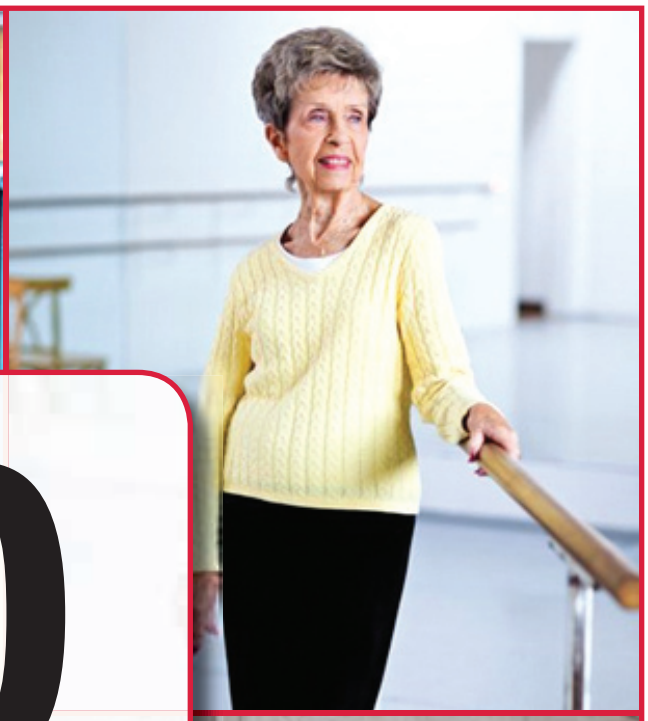
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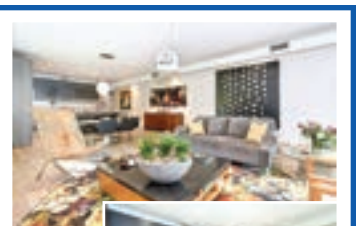


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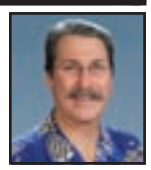
A year ago, I made the resolution to see things with clear 20/20 vision with the new year and to treat my little world with the most kindness I could give. Little did I know that the coronavirus I had heard about on the other side of the world would turn into a full-blown pandemic.

In these unprecedented times, we have seen death, unemployment, under-employment, growing homelessness, social unrest. Whether a pandemic, a natural disaster or any other traumatic event, the community always comes together. "It's Us. It's always us. We're in this together. Etc." The rallying cries for humanity's survival.

I hope you enjoy some highlights from this year's Ledger, and here's to a happy new year and the health of the city.



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Community Spirit is Alive & Well

BY CAROL BOGART

You know, now that the panic hoarding has subsided, I'm really proud of my fellow citizens. As 'isolation' became our 'normal' – we've banded together to support each other. Can't hug. Can't go to church or any of our usual 'group' activities. But our shared misfortune has, for the most part, brought out the best in all of us.

Just after self-quarantine was recommended for virus-at risk old people, I got a call. From a young woman I'd once hired to help me with three months' of piled up laundry. I don't have a washer-drier. The laundry room for the complex isn't far, but I have to carry laundry down two flights of stairs. Doing laundry, like vacuuming, makes my neck and back ache. By the time I do it, I'm out of towels and bedding.

This girl (young to me. In her early 30s, maybe, to my 71?) spent half a day with me back then. Together, we did 14 loads of wash. She has a full time cleaning job in a college dorm. And a teenage daughter. And then, she lost a loved one and was grieving. The laundry piled back up again.

Now, knowing I was impacted by this Covid-19 virus, she was calling to tell me she was coming to get my laundry. She and her daughter loaded up four full baskets. Took them home. Washed, dried, folded and brought them back. Shook her head when I tried to pay her. I insisted, and said, "I won't let you help me unless I can pay you." Such a good girl. She's in my prayers and I'm in hers.

In the last few days, the young man who sometimes boards my dog called to see if I need eggs or milk. With so many of his clients now working at home, they no longer need doggy day care. He's lost 70 percent of his income. Worse, he was scheduled to connect with his wife near Russia next month to finalize the adoption of their son. Seven years they've been working toward this. Because of the travel ban, he can't go. Yet he checked on me to see if I needed food.

The other day at Walmart to check on a pain prescription, I saw a young mom with a small daughter. In her cart, she had toilet paper and paper towels! Noting my envy, she stopped, smiled, and said, "Go straight through to the back to the doors by the baby department, but you better hurry," and she smiled again. My relief was obvious in my 'Thank you!' (The hoarders have lots of TP, paper towels, and water. Other people, not so much.)

And then, at the Raley's, I'll never forget the help I got from firefighters when, moron that I am, I locked my car keys in my trunk. I remembered they came with a jimmy stick some years back when a tenant in my seniors complex locked her keys inside her car, so I called 9-1-1. WSPD Dispatcher Corinna (not sure of spelling) was empathetic. She could hear the panic in my voice. She called the station to see if they could come. Then called me to say that they were coming.

As two worked at opening a car door, another shared with me that firefighters, too, are quarantined. They're not to leave their fire stations except for emergencies, he said. When they get back, they're to drop their gear at the door, shower, and then clean the gear before it comes back to the station. There's no training during the 'shelter in place' order, either, just like at the CHP academy. Only CalFire recruits are training still. (Before long, they'll be fighting wildfires.)

In Raley's parking lot, these firefighters had to be sweating bullets inside that gear. Retrieving my keys was quite a project which included emptying my trunk to be able to crawl through it. With keys again in hand, I told my heroes: "I would hug you *all* – but we're not allowed to." I've always loved our first responders.

Now, on the bright side, thankfully the 'stay home' order does not preclude outdoor exercise. People are walking their

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River Park "Chalkboard House" Delivers Ongoing Uplifting Messages



Photo by Jami Richmond-Moore

BY MONICA STARK

For the last four years, the Richmond-Moore family of River Park has delivered an uplifting or relevant message to the neighborhood on a giant chalkboard to those who drive by. Updated every couple of weeks, this particular message is, as Kelly Richmond-Moore says, "deep and subjective as it plays into the human spirit needing to hold on to something beautiful, even in times that beauty seems to be fleeting." Shown is daughter Haley, 12, and son Kellen, 6. Not pictured is Kelly's wife, Jami. "They now see what the chalkboard means to the neighborhood, so this has become an on-going family project that we continue to want to do together." The "chalkboard house" is located at 5301 Monalee Ave., 95819.

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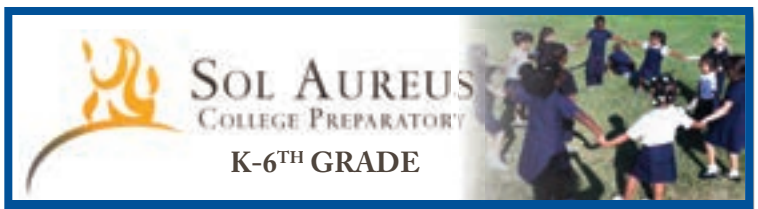
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dogs, riding their bikes, looking at one another from six feet apart to exchange sympathetic smiles.

I watched from the landing to my apartment as two little girls across the street put finishing touches on their sidewalk chalk drawing. Dad was doing lawn work. Mom was watching from a lawn chair. I like this friendly family. I bought Thin Mints from the little girls. Their mom looked up, saw me admiring the sidewalk art and waved. I waved back, exclaiming, "Beautiful! I love it! The upside to this (self-imprisonment) is stuff like this!" She smiled and nodded.

So Saturday Evening Post. So Americana. So "We're all in this together." For most, it's an opportunity to be thoughtful. To be kind. And listen to this! A local publisher got in touch to ask me whether, with paper towels so hard to find, would old newspapers work to clean the lizard tanks! If so, he said, he'd see I got some!

Now, can you beat that. I am happy.



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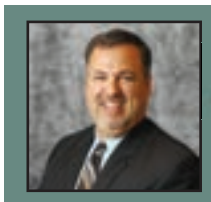
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Barbara Crockett Celebrated Her Centennial on Sept. 19, 2020

Sacramento legend, Barbara Crockett, celebrated her 100th birthday on September 19, 2020. The following day, Sunday, September 20, between the hours of 4 and 6 pm, in front of Deane Dance Center, located at 3385 Lanatt Street in East Sacramento, there was a drive-by open house for friends and admirers to drive by and show their appreciation to Ms. Crockett. Cards were welcomed and there were also intermittent individual ballet solos performed on an outside stage by some of the current members of the Sac Civic Ballet Company.

Barbara Crockett was both a dancer and teacher at the San Francisco Ballet Company, the first ballet company in the United States. While with the company, Ms. Crockett met and married Deane Crockett, also a teacher and dancer with the San Francisco Ballet. In 1945 they moved to Sacramento to begin a dance school and company. Thus was born the Crockett Dance Studio and the Sacramento Civic Ballet Company. Through the outstanding leadership and efforts of Barbara and Deane Crockett, the first professional ballet company in the area finally came to fruition in 1985, the Sacramento Ballet Company.

Ms. Crockett has been an outstanding member of the arts community. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Arts Council and was an active participant over numerous years in the California Arts Council's Dance Panel. She has won countless awards and recognition for her service to the arts community, including Community Service Award from the Sacramento Regional Arts Council, Women in History award from the Sacramento History Center, Arts Education award from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, as well as being awarded a California State Senate Resolution recognizing her achievements and contributions to the arts in Sacramento. Ms. Crockett was also instrumental in establishing Regional Dance America/Pacific, an organization of pre-professional ballet companies throughout the Western states.

Dancing has been in Barbara Crockett's blood her whole life. Her brother, David Wood, and her sister-in-law, Marnie Wood, were dancers with Martha Graham Company.

David Wood headed the UC Berkeley dance department for 20 years.

Both she and her husband, Deane Crockett, were professional dancers and teachers for decades.

Mrs. Crockett was still teaching ballet students well into her 90s. There is no doubt that her dancing legacy is well-established.

Both of her daughters, Leslie and Allyson, danced together at the San Francisco Ballet Company, where their parents danced before them.

Leslie Crockett later became a successful and well-regarded dance teacher at the San Francisco Ballet School and then at Marin Ballet.

Both daughters were trained by their mother, Barbara, at the Crockett Dance Studio as young girls and teenagers.

Allyson went on to have a highly successful career with the San Francisco Ballet, where she was a principal dancer for many years. There she met her husband, Don Schwennesen, a soloist with the company.

Eventually, they found their way back to Sacramento, founding the Deane Dance Center and continuing to run the Crockett-Deane Apprentice Company and the pre-professional, Sac Civic Ballet Company, with the enthusiastic support and assistance of Ms. Crockett. Their students have continued to be successful in dance companies over the years, including Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theater, Carolina Ballet, and Pacific Northwest Ballet, as well as many others. In addition, their students have been accepted at the most prestigious ballet intensives and college dance programs in the country.

The arts community thanks Ms. Crockett for her incredible life and devotion to dance and the arts in general.



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What Are We Missing?

By Devin Lavelle

Dealing with COVID-19 has left us missing a lot. I recently asked neighbors what they miss most. Surprisingly, the highest profile cancellations didn't rate a mention. No one mentioned the NBA season or March Madness; Michelle Obama's visit or any of the other major performances at Golden1. Delays to the Little League season seems to have impacted us more than the Major League season (although our beloved Oakland A's did rate a mention).

The worst thing people have missed out on is being with family after the loss of a loved one. Perhaps the worst part of COVID-19 is not just the loss of life, but that it forces people to die alone. That tragedy isn't limited to those with the virus, but all too often, extends to others forced to isolate as age or other health problems come to bear. Hearts broke across the internet as neighbors described losing loved ones and not being with them and then not being able to be with family to comfort one another in times of grief.

Luckily, most of us are still healthy and most of the things we miss seem to be the simplest things, like time spent with family. Pat Aguiar misses "Holding and babysitting my now 5 month old granddaughter. I could not have imagined not being able to interact with our first grand." Kate Killian wrote, "I miss snuggling my grands most of all. They're only 5 minutes away. It is heartbreaking. I can't even do a drive-by because my little granddaughter would be too upset."

My family experienced the same feeling. We couldn't explain to our two-year-old why we couldn't go inside when dropping groceries off to Grammy.

Diane Brazillo is missing her grandkids, but reminds us how lucky we are to live in an age with so much electronic connection. "Mine are in Jackson, ages 9 and 5, and they give Grandma the best hugs. We're talking, texting and emailing a lot. That helps."

She isn't alone in mentioning hugs. Whether with family, friends, clients … we all seem to be missing that close contact. This has to be hardest for people who live alone, "What I miss most is hugs from my friends and family. I'm sheltering alone and that's tough ..." Kim Gardner wrote.

It is a great reminder to think of our friends who may be feeling most alone these days. That can include folks whose age or health mean they are most vulnerable. It can also mean younger folks who just haven't meant that special someone yet. Parents may joke about yearning for social distance from the kids, but we're also lucky to never be alone, especially if we have the blessing of sharing a room with our best friend.

One Greenhaven neighbor wrote about the challenge of having, "no one to give comfort or to bounce things off of or just for company during these difficult times. Being alone with your worries and fears makes them so much harder to deal with."

Olivia Alvarez says, "I miss dating!! Being single and quarantined with my kiddos is making me want to pull my extensions out of my head, already ripped off the fake nails, fake lashes... all gone!!!! I neeeed a man!!!!! Uuuggghhhhhhhh!!!!!!"

I've been enjoying having beers with neighbors across the street and just restarted an online poker game with friends I used to play with regularly. Especially for the extroverts among us, the ability to get together with friends is very missed. Tracy Madeleine Knighton wrote about missing, "Laughing until my stomach hurts with a bunch of my girlfriends! I love my family but sometimes a gal needs her pals!"

Whether for fun, or perspective, friends are such an important part of our lives. "I especially miss my friends' typically mellow, positive outlook. Everyone is freaking out and I can't get on board. I know this is real but can't get caught up in the stress," wrote Sioux Enos.

I bet many of us are surprised how much we miss going into work and, especially, how much we miss the commute.

Teachers seem to be missing work most of all, as Karen DeLodder relates, "I'm missing hugs and high fives from my students, and miss seeing their sweet smiles every day."

But it's not just teachers missing the sound of children's laughter. Tobah Ealey writes, "I miss seeing and hearing the little tatertots (aka: little kids) walking to school each morning."

We parents very much miss the world being able to enjoy time with our children. It's made all the harder that our kids favorite places are all closed. As I write this on a rainy day, it would be great if that kids could burn off some energy at the Railroad Museum or Chuck-e-Cheese, or our all-time favorite, the Robbie Waters Library. It has been such a wonderful place to take the kids and to connect with other parents.

As Amanda Sol puts it, "I really miss story time at the library. We just moved here and that's how we were making friends." It doesn't replace the connectivity, but our libraries have recently launched a series of virtual programs for all ages: https://www.saclibrary.org/Event/Special-Events/Virtual-Programs

Similarly, as the weather gets nicer, what we wouldn't give to be able to visit Fairytale Town. I do so miss having a safe, fun, creative place for my boys to run free and enjoy themselves with other kids their age.

Like many of her Pocket neighbors, Linh Truong really misses the gym, especially "24 hour senior fitness classes. I met some really nice people there. After working out, the class would eat

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Pat Melarkey Led Drive to Save East Sacramento's Alhambra Theatre

By Lance Armstrong

Dr. Patrick "Pat" Melarkey, a retired Sacramento dentist who died at the age of 88 on Feb. 25, 2020 is remembered for many things, including his efforts to save East Sacramento's Alhambra Theatre.

Built in 1927, this motion picture palace on the eastern side of Alhambra Boulevard, at K Street, was one of the city's all-time cherished landmarks.

Pat, a lifelong Sacramento resident who was born on Nov. 17, 1931, served as the campaign coordinator of the Save the Alhambra Committee, which was formed to rally against the theater's demolition.

Plans were underway to have the theater replaced by a $500,000 Safeway supermarket.

Pat strongly supported the idea of saving older, significant structures in the capital city, especially those that provided more than nostalgia, as did the Alhambra.

In an article published in the State Hornet newspaper at that time, Pat stressed the importance of saving the Alhambra and other significant historical structures in Sacramento.

"Our young people will be the losers, if we continue to destroy Sacramento's historical past," he said. "This is why they are finding it harder and harder to identify with the older generation. We must save the Alhambra for this and future generations to enjoy as we have (enjoyed it)."

Despite the efforts of Pat and other committee members and supporters of the Alhambra, this grand, old movie palace met the wrecking ball in 1973. A Safeway supermarket still sits within the footprint of the old movie palace, which was recognized as "The Showplace of Sacramento."

Despite the theater's demolition, Sharon Thomas, Pat's daughter, said that the theater lived on through many of its remnants that came home with her father.

"He loved to salvage stuff and we had, for years, crates



full of ceramic tiles that came out of (the theater), slabs of marble that came from the partitions," she said. "It was white marble that was just stacked up in our backyard. He rescued a huge stained glass window; two of them I think, in fact." Thomas added that the two windows were combined into one window, which became a featured item in Harlow's Nightclub in midtown Sacramento.

In her attempt to describe the kindhearted nature of her father, Thomas recalled when she and one of her friends had their high school junior prom dates back out on them.

Thomas noted that Pat took it upon himself to arrange dates for both of the girls, so they could attend the prom.

"That evening, he came home from work and had dates for

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lunch at a different local restaurant once a month." What a great way to connect to the community. Hopefully we are all still supporting our local restaurants and, in doing so, working up a little extra motivation for once the gyms reopen!

Jim Guida doubles down on the gym recommendation and offers some wisdom, "There are three places you may not want to go but never regret having gone - to the bathroom, to the gym, and to church. Worship can - and should - be done anytime and anywhere, but the fellowship of friends and loving members of the church family can't be duplicated."

Mike Sweeney agrees, writing, "I miss being able to go to church and be nourished and uplifted. Not just for the content and services, but to be with the people in the pews." Amen to that, brother.

There were so many more activities mentioned, fun things like Volunteering; Wine Tasting; Bowling; and Movies. Favorite dining options like Brunch; Taco Tuesdays; Buffets; and Pie. Day-to-day activities like haircuts; and shopping: "The ease of walking into a grocery store and picking up necessities for whatever project or recipe that came to mind, or simply toilet paper when we're down to our last roll. Now everything requires a plan," shared Fay Saephan.

We also miss normalcy. Not living with fear. Being able to have conversations about anything but the crisis.

While we're all missing normalcy and favorite activities, it's clear that what we miss most of all is each other. While the hugs are going to have to wait, phone calls, emails and Zoom chats are just a few taps on a keyboard away.

Who are you missing? Maybe give them a call? They probably miss you, too.

Melarkey

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both of us," she said. "He went through the rolls at the dental office and found someone who knew two teenage boys that lived across the street.

"He had already taken them down to the tuxedo shop and had rented tuxedos for them, and he had already gone down to The Firehouse restaurant (in Old Sacramento) and laid down a bunch of money.

"It was just an example of the kind of things he would do. He would go out of his way to (help people)."

Dr. William "Bill" Melarkey, a dentist and one of Pat's two sons, mentioned that his father's assistance to others extended beyond his family.

He recalled how his father would provide temporary shelter at his residence for people who were experiencing homelessness and other struggles in life.

"There were plenty of people who he would let sleep on his floor," he said.

Bill also remembered a man who lived back and forth between his father's garage and campsites along the Sacramento River.

Thomas referred to her father as one who desired to better people's lives.

"If you had a problem or some kind of dilemma was going on, he (wanted to assist)," she said. "Kind of the bigger the problem, the better. He wanted to help you walk through it. And I think that was his really big gift, too."

Pat's background also included providing dentistry through the county hospital for indigents, and helping to establish the Aquarian Effort – later The Effort – drug rehabilitation program while he served on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Bill described his father as a very educated man, especially for one who claimed he was not very educated.

"He was always telling you how he barely got through school, and it was a miracle that he became a dentist," Bill said. "(Pat) was professing himself not to be scholarly. But he would read all kinds of things and he would educate himself on issues. He definitely looked at problems from different angles."

Through Pat's interest in educating himself and desiring to assist others, as well as through his upbringing, he became active in politics.

While serving as a county supervisor, Pat supported many projects, including establishing the University of California, Davis School of Medicine at the old county hospital site, consolidating the city and county of Sacramento by placing the initiative on the ballot for voter approval, and introducing and working on an effort to create more community gardens where locals could grow their own food throughout the city and county.

He also had a bit of a green thumb when it came to amaryllis, the flowering bulb plant that he grew in hundreds of pots in his backyard, and then gifted them to many people.

Pat also worked to establish systems that would facilitate autistic children and adults with disabilities in obtaining dental care.

In addition to his work as a supervisor, Pat attempted to further his political career in 1987, when he ran for mayor. That race was won by the incumbent, Anne Rudin, who four years earlier became Sacramento's first elected female mayor.

Bill Melarkey said that his father, despite losing the election, prided himself in not taking money from developers, and only accepting small contributions.

Many people recall Pat's contributions to Sacramento's nightlife through his partnership in Melarkey's Place, a restaurant and nightclub that operated at 1517 Broadway, across the street from the Tower Theatre.

Melarkey's became an institution as a live music venue and a hangout for such notable politicians as Jerry Brown, Willie Brown, B.T. Collins and Vic

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Local Dog Lovers Discuss Their Devotion to Rescue and Detective-Type Investigations



By Charlotte Sanchez-Kosa

Days that can lead to weeks of investigation, long hours of surveillance and an elusive quarry. Those actions have been associated with the work of police and private detectives. But it isn't just detectives that put in that type of effort.

In Sacramento, there is a small group of dog rescuers who donate their own time and money to find and capture strays and it's a task that is easier than it sounds.

"All the dogs take patience and calmness," said Penny Scott, a local rescuer. "That's the important thing. You have to go in being calm, relaxed and you have to have a lot of patience. If you think that you're just going to get the dog, you're going to rush things and ordinarily, usually, you'll scare the dog off.

"DeAnn (Wren) and I both have a lot of patience. We have sat in our cars for up to eight hours at a time and overnight. I once spent 14 hours in the car."

She added that although a dog might go into the trap right away because it is hungry, that is not always the case.

"With some dogs you have to lead them in with bait day by day," she said. "It took two weeks with one dog to lead him in by moving the bowl closer and closer to the trap. So that's why you have to have a lot of patience. It varies and we never ever leave a trap unattended. It's so important. We also sit in our car most of the time just so we can be there when the door shuts. We don't want any dogs and sometimes cats to be stressed out when the door shuts."

DeAnn, who also works with Scott, said recently a post on Facebook alerted them to two dogs that were loose in a rural area. They were lying in a pipe in the water and they had been hiding in it. They could barely fit in the pipes but were there because they were afraid of people.

"Before I headed out of town, I called Penny and said, 'Look. There's two dogs we need to trap,'" she said. "We head out there and we set out a couple of traps. The dog's were very scared. They came out. They did not go into the traps but they were interested. One actually hit their head on the trap and the trap door closed and then they took off."

The two rescuers then decided to build an enclosure.

"We were out there one night and I work full time so we came out after work, and we sat there and waited," Deann said. "The dog was a no-show. We had some problems with our equipment and we went back out there at 4 a.m. We sat there for hours and the dog showed up but didn't go into the enclosure. We moved the enclosure. We ended up getting him the next night."

Unfortunately, catching the second dog wasn't so easy and it eventually was hit by a vehicle. It is now in the care of a veterinarian.

For Scott, trapping strays started about five years ago after seeing a post on Facebook about a dog that was loose. The poster asked for people to come out and help.

"And after the dog was caught, I thought, 'Oh that's kind of rewarding!' and then I started searching Facebook for more loose dogs and then after that it became addicting," she said.

Wren started trapping two years ago after she had met Scott at a rescue. During that encounter Wren learned how she could help get animals off the street by utilizing different methods.

"We had a runaway Beagle when I was growing up that was always out and we couldn't keep him contained," she said. "Every time there's a loose dog, we try to go and get them to safety."

Depending on the situation, most dogs are taken to area shelters to either be reunited with owners or adopted out but there are exceptions.

"It varies," Wren said. "We had a dog that took 23 days to catch. We were worried that the dog was so scared and so feral that it would not be touched for a while. Usually we put them in what Penny has which is a decompres-

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Fazio. The musical acts that performed at Melarkey's included The Kingston Trio, Dave Brubeck, and Little Charlie and the Nightcats.

Pat was a lover of music and although he was not a professional musician, he enjoyed playing the guitar. His treasured guitar was one that someone brought to him from their travels in Brazil.

Maurice Read, who partnered with Pat and others at Maurice's American Bar, recalled Pat's ability to engage with people.

Although many people recall Pat's life from his days as a county supervisor and beyond, the earlier part of his life was also spent with many adventures.

He grew up at 2431 U St., and was one of the three children of Edward and Eunice Melarkey. His father worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad and his mother was a nurse.

Pat, who also has a son named, Kevin, was married on two occasions and eventually had six grandchildren.

He was additionally a dog lover, enjoyed fishing and was a dedicated Sacramento Kings fan who could often be seen watching games at the Distillery and Limelight bars, the latter of which was owned by Pete and Barbara Mikacich. Pat was directly connected to the Kings from 1985 to 1991, when he served as the team's official dentist.

Although about the last six years of his dentistry work was only performed on a part-time basis, Pat continued that work until 2006.

Asked to summarize the loss of Pat, Smoley described his absence as the departure of a unique Sacramentan.

"He was very unique, fun to know and it's an end of an era," she said. "They don't make them unique like that any more."

The life of Pat Melarkey was celebrated at a service at the Immaculate Conception Church on March 19, 2020.

East Lawn Memorial Park Built on Land Once Owned by a California Governor



By Lance Armstrong

The name, Newton Booth, is well memorialized in the capital city, with a neighborhood and historic district named in his honor in the area of the former Newton Booth School at 26th and V streets. But a little known trivial point about this former California governor is that he once owned property in East Sacramento.

Craig Peterson, mortuary manager at East Lawn Memorial Park at 4300 Folsom Blvd., mentioned that Newton Booth (1825-1892) – governor of California from 1871 to 1875 – formerly owned the property where the cemetery was established in 1904.

"Even though, to my knowledge, we don't have any California governors interred here at East Lawn Memorial Park on Folsom Boulevard, this land was owned by former Gov. Newton Booth," he said. "Our founder, Louis Breuner (1869-1947), knew that this property was for sale, the (former) Twin Oaks Farm that had been owned by Gov. Booth."

That knowledge led to his purchase of that property, which would eventually become East Lawn Cemetery – today's East Lawn Memorial Park.

As the leader of the efforts to have East Lawn Cemetery established on Booth's former property, Louis Breuner was attracted to the site's location, which was high above the city's flood plain.

After all, the search for a new cemetery began following a major, 1904 flood that resulted in water washing through the old city cemetery – today's Sacramento Historic City Cemetery on Broadway, between Riverside Boulevard and Muir Way.

East Lawn Memorial Park is located about 25 feet above downtown Sacramento and about 60 feet above sea level.

The Bee reported on March 4, 1904 that an option on Louis Breuner's "Twin Oaks Farm" was secured for cemetery use.

For that article, Louis Breuner described his interest in having the cemetery located on his East Sacramento property.

"My intentions when I purchased the property were to make a country home of it, and I had already arranged for plans," he wrote. "When it was reported around, however, that a cemetery was to be made in the eastern part of the city, and that it was to be put alongside or on one side of my (property), I suspended operations temporarily, as I did not care to invest in a home so close to a cemetery.

"Later, I was approached by a large corporation with a proposal to tie up the farm for a private cemetery."

Louis Breuner presented a 90-day option for the property, as well as an outline of how the property would be developed for a cemetery.

East Lawn Cemetery was dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 23, 1905.

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sion area. But that time we couldn't so I took it elsewhere. Within a couple of hours, the dog was in our lap."

She added, they had another dog right after that which she had at her own house for four days and still couldn't touch it.

"So it depends on the dogs," Wren said.

For Scott and Wren, trapping and rescuing has been a labor of love. Over the years, they have trapped more than 150 dogs and they see no reason to stop because helping the animals is so fulfilling.

"I know we spend a lot of time searching for lost dogs, hours, days and sometimes months," Wren said. "Even though we might not get all the dogs. It is still a success knowing that the ones we do get are off the streets and or back home."

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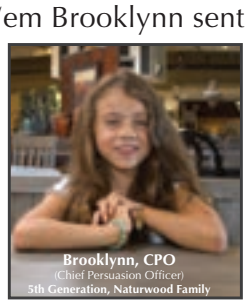
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