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Some of the nine current gates differ markedly from the gate allowed by old encroachment permits. At last check, many of the encroachment permits remained in the names of homeowners who died or had long since moved away. In addition to the apparent breach of the encroachment permits, fences with outward-facing spikes or barbed wire also violate city ordinances, which forbid residential-area fences "capable of inflicting significant physical injury."

Op-ed:

Council's $2.3M allocation of Measure U funds is a big victory for Pocket area's Sacramento River Parkway

By JIM HOUPT
Special to the Pocket News

Tuesday, May 23, will go down as a watershed moment in the long and tortuous history of the Sacramento River Parkway. Thanks to a push from Vice Mayor Rick Jennings, the Sacramento City Council unanimously approved a $2.3 million allocation of Measure U funds for the Sacramento River Parkway, the multi-use trail on the levee through the Pocket neighborhood.

Many will be surprised to learn that the city has quietly been making progress on this forty-two-year-old plan for the past five years. Past Council Member Darrell Fong got the ball rolling again during his tenure, leading to a unanimous vote in 2012 to proceed with the Parkway after years of stagnation.

That 2012 vote led to the purchase of the first two recreation easements from private

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property owners who claim ownership of the levee. In part, it was a test case that hasn't been completely satisfactory to Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway, but it was a start.

Fong's successor, Vice Mayor Jennings, has turned the economy's rising tide to the Parkway's advantage. In 2015, the city council appropriated over $500,000 to prepare plans for paving the Parkway for two miles upriver from Garcia Bend Park, doubling the paved trail in the South Pocket. Though that will be a significant improvement, it doesn't yet remove the private fences and gates that have blocked public access to much of the levee since the 1970s.

Tuesday's vote is the first significant down payment to acquire recreation easements from homeowners who have excluded the public from a levee we all pay for. Many who claim that right are not happy with the impending loss of that monopoly. But we also have some surprising objections to the city's plan to purchase easements.

The Sacramento County Grand Jury complained that the city should not need to buy easements because pre-existing rights-of-way for levee building should allow public access. While that may be a valid theory, it's only a theory unless courts agree that the state has the right to grant public access to the levees, and the right to assign that right to the city. In fact, testing that theory could take years, maybe even decades, to wind its way through the courts, resulting in delay to finish the Parkway without any assurance that the ultimate resolution will favor the state and the city.

To be sure, the completion of the multi-use trail won't happen tomorrow, or even next year, or even the following year. The biggest hurdle is a major levee rebuilding project to be undertaken by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA). Few would argue that we must pave the trail now only to have it dug up to make our levees safer, then fight about who has the responsibility to pay for its replacement.



Completed sections of the Sacramento River Parkway's multi-use trail currently make up less than half the thirteen-mile distance from the Jibboom Street Bridge to the Freeport Regional Water Authority's intake structure, just south of the Pocket neighborhood. Bicyclists, runners, and walkers are dumped onto city streets to travel between the paved sections of the trail. Efforts to bridge the gaps have languished because of opposition from homeowners maintaining private fences and gates on the levee.

But the impending levee work also gives us time – time to find and apportion funds to buy all needed recreation easements. Time to take down private fences and gates in a legal and responsible process. And time to mitigate for real or imagined concerns about opening the levee to access for all.

However we spend this time, the result must be a complete multi-use trail and public access on the levee from Discovery Park to Freeport. The city's new Bicycle Master Plan makes clear that a completed trail is the "backbone" to the region's bicycle network.

Being the only off-road route from Southwest Sacramento that offers complete separation from automobile traffic for almost its entire length, the Sacramento River Parkway won't be just a recreation amenity. A completed Parkway is a critical link for thousands of commuters who would happily ride a bike to work or school rather than drive a car if only the city completes this safe and low-stress route to and from the city's core.

Jim Houpt heads the Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway which aims to have a complete multi-use trail run along the Sacramento River.

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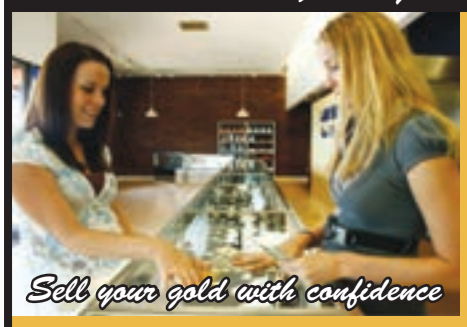

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Looking for the next grand marshal and 4th of July parade volunteers

By MONICA STARK



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

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

The Fourth of July Pocket Parade will begin promptly at 10 a.m. at Parkway Oaks Park, next to the old Lisbon Elementary on South Land Park Drive. The parade will then travel down Windbridge, ending at Garcia Bend Park.

Parade float entry forms can be picked up at the new Pocket News office, 1609 Markham Way, 95818. Just talk to Linda Pohl. Completed entries can be dropped off at the newspaper office or emailed to linda@valcomnews.com. All pre-registered parade entrants will be part of the parade judging. Entries will be judged against others in their group type. Preparations are already underway to make the parade bigger and better than ever before.

Volunteers are needed to support the efforts (and the fun) of the parade. Positions range from pre-parade phone calls, blocking streets (while sitting in a comfortable chair), parade marshals and helping with the after-parade activities at Garcia Bend.

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

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

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

Security—these secure intersections along the parade route making sure cars do not enter the route. They assist people alongside the parade route as well. Check in the at the registration desk (at the school—Windbridge and South Land Park) at 9 a.m.

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

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Pastor Mike Higley at River's Edge Church if you are interested in volunteering. He can be reached at 391-9845 or by email at pastormike@recsac.org.

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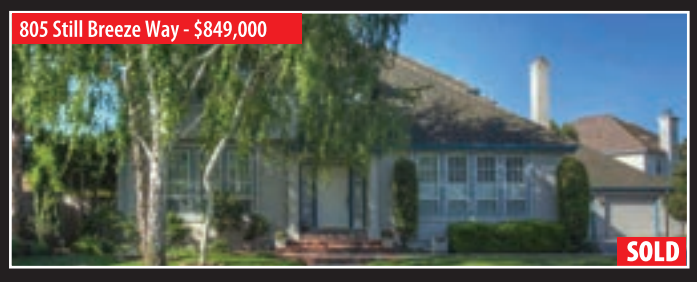

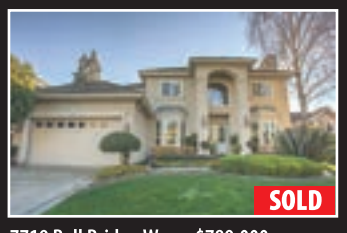

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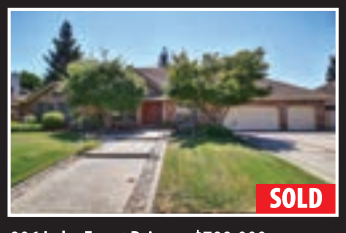

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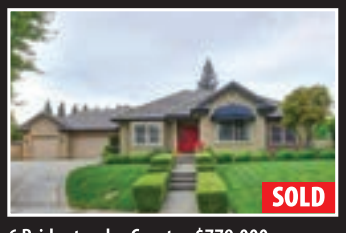

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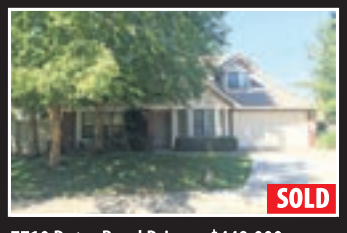

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Belle Cooledge ice cream social promotes summer reading, library

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Belle Cooledge Park was packed with visitors Friday evening, May 19 as people young and old stopped by to enjoy free Vic's ice cream and entertainment, and to sign up for the adjacent library's Summer Reading program.

Known as the Belle Cooledge Ice Cream Social, this fun-filled, annual event, which celebrated its 19th year, is sponsored by the Friends of the Belle Cooledge Library.

Fred Dobb, president of this Friends group, commented about the purpose of the event.

"This is our annual opportunity to celebrate the connection between the (Belle Cooledge) Library and this community," he said. "And this community really does support the library and we're showing them how much we love them. Thank you for the great circulation, for the volunteerism and the donations that we have been receiving."

Although much ice cream was served through the partnership of Vic's Ice Cream's donation and the efforts of volunteer scoopers, a more important element for the event's organizers was having people sign up for the library's Summer Reading program.

According to the Sacramento Public Library, the program, which was launched in 2013, is especially an asset for kids.

A statement on the SPL website notes: "We've said it many times, but it bears repeating: Summer Reading programs help fight the 'summer slide,' where kids lose up to two months of the reading skills they gained during the school year over the long summer break. By that standard, the 9,894 kids who completed our program prevented 1,694 years of summer slide."

South Sacramento resident Wing Fong, who has made it a tradition to stop by the annual ice cream social, said that he is a fan of the library's Summer Reading program.

"I like the (program)," he said. "It's good for the kids. They can get to learn more culture stuff from the books."

Because of the Friends of the Belle Cooledge Library's sponsorship of the ice cream social, Dobb took the opportunity to describe the group's continuous efforts to better the library.

"We are the volunteer backbone of the library and we're the fundraising backbone to the library," he said. "There are many things we can do as a local group that the library may not have flexibility to do, such as ask the public for contributions and volunteer extra hours to supplement the people who work here."

And he added that the Friends group is a necessary element of the library's success, considering that the library is a free library.

"As we say, everything is free at the library as long as you get it back on time," he said.

Entertainment at this year's social included a crafts table for kids, a visit by Fire Engine #13, and performances by The Templetons jazz band, and the musical group, Chicken Lips, who sang children's songs.

The event also included a book sale at the library.

Sacramento Public Library Director Rivkah Sass said that those who missed the event still have the opportunity to sign up for the Summer Reading program.

"Anybody who is not here tonight is missing a great annual event and they should come next year," she said. "But even if they missed it, they should sign up for Summer Reading and read five books."

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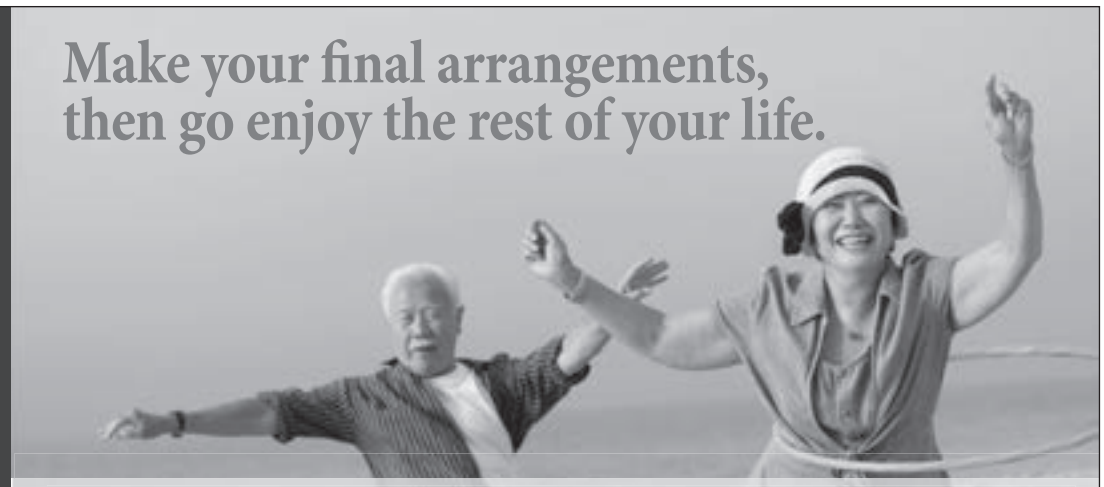

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Winning Gold: School of Engineering and Sciences in Pocket/ Greenhaven neighborhood wins Gold Ribbon Schools Award

By MONICA STARK
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About six weeks ago, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson made a big announcement that The School of Engineering and Sciences in the Pocket neighborhood is among 275 middle schools and high schools are being honored under the Gold Ribbon Schools Awards Program.

It is one of the top honors a school can receive.

The California Gold Ribbon Schools Award was created to honor schools in place of the California Distinguished Schools Program, which is on hiatus while California creates new assessment, accountability, and continuous improvement systems. Four hundred and seventy seven middle schools and high schools applied this year.

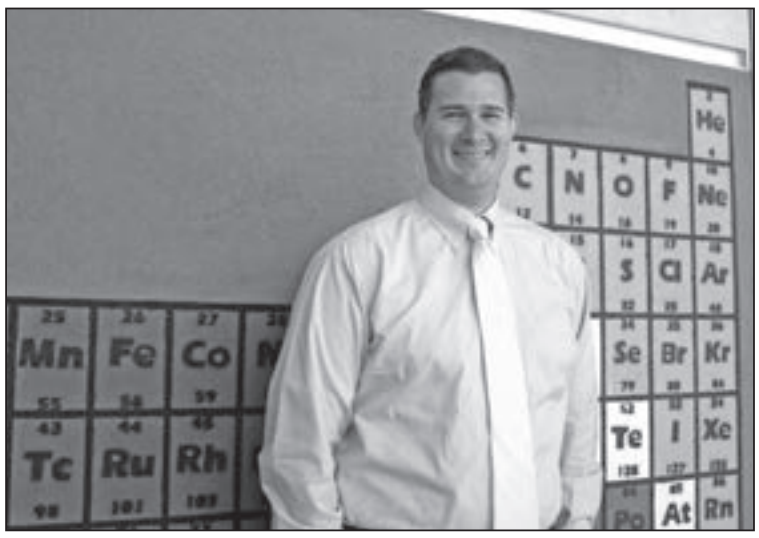
Speaking with the Pocket News regarding the honor of the award, Principal Jim Hays called it a "tremendous accomplishment" for SES.

Schools applied for the award based on a model program or practice their school has adopted that includes standards-based activities, projects, strategies, and practices that can be replicated by other local educational agencies. The award acknowledged elementary schools last year.

The Gold Ribbon Awards recognize California schools that have made gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. These include the California Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics, California English Language Development Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards.

A length-learning pathway program that educates students grades 7 through 12, Hays said during the application process for the award, they wrote about the benefits of having such a unique school that boasts about 520 students.

"The 7-12 grade model works in that you can get the kids in seventh grade and really work on their foundational skills and mold them, so by the time they enter high school, they can take on the rigors of high school and where we prepare them to be career and college ready."



Compared to the typical grades 9-12 high school model, SES staff gets a two-year head start building a rapport with the students, so by the time the students hit ninth grade, they've gotten an extra boost. "When they continue with us in 9th grade, they know the teachers, the expectations. It's not a new environment." For instance, in seventh grade, the students are exposed to integrated units and Google Drive. And, later in high school, students participate in the annual solar regatta; they take a water wheel unit and look closely at alternative engineering. While there's the normal classes such as history, math, while at SES, there's an engineering elective at every level.

Finishing up his second year at the small charter school after working as the assistant principal at C.K. McClatchy for five years, Hays said the big difference other than just the size of the two schools is the sense of community. "I get to know each and every student on every level. One of the biggest differences is the community. It's a great place to be."

Referencing the award, Hays attributes the success of the program to the staff. "I think it's a really dedicated staff that works really hard and shows up and believes in what we do, our approach."

At 520 students, all SES classrooms are occupied. "I think we're in a really good place and to be honest I don't want to grow the school huge because that takes away from the small school vibe. And that's what some parents are looking for for their children."

As many schools put a banner with the emblem of distinction on their sign, SES, which shares its property with the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven library, will figure a way to display it, possibly with a gold ribbon to celebrate and honor the achievement.

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Pocket resident recalls military life, growing up in Locke, more

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Pocket resident Gene O. Chan spent part of his Memorial Day reminiscing about his life, including his time in the military and growing up in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta town of Locke.

Gene, who will turn 85 this month, said that his military service was spent in the U.S. Air Force in the mid-1950s.

And he noted that this experience began two years after volunteering his service.

"I was 21 when I volunteered and by the time I went in I was 23, because I had two wait two years for assignment," he said. "But luckily, when I volunteered, they got me in line to the classes."

Gene spent his first three months in the Air Force in Texas before receiving eight months of flight training in Tampa, Fla. He was next assigned to learn advanced gunnery.

He stated that while he was still serving in the Air Force in 1955, he came close to losing his life while piloting a plane in formation, and briefly losing control of the plane.

"The plane (suddenly) went wild, and luckily I managed to slip under and avoid the other three planes behind me, and then I (gained control of the plane)," he recalled with a relieved tone to his voice. "I missed (one) plane by inches, so I got out of that one alive."

After completing his two-year contract with the Air Force, with all of that time being spent in the United States, Gene received financial assistance for his education through the GI Bill.

Gene, who had attended Sacramento Junior College (today's Sacramento City College) from 1951 to 1953, opted to use that assistance to study aeronautical engineering at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Gene's life would change quickly following his graduation from that institution on March 17, 1959.

Five days later, he got married, and only eight more days would pass before he went to work for the Aerojet General Corp.

Gene said that he was fortunate to have been offered a job to work at Aerojet prior to his graduation from Cal Poly.

Altogether, Gene would spend 34 years working at Aerojet before retiring in 1993.

And Gene noted that during those years, he worked on projects of various sizes and importance.

"I went from (working on) very tiny rockets to all the way to the largest that were ever built, and I also (had) advanced shuttle experience," he said. "I did a lot."

Gene noted that his career came with the pressure of having to constantly excel at the highest level.

"I was under high pressure all the time," he said.

Gene mentioned that he was fortunate to have received quality training at Aerojet.

"The first project engineer helped me a lot, because the project engineer does everything from drawings to fabrication to buying parts, all the way to manufacturing in the factories," he said. "So, I learned all that very fast."

Gene also recalled a moment in which he gained respect during his earlier time at Aerojet.

"When I got (to a new assignment), they blew out five motors," he said. "They didn't know what happened, so I looked at the drawing and I made a comment. I said, 'Jesus, who the hell designed this?' And I heard a little voice in the back that said, 'Kiss my ass.' It was my boss.

"But he and I became real good friends, because I corrected him and I got (the motors) firing OK. They didn't use my part until the very end when they were going to lose the contract. So, after that, we built a whole lot of tacticals. Finally, that became the standard missile, which is projecting a fleet right now."

Gene stated that his interest in aeronautics dates back to his time working for his father, Francis Chan, in the now century-old town of Locke, which is the nation's last remaining, free-standing town that was built by and exclusively for Chinese.

"My dad was the assistant manager of the little store, the grocery store (in Locke), and my mom (Lillian) also worked there upstairs and did all the bookkeeping," he said. "So, I learned the grocery business there early and my dad wanted me to do groceries. I said, 'No, I want to be an aeronautical engineer.' So, he didn't talk to me for a long time."

Gene added that people came from many places to shop at the grocery store in Locke.

"The store there, we serviced the whole Delta," he said. "It was very, very busy. (People) came all the way from Freeport to come shop there. We used to deliver to farms, too. I used to go to ride along with (Francis).

"And I worked there (at the store). I helped do the warehouse packing. I used to pack vegetables and finally (did) some cashiering. And I carried a lot of stuff to the cars, so I knew all the mothers. So, when I went to high school, I knew all the kids' mothers."

Although the old grocery store building exists today, Gene said that many years have passed since the store was in operation.

"The (store sign) is still there, but (the store) closed," he said. "(After) my dad (died), nobody took care of getting enough of the (store's) partnership to fix the store. And their sons got older and they didn't keep it up and it just closed."

Gene mentioned that there were certain advantages that came with growing up in Locke.

And he noted that one such advantage was avoiding situations in which he could have been subject to prejudice.

"I was very sheltered (in Locke)," he said. "I didn't realize all these prejudice things that were going on. It didn't affect me much, because I was in a community with like 40 Chinese families."

While living in Locke, Gene attended school in Courtland, and he graduated from Courtland High School in 1951.

Gene said that it was at that school where he was voted "most likely to succeed" by the students of his graduating class.

"I did pretty good, especially being from Locke," he said. "I mean, how many (people) get into rocketry?"

Gene said that he continued to live in Locke through his years attending Sacramento Junior College.

"When I went to (the) college, I had to go to (Sacramento) every day," he said. "I drove from Locke. I commuted."

As for his early memories of the Pocket, Gene said that it was not a place that drew his attention during his youth.

"The Pocket area was empty," he said. "It had a bunch of (fields)."

However, Gene added that he began making trips to the Pocket in the 1970s.

"I used to buy corn from the Dutra family (on Pocket Road)," he said. "That was way back in 1976. They used to have a little (stand) where they sold their corn. And Mr. Dutra taught me how to cook the corn.

"You cook it in the husk. You soak the (corn) in water and then put it on the barbecue for 12 to 15 minutes. Turn it after eight minutes. You put it right on the barbecue, so the water turns to steam. Then it browns the husks. Then (the corn) is sweet as can be."

Although Gene's days of living in Locke, serving his country in the military and working on missiles are many years removed from his daily activities, he still enjoys reminiscing about those times gone by.

And today he keeps busy with various activities, including attending meetings and other activities of Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696, an organization that he joined in 2014.



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Pocket resident Gene O. Chan stands in front of his native town of Locke.

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Celebrating the life of long-time Pocket resident Bridget Jacobo

By MONICA STARK
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Long-time Pocket resident Bridget A. Jacobo, age 62, passed away peacefully on Saturday May 20 surrounded by her loved ones after her battle with cancer. She was born on Jan. 8, 1955 in Sacramento to Anthony "Tony" and Daisy Viegas. She is survived by her three daughters, Marissa (Dante), Amanda (Ben), and Frankie as well as her eight grandchildren and many friends and family. Bridget was preceded in death by her parents, Tony and Daisy Viegas. Family, friends, and others whose lives Bridget touched attended a reception at the Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Blvd.

Described as a warm and vibrant person who lived in the Pocket area for 30 years after residing in Meadowview, Bridget graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1972, followed by each of her daughters. "She loved Pocket; she refused to leave," said daughter Amanda.

Going above and beyond in providing for her daughters, Bridget loved to shop, always getting something for her daughters or grandchildren. Her favorite stores included the Marshall's in Pocket, and Macy's.

"She bought us everything," grandson Antonio said.

An avid coffee drinker, she loved her Starbuck's, was a regular at the former Buckthorns Cafe in the Promenade Shopping Center and every Sunday spent a good three hours reading the paper at La Bou by the Zoo where her oatmeal and chai tea were waiting for her.

Bridget was a selfless person. Possessing a rare blood type, she donated blood regularly. She assisted victims after the big 1994 Northridge earthquake. Even after her own children graduated from Kennedy, she continued to volunteer at the Arco Arena snack shack, where money for grad nights were raised. A long-time employee for the State of California working for the Department of Social Services, Bridget also worked as a job steward for SEIU, local 100.

Celebrating the life of Bridget, a lovely display of her favorite things graced the entrance, including a DVD copy of the Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell movie, "Overboard" as well as delicious desserts.

What follows is a poem that was also on display:

In the colors of a sunset,
in the comfort of my dreams,
in the memory of a song

in the pages of a scrapbook
filled with pictures of your life,
in the joy of thinking back
to a time from long ago

in the places we discovered,
in the moments that we shared,
in the laughter that still
dances in my heart
in the legacy of love
you left for those who follow,
and the stories that were
only yours to tell.

And always –
more than anything,
I'll remember you
in your love
that still lives within my heart.









The wait's almost over

Riverside Sports Bar set to open, really soon!

Only one more inspection from the city of Sacramento and the Riverside Sports Bar will be open. Eager for that day, owner Jason "Jay" Jugoz says to give it one or two weeks. A grand opening party is in the works for July 1, kicking off the extended holiday weekend. The bar has plans to feature local brew by Device, Track 7, Rubicon, Oak Park Brewing Company, New Helvetia and New Glory.

With a neighborhood bar atmosphere, Riverside Sports Bar will have four television sets and two large projectors, each equipped with full sports packages. The bar also features games, including a pool table and interactive dartboard connected to the internet for online competitive play.

Hours will be set from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Tuesday. Decidedly a bar, the establishment will strictly be for ages 21 and older after 9 p.m. Food items will be priced at no more than $10. Riverside Sports Bar is located at 6401 Riverside Blvd. in the Grocery Outlet shopping center. See the next issue of the Pocket News for more details.

-Monica Stark

Pocket resident opens Elk Grove shooting range

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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A new indoor shooting range opened in Elk Grove on May 15 under the proprietorship of principal owner Pocket resident Andrew Tonis, and minority partners, Jon Kennedy and Barbara Auguadro.

Located at 2220 Kausen Drive, near Interstate 5 and Laguna Boulevard, the range offers training instruction in gun safety, as well as general opportunities to practice shooting firearms in a safe environment.

Tonis, who also maintains the 5-year-old gun store, Laguna Guns & Accessories, at the same location, stressed the need for this range.

"Basically, the whole intention of this range is to keep this neighborhood safe, period," he said. "Once people are instructed the correct way (to operate and store a firearm), they're not going to cause accidental harm to anyone in their family or their immediate neighbors."

Tonis, who has been operating businesses in the Laguna area since 1992, acquired approval for the range through the Elk Grove Planning Commission in 2015.

The range consists of nine 25-yard indoor shooting lanes with a state-of-the-art ventilation system and target runners.

And to assure the safety of those using the range, with an emphasis placed on inexperienced gun handlers, a range master is on duty at all hours of its operation. The rate to use a lane is $17 per hour and all renters must agree to abide by the center's 23 range rules.

Those using the range must also sign a waiver stating that they are using the facility at their own risk, and cannot take legal action against the business for their own personal negligence.

And Kennedy stressed that proper instruction about firearms is important to avoid negligence.

"There is no such thing as an accidental firearms discharge," he said. "If somebody discharges a firearm when it wasn't intended (to be discharged), it's negligent, because they violated one of the rules of safe gun handling."

There is also a need to educate people about the firearms industry, Kennedy stated.

"One of the big problems with the firearms industry is people are ignorant," he said. "They just don't understand what it's about, because they don't have knowledge. And that's why people are afraid of firearms."

Kennedy emphasized that if one is to use a firearm for personal protection, it is necessary to first understand how to use it.

"We're just here to provide a means for people to first of all get the right tool for the right job, and second of all, learn how to use that tool," he said.



Photos by Lance Armstrong

The indoor shooting range's principal owner Andrew Tonis, right, stands alongside minority owners, Jon Kennedy and Barbara Auguadro.

Beyond owning a portion of the business, Kennedy brings with him a résumé that is heavy with gun handling and operating certifications.

Kennedy stated that his qualifications include his certification as a National Rifle Association (NRA) training counselor.

"Unless you're in the gun industry, (that certification) doesn't mean anything to you, but a training counselor is an advanced certification that the NRA awards to certain instructors that have been

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Police Logs

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MONDAY, MAY 15
(Burglary): 4500 block of Freeport Boulevard at 2:51 a.m.

Officers responded to this location after a witness observed four males break into the store and carry several large trash bags from the store. The suspects were seen fleeing the area in an awaiting vehicle with merchandise from the store. A report was taken and the investigation remains active.

TUESDAY, MAY 16
(Theft Report): 4900 block of Freeport Boulevard at 11:23 a.m.

Officers responded for a theft in progress where a female was claiming a male in a truck was stealing her bike and bag. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the driver of the truck and during a search located a loaded firearm in the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and booked into jail for weapons and narcotics charges.

THURSDAY, MAY 18
(Home Invasion): 7400 block of Windbridge Drive at 4:22 a.m.

Officers responded to a burglary in progress. Officers arrived and contacted the victim. Officers determined the suspect forced entry into the residence and began ransacking it before waking the victim. The victim was then assaulted by the suspect before he fled out of the residence. The suspect was gone prior to police arrival. Officers canvassed for witnesses and video surveillance. A report was generated to document the incident and information was forwarded to detectives.

THURSDAY, MAY 25
(Domestic Violence): 7600 block of Windbridge Drive at 6:59 p.m.

Officers responded to the residence for a domestic violence call. As officers arrived on scene they attempted to contact the suspect who was physically taking the female back into the apartment. The suspect fled on foot when he saw officers. A perimeter was established by officers. During this time, the suspect was actively moving within the perimeter and again fled from uniformed officers. An officer was able to detain the suspect after he fled over a fence into a canal area. The suspect was arrested and booked for domestic violence, assault charges, and resisting arrest.

Guns:

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A man takes aim at a target at Elk Grove's new indoor shooting range.

teaching for several years and who have acquired certain certifications.

"The training counselor certification allows me to certify other area candidates who want to be instructors. So, I don't just teach other people about guns. I also train instructors to teach other people."

Tonis, who is a certified rifle and pistol instructor, noted that all new gun buyers at his gun store receive free instruction on the range to learn how to use their firearm.

"Anyone who comes in and buys a gun from me, I will take 10 minutes out of my time or one of my instructors' time, at no charge, to go into that gun range to (learn how to) operate that gun, teach them how to shoot that gun, so they can get an idea of what they're dealing with," he said.

Tonis also instructs new gun owners how to properly store their firearms.

"Storing guns at home, that's the biggie," he said. "You don't want your kids to get ahold of that gun, because they have no knowledge of what that thing can do to anybody. And that's the thing, these people need to be trained."

Elk Grove resident Alan Paulson, who recently purchased a gun from Tonis for personal safety, said that he plans to utilize the new gun range to become a safer gun owner.

"I am a brand new gun owner," he said. "I will probably (use the range) about once a month. I know that if I'm going to own a gun, I need to acquire some skills and make sure that I'm clear on all of the safety regulations and everything."

Paulson added that he is impressed with Tonis' new gun range.

"It's a very nice, clean, impressive looking facility, and I know it will be well run with Andrew Tonis (in charge)," he said.

The range is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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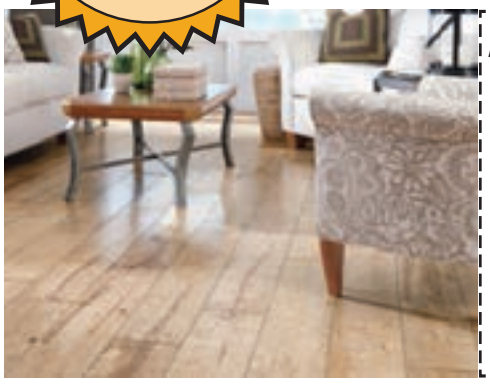

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Faces and Places:

Asian food and cultural bazaar

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY

The Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church hosted its annual Asian Food and Cultural Bazaar at 6929 Franklin Blvd. on Saturday, May 6. The bazaar featured teriyaki chicken, sushi, sesame chicken, chow mein, udon, Korean short ribs, pastries, and manju (Japanese confections) cooked on-site by church members and friends. Entertainment included performances by ACC Pocket Pickers (a ukulele group), Sacramento Taiko and featured handmade items crafted by the Boutique Committee.









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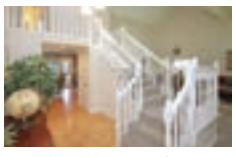





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LIFE IN THE VILLAGE

By JAN DALSKE
Pocket News

School was getting to be more interesting and I was even having fun, both in the classroom and on the playground. My two brothers were there with me, And, I was feeling more comfortable and not like a stranger any more. I had met some of the girls that lived on my street and in the houses on the next street.

I was joining the Brownies. My mom planned to call Sue's mom, Fern, to find out where she could get the uniform, belt, socks and cap that I would need to be a Brownie. My uniform and cap would be brown, and when I got older I could be a Girl Scout and I would wear a green uniform. Brownies and Girl Scouts learned how to make potholders, and how to do embroidery on pillow cases and doilies. I could do some fancy stitches on our pillow cases. I think mom would like that.

Rodney was going to join the Cub Scouts. He was very excited because he would be learning how to make things with a knife. He would be wearing a blue uniform with a blue cap. Cub Scouts went camping and hiking and their leader would show them how to start a fire, and the right way to put the fire out when you left your camp. Rodney wanted to learn how to catch a fish and cook it over a fire. Boys who were in first grade could join the Cub Scouts and when they were in sixth grade they could become a Boy Scout.

Halloween was coming soon. The end of October was the day that kids got to put on costumes and bring along an empty pillow case or paper bag as they walked around the neighborhood and rang all of the neighbors' doorbells. When the neighbors answered their door, the kids would yell "Trick or Treat" and whoever answered the door would pretend they were scared and give the kids candy to go away. We did not get to go out for "Trick or Treating". My mom said we were too young, and she could not take the little ones out in the cool air just so we could get candy. We did not have candy very often. Our parents told us it was bad for our teeth and would give us something they called "cavities". We did not know what that was, but we were glad that our parents were keeping us from getting them in our mouths.

Wayne was afraid of the scary costumes. Every time the neighborhood kids rang the doorbell, and mom opened the door to give them some candy, he started crying. It was a relief when mom finally put him to bed. We opened the front curtains to see when the kids were coming to our house. Rodney and Timothy tried to scare them when they came to the door by opening the door before they could ring the bell. They were pretty good at doing that. The kids screamed, but then they usually started laughing.

Rita was not sure if she liked the costumes. We could tell that the masks scared her. That night she was going to start sleeping in the back bedroom with Linda and me. We did not want her to cry all night when she thought about the scary things she had seen. So, after our mom got her ready for bed, we took her into the bedroom and I read her a bedtime story. She fell asleep before I had finished reading the story. Linda and I tucked her in tightly. We put up a rail to keep her from falling out of the little single bed that just barely fit in our room. Linda and I could not talk at night anymore. Our voices might wake Rita up.

I was wondering what the kids at school would tell me about their night of "Trick or Treating". I had recognized some of my classmates, even though they were dressed up in costumes and wearing masks. I wondered when my brothers and sisters and I would be able to go out on Halloween. I guess we would have to wait for the time when the little ones were bigger and mom could come with us. Or, maybe she would let the older kids go out with their friends from school next year. We already walked to school by ourselves, so I am sure we could walk around the neighborhood. We would promise to stay on our own block and only be gone for an hour or so. Rodney and I agreed that we would talk to our parents about this plan when Halloween came around again next year. We were the oldest kids. It was our job to ask our parents when we wanted to do something new. And they usually gave us their permission.

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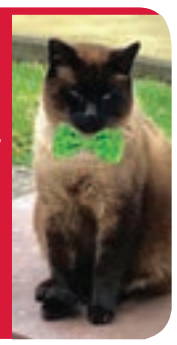

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"The King of Jazz" Restoration Premiere- A Review

By JAMES PEYTON

The historic film, "King of Jazz" (1930) premiered at Tower Theatre on Feb. 22, 2017. Missed it? It was only shown at Tower for one day and hasn't been seen on the screen in close to 90 years. It was an almost "lost" film, until now. This movie has sound and is in COLOR. Yes, color. It is an early Technicolor that was very expensive to make a film with. I was impressed; it looks good enough for modern audiences. It is not like stenciled bright highlights giving people rosy cheeks, as in some of the old silent movies. This was an early two-color Technicolor process, described in a separate short film that night. It was a treat for the eye to watch.

The movie is a musical revue, with separate musical numbers and various comedy skits and acting sketches in the format of a program. There is no overall story narrative. The grand finale is a "Melting Pot of Jazz" representing as many ethnicities around the world as possible, all coming together as immigrants in a literal melting pot to form a North America.

The musical numbers included: "Rhapsody in Blue", "A Bench in the Park", "My Bridal Veil", "It Happened in Monterey", "Happy Feet", "My Ragamuffin Romeo", "Song of the Dawn", "So the Bluebirds and the Blackbirds Got Together" and "Music Has Charms". One of the numbers you've just got to see is danced by rubber-legged Al Norman to the tune of "Happy Feet". He would make the dancers of today's musical competition television shows quite jealous.

Entering the theater that restoration premiere night, the first thing you would probably notice would be Adam G. Swanson playing period music on the piano, in a little space on the side of the upstairs Tower auditorium, near large iconic Paul Whiteman "Potato Heads", a trademark caricature. Who was Paul Whiteman? He was a prominent bandleader, composer, orchestral director and violinist of the 1920's and 1930's. His style of music could be considered as the blending of symphonic music and jazz. Some of his hits were: "The Charleston", "Stardust" and "Whispering".



Photos by James Peyton

People packed the Tower Theatre for the showing of "The King of Jazz."

The film stars Paul Whiteman and his Band. It was produced by big-time movie mogul Carl Laemmle, Jr. It was directed by John Murray Anderson. The music is by George Gershwin and others. It had a budget estimated at $2 Million and is 105 minutes long. It was released on April 19, 1930 by Universal Pictures. Would modern audiences be familiar with anything in such an old film? Probably the only readily identifiable star from this "carnival of cleverness" is Bing Crosby. This was his first screen appearance. Bing is part of the vocal trio "The Rhythm Boys". This group consisted of Al Rinker, Harry Barris, and Crosby. One bit of trivia about the film is that

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King of Jazz:

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Bing Crosby was scheduled to sing "Song of the Dawn", but was jailed temporarily for a motor accident. Instead, John Boles sings the number. Boles also sang "It Happened in Monterey" in this film, but is probably best known for appearing in the movie "Frankenstein". "King of Jazz" also claims the first Technicolor cartoon segment, made by Walter Lantz and William Nolan, featuring a prototype of the classic character, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit.

Some of the people in the audience that night were Muncie TV legend Conrad Lane, his nephew, Jim Lane, the movie critic at Sacramento News and Review, Mr. Sean Sharp, who has brought back the art form of illustrated song slides, pianist Adam G. Swanson, and none other than Matias Bombal, integral to the preservation of several theaters, as well as the showing of this premiere. Bandleader Don Neely of the Royal Society Jazz Orchestra talked about the music style of Paul Whiteman. Several members of the family of Jack Fulton were in attendance. Jack Fulton was a trombonist and vocalist with Paul Whiteman's band that had a Sacramento connection. Matias, working to bring the film back to an audience, related a story about meeting Mr. Fulton's granddaughter Vanessa Cheery by chance. The Sr. vice president of NBCUniversal Global Media Operations, Universal Pictures, Michael Daruty, traveled especially from Hollywood to introduce the restored version of the movie. There were also members of the Sacramento Art-Deco Society and the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society, which benefited from all the admissions.

As I left the theater, I saw the sublime searchlights near Tower Theater weaving back in forth in the sky, which only seems to rarely occur anymore, for a gala event. The show was sold out and the audience seemed intent on the film. I did not hear much noise to the contrary once the film started. There were some "oos" and "ahs" from the audience during some of the trickier dance numbers. Although the show was over two months ago, people are still talking about it to this day. I think the audience was not only entertained, but also satisfied and appreciative to have seen the film, in this rare showing. Indeed a classic.

It was an enjoyable night and an entertaining film. I would recommend this film to anyone interested in the era of the 1920s and 1930s, especially in its music. It was a rare opportunity. As of this time, there is no DVD version of the film released. But do not be surprised if Universal releases a Blu-Ray soon. For those interested in more information about the film, there is an excellent book about "King of Jazz" and its restoration by James Layton and David Pierce. Find out more at: www.kingofjazz-book.com

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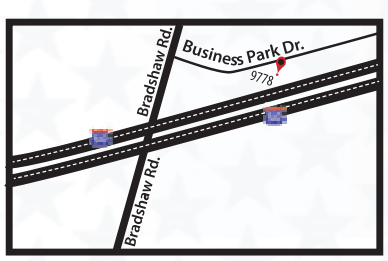

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About 2,000 people braved the heat at 22nd Walk on the Wildside at Beach Lake Park

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Almost 2,000 people, young and old, braved unseasonably hot temperatures to celebrate the 22nd year of Walk on the Wildside on Saturday, May 20. There was something for all ages at the event this year. Youngsters did crafts and activities while learning about the importance of preserving land and wildlife for the future. There were wild animal shows and Bluegrass music to enjoy, as well as puppet shows and over 30 informational and artist booths.

Hikers enjoyed exploring the Sac County Bufferlands and Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge - areas normally closed to the public. The Tierra Del Oro Girl Scouts set up a "techno hike" where smart phone users were able to access videos and links to websites through QR codes. It was a great way to learn about the history of the efforts in our Central Valley to preserve and protect the area as well as learning about native trees, wildlife and even poison oak.

Walk on the Wildside is held on the third Saturday in May at the Beach Lake Park just south of the town of Freeport. For more information please visit wowsacramento.com. Watch for signs next year so you don't miss this great event!















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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

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KICK OFF SUMMER READING WITH TAIKO DRUMMING AT THE ROBBIE WATERS POCKET-GREENHAVEN LIBRARY: A taiko drum performance by local musician Kristy Oshiro will kick off summer reading at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. From Kristy's website: "Kristy Oshiro is a professional taiko artist based in the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay Area. She started playing taiko at age 9 in Kona, Hawai'i with Kona Daifukuji Taiko and was an instructor and touring ensemble member of Portland Taiko from 2001-2007 while getting her bachelor's degree in Music Performance in Percussion at Portland State University. She was also an instructor and youth programs director at Sacramento Taiko Dan from 2007-2014. "Kristy is currently the Artistic Director of the Tsubaki Ensemble, Creative Director of Placer Ume Taiko, instructor for San Mateo Buddhist Temple Taiko, a touring member of Taikoza, and has performed and given taiko workshops across the US and in Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Italy, Russia, Australia, and New Zealand. She is also a vendor for Visions In Education in Sacramento and specializes in educational assemblies and teaching youth." While you're here, you can also enjoy free carnival games run by the Teen Advisory Board (10 a.m. to noon) and try Moustache Mike's Italian Ice (while supplies last). And of course, you can get the whole family signed up for our free Summer Reading Challenge to start the summer off right. This Summer Reading Kickoff event is part of Sacramento Public Library's "Reading by Design" Summer Reading program and is funded by the Sacramento Public Library Foundation and by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library. 7335 Gloria Drive.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 13

IN CREATIVE COMPANY MEETING AT THE POCKET LIBRARY: Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, this meet-up was started to allow participants from past and current "In Creative Company" classes to continue meeting. Any artists or crafters who are interested in this social group are welcome to join--just bring whatever you're working on and come on in! 1 to 3 p.m., 7335 Gloria Drive.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

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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.

VINTAGE HOT RODS AND CLASSIC CARS AT LAKE CREST VILLAGE: Starting May 12 through Oct. 13, 2017, cars will be displayed on the 2nd Friday of each month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lake Crest Village Shopping Center corner of Florin Road and Greenhaven Drive. The June and August events will be held on the first Friday of those months. Come take a look, many of these cars participate in special events in the area. For more information you can contact Tony Antonucci at 916-606-5459.

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.

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SACRAMENTO SOUTH: Meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Aviators Restaurant, Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd. For more information, call Dee at 341-7852.

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BABY/TODDLER STORYTIME AT POCKET LIBRARY– Babies and toddlers (ages 0 to 3 years) and their caretakers are invited to join us for songs and rhymes. Arrive extra early or stay later for extra social time with other children and parents. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

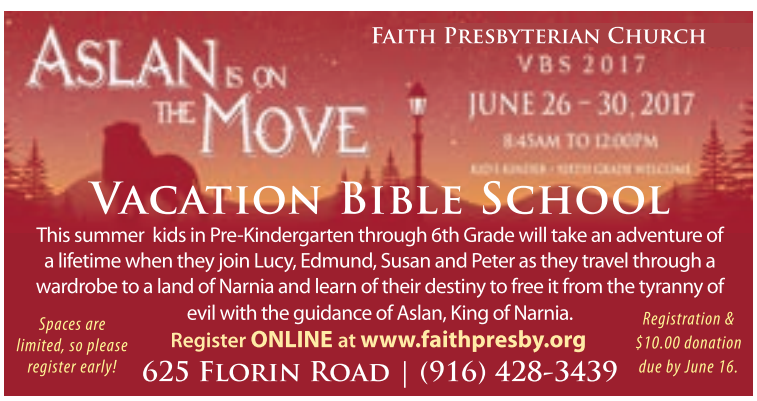
KNIT TOGETHER AT POCKET LIBRARY– Love to knit? Want to learn? Join us for expert advice, great conversation and more. All crafters are welcome, not just knitters! Every Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

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.

TODDLER STORYTIME BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY– Toddlers ages one to three and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories, and fingerplays. After the storytime, there will be a stay and play group. Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY – Preschoolers ages three and older and their caregivers are invited for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a play activity. Thursdays at 11 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

SING ALONG WITH MISTER COOPER- Join neighborhood favorite Mister Cooper for 30 minutes of music time and freeze dancing for families. Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.



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Chris Pratt's galactic gang returns with Kurt Russell Photo: Marvel Studios/Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures releases Marvel Studios' "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2". Fans of the first movie will not be disappointed; the cast returns with the same familiar conversational style that made the first move seem so natural, despite the back-drop of outer space fantasy and comedy which is about as far from natural as it is possible to be, especially a movie based in the Marvel comic book world.

Director James Gunn ensures a good time from start to finish as the Star-Lord, Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) gives us a soundtrack with his Sony Walkman playing "Awesome Mix Tape #2" offering 1970s and 1980s pop hits which will appeal to Generation Xers and older as the story unfolds. The returning onscreen cast includes Zoe Saldana (Gamora) and Dave Bautista (Drax). Voicing animated creatures are Bradley Cooper (Rocket) and Vin Diesel (Baby Groot). Joining the cast of this new installment are Sylvester Stallone (in outer space!) playing Stakar Orgood, and Kurt Russell as Ego.

Peter Quill and the guardians must save the galaxy from Ego and his plans for domination; but the road there is peppered with adventure and plenty of laughs. Baby Groot is quite the dancer, answering only with "I am Groot" in every communication, and Pratt's likable "Quill" remains the fun character that he established in the first picture, with his hidden passion for Gamora growing. Marvel comic legend Stan Lee makes his perhaps funniest cameo yet. You'll want to stay through the credits for this one, lots of fun from when the movie starts to when the lights come up.

Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent

The MPAA has rated this R

The Orchard releases a documentary by Lydia Tenaglia about Jeremiah Tower, the hedonistic personality of the world of fine cuisine, a pioneer for today's food culture who felt "Everything that is real for me is fantasy for others". Martha Steward calls Tower, "The father of American cuisine". We learn of his influence in the Berekely, California restaurant, Chez Paniesse, beginning in 1973, described by one interviewee as a "hippie drug ridden explosion in a playpen" and how Tower turned it into a place to be seen and to eat well, garnering such success that before he left, some gourmets were flying in from across the globe just to dine there.

Tower speaks of his earliest days with wealthy globetrotting parents, who seemed little aware of his existence, leaving young Jeremiah to be attended to by hotel employees and ocean liner stewards year round. In this loneliness, he developed an interest for food and its presentation at the highest standards from some of the most refined hotels and ocean liners in the world. He specifically recalls that he fell in love with first class on steamships with a bowl of consomm? served by the steward, and from that moment on, food was his best pal, his companion.

Channeling keen observation skills and his desire to recreate the elegance and experience of fine living, he honed his talents at Chez Paniesse, then left to open a sensation in San Francisco, "Stars". Tower says, "I aim for the crown but I always know the Guillotine is in sight". In the case of "Stars", it was the Loma Prieta earthquake of October of 1989 that sealed his fate. No one came in following the earthquake. We learn the various aspects of this indefinable man through many noted personalities of that world; Anthony Bourdain, Mario Batali and other celebrity chefs.

A grand bon vivant, Tower left and virtually disappeared until just a few years ago when the new owners of Tavern on the Green in Manhattan engaged him to bring some magic to their somewhat clumsily managed operation. As an employee, Tower did not last effectively. It was far too difficult for a man not to exact total control, a man that held Lucius Beebe as his greatest personal hero.

Thus, he ventures on to the road ahead. One friend relates, "We need Jeremiah Tower in this world, if for nothing else but to teach... Not just about cooking but about style, it's a beautiful style, something that elevates us and brings us out of the muck... something that brings us out of the mediocrity and the vulgarity in which we are forced to live." I was not initially interested in this documentary, before having seen it for writing this review, but felt such a kinship to Tower after seeing it, I am so glad that I did. You'll be glad, too. It celebrates the highest levels of the human spirit.

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Local women artists make a difference for women and children

By JAN DALSKE

On June 17th and 18th the Verge Center for the Arts will be hosting "Nasty Women". It will take place at the Verge Center for the Arts, located at 625 "S" Street in Sacramento, from 11 am to 6 pm. Proceeds from the Art Show will benefit My Sister's House and Wellspring Women's Center.

"Nasty Women" are defined as someone who speaks her mind, cares about the environment, supports women's rights, and human rights, and believes in racial equality. Women artists and all artists who identify with the female gender are invited to submit a piece of art. All sales will be cash and carry.

Acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, collage mixed media, ceramic and textile work is acceptable. No artwork should be larger than 24 x 24 x 24. The work is not required to reflect any particular theme. No work will be valued over $100 as per the guidelines of the New York Show.

The first "Nasty Women" art show was held in January of 2017 at the Knockdown Center in New York. Artists donated their work and the event raised more than $40,000 for Planned Parenthood. Since that event more than 40 sister cities nationwide and globally have held Nasty Women art shows.

Important dates to note are: June 6th the last day to enter the show. You can sign up online at this site: http://www.vergeart.com/exhibitions/nasty-women-sacramento For additional information contact Susanna Tu, Deputy Director, Verge Center for the Arts at nastywomen@vergearat.com or call 916-448-2985. You can also email frankiebearry@yahoo.com.



Photo courtesy

Artists can drop off their work at Verge from 11 am to 5 pm on June 11th and 12th. The Artist Reception will take place at Verge Center for the Arts, 625 "S" Street, Sacramento, from 11 am to 6 pm. Any unsold artwork can by picked up June 19th. If artists have a conflict with drop off or pick up dates, or need to mail their "piece" they can call Frankie Hansbearry at 916-307-3622.

By supporting this local event you can help make a difference for women and children in our area. Wellspring Women's Center provides a Wellness Program, Nutritious Meal Program, Children's Corner and Safety Net Support to women and children.

My Sister's House provides emergency and transitional shelters for women and children, offers a Women to Work class, runs My Sister's Café, which provides job experience, as well as group and individual counseling.

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