projects would get even older.

According to Ross, SHRA proposes the same heterogeneous yet homogenized mix of equal parts public, workforce and market housing in the "revisioned" housing projects that is being employed in the Twin Rivers project currently under development. In response to reservations expressed at the board meeting concerning the feasibility of mixing the rate levels, Ross explained that it works when projects are integrated into the neighborhood. "We have seen mixed income projects around the country where, if they're done well, you do see the (market-rate units) stay there," he said. "(W)ith Twin Rivers, it's all going to be rental, because there is a market (for rentals) in the region that supports a mixed-income type of housing close to downtown and all its amenities. The trick is making sure that the product is attractive enough."

Ross's appearance at LPCA's Jan. board meeting appeared to signal the beginning of the end for a long period marked by confusion and consternation on the part of the community concerning the particulars of SHRA's plans for Alder Grove and Marina Vista. Until that point, LPCA had made numerous unsatisfactory attempts to get information about the project plan or the current state of affairs that would address the various rumors in circulation. Although multiple sources indicated that there was in fact no plan as yet, LPCA found data that they interpreted as indicating otherwise. Ross not only offered a detailed explanation of the development process but provided a project status report that essentially said a defined project is a long ways off.

Ross explained that in 2007 SHRA went through an "asset repositioning planning strategy" that identified several public housing sites as well as some downtown and midtown properties as being in need of eventual redevelopment. Several years later there followed a joint "visioning exercise" with HUD, funded by a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant—a program that facilitates re-envisioning public housing. "I think we kind of do a disservice to community members when we call it a planning grant, because what it really is, is a visioning exercise," Ross said. "It's the process by which we start to frame the conversation about how (we) reimagine large public housing complexes."

"So, we went through the visioning and began the conversation as to how we begin to reimagine, but we haven't done all the other pieces," Ross said. "In California, a planning activity usually (involves) entitlements, environmental approvals, different types of things. What we were doing for Marina Vista/Alder Grove as we went through that visioning exercise was to get an initial concept to see what's possible. (For example,) under the current land use and zoning that the site has, you can potentially have up to 1200 or 1500 units. But these are just starting points for us to begin to vision what would be possible."

"For any of these (projects), you have to have a complete financing plan. HUD and the federal government control that land; nothing can be done without HUD approval, and we can't get approval on a project if we don't have a (such a) plan. Today, I don't know where several hundred million dollars would materialize," Ross said, referring to SHRA's share of the projected overall cost. "When I look at where we are as a community and a state and a country in terms of resources and ability to do a project (of) that size—it's not happening any time soon." Ross stated that in addition, a planning grant requires SHRA to secure a developer, which it has not done.

Development of a City plan for the area, however, is drawing nearer. "We've been partnering with the City, and I think the City's getting close to making a selection or has already made a selection of a planning partner to do a specific plan for Upper Land Park," Ross said. "Over the next 18 months or so (we'll) be working with the City on what (that) looks like."

Ross gave an assurance that SHRA would keep residents in the loop via occasional attendance at LPCA meetings and possibly posting materials at the agency's Website, and made clear that SHRA

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will engage in dialog with all interested parties. "Those are two pretty large sites—over 60 acres total, 750 units—and to do anything that large takes a lot of planning and ultimately will take a lot of community input and conversations," he said. "I can guarantee you, there will not be a plan (just) put in place. We will come out to the community and work together and build (it)."

The question of the developmental time line, as well as that of finding adequate ways to address the problems that plague the Land Park community, are front-of-mind for many local residents. Both are issues of consequence and involve many moving parts. But while the first issue is of some present import, and the fact that it's anyone's guess when answers will be forthcoming may be troublesome, the second issue, that of the crime wave, is in immediate need of solutions—a commodity that to date has proved elusive.

If these problems are not adequately abated, no one can readily predict the character of the Land Park that might exist once the Alder Grove/Marina Vista renovations were complete some years from now. And of course LPCA is making efforts to avoid that scenario. But due to a combination of factors that essentially put the community between a rock and a hard place, a feeling of hopelessness has set in for many residents. "People are becoming apathetic—we have the low number of police, who can't always respond to every call, and then people say, well then, I'm not going to call at all," Duncan said. "And I say, no, I need you to call them because we need a record of what's happening in our neighborhood. But some people say, forget it, they're not coming. It shouldn't be that way; we should (be able to feel) that it's a safe place, that we're not going to be hassled at Target or wherever—get it back to where it was two years ago. And that's up to the City to do."

The City, unfortunately, also finds itself between a rock and a hard place. And so the saga continues.

City Theatre:

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The production

The Merchant of Venice will be directed by Adrienne Sher. The cast will feature Harry Stoner as Antonio, Christi van Eyken as Portia, Jes Gonzales as Shylock, Said Noori as Bassiano, Caitlyn Shannon as Jessica, and Dafydd Wynne as Lorenzo. Of note, for the first time the entire production design team is comprised of current Sacramento City College students: Gray DePol (scenic design), Hunter Farnbach (costume design), Matthew McCracken (sound design) and Cecilia P. Walsh (lighting design).

About City Theatre

City Theatre is the performing arts program at Sacramento City College, part of the Los Rios Community College District, in Sacramento, California. City Theatre's season consists of four Mainstage productions, two Storytime children's productions, and the touring children's troupe "Pennywhistle Players". During the summer, the productions move outdoors as City Theatre producer the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival. The company welcomes all members of the community to audition and participate in their award-winning productions.

Fact sheet

What:
City Theatre presents The Merchant of Venice
Playwright: William Shakespeare
Adaptor and Director: Adrienne Sher

Where:
Performing Arts Center/Art Court Theatre
Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento CA, 95822

When:
April 20 – May 13, 2018
Opening Night: Friday, April 20 at 7:30 pm
Regular Performance Times:
Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm
Sundays at 2:00 pm
Additional Performance:
Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 pm

Ticket purchases:
Ticket pricing: $18-$10
Online: citytheatre.net
Box Office: One hour before curtain

Who:
Playwright: William Shakespeare
Adaptation by: Adrienne Sher
Director: Adrienne Sher
Cast: Vincent Barnett, Alejandro Barrera, Kailer Bibbins, Marissa Dean, Jes Gonzales, Gina Iwata, Devin Justice, Said Noori, Jonathan Plon, Jon Ruiz, Tim Sapunor, Caitlyn Shannon, Sidney Smith, Jessica Smooth, Xavier Spencer, Harry Stoner, Christi van Eyken, Johnna Wood, and Dafydd Wynne.
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Egg Hunt & Hat Parade 2018

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Due to the possibility of rain, the Egg Hunt & Hat Parade was moved from William Land Park to Crocker/Riverside Elementary School on Saturday, March 24. Many families attended to enjoy games, crafts, live music, facepainting, egg hunts, and take part in the hat parade. Thank you to Council Member Steve Hansen for co-sponsoring this event with the Land Park Community Association. Also, many thanks to Crocker/Riverside Elementary and Sacramento City Unified School District for allowing the last-minute move to Crocker. Thanks also to Freeport Bakery, Sacramento Zoo, Fairytale Town, Vic's Ice Cream Inc, Noah's Bagels, McDonald's, Marie's Do-Nut Shop, & Goodie Tuchews for the generous donations of prizes and snacks. This event couldn't have happened without the help of our volunteers from C. K. McClatchy High School, Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School, AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region, and Matt Guzaitis and Troop/Pack 136 for stuffing 15,000 plastic eggs with candy.

















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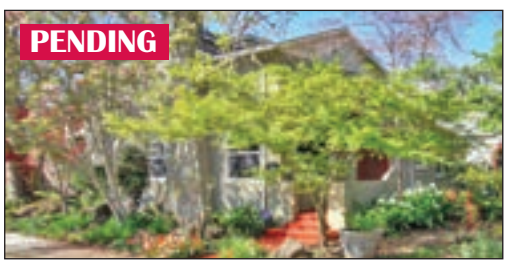


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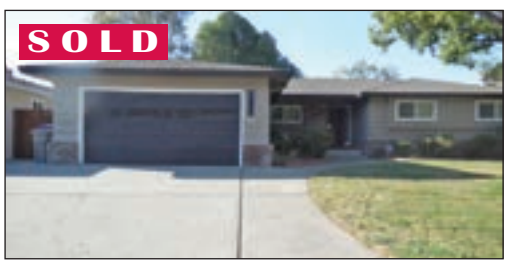
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Awesome Video owner shares poignant memories of longtime business

By MONICA STARK
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Outlasting the likes of Blockbuster and Hollywood Video, the Land Park institution and notably Sacramento's last video and rental shop, Awesome Video, closed its doors after 24 years on Monday, April 9. To reopen on Sunday, April 15, customers can buy inventory from noon to 6 p.m. until all the movies are sold or until Memorial Day, whichever comes first.

Mai Thu Bui, the store's owner, says she is sad to be closing, but video and movie streaming services have made it impossible to continue.

"This is it. My goal is to walk out with nothing. I don't want to bring anything home. This will all be good memories. My heart is broken... I'll miss it a lot. To get this thing ready, I get up at 5 or 6 in the morning and don't get to bed till 11. I'm tired of it. I'm going to be able to read a lot of books. No more movies."

Having employed local high school kids, Mai said some returned after college to work again, only to get married and move on. "I watched them grow up, their kids. I know them by first name. I know their kids' names. I know their problems. People talk to me like I'm Lucy from Charlie Brown."

Too sad to go online to Awesome Video's Facebook page, Mai said the business's social media person was crying all morning, so, she surely couldn't take a look at it.

Mai said she's had an intuitive customer who, curious about the closure, every week would ask, "When?" To which she would reply: "I don't know yet."

"And, he was worried," she said. "He had a sense that I could not do this forever and then he told me he doesn't know how to use Redbox. He doesn't use streaming. He told me he'd have to learn how to use Redbox. I said, 'Go to the library.'"

Having enjoyed serving her loyal customers, especially the families that still bring their children in to pick out movies, Mai looks forward to starting a new life with husband-to-be Luke Wilson.

The store is well-known for its collection of rare and unusual DVDs and has large and wonderful collections of documentary, foreign, classic and children's films. The sale is an unusual opportunity for movie buffs to acquire their favorite movies or add to their collections.

Working under the business's former owners John and Tessa Le when they first opened in 1994, Mai stuck around when they left in 2004 to open a restaurant in San Francisco. "I stayed because I love what I am doing. I love watching movies, TV series, documentaries," she said.

But times have changed. Movies aren't as good as they used to be back 25 years ago, she says. "Nowadays, I am disappointed and disappointed. And people are disappointed with me.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Mai Thu Bui, longtime owner of Awesome Video, shows rare items that will be on sale starting Sunday, April 15. She's holding a copy of The Ballad of Narayama, a 1958 Japanese period film directed by Keisuke Kinoshita -- a movie she enjoys.

"(They'll ask) 'Have you watched this movie?'

"'No, I'm sorry.' I said sorry that I didn't watch it.

"And, they'll say, 'What? You used to watch movies.'

"And, I'll say, 'I can't keep as much interest in movies.'"

Having been at its current location, the old Collected Works gift shop, for three years, Mai moved the store from down the street at 5000 Freeport Blvd., across from Oto's Marketplace. "We had some problems with the karaoke place next door. There was so much stress," she said. Before 2008, that former location was twice the size accommodating more movies and VHS copies. "Some people were not happy. (They'd ask) 'How do you fit everything in?' But, it worked out. Then, I didn't like where were at." Coinciden-

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tally, the former owner of Collected Works decided to retire the same year Mai contemplated closing altogether or moving her store. Appreciative of the landlord, Mai says that the newer location was in high-demand and will be again due to its proximity to the neighboring expansion of Raley's.

Since the move left customers thinking the store closed, Mai set out to find an artist to paint a mural on the side of the building that would help with advertising. Since 2015, gracing the north wall are Princess Leia, Spiderman, the Enterprise from Star Trek, Pam Greer as the foxy Cleopatra, Herbie the Love Bug, Dirty Harry, the robot from Metropolis, King Kong and the rocket from Guardians from the Galaxy.

"A labor of love" for muralist Shaun Burner, the project took about three days to complete which was done just in time for that year's Halloween. "I feel like it's one of the last video stores I've known about. The fact they moved, people thought they closed down. When people saw us (he and his partner Franceska Gamez) do it, it put the store back on the map," he told this publication at the time. Shaun even got a membership during the process.

As Franceska wrote on Facebook back then, "It's a fun one for sure. Awesome Video is one of the last video stores in town; we had to come support."



Photo by Monica Stark

Since 2015, a mural by Shaun Burner and Franceska Gamez has graced the north-side of Land Park's Awesome Video, featuring Princess Leia, Spiderman, the Enterprise from Star Trek, Pam Greer as the foxy Cleopatra, Herbie the Love Bug, Dirty Harry, the robot from Metropolis, King Kong and the rocket from Guardians from the Galaxy.

Shaun's brother, Chad, a regular customer at Awesome Video and a nearby homeowner was told by Mai about the desire for a mural on the side of the wall and naturally recommended his brother.

Speaking about the process of how the design for this particular mural came about, Shaun said when he was laying out the concept, he wanted to feature older films and keep the composition symmetrical by placing The Shining twins in the middle as a focus and putting Spiderman up in the top left corner as a balancing act. Using photo references from movie scenes during the painting process helped make the images true to the scenes.

Hopeful the mural will remain after Awesome Video closes its doors for good, Mai said, "I think whoever comes – I think they'd keep it. It's just a side wall."

"It's sort of a landmark," agreed Lewis.

"Some still play Pokemon games and send people over here once in a while," Mai added.

Lewis, who calls himself Mai's support system actually met her at Awesome Video. "I came into the shop. I was on a long walk, and she asked me, she said, 'Do you like to walk?' And I said, 'yeah, okay.' And we said, 'yeah.' So she calls me 'Mr.' I love it. So I said I walk all the time and she says she doesn't like to walk this late in the day. 'It's too hot.' She says, 'If you like to walk in the morning sometime.' I said, 'Okay.' The rest is history. And we walk every morning like seven miles."

The couple lives nearby and plans to say in the area.

Meanwhile, the shock continues to hit longtime customers like Frank Horowitz. "Tower used to be the place, but that was always crazy to go in there. It was so crowded. This was perfect. I don't know what we're going to do without it."

Article outtakes for the intake.... interesting buys...

While video prices weren't set as of the writing of this article, some rare items will be hot buys. "We'll be marking the ones that are valuable. We have a couple of these that are a couple hundred dollars on Amazon," Mai said.

For instance one such Japanese film, **"Stray Dog"**, from The Criterion Collection, directed, produced and written by Akira Kurosawa featuring actors Toshirô Mifune and Takashi Shimura runs for $394.92 (new) or $139.99 (used) on Amazon. The plot, of the 1949 black and white 122-minute film, according to the movie description is, as follows: "A bad day gets worse for young detective Murakami when a pickpocket steals his gun on a hot, crowded bus. Desperate to right the wrong, he goes undercover, scavenging Tokyo's sweltering streets for the stray dog whose desperation has led him to a life of crime."

Another unique find at Awesome Video for some lucky buyer is the 1974 French film, **"Toute Une Vie"** or "And Now My Love", which according to the movie's description,"follows the lives of a woman and a man starting from several generations earlier. The story spans a whole century and several continents." The two-hour, 30-minute romance drama directed by Claude Lelouch and starring Marthe Keller, André Dussollier and Charles Denner, ranges in price on Amazon for used copies between $16.59 and $138.99. The highest new price on Amazon goes for $552.92.





SF Market:

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with the 1996 sale of the business's South Land Park Drive store, there were no more Jumbo Markets in operation.

Vic's IGA Market replaced Jumbo Market at that location during about the same year.

The Vic's chain was founded by Vic DeStefani, whose parents were immigrants from Italy.

Vic's South Land Park store remained in operation until March 2015, at which time it was owned by A.L. Groups, Inc.

That store closed for the final time in preparation of the business's Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing.

Looking to the future

During the March 21 meeting, attendees commented to this paper about the plan to open an SF Market at the old Vic's VGA Market site.

SLPNA President Brian Ebbert said that the store will be welcomed by many people.

"When we lost that neighborhood grocery store, the community felt a big void," he said. "We have seniors that live in the area that would walk to the grocery store. We've got lots of families moving into the neighborhood. We all want a walkable, livable neighborhood to live in, so we were ecstatic when we heard that the SF Market was moving in there."

South Land Park resident Don Joe also recognized a need for the store.

"We've needed something there for quite a while, and it sounds like they want to do a real neighborhood type of store where they cater to what we need in that area," he said. "So, I think it's great."

Scott Schaffner said that he looks forward to the convenience of having a grocery store closer to where he lives, near Reichmuth Park at Gloria Drive and 43rd Avenue.

"People over in our (zip code) area (of) 95822 don't have that convenience to go in a store to pick up something quick, so this is going to be nice," he said.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

The City of Sacramento Pipe Band performs in front of Brownie's Lounge in celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17, 2016.

Brownie's:

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As for Brownie's St. Patrick's Day event, proceeds from this gathering, with the exception of the bar's earnings, have been traditionally presented to a charity of Brown's choice.

For instance, in 2008, the event raised funds for the medical expenses of Hayden Gomez, a local boy who was fighting a battle against leukemia.

Brown's celebration of his Irish heritage also includes co-founding the Honourable Guild of St. Patrick's Day Mummers' annual evening parade in downtown Sacramento. He also participated in the parade from 1960 to 1997.

In 1977, the Mummers selected Brown as that year's Sacramento "Irishman of the Year."

During the same year, he marched in a St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin.

Brown has continued to be heavily involved in the operation of his business, where he still heads to work seven days a week in his red Chevy Camaro, which he bought new in 1965.

While reminiscing about his many years operating Brownie's, Brown expressed an overall satisfaction with that experience.

"I was very lucky," he said. "It was very good. Customers were very gracious to me all those years. I had some ups and downs in certain things, but other than that it's been great."



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SATURDAY, APRIL 14

RAIN DELAY FOR THE LAND PARK VOLUNTEER CORPS! The April 7th workday was rained out and so the LPVC rescheduled Saturday, April 14 starting at 9 a.m. with check-in at the base camp, which is located in the picnic grounds behind Fairytale Town. Spring has sprung in a very big way in William Land Park! As anyone who has driven down Land Park Drive has seen, weeds in the park are just going nuts. City weed abatement efforts have stalled. We need help to get a jump on the rapid spring growth. As usual, we'll have a full plate of projects lined up to suit every volunteering interest. The work of Corps volunteers is absolutely indispensable to keeping the Park beautiful for all park users in the entire Sacramento region to enjoy. At noon, Corps Head Chef Forrest Neff and his merry band of cooks will serve up tasty barbecue chicken, burgers, sausages, hot dogs, chili, potato salad and more! As always, lunches are complementary to all Corps volunteers and sponsors. Morning coffee is courtesy of Corps sponsor, Espresso Metro and bagels are a gift from Noah's Bagels. The usual assortment of delicious pastries and donuts will also be served. For more information, contact Craig Powell, Lead Coordinator (phone: 916-718-3030; e-mail: ckpinsacto@aol.com). P.S. Please send your donation checks to: 3053 Freeport Blvd., #231, Sacramento, CA 95818, payable to the "Land Park Volunteer Corps" (the Corps is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization).

BOOK SIGNING WITH SABRINA NISHIJIMA AT FAIRYTALE TOWN: There is a new resource for families looking for things to do in Sacramento! Sabrina Nishijima's new book, "1,001 Things to Do in Sacramento with Kids," is a pocket-size guide that lists everything to do in Sacramento–from everyday staples to the eclectic and visionary. Sabrina will be at Fairytale Town to sign copies of her new book! Stop by her booth to meet Sabrina, purchase a book, and have your book signed. A portion of book sales will be donated to Fairytale Town. You can also meet the book's illustrator, Sarah Golden, who will lead kids in a fun art activity! The book signing and activity are free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is $6 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Members and children ages 1 and under are free. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14-SUNDAY, APRIL 15

CEMETERY EVENT – OPEN GARDENS & ROSE SALE: The Old City Cemetery Committee presents the Historic Rose Garden's annual plant sale and tour event on Saturday, April 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (sale only) at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. The Sacramento Historic City Cemetery will hold its annual Open Gardens event on April 14, featuring the sale of over 500 rose plants propagated from our rare and historic rose collection. There will be tours of the Historic Rose Garden (at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.), docents present in Hamilton Square Perennial Plant Garden and the California Native Plant Demonstration Garden, a history tour (at 11 a.m.), a silent auction, and sale of rose-related merchandise. The Historic Rose Garden, winner of multiple international awards, will be at peak bloom. Visitors will be surrounded by fragrant roses set amidst our lovely Gold Rush garden cemetery. The combination is not to be missed! On Sunday, April 15, the rose sale continues from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. (no tours will be given). Details are at cemeteryrose.org. The cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. There is free street parking on surrounding streets. For more information, call 916-448-0811. The mission of the OCCC is to join hands with the community to restore, beautify, preserve, and protect the Historic City Cemetery, while maintaining access by descendants of the deceased, and to provide educational services to all visitors to the Historic City Cemetery of Sacramento.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15

ZOO ZOOM: Can you run like a Zebra? Find out on Sunday, April 15 at the 38th Annual ZooZoom which benefits the Sacramento Zoo. There are options for everyone from a 5K and 10K to kids' fun runs that will wind through beautiful Land Park and finish near the back entrance to the zoo. Best of all, race registration includes zoo admission after your race!

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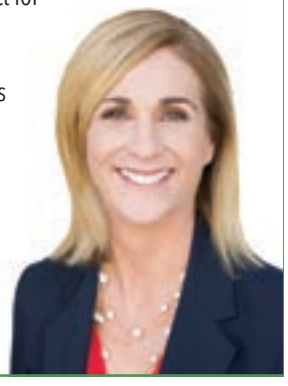
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SATURDAY, APRIL 21

SHRED EVENT AT COOK REALTY: Pacific Records Management will be at Cook Realty for a shred event. $5 per box; $3 per grocery bag. 4305 Freeport Blvd. Cash donation. Checks can be made out to Cook Realty Charitable Foundation. For more information, call Trey Bonetti at 916-768-9360; trey@cookrealty.com. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CEMETERY TOUR – ROMANCE & ROSES: The Old City Cemetery Committee presents an evening tour of the cemetery's Historic Rose Garden on Saturday, April 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Come walk through pathways covered in roses while you hear tales of love in years gone-by. Costumed docents and actors will tell about how couples met and how they died, and recount legends about roses, the symbol of love. Bring somebody you love, breathe in the perfume of the roses around you, and enjoy a lovely evening in our award-winning Historic Rose Garden in the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway. Tickets are $20 each and can be purchased at https://romanceroses.bpt.me/. No tickets will be sold at the gate. There is free street parking on surrounding streets. For more information, call 916-448-0811.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

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TUESDAY, APRIL 24

KEEPING HEALTHY IN A GERM-FILLED WORLD: This class will provide suggestions and information on staying healthy in a world filled with bacteria, viruses and other microbes. There will be a discussion on the basic groups of microbes, definition of what is and is not a pathogen, and infections/communicable diseases. Pre-registration and pre-payment of $3 required. $5 drop-in at the door. Class will be held on Tuesday April 24, 2018 from 10:00-11:00a at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www@accsv.orgs.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

SOUND THERAPY: Explore the world of using sound to assist in creating and maintaining health. We will discuss the medical research and sound therapy techniques such classical music, Hindu & Tibitan Mantra prayers, and ancient musical instruments to learn how to relax the body and mind. Pre-registration and pre-payment of $20 required. $25 drop-in at the door. Class will be held on Wednesday April 25, 2018 from 1:30-3:00p at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www@accsv.orgs.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

A SARTA SOIREE at the Kennedy Gallery Pairs wine tasting with art appreciation and live entertainment
from 6 to 9 p.m. The Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance (SARTA) is delighted to announce a new kind of fundraising event called A SARTA Soiree. This delicious event combines the visual arts with live community theatre performances, wine tasting and exciting raffle prizes to create a special blend of arts appreciation. Kate Pratt, SARTA board member, and brainchild behind this event recounts her idea, "Why not offer a wine tasting event at a unique local venue and add live theatre performances?" So, when Kate met like-minded artist and gallery owner, Michael Misha Kennedy, of the Kennedy Gallery – The Jewel of Midtown-- it was the perfect match! A SARTA Soiree is one night only – Thursday, April 26 from 6 – 9p at the Kennedy Gallery located at 1931 L Street in midtown Sacramento. Online only purchases can be made at www.sarta.com. Tickets are $20 for SARTA members and $25 for General Public. All proceeds will benefit SARTA's matching fund for Big Day of Giving. SARTA is a 501c3 non-profit theatre arts service organization. SARTA educates, collaborates and celebrates community theatre and is for home to the annual Elly Awards program – now in it's 36th year-which honors excellence in local and regional community theatre. Please visit www.bigdayofgiving.com/SARTA for more information. And remember, Big Day of Giving is May 3rd. Join Sacramento and over 600 nonprofit organization for the biggest online giving day of the year! For more information on the Kennedy Gallery, please visit www.kennedygallerysac.com

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

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SATURDAY, APRIL 28

SUPERHERO DAY: Calling all superheroes! Celebrate National Superhero Day at Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive. Enjoy arts and crafts activities and meet your favorite superheroes. From 10 – 11 AM, meet some of our everyday heroes from a local Fire Station and sit in Fire Truck 5. Come dressed in your capes and masks! Superhero Day is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is $6 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Members and children ages 1 and under are free.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

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FRIDAY, MAY 4

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SATURDAY, MAY 5

SPRING SHRED DAY FUNDRAISER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE--Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to Noon in the Holy Spirit church parking lot at 3159 Land Park Drive. Secure shredding by Iron Mountain of your old tax documents and forms, bank statements, business records, and other private documents. Suggested donation is $10 per box or bag. Proceeds go to those in need of services.

CEMETERY TOUR – PARKS & WRECK: The Old City Cemetery Committee presents a tour of Sacramento's parks and secret histories at 10 a.m. at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway. Sacramento has an extensive park system that is the envy of residents of other cities, but it didn't come easy. Meet people who fought for and against establishing many of our more familiar parks, such as William Land, Cesar Chavez, and Southside Parks. Learn the secret history of your favorite city parks, and hear various tales of misadventure and misfortune that happened within them. The cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. There is free street parking on surrounding streets. Tours are free; donations are appreciated and benefit cemetery preservation. For more information, call 916-448-0811.

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SATURDAY, MAY 12

CKM WRESTLING CLASSIC CAR SHOW: Help support C.K. McClatchy's wrestling team. As most of you know there isn't a very big budget for high school sports teams are left to fundraise as much as possible. There will be a bike and classic car show at McClatchy High School from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 3066 Freeport Blvd. If you are interested in entering your car or motorcycle please contact me as spaces will be limited. If you belong to a club bring the crew. This is also a great opportunity to bring the family and check out the beauties. There will be prize raffles.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25

RACE FOR THE ARTS IN WILLIAM LAND PARK: Grab your running shoes, friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and join the fun! Race for the Arts is for everyone the serious runners (5K timed by B-tag) and for the casual runner/walker. Run, walk, jog or jeté along the racecourse in Sacramento's shady William Land Park. Entertainment throughout the racecourse and a FREE Arts Festival – What's not to love? Come out for the Race and stay for the Free Arts Festival with food, hands-on booths and plenty of entertainment. Race for the Arts raises funds and awareness for ALL California nonprofit visual, performing, cultural, literary and culinary arts organizations, and school music, drama, literary, art and culinary arts programs. They receive 100 percent of pledges designated to them. 7 a.m., registration (or register at http://www.RaceforTheArts.com); 8:10 a.m. Kids Fun Runs; 8:35 a.m., 5K Run/Walk; William Land Park, Sacramento (across from Sacramento Zoo and next to Fairytale Town). Cost: $15 - $35 (cost varies, depending on age and date of entry). A 20 percent discount for teams of 10 or more. Registration includes event T-shirt, refreshments, and exclusively designed socks by Trumpette. FREE Arts Festival. Information, visit www.raceforthearts.com

ONGOING

SOL KIDS DAY! EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: From 2 to 4 p.m., families are welcome to enjoy a day of cultural arts, crafts, and music., Sol Kids Day provides different hands-on arts and health activities every Second Sunday like nature creation labs, healthy snack assembly stations, yoga for kids and everyone's favorite, slime-making. Engaging performances for kids include hip hop theatre production, beat-making workshops, and guest appearances from some local unicorns and magicians. Sol Kids Day also hosts a gently used toy/clothing exchange every month as well! Sliding scale donations. No one ever turned away for lack of funds. Funded in part by the Cultural Arts Award Program of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission with support from the City and County of Sacramento. Sol Collective is located at 2574 21st St, Sacramento, California 95818.

LOW-COST VACCINATION CLINICS AT THE SSPCA: Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for vaccines; no appointments necessary. Vaccines include:
1) DAPP vaccine ($20) — DAPP stands for Distemper, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus. While important for dogs of every age, puppies are susceptible to the Parovirus.
2) Bordetella ($20) -- often referred to as the kennel cough vaccine, this helps protect against a strain of bacteria that can cause kennel cough. Many boarding kennels and groomers require this vaccine for services,
3) FVRCP vaccination ($20) prevents three potentially deadly airborne viruses: rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia in cats,
4) Rabies shot ($6) -- this vaccine is required by animal control or to license your dog. The first vaccine is valid for one year, subsequent vaccines if given on time will last 3 years.
If you are 65 or older, vaccinations are free! The Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is located at 6201 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento.

LADIES GOLF CLUB IN LAND PARK: Did you know there is a women's golf club that regularly plays at William Land Park? Women can discover the joys of golf, build new social relationships and get fit the fun way by joining the William Land Women's Golf Club. This 9-hole group meets Thursday mornings. It's open to women of all ages and golf abilities. Questions....or want more information....please call 916-422-0831 or email gretjen@comcast.net

MUSIC AND MOTION AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY: Rowena Alverto brings exercise classes for seniors with a combination of yoga, tai chi, zumba, for seniors on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. $5. 5600 South Land Park Drive.

BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY VIDEO GAMES AND VIDEO GAME SYSTEMS DRIVE: The Belle Cooledge Library is looking for video games and working game systems for our afterschool teen space program for next year. If you have any video games or working game systems that you would like to donate please bring them to the Belle Cooledge Library and we will provide a tax receipt. What is Teen Space? Join other area teens in our community room for our afterschool Teen Space! Hang out, geek out and mess around with friends and snacks! Seriously, what could be better? Teen Space occurs weekdays from 3 - 5 PM (except Thursdays 1:30 - 5 p.m.), is free, and open to teens between the ages of 12 - 18. (During the school year) All Library programs are free and open to the public a library card is not required! Belle Cooledge Library is located at 5600 South Land Park Dive. Library hours are Tuesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: Is your friend or family member in a domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking situation? This free, drop-in group is for you. Learn how to support your loved one, and receive some support yourself among people who are in the same situation. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

#METOO SUPPORT GROUP: Every third Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: This drop-in support group is free, confidential, open to all genders, and available to sexual assault survivors at any point in their healing. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

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.

LAND PARK VOLUNTEER CORPS WORK DAYS: Help the corps with various work projects in William Land Park after a very wet winter.. First Saturdays of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Base Camp located in the picnic grounds directly behind Fairytale Town.

FAMILY FRIDAYS AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY: Spend some family time together this summer at the library with Family Fridays! Each Friday, in the Community Room there will be board games, cards, Wii gaming, arts and crafts, toddler toys, and a reading nook! This is a Summer Reading Challenge: Read by Design event each Friday from 3 to 5 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Drive.

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH SACRAMENTO: The friendliest club in Sacramento, the Rotary Club of South Sacramento meets every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Casa Garden, 2760 Sutterville Road.

SAC TRANSIT RIDERS UNION WEEKLY MEETING: Interested in democratizing transit and putting the "public" back into "public transit"? Sac TRU's weekly meetings, held every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. addresses these issues. Organize Sacramento, 1714 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

POP-UP BOOK SALE AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY: Every first Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the book sale features books for all ages. Support your local library and pick up some great reads! All proceeds from the sale benefit library programs. The Friends Bookstore will be open regular hours. The sale is held at the entrance to the library. 5600 South Land Park Drive

SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET AT THE ELKS LODGE, NO. 6: From 8:30 to 11 a.m., enjoy eggs, omelets, corn beef hash, bacon or sausage. 6446 Riverside Blvd.

BABY STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY –Nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. For children up to about 18 months old. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.







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