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A six-man video and sound crew from the American Association of Retired Persons in Washington, D.C descended upon the Lake Greenhaven home of Richard Turner recently to interview him about his "seismic career change from lawyer to nature photographer," writes Turner in an email blog.

"They arrived at 9 a.m. and stayed until sunset producing the piece about how I came to have a second career so different from my first career. They even used an aerial video drone to capture some great overhead footage," he writes.

Turner invites you to check out the video AARP made. It's about 3.5 minutes and it tells the full story of how he went from being an attorney to a photographer. (*The link follows at the bottom of this story.)*

"I'm excited that the topic of second careers is being given a spotlight because now more than ever, so many of us are enjoying second careers. I find it inspiring that people are finding so many great avenues to have a fulfilling life through jobs they may never have expected," he writes.

If you're interested in what people are doing for second careers, AARP interviewed nine others across the U.S. that have interesting second careers from dog walker to museum CEO, air rescue and sailboat captain. "If you or someone you know is feeling called to do something different or make a change in life, these second career examples may be just the inspiration you need. They even have a second careers quiz to see if it might be right for you," writes Turner.

Find Turner on Facebook to leave a comment regarding your thoughts on the interviews or your thoughts on second careers.

Also, you can see his work on display currently at Garden Party Coffee and Tea, 5972 South Land Park Drive.

See the video interview with Richard Turner at

www.aarp.org/work/career-change/info-2018/second-careers-nature-photographer.html

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Tristan Brown announces run for District 7 City Council

Editor's Note: Tristan Brown is a legislative advocate for the California Teachers Federation. He has thrown his hat into the June 5, 2018 Municipal Election to sit on the City Council for District 7. The following is a Q and A he did with the Pocket News that introduces his background and position.



What made you decide to run for City Council?

I have always been a person that wants to help. Whether it was being a resident advisor for first year college students, a mentor for a new young professional, or helping to organize and manage several non-profits, being a person that someone can call on for help has been my purpose in life. I have made my career for the past 11 years by helping to give working families a voice in our capitol, and earned a law degree while working full time in order to fulfill my desires to help everyday people. I completed the Sacramento City Management Academy to learn more about our city government, and asked members of our community what they thought needed improvement in our city. Their words--to have a representative who listens, collaborates, and goes the extra mile to be accessible and helpful--resonated very strongly with my thoughts on what an elected official should be. I'm running now to provide that extra level of accessibility, so that everyone in our district feels like they have a personal advocate for their concerns in city hall. Residents in our wonderful neighborhood have shared their concerns about the lack of mass transit options, the need for more traffic safety enforcement, and the desire for an organizer to bring specific types of small businesses into our empty retail spaces. On a larger scale, our housing policies and how they are interwoven with homelessness issues used to be a model for the rest of the state, and I'd like for us to return to our style of inclusive housing for all types of families and income levels.

What are the biggest challenges District 7 (specifically the Pocket/ Greenhaven neighborhood) faces? What will you do to help change the situation?

Thankfully, our neighborhoods enjoy some of the lowest crime rates in the city, but we must be diligent in keeping it that way. Many residents have been quite vocal about the need for increased enforcement of traffic safety laws to protect our children at school crossings, cyclists on our boulevards, and just to keep people driving in a safe and sane manner. Unfortunately, our police officers are spread very thin across our area. It is expensive to maintain the force that we need, especially given some of the other nearby districts that we compete with to retain good officers. Neighboring police departments pay more, so we will have to look into our allocation of resources to find ways to stay competitive. Investments in transportation, housing, and higher wage jobs will also help free up our first responders since those efforts generally bring crime rates down.

While it might seem like our area has a buffer from the rest of the city, I don't think that issues relating to homelessness, jobs, and transportation wouldn't have an affect on our neighborhood. I believe we are all in the same boat, and I'll be a very vocal proponent of tackling these issues in city hall. I want to have the city invest in the new Sacramento Community Land Trust that helps people obtain homeowner ship with lower costs, donate lands for tiny home communities, and utilize out-of-the-box thinking relating to public banks to help finance longterm projects that commercial banks avoid. These policies would make a huge dent in helping those who are affected by homelessness, and attract more employers to our area to help sustain our economic growth.

Finally, lots of folks are eager to have a completed Sacramento River Parkway. I have heard from several landowners who live directly next to the unimproved areas of the levee. I understand their needs for privacy and safety, and at the same time believe that the river access is a jewel of our neighborhood that should be used by runners, walkers and cyclists. In both my professional and volunteer experience, I have been an agent that brings agreements and compromises between various groups of people. I will work ardently with every landowner to find a resolution to this problem that provides the safety and security they deserve and hopefully a way for everyone in the area to enjoy a completed path from our water tower to old town and beyond.

Pocket has seen a lot of crime that has stirred people, one of the last being the arrest of 34-year-old Elan Seagraves. What can you do to help prevent and address these issues?

We have to pass an extension to Measure U, which has been providing essential funding for parks, police and fire services. The Great Recession set our economy back so far, that we will be feelings its repercussions for a very long time. It is essential that we continue to chip in to protect the vital services that we need, and make sure that the taxpayer dollars be spent to support ways of helping everyone have the opportunity for a better life. That includes technology and training for our officers to be more effective, but also addressing systemic economic issues such as high rents, low wages, and a subpar education or career pathways that can be an incubator for higher crime rates. Police officers often do a great job at reacting to crime, but unless there is an officer in the exact right place and right time, it is up to us as a community to build up crime prevention policies.

For example, Elan Seagraves case is unfortunately one human trafficking case of many in Sacramento. There were no indicators with his school employee background check and his criminal record contained one DUI, not a crime that would lead investigators to believe he was a human trafficker. His criminal activity however was the hidden abuse of vulnerable children. Human trafficking is a significant problem for California, but we also have good resources to help prevent these crimes. I plan on working with local organizations like WEAVE, The Grace Network, My Sister's House, and Sacramento Together to build programs for kids to recognize when they are in danger of being lured into trafficking and how to use hotlines available to report such activity to catch these despicable criminals. I will also work with local education agencies and vocational trade organizations to develop better career pathways to make high-paying technical careers more available to our residents. Studies have shown the effect that higher earning potential has a great benefit to lower crime rates.

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Pocket filmmakers to feature Alhambra Theatre in new, big-screen production

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Once recognized as the "showplace of Sacramento," East Sacramento's Alhambra Theatre captured the hearts of many area residents. And although more than four decades have passed since this movie palace met the wrecking ball, its memory is about to become more vivid.

Through the work of Pocket filmmakers Matías Bombal and Chad E. Williams, the Alhambra – a venue where many classic films were shown throughout its nearly 45-year existence – is set to hit the big screen itself.

In their attempt to capture the storied memories of the Alhambra Theatre, which majestically stood on a block of land at J and K streets on the eastern side of Alhambra Boulevard, Bombal and Williams produced a 55-minute documentary film, titled "Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy."

The film will make its public debut at the Tower Theatre, 2508 Land Park Drive, on Feb. 21 at 7 and 8:20 p.m. The first showing is already sold out and a very limited number of seats are available for the second showing.

A finely weaved mix of vintage films, photographs, interviews and information gathered through research, this documentary does everything it can to showcase the former glory of this celebrated theater.

Designed by Sacramento architect Leonard F. Starks and Edward Flanders, the Alhambra Theatre was rich with elegance.

It was constructed in the likeness of the famous, luxurious Moorish palace and fortress, known as The Alhambra, which was built near Granada, Spain in the 13th and 14th centuries.

Beyond its alluring exterior and gardens entrance, this cinema palace had an attractive interior that included a ceiling with a colorful dome-like effect, long beams leading to an ornamented proscenium arch, perforated grillwork, many rows of fancy seats divided by a large center aisle, a balcony, a 75-foot stage, elegant lighting, drapes, tapestries and a large gold velour curtain with an image of the historic Alhambra of Spain.

Certainly, Bombal and Williams did not rebuild the theater in its old, physical form, but the footage taken from old television newsreels should give audiences of this new production the feeling that they are both inside the Alhambra and meandering outside in its spacious, beautiful gardens.

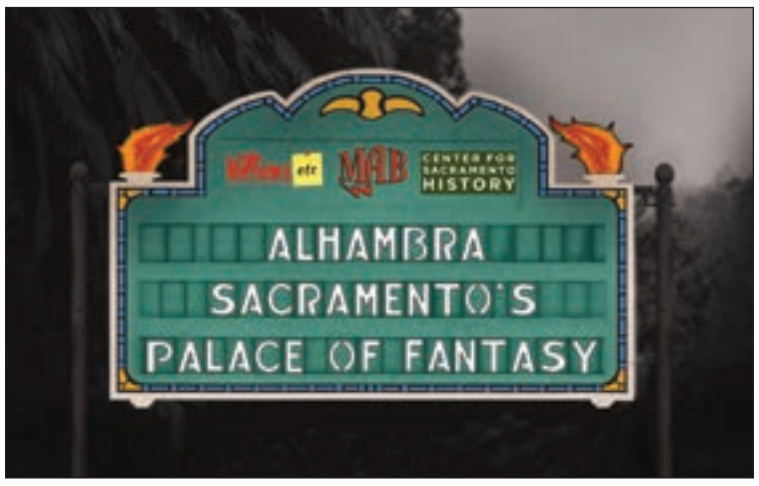


Photo courtesy of Matías Bombal

The documentary, "Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy," will make its big-screen debut on Feb. 21.

Williams, 46, described the uniqueness of the Alhambra Theatre, which opened on Sept. 24, 1927.

"What strikes me about it is most theaters are part of a city block," he said. "They are a building within a larger building in some cases. (The Alhambra), on its own and at the time, was kind of in the middle of nothing.

"It was this huge place, and it may not have been the largest theater in town, it may not have been the grandest theater, but it was unique in that it was its own little universe. You could go in and be completely taken away from your everyday life."

Bombal, 50, described the special feelings that people continue to share about the Alhambra.

"The clear message that comes from everyone – although they word it very differently – is that the Alhambra, in their mind's eye, now lost, is their lost youth," he said. "It doesn't matter which generation.

"If it were the older folks who remember it in the 1930s, the people that remember it during the war years or if it were the hippies that were trying to save it (from demolition) or the people that went to see (rock concerts there in the 1970s), any person we've talked to that set foot on the grounds or in the theater has never forgotten it.

"It made an impression so indelible, it stays with them the rest of their lives. That was at the key of what Chad and I really wanted to get to (with this film). What was it about this place that made that impression?"

Bombal – who is also a noted film critic whose reviews

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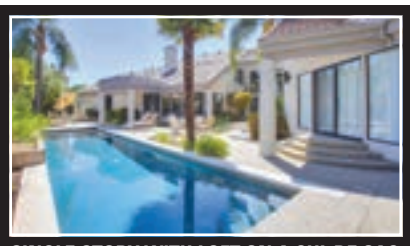


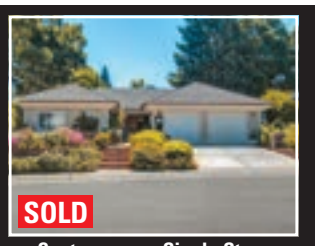
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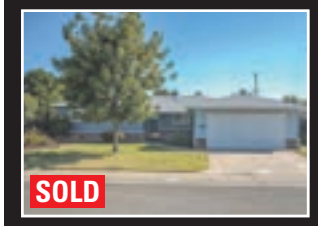


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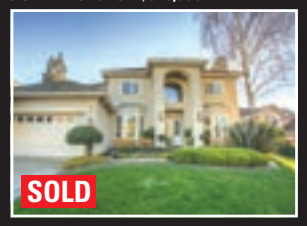
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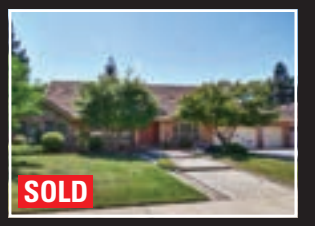
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Filmmakers Matías Bombal and Chad E. Williams sit at the computer in the Pocket neighborhood where they worked on the creation of their new documentary, "Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy."

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have appeared in Valley Community Newspapers publications – added that certain views of the theater that are shown in the documentary reveal how it stood well above any other structure around it.

In particular, he was impressed by an image taken from 8th and K streets.

"(From that point, looking eastward), you could see this (theater) towering in the horizon over all of that," he said. "This thing was a building that was impressive to behold."

In creating the Alhambra Theatre documentary, Bombal and Williams benefitted from their previous experience of working together on films.

Their other films were "The Sacramento Picture" (2015) and "The Story Behind Your Radio Dial" (2016).

Williams said that the latter film, a documentary on the 1948 short film about NBC's broadcasting facilities in New York and Los Angeles, led to the creation of the current documentary on the Alhambra Theatre.

"(Davis entrepreneur) Wendell P. Jacob saw our film, 'The Story Behind Your Radio Dial,' and loved it, and was just really impressed with the amount of detail we had presented and the way that we had presented it," he said. "After seeing that film, he approached us with (the idea of funding) a project. Matías and I both looked at each other and went, 'Yeah, we need to do something on the Alhambra.'"

Williams added that the idea of creating a documentary on the Alhambra dates back to when he and Bombal were working on "The Sacramento Picture" – a film featuring local footage from 1910 through 1974.

The process of creating the Alhambra Theatre documentary included Williams' work with Mahlon Picht, of the Center for Sacramento History.

Together, they went through the center's film archives and acquired about 45 minutes of KCRA and KOVR TV news footage of the Alhambra. Most of those films were from the early 1970s.

The result of that two-week venture was what Williams called "an amazing treasure of images."

"(There are scenes) that nobody has seen, probably since it was filmed in 1972 or 1973," he said. "I think that stuff has been sitting in boxes ever since."

Williams credited Bombal for his researching ability and talent for tracking down details of the Alhambra's past.

With the digitizing of old films, the conducting of interviews and the many hours spent to bring this new documentary together, "Alhambra: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy" is prepared to make its public debut in a timely fashion: during the 90th anniversary of the theater's opening.

To purchase tickets for this second showing of this film, visit sachistorymuseum.org/programs-events/alhambra-sacramentos-palace-of-fantasy/.

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Dim Sum House continues tradition on Broadway

Owners' daughters, each Kennedy High graduates, have helped the family business

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

With its many restaurants, the Broadway District has been one of the capital city's destination areas for dining for many years. And among the district's longtime eateries is Dim Sum House.

Located at 2631 Broadway, this restaurant has been serving customers for nearly two decades.

Its very basic exterior and interior, coupled with its large menu of fresh, tasty and popular entrées and dim sum appetizer items, bears evidence of the longtime notion that some of the best restaurants are hole-in-the-wall-type varieties.

Open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Dim Sum House draws its business from a mixture of about 60 percent regular customers and about 40 percent new customers.

Orders are placed either by phone or at the restaurant's register for pick up or delivery to one of this eatery's four, small tables. Seating is provided for 16 guests.

Each entrée is made fresh upon one's order and dim sum items are made on site every morning.

Living up to its name, Dim Sum House specializes in dim sum items.

In all, there are 22 such items, including large pot stickers, egg rolls, foil-wrapped chicken, fried taro dumplings, shrimp dumplings, fried wanton, steamed pork buns, sesame seed balls, Chinese tamales and chicken feet.

The menu also includes 13 entrée categories, including beef, pork, seafood, vegetables, chow mein, soup and pan-fried noodles.

Some of this eatery's more popular entrées include general chicken, curry chicken, sweet and sour pork, beef with broccoli, Mongolian beef, orange chicken, moo shu pork, prawns with lobster sauce, chicken chow mein, and house special pan-fried noodles with pork, chicken and shrimp.

Soups include wonton, egg flower, and hot and sour.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Kau Hon and Irene Tse opened Dim Sum House at 2631 Broadway in 1999. They sold the restaurant two years ago, but still work at the business three hours per day.

Vegetarian offerings such as salt and pepper green beans, braised tofu, mixed vegetables, and vegetarian chow mein are also included on the menu.

Among the draws to this business are its large portion entrées at low prices.

A glance at the menu is like taking a trip back in time, considering that all entrées are listed under $8 each, with the exception of seafood entrées. And only one seafood entrée – salt and pepper calamari – exceeds $9.75.

On a daily basis, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dim Sum House offers $4.99 lunch specials.

The special during this paper's visit was broccoli chicken over rice, and the next day's special would be Szechuan chicken over rice.

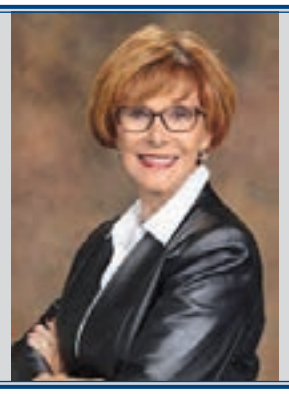
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simply want to satisfy their sweet tooth, Dim Sum House has steamed rice cakes and egg custard tarts.

During an 8 a.m. visit to this establishment by this publication last week, Kau Hon and Irene Tse, the business's founders, had just completed three hours of preparing food in the kitchen.

While sitting alongside Kau, who she married in Hong Kong in 1971, Irene said that she and her husband opened Dim Sum House in 1999.

Irene added that the business instantly benefited from loyal customers from their previous restaurant, Hong Kong Wok.

They opened that eatery at 5019 Freeport Blvd. in 1988, four years after they immigrated to the United States. Operating at that site today is the restaurant, New Hong Kong Wok.

The original Hong Kong Wok offered about 100 menu items and about 12 dim sum appetizers, and was opened from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Long hours have come with the territory of operating restaurants with her husband, Irene said.

She mentioned that there was a stretch of years at Hong Kong Wok in which both she and Kau worked 17 hours per day.

"We always work, work, work," she said. "Before I opened up here (on Broadway), I worked 17 hours (per) day. I came there at 5 o'clock (a.m.) and I (went) home at midnight every day. We did that for maybe six, seven years. We were always worried about our kids' future. To go to college, (it costs) a lot of money."

Irene said that hard work paid off, because all three of their daughters – Loressa, Belinda and Crystila – graduated from college, two from California State University, Sacramento and the other from the University of Southern California. Prior to attending college, they graduated from John F. Kennedy High School.

The daughters also formerly assisted their family by making deliveries for their parents' former restaurant catering service.

After all of their daughters graduated from college, Irene and Kau decreased their workload to 10 hours per day.

Irene said that her husband has totaled many more hours working in restaurants during his life, since he worked in that field prior to coming to America.

"(Kau) started working in a big restaurant in Hong Kong in 1957," she said. "He (later) owned his own restaurant for five years before coming to America."

Two years ago, Kau and Irene decided to finally sell their longtime Broadway District business.

But that did not keep them away from this establishment, as they made arrangements with the new owners to work there three hours per day.

Irene said it was important to her and her husband to make sure that the food continued to have the same level of quality and taste.

Under that new ownership, Dim Sum customers have maintained their satisfaction with this eatery.

One such customer, Ben Phillips, said that he continues to be drawn to the business.

"They're quick and, as you can see from inside the kitchen, they're fresh," he said. "They're making (food) throughout the day. I usually tend to go for the shrimp dumplings and the fried shrimp. I like the taste and the flavors here, and the great service that they provide (with) their takeout, while other places are mostly dine in."

Another customer, Tony Fong, said that he first purchased food from Irene and Kau at Hong Kong Wok about 30 years ago and later became a Dim Sum House customer.

During a visit to Dim Sum House last week, Fong was asked what food entrée he enjoys most at this eatery.

"I like them all," he said with a smile.

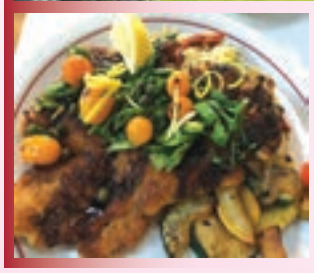
Rosanna Herber, a former member of The Greater Broadway Partnership board of directors, said she has made coming to Dim Sum House a part of her daily activities.

"I have a daily routine that I make sure always includes the Dim Sum House," she said. "I take walks in the city cemetery four to five times per week, then I jump in my car and have breakfast at the Dim Sum House. What I love is they're really friendly and I get two pork dumplings and one pot sticker for the unbelievably low price of $3.27."

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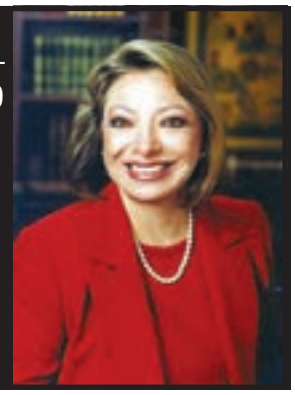
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Mersonacta Quartet to hold free spring concert at the Pocket Library

By MONICA STARK

The Mersonacta Quartet and Quintet will be playing various contemporary and classical pieces at the Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library, 7333 Gloria Drive, on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. (free of charge!)

Audiences will be treated to both the sounds of the quartet and the quintet. Resident violinist, violist and composer, Andy Tan often switches between the two instruments depending on the configuration, but will play viola with the quartet at the concert at the library. The other members who will be present are: Daniel Nguyen (first violin), Eunah Choo (second violin), Alison Sharkey (cello), and Kit Lau on the string bass.

"Our vast collection of contemporary music is a result of years of performance and requests from our clients," explains Andy. "As a professional string quartet, our goal is to give the folks that hire us a memorable experience where their favorite songs come to live at their event in the style of classical music. I'm from Davis and that's where I teach viola, compose, and arrange music. This is our second time performing at the library."

Hailing from the Pocket, Daniel and Kit co-founded the Mersonacta Quartet back in 2004 after graduating from John F. Kennedy High School. "We've been playing together along with Andy for about a decade now, and that's why our quartet is based out of Pocket," Kit says.

Having performed free concerts once or twice a year, the The Mersonacta Quartet and Quintet has worked the circuit from coffee shops to the Old Sugar Mill when they first started looking for venues for these free concerts. But, ultimately, Kit says, the Pocket Library is just "perfect for us because of its location, ambiance, and crowd. So it's very special treat just for our Pocket neighborhood."

Describing his start in music, Andy says he enjoyed singing when he was very young and at 6 years old, he started to play violin after watching a broadcast of a symphony concert. "I picked up the viola in high school when I wanted to save a violin position for my friend, who auditioned for the school orchestra but was first runner up. I enjoy playing music because it's my profession and it's a universal language for all of us," he says. A favorite arrangement – All of Me – Andy says is not easy to describe its emotions without lyrics when performed by a string quartet. "But luckily its melody is very moving and lyrical. Coupled with its very recognizable rhythms, it's a very good adaptation for the string instruments," he says.

Among hist most memorable performance experiences are playing principal viola with the Britten Pears Orchestra at Aldeburgh Music Festival in the United Kingdom, and of course, his performances with the quartet on the weekends.

For more information about the quartet, please visit: www.sacramentoquartet.com

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Kennedy High School legend recognized as Unsung Hero

The late Joe Matisco recognized by the office of Senator Pan

When Jan Matisco went to work for John F. Kennedy High School in Sacramento in 1972, she and her husband came as a package deal for the students of the school. Joe sought out ways to help students succeed whether it was through tutoring or sports. In the four decades Jan and Joe worked at the high school, they touched the lives of many students at Kennedy.

Joe was nominated as Senate District 6 Unsung Hero by a former Kennedy High School student who spoke of the countless hours Joe and Jan spent dedicating themselves to the school. Joe passed away in the summer of 2017 and Richard's Pan's office asked Jan to discuss her husband's purposeful life.

Tell us about Joe and your family:

Joe was born in Dorchester, VA in 1931 to Alexander and Virginia Matisco. Joe's father came here through Ellis Island from Hungary to work in the coal mines. Joe's father was injured in an accident (coal mines) and died when Joe was a small baby; his mother was killed 3 years later. Joe and his older brother were placed in the Baptist Orphanage when Joe was 6 years old, where he stayed until he graduated in 1951. He later graduated from the University of Richmond with a BS degree and then did his tour with the US Marines. He later came to California and sold advertising for Labor Union Organizations before going into teaching. Joe and Jan are also animal "people" and have done volunteering with SSPCA and SPIN (Sacramento Pets In Need) for many years.

How did Joe make a difference in your community?

Education was always important to Joe, for himself, family and basically everyone. When Jan went to work at John F. Kennedy High School in 1973, she would "find" students needing academic help and "talked Joe" into tutoring these students, naturally for free! He realized there was such a need for educational help for students and continued "his" program through adult school and the Career Center of Sacramento City Unified School District. Oftentimes the Matisco's purchased the monthly bus passes to give to the Joe's students needing transportation to classes. Joe worked tried his best to accommodate any student that needed help, even tutoring through the phone. Joe was working on future lessons for the fall tutoring when he was taken from us in August.

What inspired Joe's community efforts?

Joe was encouraged to go into teaching by friends and by Helen Ingram, JFK High School administrator. When Joe began to see and share in the success of tutoring, teaching, fundraising for high school sports, and the SCTA scholarships, he told Jan, "We have to keep doing these projects as long as we can because there is such a desperate need for help. "Many of those educational projects led to close relationships for Joe and Jan and many remain with them today.

What accomplishment of Joe's are you most proud of?

Joe supported and encouraged our son, Richard, to pursue the teaching profession because he saw Richard had the natural qualities needed to be a successful teacher. (Richard also tutored several of Joe's students in specific subjects) He told Richard you have the patience for the job and diligence to get the educational message across to any type of student. Joe was correct! His dream of Richard's very successful teaching became a reality with Professor Hunt's career at Humphrey University. And a plus: Richard was so happy teaching.

What would you say was his biggest struggle in life?

Not being raised in a normal home/family. Joe was a small boy when he was placed in the Baptist Orphanage after the death of his parents. He told Jan, "You had to learn real quickly how to take care of yourself and also not trust people 100%." "Be willing to fight for yourself." He realized and appreciated his stay at the orphanage because he had a clean, healthy environment and was able to go to school - he loved learning. He often told stories of his life at the orphanage and was in the process of writing those stories for his family. He told everyone he was blessed with Jan and Richard as his family and Jan's parents, etc. They were his entire life and he always put "his family" first. He said he was blessed to see our family grow with children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.



Jan and Joe Matisco

What kind of lessons did you or Joe work to instill in future generations?

He urged our family and "adopted families" to continue education and/or training in their lives, to reach goals and careers of their choice – to be happy with their lives and careers. Along with those lessons came financial help for all of them. Joe would often say, "Jan, now is when they need our help." It was a fulfilling feeling to witness these happy and successful events through the years. We never stopped with these projects and Jan will continue as that is what Joe would enjoy.





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Norman, son of Chesley and Marie Greenslate, died peacefully at the age of 93.

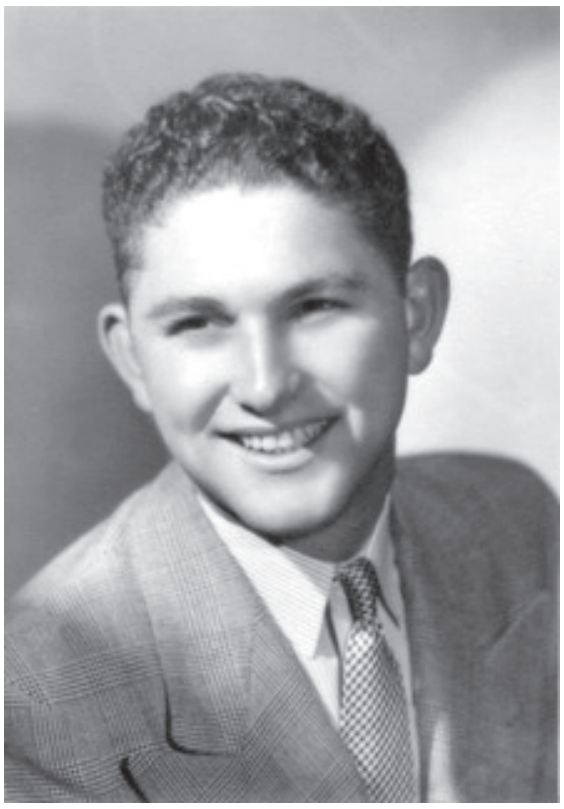
He attended McClatchy High School and Sacramento Junior College. His lifelong love for baseball began with shagging balls from the roof at Edmonds Field, and his natural talent culminated in his being scouted for the St. Louis Cardinals, but instead, he was drafted for World War II. Norm was assigned to the 398th Army Engineers in the European theater, then to Patton's Third Army to end the war.

A photograph of Norm at the Battle of the Bulge is featured in Ken Burns' book *THE WAR*. After the war, he was scouted to the Chicago Cubs, but he declined due to a wartime foot injury. Years later, he was inducted into the La Salle Baseball Hall of Fame.

After marriage to Dolores Silva, he partnered with Claude Bobo to form Bobo Sheet Metal Heating and Air Conditioning. Norm and Dolores were high school sweethearts and enjoyed 71 years of true love and an adventuresome, happy, marriage.

Together, they relished time with family and friends in their Santa Cruz family home. Norm cherished his loved ones and will be remembered for his sense of humor, generosity, and smiling Irish eyes.

He was truly loved by all. He is survived by his loving wife, Dolores; daughter, Lynette Bell (Mike); grandchildren Matthew Dias (Jennifer); Colin Dias (Melissa); Shannon Dias-McCann (Christopher); Aaron Bell; seven great-grandchildren; niece Cathy Navarrete; daughter of the heart Claudia Dias; and best friend Jim Mulhern. The family expresses their sincere gratitude to the devoted staff at Haven Court Manor. Norman was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 3, with a prayer service at St. Mary's and a Celebration of Life at the Cabrillo Clubhouse.



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City Council:

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What experiences professionally and personally have you had that will most benefit the city council position?

I believe a city council representative should be an advocate for the residents of her or his district. I mean "advocate" in a very deliberate and focused manner, not merely speaking on behalf of people based on political winds. Advocates dig into the issues that their constituents have, learning how the issues come about, and how those issues affect daily life. It is a personal relationship, based on trust and strong interactions. This is what I do everyday as an advocate for public school employees. I work with support staff, teachers, administration and school board members to find resolutions to issues that impact our children's schools. I work with people that are for a certain position and against the same position, and find a way to meet in the middle. I have been an advocate for many years, and will bring this kind of collaboration style with me to the city council position.

I also have experience in holding a leadership position in several boards and organizations. This has given my the experience of dealing with legal requirements, budgets and their confinements, personnel matters, and perhaps most importantly, working through disputes and building successful programs. I served on the New Leaders Council in Sacramento that has a very successful civic training program where I paired young professionals with mentors and later served as a lead director for multiple years. I also serve as vice chair on the Center for Workers Rights, helping to provide legal services to workers who have been discriminated against and had their wages stolen. I founded and chaired a civic organization named Organize Win Legislate that focuses on direct voter education in response to the demand by many in our city for increased civic participation. I have also been helping to set up a new community association for our community, and serve as treasurer there. In short, I have the experience to be a listener, research solutions, and bring people together to arrive at a resolution.

Tell readers about any endorsements and why you are proud to have the backing that you already have.

While many organizations have been waiting for the official city candidate filing deadline that occurs between early February and early March, I have been meeting with many groups and am proceeding through their endorsement process. We expect more endorsements to come as we roll into Spring, but we are very proud to have some prominent officials and groups who know about the high quality of my work and the passion I have to help the community. I am proud to have the endorsement of Kathi Windheim, Pocket Nextdoor Lead, Co-President of the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library (titles for informational purposes only), and Angela Wood, Pocket Nextdoor Lead, VP of Friends of the Pocket-Greenhaven Library who give an amazing amount of time and energy into the safety and education of our neighborhood. They are constantly "in the know" and have their finger on the pulse of our area. I'm humbled by their faith in me. I also have the endorsement of Brian Koichi Mizushima and Dean Murakami, both advisors and educators to me on a personal level and to many in our community. I was also very happy to announce the endorsement of California State Board of Equalization Member Fiona Ma, because she saw the drive I have to improve my community as a younger person.

Several organizations have also come out with an early endorsement, such as the Sacramento County Young Democrats, who awarded me with being "Member of the Year" for 2016 for my volunteerism and my mentorship of new, younger members. The Wellstone Progressive Democrats and the statewide organization Generation Change have also come out endorsing my values and conviction to help people from all walks of life and all income brackets. I am proud to have these organizational endorsements because I know about the work they put into the community through volunteering, educational events, and training of folks who desire to also put their free time into bettering the community.

We expect more clubs and organizations to follow in the coming months, but I also must acknowledge the hundreds of personal messages and endorsements that I have been given by our neighbors, and by friends who have known me for years, if not decades. It has been overwhelming to read through my e-mail inbox, social media messages, and listen to the personal face to face encouragements that I have received. I am proud of these individuals who tell me that they have full faith in my abilities to serve on the city council because I know they all look for genuine care and concern from an elected official, and I'm excited to meet their expectations.

What would an ideal Pocket/Greenhaven neighborhood look like to you?

The ideal neighborhood to me, is one where there are no fears about where our children are playing, or concerns about their access to education and skills training for their future. It is a place where our streets are safe, our porches and mail boxes are free from thieves, and people know that their concerns will be addressed, day or night, with meaningful and fast responses. My ideal neighborhood has community gardens to help teach our kids about nutrition and agriculture, and farmers markets with entertainment to be able to have fun and check in with one another to grow a real community. I would like to see our storefronts be full of different styles of eateries, pubs, and shops that offer distinct choices from the larger malls that we crave and support. This ideal neighborhood would also have transportation options to be able to take advantage the rest of the city without worrying about missing a small window to catch a bus or deal with parking. Lastly, my ideal neighborhood is full of residents that feel like they have an advocate on their side to help with some of life's day-to-day issues.

What do you like most about the Pocket?

My wife and I fell in love with this area and knew it would be where our "forever home" would be to raise a family. We love the beauty of the trees, greenbelts and river access, but most of all we love how it can be a place where you can have it all! Schools, parks, safety, shopping, and a true community feel make up the character of the Pocket, and we feel lucky to live here.

What issues need to be addressed that haven't or at least not to your liking by the city council?

Without a doubt, our city is in need of housing and transportation options that are accessible to everyone. I have friends that are paying $1,500 a month for a 500-square-foot apartment, and pay nearly $6 a day in mass transit fares. I do not believe that the market-rate housing itself will be able to correct for where our economy is heading without the council respecting what really makes a city—not the buildings, but the people. There are examples from other cities that take a direct approach to helping builders focus on housing that is affordable to all income levels, and transportation infrastructure that uses smaller, cheaper, longer lasting styles of busing that can increase ridership and operate in a cleaner manner. We have to forge partnerships with developers who can provide housing that has people in mind over profits, invest directly with our local land trust to give people more options to buy a home, and look into different banking strategies to recoup our tax dollars that fall to bank owners rather than residents. Those savings can be put directly into housing to lower the number of people affected by homelessness or working families who lay awake at night wondering if they are one paycheck away from being homeless as well. I also think we need to prioritize clean, electrified, nimble buses to relieve traffic and provide working class families relief form parking costs, rather than incentivize rental cars and reliance on companies like Uber.

Tell us some fun fact about yourself you'd like readers to know.

I've been an avid home brewer for the past few years, making different styles of beer and cider to try with friends and family and have been restoring a 1967 blue Lincoln Continental that people might remember from our wonderful 4th of July parades.



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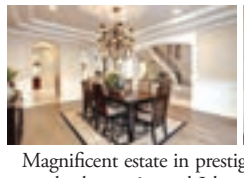
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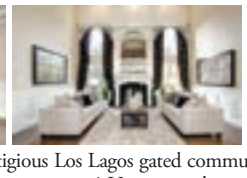
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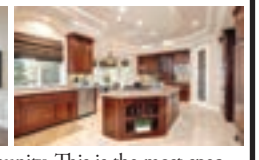
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What's happening Pocket/Greenhaven?

SACRAMENTO CAPITOLAIRES GEAR UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF SINGING VALENTINES: Valentine's Day is approaching fast and the Sacramento Capitolaires would like to give you the opportunity to book your Singing Valentine early. Last year was a busy year for the Capitolaires and members want to make sure that you have the chance to get your orders in if you are planning to order a Singing Valentine for your loved ones or friends for 2018. A Singing Valentine includes two love songs by a quartet, a silk rose, a box of chocolates, and a personalized greeting card. The Capitolaires are members of the Barbershop Harmony Society and were chartered in 1946. The barbershop quartet can perform Singing Valentines anywhere in the greater Sacramento area. Book early by finding the Singing Valentine Page at capitolaires.org

THURSDAY, FEB. 8

SOUTH SACRAMENTO PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP: Monthly meeting on Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Asian Community Center, 7334 Park City Drive. Our speaker will be Sal Avila from Acadia Pharmaceuticals. Fifty percent of people with Parkinsons will encounter problems with delusions and hallucinations.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

LOVING THE CLASSIC MUSIC & DANCE REVIVAL AT THE ELKS: Continuous DJ music of the 1950s, 60s and 70s by Darryl Tatum. No host cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., nacho bar and popcorn, burgers and hotdogs, potato salad; best costume, cash drawing, $20; tickets purchased after Feb. 6, $25; sales tax included. All proceeds go to the Elks general fund. The Elks is located at 6446 Riverside Blvd.; 422-6666.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

SI SACRAMENTO SOUTH CRABFEST: The Soroptimist International of Sacramento South chapter is hosting its annual CrabFest Fundraiser on Saturday, February 10th, Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento. All-you-can-eat crab, pasta, green salad, French bread and butter……as well as sodas, beer and wine for purchase. Doors open at 6PM. Your $50 ticket helps fund awards, scholarships, and grants to women and children's organizations in our local area. In addition to all-you-can-eat crab there will be Silent and Live auctions for goods and services including a Dessert auction! Our exciting Golden Ticket opportunity is available for only $25, allowing the lucky winner to select the Grand Prize from 6 choices. Choices range from a weekend in Pajaro Dunes to a 4K Quadcopter Drone to iFLy Indoor Skydiving to 49er tickets, and more! Only 100 Golden Tickets will be sold, and winner does not need to be present! Meal and Golden Tickets must be purchased in advance, so please call (916) 548-3754. The mission of the Soroptimists is to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

MERSONACTA QUARTET FREE SPRING CONCERT AT POCKET LIBRARY: The Mersonacta Quartet and Quintet will be playing various contemporary and classical pieces arranged by their very own Andy Tan from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Robbie Waters Library, 7335 Gloria Drive.. The concert is free. For more information about the quartet, please visit: www.sacramentoquartet.com

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

INTRODUCTION TO SUNYATA MEDITATION: Meditation has been proven to improve a person's mental and physical well-being. This introductory workshop will show you some simple techniques which will enable you to obtain the benefits of meditation. A few Qi Gong exercises will supplement and enhance the meditation session. This beginning workshop does not require any prior experience or knowledge of meditation. Bring a yoga mat. Classes are held every third Thursday of each month. Pre-payment of $15 for three classes and pre-registration required. $7 drop-in fee or for a single class. Second class will be held Thursday February 15, 2018 from 4:30-5:30pm at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.orgs.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

ALHAMBRA: SACRAMENTO'S PALACE OF FANTASY TO PREMIERE ON FEB. 21 AT THE TOWER THEATRE: The Center for Sacramento History, in partnership with Pocket resident Matías Antonio Bombal, Chad E. Williams and executive producer Wendell Jacob, are proud to present the world premiere of ALHAMBRA: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy at the Tower Theatre (2508 Land Park Drive) on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018. Screenings will take place at 7 p.m. and 8:20 p.m. Over a year in research and production, using multiple assets in the collections of the Center for Sacramento History and the community, this documentary examines why the Alhambra Theatre (1927-1973) captured the imagination of all who entered and how its demise still sparks controversy nearly 50 years later. Advance tickets are $30 each and available online only at www.centerforsacramentohistory.org. With limited seating available, tickets are expected to sell-out quickly for this fundraising event. The 55-minute documentary film ALHAMBRA: Sacramento's Palace of Fantasy is highlighted with compelling interviews, pictures and newly-found movies that tell the story of Sacramento's beloved and lost Alhambra Theatre, a 1927 million-dollar temple to movies, music, and art for 46 years. The film's trailer can be viewed at https://vimeo.com/242839790. Funds from this event will go toward preserving and making available the moving image collections held by the Center. For more information, please visit www.centerforsacramentohistory.org.

HIMALAYAN HEALING BOWLS: For centuries, the harmonics of Himalayan Singing Bowls have been used to create physical and mental health. You will be introduced to several bowls and learn how to play the bowls to get the greatest benefits such as relaxation and a balance and calmness into your life. Pre-payment of $20 and pre-registration required. $25 drop-in fee. Class will be held Wednesday February 21, 2018 from 1:30-3:00pm at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.orgs.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR PHONE SERVICE: Knowing about your phone service options can save you money, help you avoid telephone fraud and ensure that you get the service that is right for you. Learn about discounted local home service and types of telephone fraud. If you have questions about your current services, bring copies of your phone or PG&E bills. We will also review various utility assistance program available. Pre-registration required. Free of Charge. Class will be held on Thursday February 22, 2018 from 2:30-3:30p at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.orgs.

SACRAMENTO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION 1849 FOUNDATION 2ND ANNUAL POLICE CHARITY BALL: The Sacramento Police Officers' Association (SPOA) 1849 Foundation presents their 2nd Annual Police Ball, Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel, 500 J Street in downtown Sacramento. The evening is from 6:00 p.m. until Midnight and will feature dinner, no-host bar, music, dancing, a silent auction and a live auction. The public and law enforcement personnel are welcome to attend. Tickets are now limited, so be sure to pick yours up soon. Discounted hotel rooms are available at the Kimpton Sawyer Hotel, subject to availability. Celebrity Emcee for the evening is Scott Moak, "The Voice of the Sacramento Kings." The Celebrity Auctioneer is Robi Quick, Field Emcee for the FC Republic Professional Soccer Team. The 1849 Foundation seeks to enhance the relationship between the Sacramento Police Family and the community in which they serve, through scholarships, crisis relief, team athletics and its rich history with planning underway for a "Sacramento Police Department Museum." The SPOA 1849 Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, charity organization. Federal Tax ID Number: 35-2278731

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Events:

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MONDAY, FEB. 26

CHOOSING AND TRAINING HELPERS FOR YOUR FUTURE NEEDS: Choosing someone to help with your daily needs and finances in life is a big decision. At this legal workshop, we willl discuss how to choose an agent to make health care and financial decisions for you and the duties and responsibilities that they will have. A licensed professional fiduciary will join in the discussion. Pre-registration and pre-payment of $3 required. $5 drop-in fee at the door. Class will be held on Monday February 26, 2018 from 3:00-4:00p at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.orgs.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE: From 6 to 8 p.m, the Pocket Greenhaven Community Association will be hosting a local business roundtable at the Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Public Library to discuss the issues and needs of local businesses and engage the community in "shop local" campaigns. Residents and local business owners welcome. Please submit questions or agenda topics to info@pocketgreenhaven.org; 7335 Gloria Dr, Sacramento, California 95831.

DIABETES ACADEMY EDUCATIONAL SERIES: Second workshop in a series of three workshops dealing with diabetes. This workshop will focus on lifestyle modification, stages of changes and setting smart goal on diabetes. Pre-registration required. Free of Charge. Class will be held on Tuesday February 27, 2018 from 4:00-5:30p at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.orgs.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR WOMEN: This informative workshop highlights the unique financial challenges women face and provides a forum to share their insights and wisdoms in small groups. Through case studies of women at major stages in their lives and their common financial challenges, the workshop offers strategies for establishing and maintaining financial security. Pre-registration required. Free of Charge. Workshop will be held on Wednesday February 28, 2018 from 6:30-8:00p at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.orgs.

ONGOING

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

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

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

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

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER: This class is designed for beginner or students with limited or no experience with computer. Learn about computer hardware, system components, software and more. Pre-payment of $30 and pre-registration required. Class will start from January 16 thru 25, 2018 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.orgs.

ARTISTS' AND CRAFTERS' GROUP – 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-- just bring whatever you're working on and join us! 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

THE CLARKSBURG COMMUNITY BAND INVITES YOU TO JOIN: How about dusting off that horn and getting involved! The band is a group of musicians that enjoys sharing a love of music with each other and our communities. The band is looking to expand the ensemble and wants to welcome those who are interested and who play a standard concert band instrument. The band meets Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Delta High School, 52810 Netherlands Ave., Clarksburg. For more information contact Randall Veirs, Delta High School Band Director at rveirs@rdusd.org

FREE LINE DANCE CLASS: Every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. "Two Left Feet" dance class for beginners. If you think you have "two left feet" this class is for you. Anyone can participate in this fun activity. Friendly group of people. Drop-ins welcome. Sponsored by ACC Senior Services. Class held every Thursday at ACC Greenhaven Terrace, 1180 Corporate Way. First class is always free. For more information call (916) 393-9026 ext 330. www.accsv.org

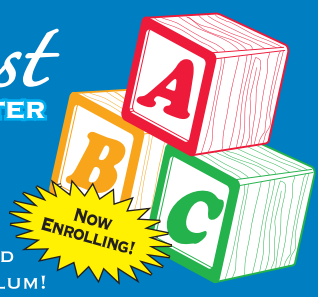
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