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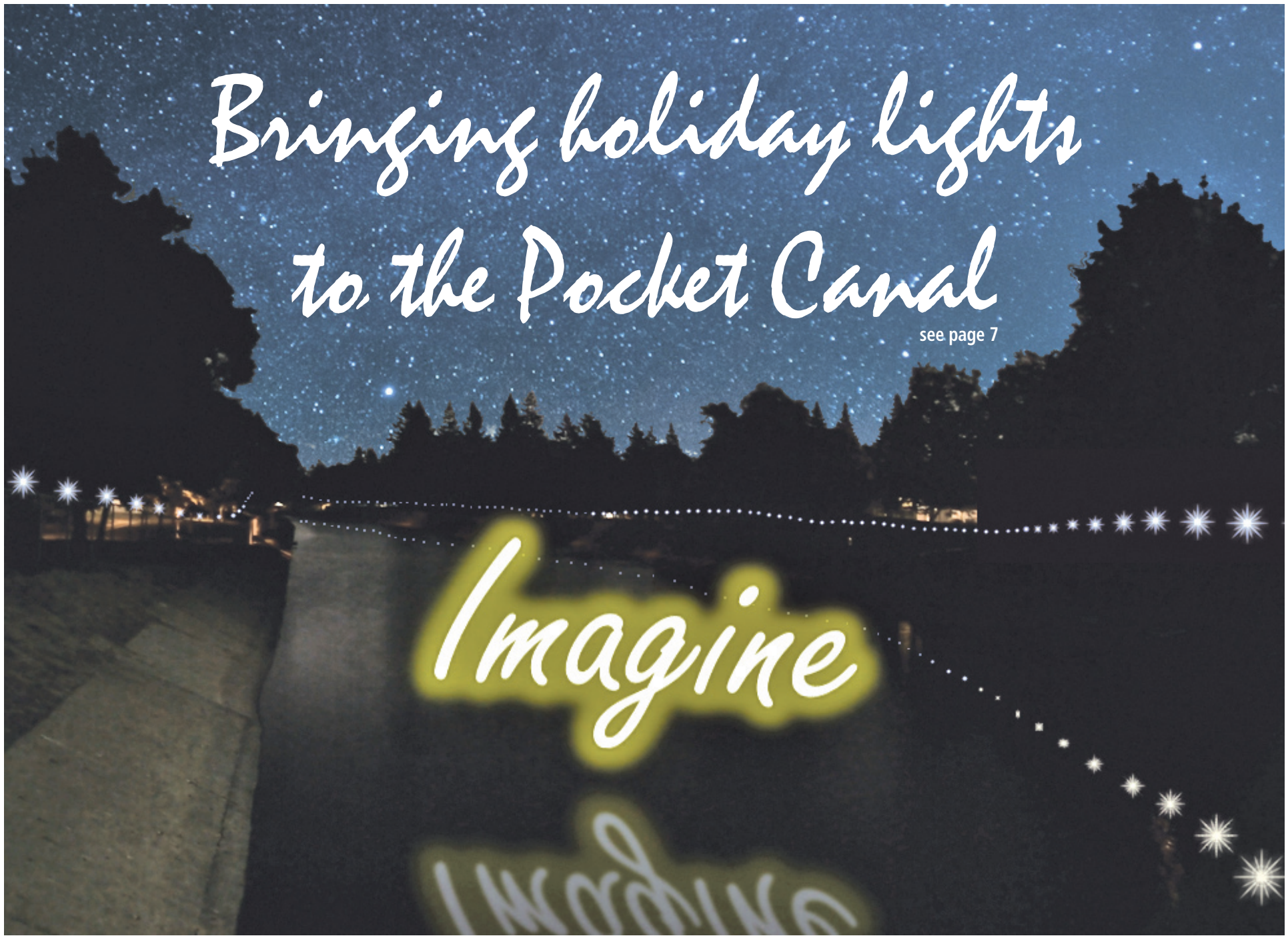



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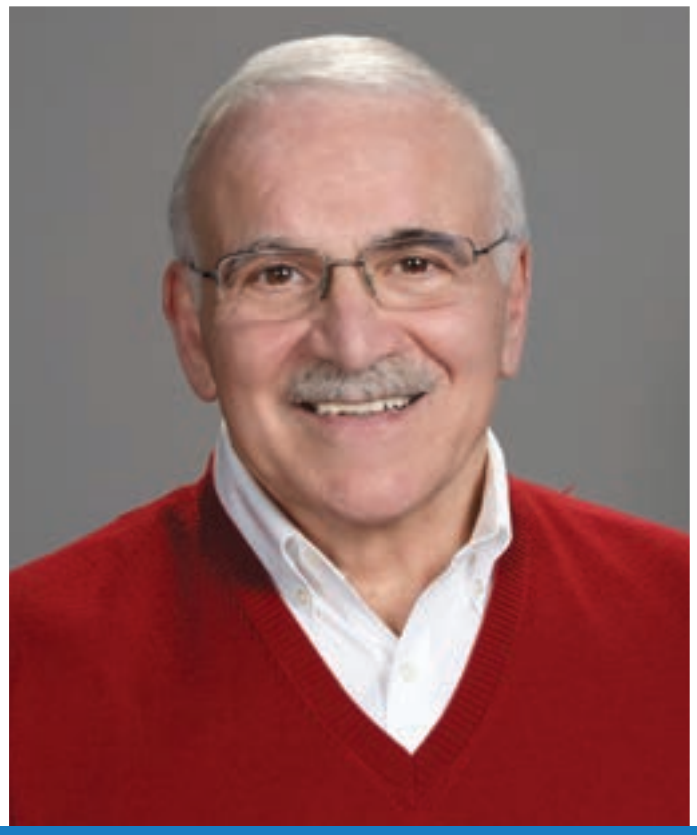

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California Flood Preparedness Week is October 20-26

By Patricia A. Clark

California Flood Preparedness Week is the week that local, state, and federal agencies remind California residents to be prepared for potential flooding as the rainy season nears. At events throughout California and through a social media campaign, residents will learn about emergency supply kits, how to maintain awareness of emergency advisories when bad weather strikes, and how best to prepare themselves and their families for the possibility of flooding.

Leaders in the Pocket Greenhaven area encourage residents to participate and learn from this awareness week across the state. Rick Beymer, Neighborhood Watch Chair for the South Pocket Homeowners Association, said "As a Neighborhood Watch captain, I know that the greatest natural disaster risk our community faces is from flooding. That's why the fall is the best time for Pocket and Greenhaven residents to learn about their flood risk and take steps to prepare their families and property."



Locally, the City of Sacramento is sponsoring a free event this year. Discover what you need to know to prepare your family for a flood at the City of Sacramento's Flood Preparedness Funfair on October 27 at Miller Park. Held from 10 am – 2 pm at Miller Park near Broadway and Front Street on the Sacramento River, this event will feature hands-on activities, interactive flood displays and food trucks.

"Being at the confluence of two major rivers and surrounded by levees, the City is at a risk for flooding. It is important that you and your family protect yourselves and property," said Connie Perkins, Senior Engineer, City of Sacramento Department of Utilities. "At this event, you will learn how to be prepared – Be Flood Ready. We will also have fun hands-on events such as sandbag competitions and big equipment such as a helicopter and "the claw" for kids, water rescues, and many great speakers."

Learn about evacuation routes for our community, sign up for emergency alerts and learn how to properly fill and use sandbags so they are effective. City equipment used during a flood will be on display including fire trucks, water rescue boats, the police command center, and more. The event schedule includes two family sandbag competitions and two swift water rescue demonstrations. Animal shelter and public safety staff will have information on how to keep your pets safe during a flood.

Eric Hong, Northlite Area Neighborhood Watch Group Captain, expects neighbors from his Greenhaven area will attend. "Neighbors like these types of events, where information/handouts are provided, in addition to having representatives from the various agencies in attendance. The outreach to be provided at the Funfair is key to increasing awareness in the neighborhood about the elements of flood preparedness and the benefits for having a plan in place," Hong added.

Another nearby flood preparedness event is the Delta Flood Safety Fair which will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 10 am – 2 pm at the Walnut Grove Library at 14177 Market Street in Walnut Grove. Exhibitors at this event include California Office of Emergency Services, the U.S. Coast Guard, American Red Cross, and the Office of Emergency Services from both Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties.

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Faces and Places: **Sacramento Taiko Dan celebrated 29th anniversary with performance at Kennedy High**



Photos by Stephen Crowley

Sacramento Taiko Dan's 29th Anniversary Concert was held on Saturday, Sept. 15 at John F. Kennedy High School. Band members of this group include:Tiffany Tamaribuchi, Loretta Lew, Asoka Ishiura, Ginger Herte, Yuri Kimura, Kuniko Takeuchi, Claire Yee, Teresa Taranto, Sascha Molina, Dwight Oda, Miriam Lim, Barbara Dawson, Barbara Vantine, Haruna Laverty, Sarah Lin-Aamodt and Quittie Wilson. This local Japanese drumming ensemble was founded in 1989. The performers of this nonprofit are community members who form an international touring performance team.















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Kennedy High School to celebrate 50 years of athletic excellence with 'Hall of Fame' event



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By Sally King

John F. Kennedy High School recently celebrated 50 years of existence in the Greenhaven Pocket neighborhood. This year the athletic department is planning a 'Hall of Fame' celebration, honoring their athletes from the last 50 years.

David Parsh, Athletic Director at Kennedy, said there is a high level of interest from the alumni that attended Kennedy High School.

Parsh remembers Kennedy High School's first year they had an excellent cross-country team. Parsh said they were one of the best in the city.

"Kennedy has experienced athletic excellence since day one!" Parsh exclaimed.

All sports will be recognized and the Hall of Fame committee plans to honor five to ten individuals that were outstanding athletes at Kennedy High School. Some of those athletes took their athletic abilities beyond high school.

Parsh explained there is going to be three categories for awards. The first category is for contributors who supported the athletic programs over the years. The second category is for coaches that had successful teams and had a positive influence on the community. The third category is for individual athletes that excelled in their sport while attending Kennedy High School and perhaps won championships locally, citywide or even statewide. Parsh said they are also considering nominating whole teams that excelled in a sport.

The committee will be going over the statistics for the different sports that won championships. Coach Parsh asked if there are folks that might have statistics or other information on past championships to please contact him. His email is: davidparsh@scusd.edu. For those interested in nominating an athlete for an award they may call Kennedy High School and ask for the athletic department or they can access Kennedy High School online at: JFK.SCUSD.edu/athletics. There is a nomination form at the top of the page. Parsh asked that folks turn in their nominations by the end of October.

The school plans on having this event sometime in May. The planning of this event is still in the works, but Parsh hopes to keep it a true Kennedy High event by having the culinary students provide the catering for this event and having the Industrial Arts students design and make the awards. They are still discussing where to hold the event.

Parsh wants this to be a community event and encourages all to attend.

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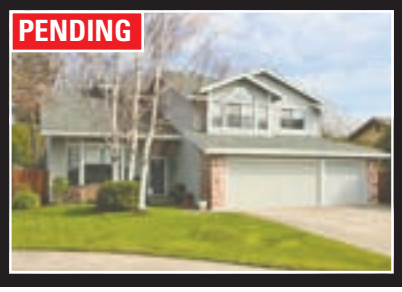

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Parkside Community Church to bless voters at community event

By Monica Stark
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In the midst of political turmoil when it's easy to become hopeless or complacent when faced with scandals and hostility in government, Parkside Community Church hopes to lift up the notion of voting as one thing we can all to do make a difference. On Sunday, Nov. 4 from noon to 1:30 p.m., the church (located at 5700 South Land Park Drive) invites the public to enjoy a fun outreach event that will include a bounce house, kids activities, a multicultural buffet, social justice volunteer opportunities, voter education booth and a blessing booth. "We'll have pinatas as well, which will represent concepts like war, poverty, racism, and patriarchy that we'd all like to smash," said Pastor Elizabeth Griswold.

She says while voters don't necessarily need to be blessed, the church wants to "offer a blessing to voters as a way of supporting them in their bettering of our community and our country."

The blessing itself will be one part of the wider event. Maybe they'll set up something akin to the booth Lucy from the comic strip Peanuts uses when she offers "psychiatric" help to her neighbors. Or maybe Griswold will roam among the attendees. "The specific words and ritual used will probably be a bit different for each person, depending on their preference and religious affiliation or lack thereof," she said. "But the basic idea will be about reminding each person they have a spark of the divine within them, empowering them to connect to their best self when they make the choice to get out and vote in this election, and thanking them for this commitment to our community."

The multicultural dessert buffet will be provided by members of the congregation. Initially they thought pie. After all, it's a fall event, and what's more American than apple pie? Then they thought, well it's also close to Dia de los Muertos, and what's more American than pan dulce? Then they thought, well they can't have an event without the delicious custard leche flan their Filipina members make. And of course they thought well, they've got to have sweet potato pie too! So the dessert offerings just organically grew to more truly reflect the diversity of America.

As far as voter education, Griswold explained they'll have information about a couple propositions they really care about and present an activity in which participants of all ages will have a chance to "vote" in that moment for what issues they care about most. "We'll list 20 or so issues on a big banner and ask folks to place stickers over what really touches their heart and motivates them to act. The church is in the process of doing this activity before the event, so we'll also use the display to let the community know what this church really cares about as we all learn about each other," she explained.

"On that note, it should be said that we as a congregation have taken official votes over the years to determine our identity and to proclaim it publicly. We have voted to become an 'Open and Affirming' Church especially welcoming of LGBTQ folks, a 'Solidarity' Church supportive of immigrants and refugees, and a 'Just Peace' Church committed to peace and social justice. We want the community to know that there is a Progressive Christian congregation right here in the neighborhood, and that we care about all of our neighbors and want to support them in the civic duty of voting that we all share. Everyone, regardless of any or no religious affiliation, is welcome and invited for this fun, family-friendly 'Blessing of the Voters' event meant to bring our diverse community together for the better."

Parkside has never done an event like this before, and members basically just made up the idea during the annual Church Council retreat at the end of the summer. "We wanted to do an outreach event--something that would be fun for the surrounding community and let people know that we're here and what we're about," Griswold said.

At the event, they'll have booths offering social justice volunteer opportunities too. Representatives from organizations with which members are already involved have been invited. "I believe the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet (SSIP), Sacramento Area Congregations Together (SacACT), and Family Promise will all be there, in addition to information about work that our church does directly with youth and elders," Griswold said.

If you go: Blessing of the Voters

When: Sunday, Nov. 4 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

What: Blessings, multicultural food buffet, kids activities, bounce house, voter information, blessing of voters

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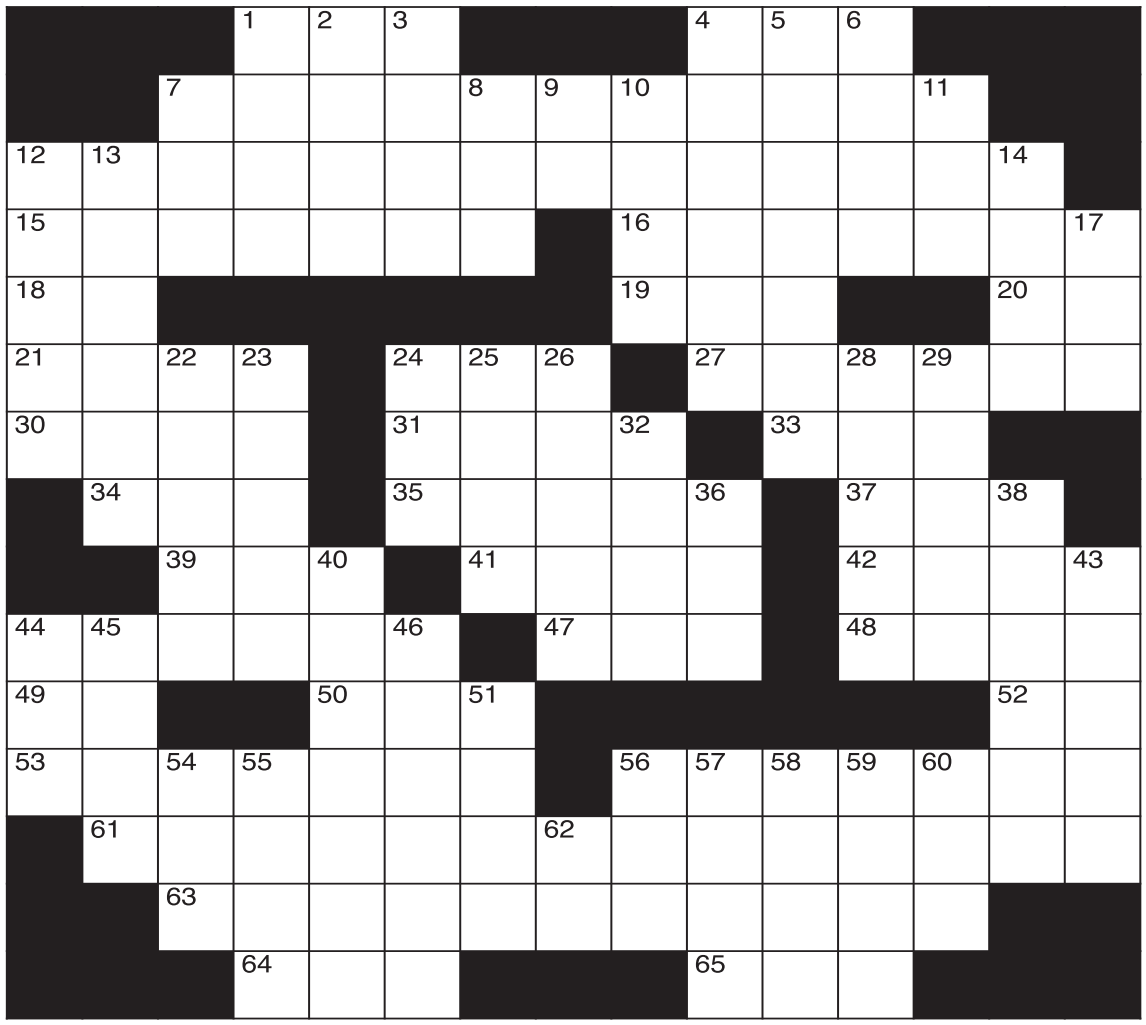

CLUES ACROSS

1. Superhigh frequency
4. Sinatra's ex-wife
7. Unity
12. Not useful
15. One who mocks
16. Teachers
18. "Pollock" actor Harris
19. Fifth note of a major scale
20. A type of coalition
21. Aircraft transmitters
24. Where golfers begin
27. We all have them
30. Monetary unit
31. Calendar month
33. Pouch-like structure
34. Winter sport tool
35. Minneapolis suburb
37. __ student, learns healing
39. Keyboard key
41. Brief proposal
42. Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two
44. Lunatic
47. Cool!
48. Japanese musician
49. Successor to League of Nations
50. Actor Diesel
52. The Constitution State
53. Go back over
56. One long or stressed syllable followed by unstressed syllable
61. All of it
63. Seriousness
64. Adds color
65. __kosh, near Lake Winnebago

CLUES DOWN

1. Turfs
2. Handle
3. Floating ice
4. Railways
5. Breathe in
6. Neutralizes alkalis
7. Coenzyme A
8. Make a mistake
9. Tin
10. Parts of a machine
11. Midway between northeast & east
12. Prizes for victory
13. Great amount
14. Goodwill (archaic)
17. Suspicion of having committed a crime
22. Signed one's name
23. Quake
24. Exercise system __-bo
25. Round Dutch cheese
26. Ready to go
28. Khoikhoi peoples
29. Opera scene
32. Husband of Sita (Hindu)
36. A sign of assent
38. Cut a rug
40. An army unit mounted on horseback
43. Satisfies
44. Austrian river
45. In a more positive way
46. Religious creed
51. Brazilian NBA star
54. One and only
55. Street
56. Explosive
57. Gambling town
58. Public crier calls
59. Hard money
60. Time units (abbr.)
62. Exists

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Bringing holiday lights to the Pocket Canal

The city will provide the infrastructure; Can neighbors help finance it?

By Devin Lavelle

Last December, almost every night, no matter how cold it was (or how tired his newborn brother left his parents), my 2-year-old son insisted on going for a walk to see the holiday lights adorning our neighborhood. He loved listing the colors he recognized in each display, joyfully greeting our neighbors, closely inspecting the wicker deer, rejoicing at the inflatable mouse emerging from a giant cocoa mug, and doing his best to sing along to Christmas carols. The magic was real.

I have so many wonderful memories like these from my own childhood, enjoying holiday lights with my family. Whether they were simple displays hung by our neighbors, elaborate displays we sometimes drove to in wealthier neighborhoods, or the over-the-top display at a large nearby church, I was always struck by the joy it brought out in neighbors, camaraderie among strangers sometimes even breaking out together in song. The simple magic of tiny twinkling lights brightened the coldest winter nights.

Traditions like these bring us closer to our loved ones and our neighbors.

Imagine such a tradition for our own neighborhood: a mile long string of glowing holiday lights along the canal from Pocket Road to Rush River Drive. Imagine the lights glistening off the water, a gentle shimmer as the water ripples from the wind. Imagine families walking hand in hand down the canal, sharing their holiday dreams. Imagine neighbors meeting neighbors, exchanging season's greetings. Imagine a community – our community – coming together to make this imagined dream a reality.

Thanks to Sacramento City Council Member Rick Jennings' support and leadership, the city is prepared to assist this project, making existing infrastructure available to power the light display. Now, we need to do our part to fund the light display and bring volunteers out to put it together.

My goal is to buy the highest quality, energy efficient lights that will last year after year, including needed accessories and insurance. I also hope to go beyond a simple string of lights and add the trimmings that will make it beautiful day and night and adorn the highest profile locations. To make this happen, we need to raise $10,000.

That may sound like a lot of money, but if just 200 of our 40,000 neighbors in the Pocket-Greenhaven community can make an average tax deductible donation of $50 each, the dream will become a reality.

Can you help light the holidays?

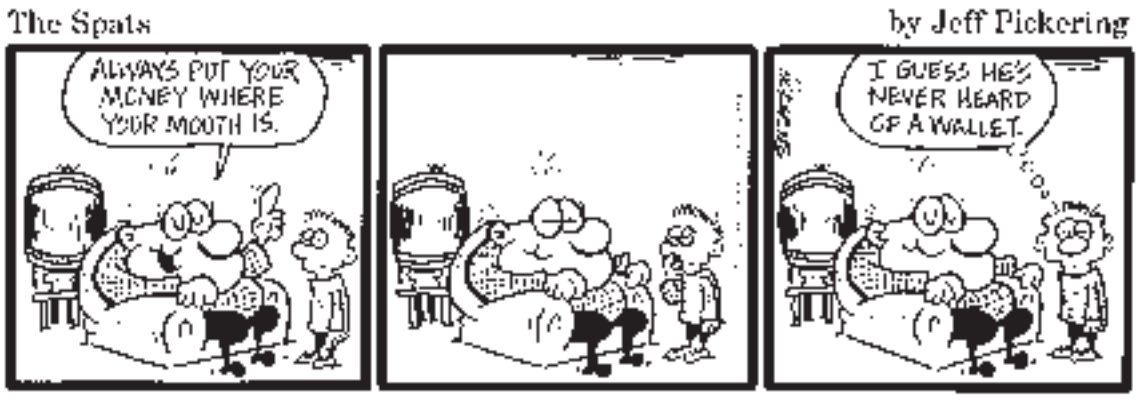
If you are able to make a tax deductible donation, please visit: lights.devinlavelle.com (This address will redirect you to the Gifts to Share tax deductible donation form, please be sure to select "District 7 – Canal Holiday Lights".)

If you would like to volunteer to help with fundraising, planning and/or putting together the display, please visit: lightsvol.devinlavelle.com

If you have any thoughts, questions, concerns or comments, please share them with me at parks@devinlavelle.com.







Business Feature: **Cacio**





By Devin Lavelle

The Pocket Greenhaven Community Association's Featured Business is Cacio, join us as we get to know its owners and husband & wife management team, Jonathan & Katie Kerksieck:

Devin: We're excited to have your great new Italian eatery here in the Pocket! But we shouldn't say, welcome, right? As I understand it, you already called the Pocket your home.

Katie: Yes! We live here in the Pocket. It's a short five minute commute to the restaurant. Jonathan has been cooking in Sacramento for 30 years, with commutes ranging from downtown to El Dorado Hills. I have been managing restaurants in the Sacramento Area as well as opened several restaurants and hotels around the country with Commune Hospitality. But we wanted to work close to home in the community that we love. We wanted to bring a fun, affordable spin to the Pocket Area.

Devin: So you've been open since late August? How is going so far?

Jonathan: It is going very well. The only real surprise was how busy we have been since the beginning. We really had to learn this place quickly, there was no "soft opening" period.

Devin: Glad to hear you are doing so well. I know how hard it is to adjust to a new space, staff and processes – but so far Cacio is averaging 5-stars on Yelp, so your professionalism clearly shows through. My wife and I cannot wait to spend our next date night with you! What kind of food should we expect?

Katie: We are a small pasta house featuring seasonal salads, proteins and contorni (shareable sides). We will just rolled out seasonal fall menu as well.

Devin: I visited Italy in the summer and most Italian food in the states is heavily tomato-focused. What should we expect when tomatoes are out of season?

Jonathan: For fall we will be going a bit heartier and heavier. Mushrooms, cream based pasta dishes, some braised items as well. We really enjoy it and hope it will still be approachable to the community.

Devin: Sounds delicious! Katie, what's your favorite dish that Jonathan makes?

Katie: Cacio e Pepe, it's a simple Roman dish made up of only pasta, pecorino cheese, cracked pepper and olive oil. It's a dish that, unless made correctly, does not do it justice.

Devin: What is the secret to your success?

Katie: We are a husband and wife team doing what we love in a restaurant that allows us to be successful and stay within ourselves.

Devin: That's awesome. It must be wonderful working so closely together, you clearly bring the love to your food and the entire business!

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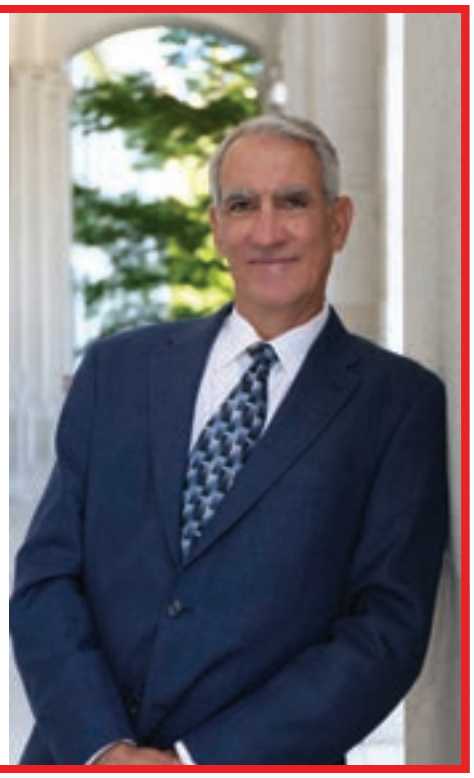

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What is California Proposition 10? Who's for it and against it?

By Jan Dalske

Proposition 10 is on the ballot this November. If you watch television, you may have seen the many commercials telling you to vote yes, or why you need to vote no. But, do you really know the facts? Proposition 10 is an initiated state statute that would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act (Costa-Hawkins). The repeal of this act would allow local governments to adopt rent control ordinances.

These ordinances are regulations that govern how much landlords can charge tenants for renting apartments and houses. Proposition 10 would state that a local government's rent control ordinance "shall not abridge a fair rate of return for landlords".

Costa-Hawkins is a state statute that limits the use of rent control in California. Costa-Hawkins provides that cities cannot enact rent control on a) housing first occupied after February 1, 1995, and b) housing units where the title is separate from connected units, such as condominiums and townhouses.

Costa-Hawkins also provided that landlords have a right to increase the rent prices to market rates when a tenant moves out. Prior to the enactment of Costa-Hawkins, local governments were permitted to enact rent control, provided that landlords would receive "just and reasonable returns" on their rental properties. The California State Legislature passed Costa-Hawkins in 1995.

But, why is rental control important to you? With the approval of Proposition 10, renters in Sacramento would not be subjected to rent increases, and new tenants would not be paying an increased rent when they move into a different rental property. City Councils and County Boards of Supervisors would be able to regulate rental prices on any type of housing within their city and county boundaries. They could also limit how much a landlord can charge when a new tenant moves into their property.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg wants to impose a temporary 5% annual cap on rent increases for apartments that were built before 1998, combined with the eliminations of fees for developers. Increasing the supply of housing is the long term solution, but this will take many years to accomplish.

The California Democratic Party's executive committee endorsed Proposition 10. The California Republican Party's leadership decided to oppose the ballot initiative. The campaigns surrounding Proposition 10 have raised a combined $59.51 million. Opponents of Proposition 10 have raised the support campaign three-to-one.

The Coalition for Affordable Housing is leading the campaign in support of the initiative. The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) and Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) Action organized the campaign. The coalition and an allied committee "Making Housing Affordable" has raised $14.09 million. AHF spent $48.1 million on backing ballot initiatives related to healthcare and housing in 2016 and 2017.

Michael Weinstein, the founder of AHF, said that his organization is interest-

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Cantos del Pueblo: Ongoing exhibit until Nov. 11



Chavela Vargas by Ruby Chacón

By Jan Dalske

Sol Collective is honoring Raza music through an art exhibit curated by Xico González with Cantos del Pueblo.

At the opening reception, which was held on October 13th , there was a Mexica (Aztec) blessing by Kalpulli Maquilli Tonatuih, one of Sacramento's most loved Aztec dance groups led by María Miranda. The opening also featured a Mexican music vinyl set by DJ Revoltoso and DJ Trucha of the Raza Vinyl Collective.

Participating artists include: Abel Rodríguez, Andrés Álvarez, Crystal Galindo, Daniel Paniagua, Estella Sánchez, Jhovany R. De Ala, José Lott, Kalli Arte, Lalo Alcaraz, Luis Ramón Campos, Maceo Montoya, Malaquias Montoya, Maldición, Sonya Fé, Rúben Briseño Reveles, Ruby Chacón, Sergio Chávez and Xico González.

The curator, Xico González states, "This exhibit is a humble Día de Los Muertos homage to the music of the Mexican people. A music that is rooted in the feelings of the heart, in the heroic actions of men and women, and the collective rebel spirit of México."

Exhibiting artists are paying homage to Mexican singers, musicians and composers such as Pedro Infante, José Alfredo Jiménez, Juan Gabriel, Joan Sebastian, Ramón "Chunky" Sánchez, and Chavela Vargas. All these singers, musicians and composers made a lasting impact in Mexican culture in México and the United States. The artists plan to create art pieces to honor them and the music they created.

Mexican Actor and Singer Pedro Infante Jr. died in a Los Angeles hospital at the age of 58 from pneumonia. He starred in nearly 80 films. He is survived by his widow and three children. During his career he made tours through Latin America and the United States.

José Alfredo Jiménez was born in Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato, Mexico in January of 1926 and died in November of 1973 in Mexico City, Mexico. He was a legendary Mexican singer-songwriter in the ranchera style. His songs are considered part of the Mexican musical heritage and comparable, for instance, to what Woody Guthrie meant to American folk music. Shortly before his death, he wrote and recorded his last song, "Gracias", thanking the public for all of the affection they had shown him. His tomb has become a place of pilgrimage for serious music fans from around the Spanish-speaking world.

Juan Gabriel was a gifted singer and songwriter, flamboyant performer and Juárez's favorite son. He passed away in Santa Monica, CA at the age of 66. His music has defined generations of Mexicans and Hispanic Americans. He had planned to sing at a sold-out crowd the night he passed away. Instead, droves of fans tearfully gathered at the venue to pay tribute to "Juanga," breaking out in a soulful Amor Eterno, or eternal love, the mournful ballad that Juan had written about longing for someone after their death. Crowds gathered in song and prayer outside as crews began dismantling the stage inside. One of the signs read, simply, "Rest in Peace, Our Juan Gabriel."

Joan Sebastian performed at the Latin Grammy Awards in Las Vegas in 2012. He received a diagnosis of bone cancer in 1999. He was a Mexican singer and songwriter whose sultry ballads won a total of eleven Grammy and Latin Grammy Awards and made him one of the top-selling Latin musicians. He died at his ranch in Juliantla, Mexico when he was 64 of bone cancer. He was widely known as el Rey del Jaripeo (the King of Mexican Rodeo) and el Poeta del Pueblo (the People's Poet). He performed with intimate intensity, even in packed arenas. He sang and played guitar on horseback, performing equestrian feats as he wooed the audience with songs from his dozens of albums. Mr. Sebastian was thrown from his horse at a show in 2011, and broke four ribs. His albums, which featured sentimental hits, sold millions.

When Ramon "Chunky" Sanchez, a musician and cultural leader of San Diego's Chicano community, died in October of 2016, his eldest daughter, Ixcatli, made the announcement on social media. Sanchez was known for his passion to give back to the community and to speak the truth. When he sang, he sang about the people and the community. He did a lot for the kids and he took the time to go to the schools where he sang for the kids.

Sanchez was born in Blythe, California, to Mexican immigrant parents, both of whom were farm laborers. Growing up, he also worked as a farm laborer while he perfected his musical talents and learned to compose his own songs, which became known for their political messages in the Chicano community. Sanchez often performed at rallies and marches for the United Farm Workers Union, many times at the request of César Chávez.

Chavela Vargas (Isabel Vargas Lizano) was a Costa Rican-born Mexican singer who blended ferocity and warmth in her dramatic interpretations of Mexico's ranchera songs. Vargas sometimes raised eyebrows for her raucous performances and lifestyle. She typically performed in men's trousers and a poncho, sometimes while smoking and toting a gun. Vargas had immigrated to Mexico as a teenager and launched her singing career in the 1940s in Mexico City, where she became close friends with artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo. In 1961 Vargas released Noches de Bohemia, the first of more than 80 albums. She struggled with alcohol problems and vanished from the stage in the 1970s. Then, she reemerged in the early 1990s and launched a remarkable international comeback. She received a lifetime achievement award from the Latin Recording Academy in 2007.

The exhibit continues until Nov. 11 at Sol Collective Arts & Cultural Center, located at 2574 21st St. For more information see: www.solcollective.org. Their record label: #SolLife



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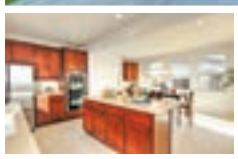

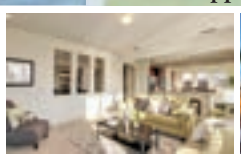



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On Saturday, Oct. 7, the Latino Center of Art and Culture, 2700 Front St., celebrated Noche for Niños with altars, craft tables for the kids, and an outdoor screening of the Disney movie, "Coco." Inside the gallery, Ruben Reveles and Andres Alvarez displayed their Día de los Muertos inspired work and talented volunteers held a workshop on Cempazuchitl (crafting with the traditional flor de muerto, marigolds) and a mask workshop. The event was a precursor to the center's Panteon celebration, which will be held on Oct. 27-28 in midtown between J and K streets.













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ed in rent control from the perspective of social justice and public health. He states, "From a social justice point of view we are seeing mass displacement and we feel like shelter is the most basic right and people are being deprived of that and we don't believe that the marketplace can handle providing shelter to everyone who needs it." He added, "From a public health point of view, we see our clients being rendered homeless or being pushed further and further out from where our healthcare centers are."

The California Apartment Association (CAA) and the California Rental Housing Association (CalPHA) each organized a PAC to oppose Proposition 10. A third PAC- No On Prop 10- was also formed. The three committees had raised a combined $45.42 million. The largest contributors included the California Association of Realtors Issues Mobolization PAC ($5 million) and Michael K. Hayde ($3.76 million). Hayde is the CEO of Western National Group, a real estate firm.

Both Tom Bannon, CEO of CAA and Larry Cannizzaro, president of CalRHa, said that their groups' opposition is about private investment in rental housing, among other issues. They feel that Proposition 10 would make the state's housing crisis worse because rent control would discourage investment.

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By JAN DALSKE
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Our Family Watches Our First Television Movie Together

By Jan Dalske

My family only had one television set. It was on a stand which was located in one of the corners of our living room. No one was allowed to turn it on or off except my dad. Our family usually did not watch anything on the television except maybe the news on the nights when our dad would relax after dinner. During the weekdays, when he was working, he would come home, shower, change into his regular clothes, and then sit down for dinner. After dinner he usually read the newspaper, and then, maybe he would turn on the television to catch up on what was going on in the world.

I will never forget the evening that our family watched a television movie together for the very first time. It was a Saturday afternoon when our dad told us that we were all going to watch a movie together that night. He explained that the younger children would be sleeping. But, the older children. Rodney, Timothy and me, could watch television that night with him and our mother. He did not tell us what we would be watching or why. But, we were soon to find out.

I helped my mother clean off the table after dinner. We washed and dried all of the dishes. She got the four youngest children bathed and ready for bed. Sandra, Wayne, Rita and Linda were much too young to understand anything they would see on television. Our parents decided that only the older kids, who were going to school, should watch the movie that was soon going to be on the television.

We still did not know what we would be watching. We put on our pajamas and sat on the couch while our dad turned on the television and located the correct channel. Our dad told us that this was the first time that this movie was going to be on television. It had been produced in 1939 and many people had already seen it in movie theaters. But, none of the kids in our family had ever been to a movie theater.

The words MGM appeared on the television screen. And, then the music started. We finally found out what the name of the movie was that we would be watching. It was the Wizard of Oz. But, I still was not sure what the movie was going to be about. My brothers and I sat quietly, waiting for the movie to start. We were very excited just listening to the music.

I did not know anything about this story. But, I loved the characters. Dorothy and Toto, her terrier dog, who lived in Kansas with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry, met a Cowardly Lion, who wanted courage, a Scarecrow who wanted a brain and a Tin Woodsman who needed a heart. They were all following the Yellow Brick Road to the Land of Oz where the Professor lived. They all discovered that "There is No Place Like Home". My dad told me the next day that he had read a story in the newspaper that said there were 45 million other people watching the Wizard of Oz on their televisions that night.

When I went to school on Monday, I asked my teacher if that book, which was called the Wizard of Oz, just like the movie, was in the school library. She told me that, yes, it was. And I immediately went to find it before someone else in my class did. I checked it out and took it home to read. Because I had seen the movie I already knew about all of the characters. I also knew how the story would turn out. It had ended "happily ever after". That is the way that all stories should end.

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South Land Park resident re-releases Elly award winning play on her family's escape from Nazi Germany

By Monica Stark
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South Land Park resident Susanne Sommer never knew the full story of her parents' journey from Nazi Germany to the United States. But after their deaths, she discovered letters buried in trunks, shoe boxes, hidden folders. After a five-year hiatus, Elly award winner Echoes in the Heart, a two-act play spanning from 1938-1941, is being produced again due to popular demand.

In the shadow of Kristallnacht and the malice of Adolf Hitler there is no safe place in Nazi Germany for Jews. A young couple desperately tries to leave for America with their infant daughter by writing to distant relatives. But the United States is closed to fleeing Jews. Where will they go? Echoes in the Heart is the story of love and survival in the face of terror and hate. It is the true story of a family's desperate escape from Nazi Germany.

The plot... in Sommer's words

It's 1938 in Berlin Germany, I am one year old. My family is Jewish. My parents realize our lives are in danger, and know they must leave the country they grew up in, preferably to the United States. Hitler is still willing to let Jews leave, but few countries are willing to accept them, the United States for one. After several pleas to relatives in the U.S., a distant unknown cousin (Paul Lewinson) writes, "I will do what I can to help." But it's impossible for my parents and I to get into the U.S. After much research and speaking to people, Paul learns that the president of the Philippine Islands is willing to take a limited number of refugees.

In July 1939, just before my 2nd birthday and two months before war breaks out in Europe, we leave for Manila. Even though my parents are grateful for being allowed to enter the Philippines, life is hard. My father can't find work, the tropical heat is difficult to adjust to, and my mother is determined to come to the States. But now it's become even more difficult. Our quota numbers have come up, but the State Department is more reluctant than ever to allow Jews in. Numerous barriers are thrown in their way. Paul and his wife Jean go every route they can think of to help, and after many attempts and a long struggle, visas are issued to enter the US. We leave for San Francisco on the last Japanese ship to come to America until after the war. It is May 1941, seven months before war breaks out in the Pacific. We get out just in a nick of time as the State Department now slams the doors shut. No more German Jews are allowed to come to the U.S.Without the dogged persistence of Paul and Jean, we would never have been able to leave Germany. And you know how that would've ended. They were truly our guardian angels, and the play is a tribute to them."

Soon after Sommer's mother died in 2002, she found the correspondence between her parents and the Lewinsons. The letters were so compelling, describing in detail the difficulties of coming to America, that she wrote a book for her family using the letters.

Many more were found: from my grandparents and other relatives. More family history during this ugly period became known. Others read the book (self published) and some said this should be a play. But Sommer said she had a hard time going it alone. At last a friend asked former political consultant, television journalist and prolific playwright, Leo McElroy, if he would be interested. At first, McElroy wondered how he could write a play just using letters. "But after one night reading the book, he saw the way. So by using my words and the letters from the book, he created Echoes in the Heart," Sommer said.

As McElroy writes in his director's notes, "Echoes in the Heart is an unconventional story told in an unconventional way. Many of the physical scenes are vague, as they would be in the memory of a small child. A lot of the spoken dialogue was actually a written dialogue between the cousins. The events portrayed are accurate; however, the play is not about history, but about what history did (and does) to people. In the religious intolerance, in the hostility and suspicion toward immigrants, this story of the past gives us something to think about today. We all learned something doing this show... about history, about love and hate, and, most of all, about ourselves."

In 2013, Sommer produced Echoes and it was a huge success, filling the small Geery Theater on 22nd and L streets for five weekends (the play was extended an extra weekend) and could've gone on longer. "Winning the Elly for best original script was a huge thrill. For me it was as good as receiving an Academy Award," she said.

The play is being produced again, this time by Tim Cahill, because so many people have asked about it.

The play has five characters: Sommer's mother and father, Max and Marga Grunwald; Paul and Jean Lewinson; and the narrator. There are several minor parts played by the same person. The actors are local community theater performers with considerable experience. Tabitha Ward plays Sommer's mother; Colin Coate, her father. Mark Ludwig and Lisa Derthick play Paul and Jean. Victoria Goldblatt is the narrator. She played Jean during the first run. Tom Bost performs the various small parts.

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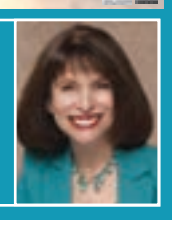

City Theatre Presents Agatha Christie's 'A Murder is Announced'



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Who is the murderer? Could it be white-gloved Mrs. Swettenham (Sarah Palmero) or "don't-look-at-me" Letitia Blacklock (Kathleen Poe) or the worried maid, Mitzi (Kyra Morrison)? Inspector Craddock (Issac Pendleton) contemplates the unusual suspects in "A Murder is Announced."

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Now playing until Oct. 21, showtimes for City Theatre's "A Murder is Announced" by Leslie Darbon are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. with additional performances on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. Performances are at Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd.

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Flood:

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Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover flood damage. People are sometimes confused about the question of whether flood insurance is mandatory and while that is a good question, it is not the most important factor to consider. When I moved to the Pocket in 1986, flood insurance was made mandatory and remained mandatory until 2007. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) have rules which determine whether flood insurance is mandatory in a geographic area. The key document is called a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). FEMA's calculation of flood risk varies somewhat over time with new data becoming available periodically. If FEMA revises a FIRM due to new information, it may change whether flood insurance is mandatory in that area. It's important to recognize that the FIRM is a human calculation function and that our basic geography, our proximity to two enormous rivers and our flat valley land, remains the same. Residents receive a Flood Risk Notification flyer in the mail each September from the California Department of Water Resources which advises of this risk and that your property is near a levee.

Experts recommend that all residents, including renters, have flood insurance whether required or not. The current policy available to any homeowner is called the Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) which is available for approximately $450 per year or $38 per month. Flood insurance is an important tool that residents can use to protect themselves and their homes.

Referring to the October 27 event at Miller Park, Perkins added, "At the event, we will have information on flood insurance. You can protect your property by buying flood insurance. If you don't have flood insurance, we recommend purchasing it now from your insurance agent before the rainy season starts. The National Flood Insurance Program has a 30-day waiting period for a policy to become effective."

Rick Beymer, the South Pocket Neighborhood Watch Captain, urges residents to remember the National Weather Service advisory "Turn around – don't drown!"

"Driving through flood waters is extremely dangerous; more people are trapped and die in their vehicles than anywhere else during a flood. "Turn around - don't drown!" TM (NOAA)

Not all preparedness actions are for residents. City workers from the Department of Utilities participated in a field exercise for flood readiness on levees near Delta Shores on October 2. "Pre-incident collaboration and joint training is paramount in fielding a cascading agency response once a disaster occurs. Through events like our Flood Preparedness Funfair and scenario-based training, we can integrate our capabilities and establish relationships across all levels of government: local, state, and federal, to ensure a consistent and unified approach is understood by all and strategically employed," noted City Director of Emergency Management Daniel Bowers.

Bowers added, "The time for initial introductions and discussion of organizational differences is not at 2:00AM with flooding streets and evacuees lining up needing help; we need to have our inter-agency coordination well-defined beforehand; it is our obligation as government officials, civil servants to our residents, to be ready and able to respond to any compromising situation that befalls our community. That is the cornerstone of our posture as Public Safety professionals."

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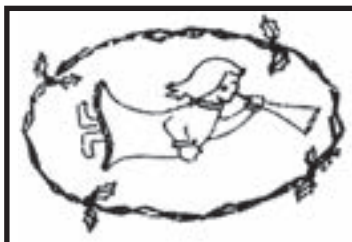

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What's happening Pocket/Greenhaven?

VCA GREENHAVEN POCKET ANIMAL HOSPITAL WINTER PET CARE DRIVE: Loaves & Fishes and VCA Animal Hospitals announce the kickoff of our 5th Annual Winter Pet Care Drive focused on helping some of the neediest people in our community and their pets. During the month of October, donations may be brought to any one of the VCA Animal Hospitals in the Sacramento area and all items will go directly to the individuals served at Loaves & Fishes in downtown Sacramento. This winter drive is dedicated to supporting the power of the human-animal bond across all members of our community and is an extension of an ongoing bimonthly Pet Food Pantry program in partnership between Loaves & Fishes, VCA Animal Hospitals and Hill's Pet Nutrition. Last year's drive was very successful: 16 VCA hospitals in the Sacramento Valley mobilized employees and clients in a winter drive that collected more crates, blanket, leashes, pet sweaters, and toys than we could even count. They hope, with your help, for more of the same this year. You are welcome to join in the effort to collect pet sweaters, blankets, collars, leashes, pet carriers and pet toys for those in need in our community. Loaves & Fishes provides a variety of shelter, food and support services to the Sacramento homeless community. For more information about Loaves & Fishes, visit sacloaves.org. VCA Greenhaven Pocket Animal Hospital is located at 1 Valine Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. For more information, call 916-391-3677 or visit www.VCAgreenhaven.com

JFK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME: The John F. Kennedy High School Athletics Department will induct its first Hall of Fame class this spring in May, 2019. The school is looking for nominations of Cougar graduates, coaches, teams and athletic department contributors. The John F. Kennedy High School Athletics Hall of Fame is intended to recognize and honor those who have made a significant impact on the athletic community with their athletic achievements during high school or with exceptional effort and service to the John F. Kennedy High School athletic department. The Hall of Fame looks to reflect the proud history of John F. Kennedy High School, highlight the long-standing athletic success of the institution and recognize the importance of developing well-rounded individuals. Please contact Athletic Director, David Parsh at: david-parsh@scusd.edu for more information. To submit an nomination, visit https://jfk.scusd.edu/post/hall-fame-nomination-form

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

MEDICARE BENEFICIARY BRIGHTS & APPEALS: Learn why you should not write off Medicare to cover long term care and how to ensure you are receiving all the benefits available to you. There will be a discussion on how to appeal denials of care and the relationship between Medicare and Medicare Advantage and supplemental policies .Free of charge and pre-registration required. Class will be held Thursday October 25, 2018 from 1:30-2:30pm at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, call (916) 393-9026 ext 330 or www.acssv.org.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

PUPPETS AND CRAFTS - TUBBIN AND THE TURNIP

Puppets and Crafts: You are welcome to experience the Wildflower Forest Outdoor Preschool at the Camellia Waldorf School, 7450 Pocket Road, with puppets and crafts, led by Preschool Teacher Ms. Jennifer in our early childhood yard. Don't miss this FREE event!

Please RSVP to join Ms. Jennifer and her puppet players on an upcoming Friday, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., when they perform:

October 26th:

- Puppet - Halloween Wish,
- Craft – Pumpkin Planters

November 2nd:

- Puppet - Mother Earth's Autumn Garden
- Craft - TBD

If you have questions please contact Enrollment Director Sidonie Ospina at (916) 427-5022 or at sospina@camelliawaldorf.org

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

THE ANNUAL ELKS HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR will take place on Saturday, October 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's never too early to start your holiday shopping; and this annual craft fair is the perfect place to find quality, artisan gifts from local artists. Over 100 vendors will be displaying handmade crafts such as photography, ceramics, plant gifts, and other unique items for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Custom jewelry is always a big attraction and this year's designs should be a highlight. Visitors are encouraged to "shop til they drop" and then take a break at the Elks Bistro. Admission is free to shoppers. The Elks Lodge No. 6 is located at 6446 Riverside Blvd., near the intersection of Florin Road. For more information, contact Joyce Breen at 916-421-3601 or visit www.elks6.com.

HALLOWEEN COMICFEST – Free comics, games and activities for the whole family. Did we mention free comics? Costumes (family friendly, please) are encouraged but not required. Saturday, October 27, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

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LIBRARY FRIENDS TO HOST WAREHOUSE SALE: The Friends of the Sacramento Public Library are hosting a Warehouse Book Sale at the Book Den warehouse, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, on Saturday, November 3, 9 am to 4 pm. A preview for Friends members only is scheduled for Friday, November 2, 5 to 8 pm; nonmembers who wish to attend may join at the door for $20. Sale proceeds will benefit the Sacramento Public Library system. During the sale all hardback books will be priced at $2, trade paperbacks at $1 and pocket paperbacks at $.50. Audio books and children's books will also be available at bargain prices. The Book Den store, which specializes in modestly priced better books and is located at the same site, will be open the same hours with materials offered at regular prices. For more information, call 916-731-8493 or email bookden@saclibfriends.org. Regular Book Den store hours are 10 am to 2 pm on Thursdays and 10 am to 5 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Veterans with ID receive a 10% discount with all purchases.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

BLESSING OF THE VOTERS: Voter education, special attraction, blessing of voters, kids activities, bounce house, multicultural buffet. Noon to 1:30 p.m. at Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Drive.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6

ELECTION DAY

POP-UP BOOK SALE AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY : On Tuesday, November 6, the Belle Cooledge Library is having a Pop Up Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Book prices are $1 for hardbacks and 50 cents for tradeback and paperbacks. There will be plenty of children and holiday books. Fill up a grocery size bag for $5. No credit cards please. Belle Cooledge is located at 5600 South Land Park Drive.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

POCKET/GREENHAVEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING: It will be on Nov. 7th from 6-8 pm at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

2ND ANNUAL DANDELION ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

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Sponsored by the Sacramento Senator Lions Club, 9 a.m. to p.m. Sacramento Buddhist Church 2401 Riverside Blvd Sacramento, CA 95818. Free parking and admission. All profits from this event will support various community projects. For information about how the organization serves the community, visit, www.SacramentoSenatorLions.org, and for event information, email SenatorLionsEvents@gmail.com

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JAN. 1

NEW YEARS GATHERING: Friends of the Riverbanks invites you to this monthly event, which generally meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. (note there are exceptions so check the calendar), at Sutter's Landing Park at the VERY end of 28th Street in Sacramento. Bring water and sunblock, and a change of clothes for young ones who are sure to get sandy, muddy, and wet. Children under 13 must wear life jackets if they go into the water, per law. Leave your dogs at home and please bike, walk, or carpool if you can to keep our carbon footprint as small as possible. Directions: Head north on 28th Street, cross C Street and then the railroad tracks. Continue to the last parking lot where the park abuts the American River Parkway.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

DREAM VARIATIONS: A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: The Sacramento Youth Symphony presents a major community concert event celebrating the ongoing contributions by African-Americans to our country's artistic landscape. Musical selections will include celebrated works by Duke Ellington, William Grant Still, Emmy Award-winning composer John Wineglass, and much more. An impressive roster of special guests will join the orchestra on-stage for this special event. Some of our guests include: Emcee-Omari Tau; Speaker-Courtney Dempsey; Guest Artists-Jay Mason, Chase Spruill 4th, Indigo Moore, Julian Dixon, Leslie Sandefur, & Sheryl Counter. Tickets: General $25, Students/Children/Seniors $20. For more information, visit www.sacramentoyouthsymphony.org

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MUSIC AND MOTION AT BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER: 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. $3. 5699 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:
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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

WEDNESDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION GATHERING: Every Wednesday morning from 7 to 10 am., join neighbors at Cafe Latte, 7600 Greenhaven Drive, for conversation and fun. Find the group back near the piano.

"ALL IN" SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR – The Pocket Library will provide games, refreshments, conversation, and fun on the last Wednesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m.! Games available to play include poker, chess, Scrabble, checkers, Dominos, Mahjong, cribbage, and more! Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

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.

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.

JOB COACH APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT POCKET LIBRARY– Make an appointment to meet one-on-one with a volunteer job coach and get help with online job searching, using library databases, interviewing tips, resume writing, and more. For questions or to schedule an appointment, please ask at the library service desk or call 916-264-2920 during open hours. Appointment times are available for most Wednesdays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

TECH HELP APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT POCKET LIBRARY– Have a technology question or problem? Sign up for a one-on-one technology help session with our staff. We can help with basic computer, Internet or e-mail questions, and/or get you started with library services like e-books or e-magazines! Stop by the service desk or call 916-264-2920 during open hours to make an appointment. Appointment times are available for most Wednesdays between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Thursdays between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and Saturdays between 10 a.m. and noon, at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

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.

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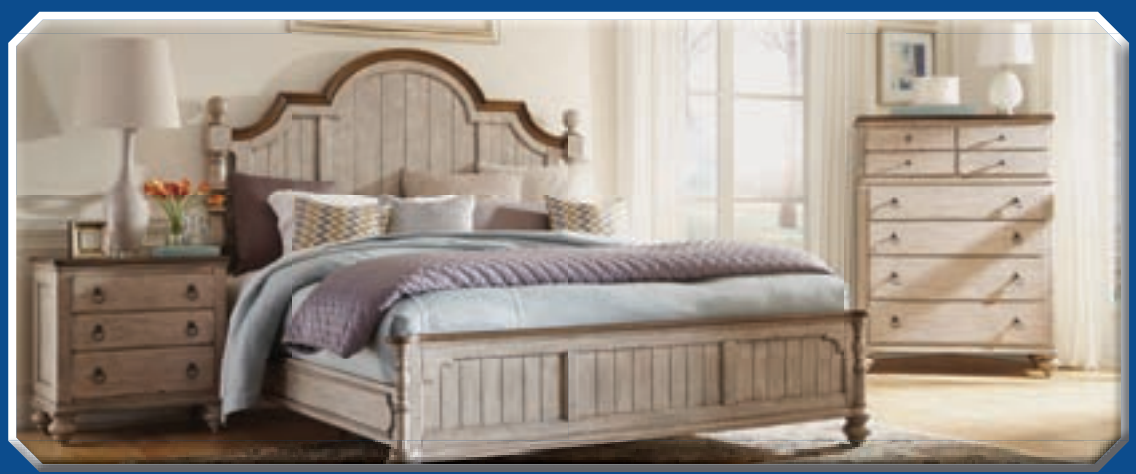

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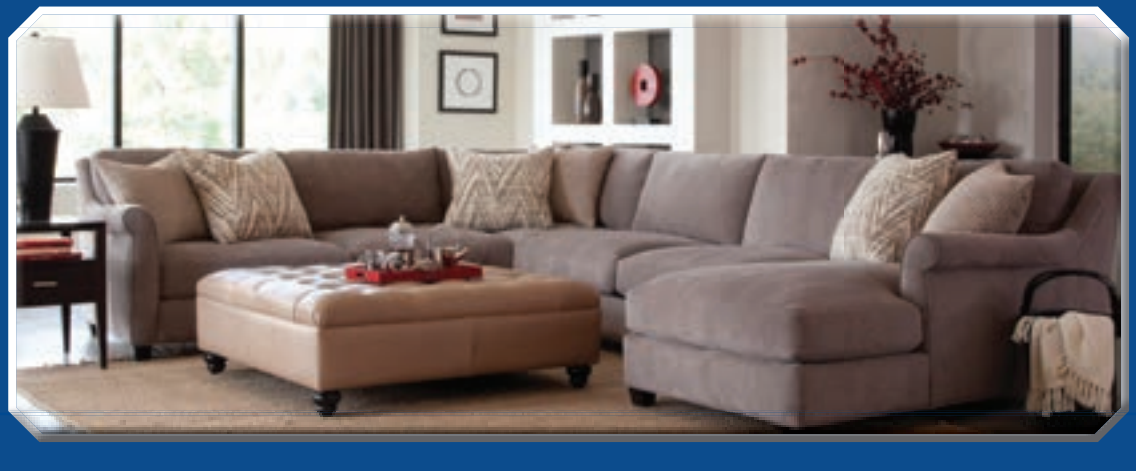

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