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Fireworks on the 4th started tree fire in the Pocket



By Joe Pefecto

Fireworks on the Fourth: it's a tradition as American as apple pie and all that—if not more so. Its intent is to commemorate our defeat of the British through the many battles of the Revolutionary War, in which much firepower was wielded by both sides. And that may well have been the spirit in which such holiday displays were presented in bygone days. But let's face facts: for donkey's years July 4 has mostly provided an excuse to blow stuff up, as loudly as possible—and everybody knows it. To paraphrase Nixon, let me be perfectly clear: the use of fireworks by private parties is an antiquated practice that when carried out in today's fire-prone California amounts to a senseless and demonstrably lethal game of chicken in which participants risk life, limb and property—both their own and those of others.

Having recently suddenly found myself an unwitting participant in this dangerous game, I unequivocally assert that this practice has got to stop.

Based on what I found in research as well as what I observed in my own neighborhood, a great many Sacramento residents took the Star Spangled Banner's "rocket's red glare, bombs bursting in air" lyric far too literally last July 4. From early afternoon through the wee hours the sky was filled with the sights and sounds of illegal pyrotechnics; it was as if the Society for Creative Anachronism had descended on the city and launched a large-scale reenactment of the British Navy's 1814 bombardment of Baltimore's Fort McHenry. Ear-bursting explosions continually punctuated the hours, echoing through the streets of the Greenhaven area.

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Seeking what shelter four walls could offer, I retreated to the living room in the rear of the house to take in a movie, leaving the patio door open to catch the evening's slight westerly breeze. Not long into the film I caught a whiff of wood smoke; glancing out at the patio, in the darkness I spotted live embers landing on the lawn. When I went to investigate I was immediately dumbfounded by the glare from a huge ball of fire that engulfed the nearest of three closely-spaced 80-foot Mediterranean Cypresses in the next yard to the west.

No sooner had I reentered the house to inform my housemate when chaos ensued. Someone machinegunned the doorbell; a young woman on the stoop excitedly told us of the fire I had just seen. I returned to the back yard and trained the hose on my month-old roof, trying to douse embers that landed there, but most were out of reach. There were multiple shouts from the next yard; people running in and out, jumping fences, climbing onto the roof. I briefly abandoned my post and went to the side of my house to throw the end of another hose over the fence, and someone hauled it up to the roof to water down the tree and maybe the roof; I don't really know as I was focused on my own tasks. (Later I learned that someone had taken my painter's ladder to access the roof, and apparently someone else (?) had climbed up there from a front patio wall as well. There were at least four hoses aimed at the fire—two or three of them from adjoining properties, some wielded by their residents.)

This frantic activity lasted for what seemed like 30 minutes before the flames relented ("Where's the (expletive) fire department???" I heard someone yell from the roof a while into the battle)—and it may have been that long. City fire services were spread thinly, responding to 73 fire-related calls alone between 7 p.m. Thursday and 1 a.m. Friday.

Department spokesperson Capt. Keith Wade said that this July 4 was even busier than the same date last year—and last year's holiday was among the busiest he'd ever seen. This may explain the delay—estimated by neighbors at 15-30 minutes—in the arrival of the crew from Fire Station 13, just one mile from here. Once on the scene, the crew found that the flames had largely died down; the remaining active spots were soon snuffed and fire retardant foam was applied to the area.

Wade also stated that most illegal firework activity occurs in the city's north and south areas—including Greenhaven/Pocket. Such activity continued apace throughout this incident,



Photos by Joe Perfecto

Possibly due in part to wind direction, the blaze that engulfed one tree did not jump to its neighbors.

and there can be little doubt, by all indications, that the fire was caused by an illegal incendiary launched from the street to the south.

The assembled neighbors lingered as the activity wound down; from one fellow who had been on the roof with hose in hand I learned that most parties involved in the effort were attending parties at neighboring homes. When I approached the homeowners, Keith and Kimberly Lee, as they pulled into the driveway hours later, it was only then that I realized that they had been at the fireworks show in Old Sacramento during the ordeal. I suddenly found myself in the role of informing them of the scene that awaited them.

The Lees moved here, coincidentally, on the July 4th weekend of 2000. They characterize their first decade of Fourths as quiet, but cannot speak to the rest; ever since their children stopped living at home, the Lees have always gone out for the holiday. 'Occasionally there might be illegal fireworks be-

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Western Nights: Annual Cabrillo Club BBQ to raise scholarship funds

By Sally King



Summertime, a great time for kicking back, enjoying the warm nights and when lucky, the cool delta breezes, makes for the best time to enjoy a delicious barbecue. Add mingling with good friends and live music and you have 'Western Nights.'

The Cabrillo Clubs 'Western Nights' event begins at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Cabrillo Civic Club located at 4605 Karbet Way.

The silent auction and no host cocktails begins at 5:30 p.m. and the barbecue tri-tip or chicken dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Spare Parts, a live band, will be performing after the dinner. The tickets are $25 per person and they must be ordered by July 26. Tickets will not be sold at the door. To order your tickets, please call Rachel Tatro at 916-396-3182.

Tatro, who is helping organize the event, said it started 20 years ago and was originally called, 'Aloha Night.' The proceeds from the dinner/auction are split between maintaining the clubhouse and providing scholarships for high school students. The scholarship amount is $500 and over 125 scholarships will be awarded in California. The criteria for the scholarship is the student must be of Portuguese descent, have at least a 3.50 grade point average and have participated in three extracurricular activities. The deadline for scholarship submission is March 10, 2020.

Last year, said Tatro, there were 12 recipients in the Sacramento area. Tatro sends a letter twice during the school year, in October and January, to all of the local high schools to let them know the scholarships are available.

Tatro said the 'Western Nights' event is a great way to raise money for scholarships.

"It's a wonderful event and we have many returning groups attend the dinner," Tatro remarked.

Gui Sequiera, who volunteers her time in the kitchen and the silent auction, said, "It's an all-day event for me. The music this year is being performed by the 'Spare Parts,' everybody loves their music!" She added they play oldies but goodies. Sequiera has been a member of the club for 20 years and has volunteered at this event for the last 15 years.

"A lot of people enjoy coming to this event because of the live band, the auction and the excellent barbecue," said club president, Scott Costa, a long time member and who has served as club president five or six times and is a past state president for the club.

Tatro said the silent auction always has great items to bid on and a favorite for those who attend, enjoy bidding on many of the wonderful homemade desserts that are part of the auction.

Tatro wants to make sure folks know it is not a requirement to be of Portuguese descent to come. She added they do not accept credit cards, so, please bring cash. Tatro mentioned the Cabrillo Club also sponsors other events throughout the year and the money goes to different charities such as the local food bank.

The Cabrillo Club is looking forward to a successful evening.

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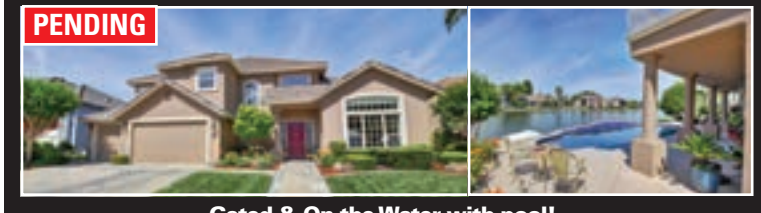

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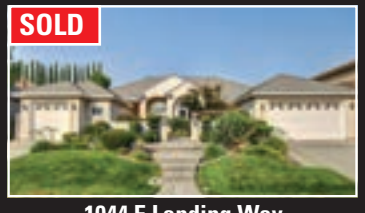

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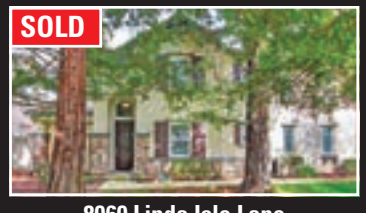

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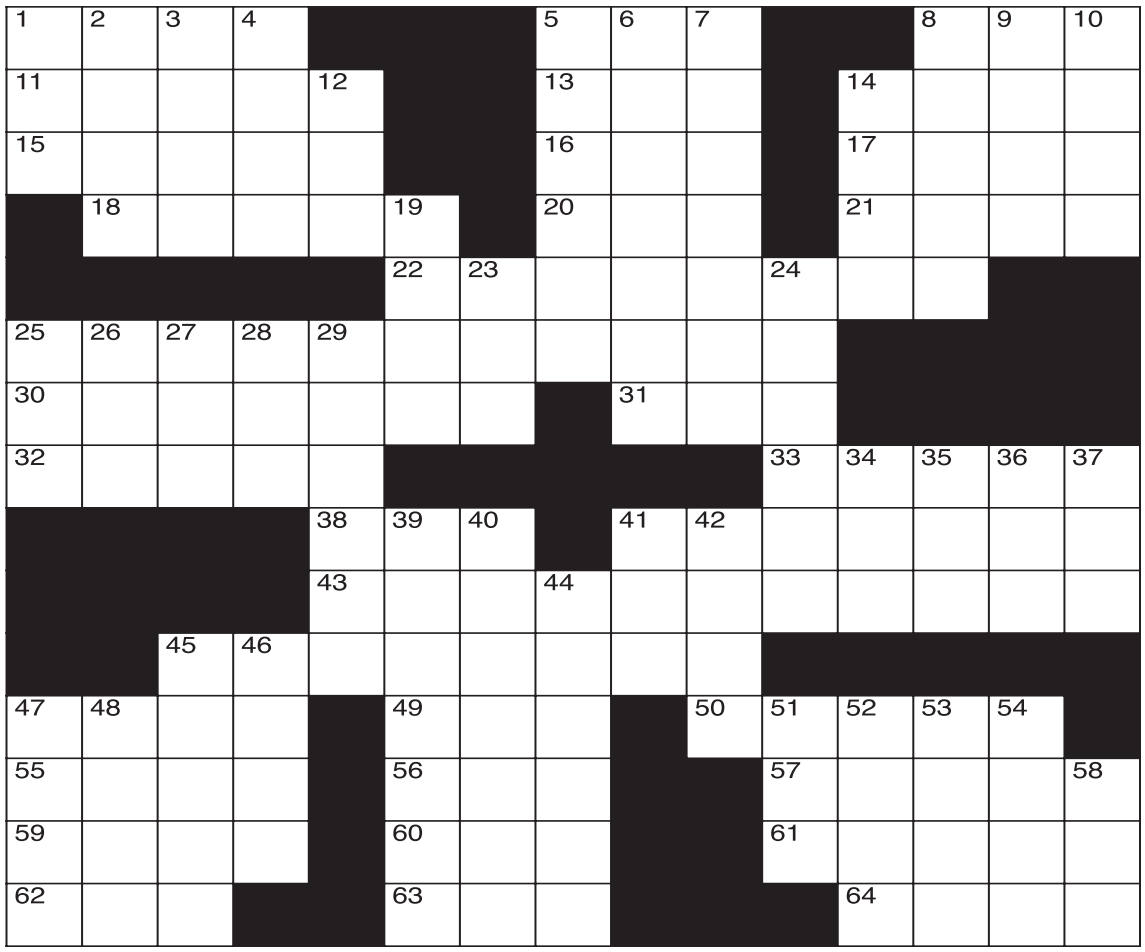

CLUES ACROSS

1. Social reformer Lucretia
5. Engine additive
8. Where draft beer comes from
11. Skin lesions
13. Denoting one or more things
14. Beloved dish
15. Packaging allowances
16. Surrounds the earth
17. Expresses pleasure
18. "For goodness __!"
20. Liquefied natural gas
21. Paul __, Swiss painter
22. Benign tumors
25. In an early way
30. Covered with wood
31. Principle underlying the universe
32. Message
33. Become dry through heat
38. Printing speed measurement
41. One who does not succeed
43. Type of agent
45. Type of waste
47. Wings
49. Giants' signal caller
50. Polio vaccine developer
55. Congo native
56. Mortal is one type
57. Fishing vessel (Naut.)
59. Ethnic group of Thailand
60. Where golfers begin
61. Western Florida city
62. Belonging to us
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Influential Israeli diplomat

CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain Time
2. Int'l political organization (abbr.)
3. Olympic champion Lipinski
4. March
5. Less fresh
6. Reduced in size
7. Garden archway
8. Professional translators group (abbr.)
9. Type of pain
10. What to do for the cameras
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Bangladeshi monetary unit
19. Satisfy
23. Flop
24. Nearsightedness
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
27. Midway between northeast and east
28. Swedish castle
29. War-ravaged Syrian city
34. American model Carol
35. Bitterly regret
36. Grand __: superior grade wine
37. Of she
39. Clergymen
40. Ringwald and Shannon are two
41. Daze
42. Scores perfectly
44. More narcissistic
45. Fencing sword
46. Highest point
47. In addition
48. Hawaiian feast
51. Appropriate under the circumstances
52. Hillside
53. Metrical foot
54. Winemaking region
58. Someone

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Drama and destruction at Bing Maloney





By Chago Saldana

So I had a real long and eventful morning on July 7 at my job and this has never happened out of my four years working there. I'm a cart/range attendant at Bing Maloney Golf Course. That morning at 5:45 a.m., we caught three juveniles with hoodies sneak into the cart barn and stole a player assistant cart (which goes faster than the others) and somehow crashed it into a tree along one of the fairways. They fled while my co worker and I chased them down. They ruined this cart bad and it definitely got my heart racing. And that's not even the worst part.

Two and 1/2 hours later, they come again (the same 3 boys) around 8 a.m. This time one of the marshals who patrols the course caught one of the boys in a random cart and took off when he was trying to take a picture of him. They drove off toward hole #12 which is right next to an open field with a school and park right next to it. We have a few holes in the fence where it is wide enough to drive right through. But they ditched the cart right as soon as my co worker was right behind them. My co-worker took a video on his phone of the second chase. It's not good quality footage but you can definitely see three young boys recklessly driving. This cart was not damaged as badly as the first one but they ended up stealing a key and that concerns me a lot.

The police were called and caught the boys right after the second incident and one of the juveniles was taken into booking for a warrant. All of them were around the ages of 14-16 years of age. I pray and hope that these boys will have learned a lesson after today, because next time it won't be a golf cart. We got to start caring more for our youth because they are the future.

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Sac Youth Band boasts a history of talented musicians





Photos by Joe Perfecto

The Sacramento Youth Band performed a live concert at their fireworks booth on Saturday, June 29 on the grounds of Parkside Community Church, 35th Avenue and South Land Park Drive. The band is celebrating 62 years as a youth music organization in the Sacramento area.

By Joe Perfecto

It wasn't a concert in the park, technically, but rather *on* the Park—South Land Park Drive, that is. To be precise, SLP at 35th Ave.—the site of the Parkside Community Church compound, which was the venue for the 12th annual Community BBQ and Sacramento Youth Band (SYB) Concert on June 29. Attendees enjoyed barbecued franks, a wide variety of side dishes and desserts, and an assortment of tunes performed by about 40 members of SYB's Concert, Traditional Jazz and Junior components, all at no charge. The program featured a gamut of arrangements that, of course, included a few patriotic numbers in keeping with the upcoming holiday.

In addition to offering views of the performance from both sunny and shaded grassy seating areas, the expansive church grounds have also served as the site of the SYB fireworks stand for the duration of the concert series. Among the first organizations in the county to operate a stand, SYB has been doing so for 56 years. Beginning in 1963, the stand was located at the then-new South Hills Shopping Center across from the church. This arrangement came to a sudden halt after more than 40 years with the arrival of a new property manager who made it clear that the stand was no longer welcome.

"Of course, this came about three weeks before the opening of the fireworks stand," recalled band president Mike Duffek. There followed a frantic search for a new site close by. Since as a youngster Duffek had attended catechism classes at Parkside and was familiar with the site, he decided to approach the pastor. Thus began a synergistic relationship in which SYB makes an annual contribution to the church coffers in exchange for a high-visibility spot on the street. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from any sale to a patron who mentions Parkside is given to the church. "Over the years, Parkside

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has been a gracious host and partner," Duffek said.

This partnership might even be described as a "heavenly" one, with the possible exception of one "hellish" incident. About a dozen years ago the fireworks supplier was changing brands from Red Devil to TNT. To their amusement and possible chagrin, church staff discovered that a Red Devil stand—complete with pitchfork—had been raised on the church grounds. Duffek received a call from the Parkside secretary informing him of the ironic juxtaposition, shortly followed by one from the pastor, who said, "There are devils on my front lawn!" Duffek put in a call to the distributor and within an hour devil and pitchfork were, uh, exorcized as the stand was rebranded with TNT signage.

Being a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation, SYB relies on such fundraisers as fireworks sales, spaghetti feeds and an ice cream concession stand at the Hot Jazz Jubilee—as well as donations—to sustain operations. While such revenue sources do enable SYB's concert, jazz, marching and junior bands to keep jamming, with a modest $36k annual budget, this is still a frugal operation. Many of the instruments are battle-worn—some of them even dating from the band's 1957 inception.

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Yet despite their age and varying states of wear, the brass, winds and percussion still make the mellifluous grade in the hands of the band's skilled young performers, as they did on that late June afternoon. And while the Parkside audience was modest, the performers exhibited the same effort and concentration they do at much larger events such as parades (Constitution Day, Pocket neighborhood July 4, Salinas Rodeo, Veterans Day Parade, Portuguese festas) and annual holiday concerts in San Francisco.

This is due in no small degree to staff such as Senior Concert Band director Vincent Salvitti, a CSUS senior who has been with the band for about a decade. Salvitti, who plans to pursue a career in music, has held the directorship for four years. "When we needed to find another band director we didn't have to look too far," Duffek said. "He is undoubtedly one of the best directors we have had in our 62 year history." The painstaking manner in which Salvitti conducts a pre-performance program run-through lends solid support to that claim.

The Parkside concert was SYB's 14th performance of the year, but a few more are scheduled. Information about future events, practice times and locations, and the band in general is available at https://syb.myevent.com/; band president Duffek can be contacted at theduffeks@aol.com and prospective patrons are invited to send donations to PO Box 160552, Sacramento, 95816.







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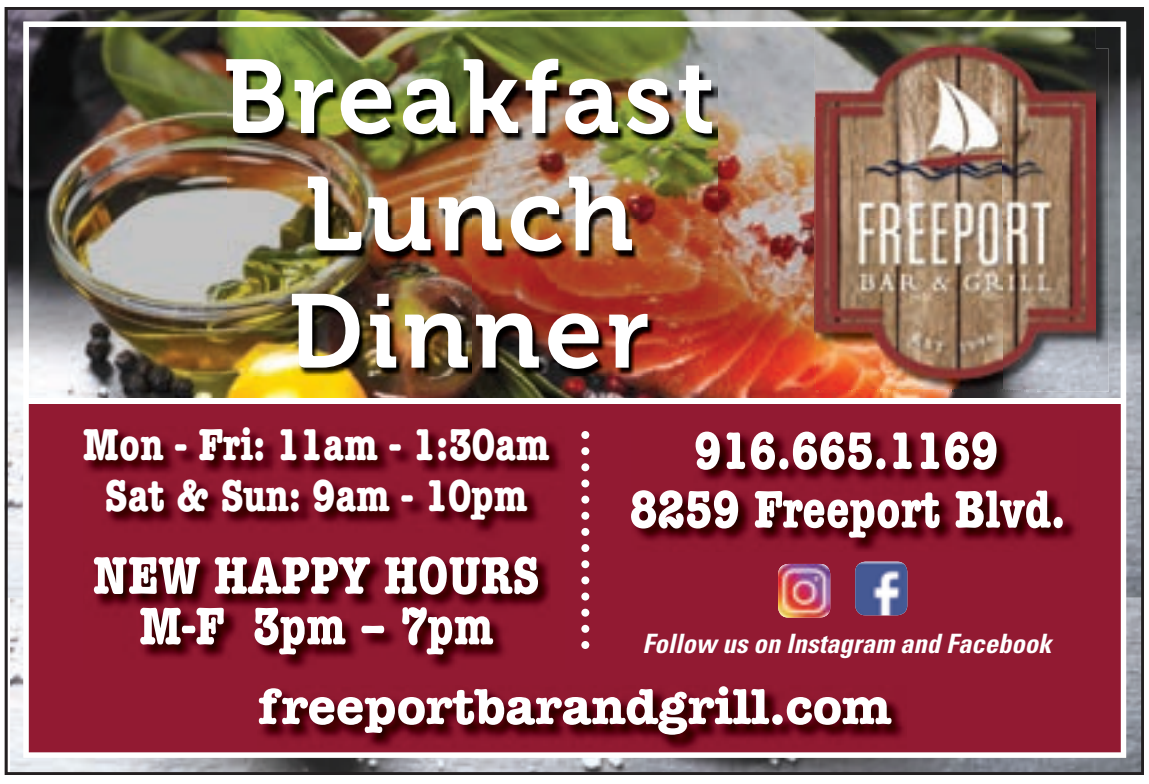

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Photos by Stephen Crowley

Because the fourth of July parade in the Pocket is arguably the biggest event of the year in the Pocket neighborhood, photos are in abundance. The parade, which was MC'd by Matias Bombal, ended at Garcia Bend Park where a pet costume contest was held. Additionally, the following were honored for their work in the community.

Jimmy Yee - Mr. Yee is a former City Councilmember, County Supervisor and Mayor of Sacramento, and was selected as Grand Marshal to honor his lifetime of contributions to our city.

Joan Gorfain was honored as a Legacy Awardee for her long-time contribution to the quality of life in the Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood.

Pastor Mike Higley, Brenda Williams, Linda Pohl and Kathy Garcia were honored as Legacy Awardees for their many years of organizing the 4th of July Parade and Festival.

Elett Ricks Chambers was honored as a Legacy Awardee for her long-time contribution to youth in our community.

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When she started Kindergarten, Casey Lee joined Girl Scout Troop #569 as a Daisy and has continued through the levels of Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and is now an Ambassador Girl Scout.

A John F. Kennedy High School junior, Casey has earned her Bronze Award and Silver Award. Currently, she is in the process of earning her Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn (equivalent to a Boy Scout's Eagle Award).

For the past year, she has been working on her Gold Award project to meet the Girl Scouts of America's requirements for this high honor. The 12-step process includes addressing an issue within the community and providing a self-sustaining solution while completing an 80-hour project. After researching, Casey chose to focus on the lack of literacy based in communities where it may be harder for children to have the opportunity to learn how to read. This passion comes from Casey's love of reading and her family's focus on education. She then paired up with My Sister's House, a local non-profit organization and has spent months building a library and collecting children's books. To spread awareness about the lack of literacy in these communities, Casey developed a power point presentation that she has shown to various groups, including the leaders in the Girl Scout Land Park Service Unit and two clubs at her school.

My Sister's House mission statement is "To serve Asian and Pacific Islander and other underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven, job training, and community services."

Administrative Assistant Samantha Hom commented that the library Casey created for the children affected by domestic violence will allow them access to the resources they need to read and her hard work is evident with the thoughtfulness in the selection of children's books included. Hom adds, "The separated section of Asian-cultured books aligns with our mission to provide culturally appropriate services." The library provides a space for the children to wait while their mothers are receiving legal, counseling, housing, and case management services. The new library provides a space that helps reduce the anxiety and tension the children might be feeling.

If you would like to donate gently used or new books, an easy way to support Casey's project and My Sister House is by dropping off books at the on-going book drive located at My Sister's Café, 455 Capitol Mall #110, Sacramento, CA 95814. More information about My Sister's House is at: http://www.my-sisters-house.org.





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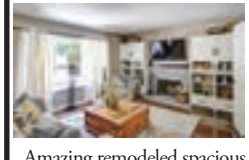

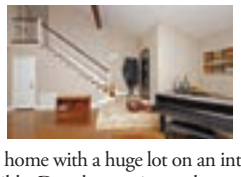



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A charred tree stretches skyward behind a gazebo cover ravaged by floating embers.

Fire:

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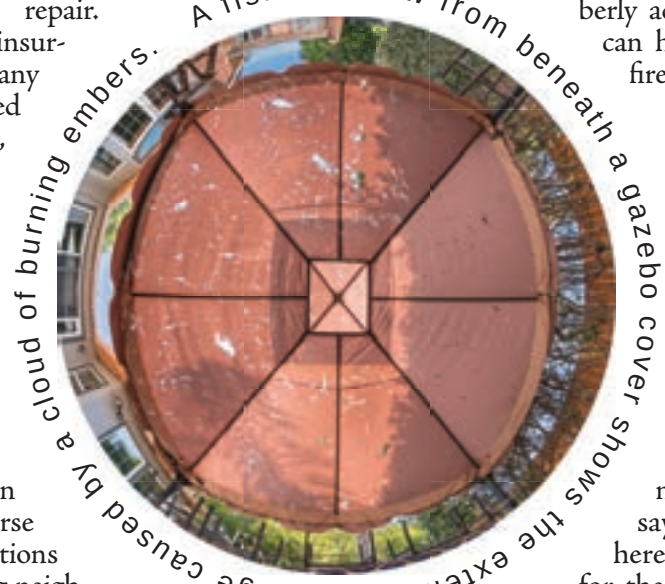
ing lit in the park, in the baseball field," Kimberly said. "You may hear an M-80 or something," Keith added. "We were probably the only ones on the street who had fireworks for a number of years, because most people here were elderly."

The damage was substantial enough: melted webbing on patio chairs, burned chair cushions, one tree charred and two singed, singed shrubs, a destroyed gazebo cover, a roof section needing repair. And of course, insurance won't cover any of the estimated $4,000 cost. Plus, there was a hapless victim—a squirrel was found the next morning with burns to its nose, paws and tail (City Animal Control retrieved it). But it could have been much, much worse if not for the actions of quick-thinking neighbors who fought the flames until firefighters arrived—and, clearly, fickle Lady Fate.

Keith's 83-year-old mother, who lives on-site, was not at home. The Lees' little dog, Milton, did not escape or even freak out. The asphalt roof on which numerous embers settled was, until five years ago, and aged shake one—which would have spelled disaster for the home beneath it and quite possibly neighboring structures. Plus, the Mediterranean Cypress is not very fire resistant; an easterly wind would surely have carried the fire to the two other trees and beyond. "[The fire] could easily have gotten to the house; the tree is probably 10 feet away," Kimberly said. "The [embers] could have created a fire [in materials on the patio] that spread to the neighbors [on all sides]."

Of course, the dangers connected to use of illegal fireworks—and even the "safe and sane" class—have always been there; this is not the first blaze such products have caused. But the demand for these outlawed items appears to have largely increased in recent times. While the city's Fireworks Mitigation Task Force seized more than 800 pounds and made multiple arrests between June 1 and July 5, based on the amount of illegal firework activity seen in the area, the logical conclusion is that 800 pounds is barely a drop in the bucket. "My sense is that people feel that there are more illegal fireworks [than in earlier times]," Kimberly said.



"[W]ith all the fires we have in California, we don't need to have fireworks," Kimberly said. "We went to the Pocket parade earlier that day and were talking to Councilmember Jennings, and he said that they used to have them at Garcia Bend but they stopped having them because of the fire issues—the neighbors didn't want it. So it seems that people are moving toward not wanting fireworks anymore. And now I know why."

"There are enough fireworks shows around [for] people [to] get enjoyment without lighting their own; I would advocate and vote for a law [banning them]," she added.

But what would be the real-world effect of such legislation, given that products already outlawed are still in widespread use? "It may not completely eliminate it, but it'll reduce it enough so that the fire department isn't called however many times they were called that night," Kimberly said. Keith agreed that there would be a decrease but acknowledged that the black market would not disappear. "But there'll be less, because they'll be pointed out more," Kimberly added. "[Currently] you can hide [among] the legal fireworks."

Perhaps the most maddening aspect of such incidents is the difficulty of identifying the guilty party. "Every time I've told this story, people say, well, did they catch who had the illegal fireworks?" Kimberly said. "Who's gonna come forward and say, oh, it was my kids—here, we'll pay the $4,000 for the damage." Directly affected homeowners are not the only victims, of course; as those fire calls are funded by our tax dollars, everyone is impacted to some degree.

"I have participated in the Pocket/Greenhaven Neighborhood Association, and I'm wondering if they've been approached—if it's been a topic there or within other neighborhood associations," Kim said. "Because a lot of times things like that start at the grass-roots level."

Perhaps by the time next year's national Excuse to Blow Things Up Day rolls around, things will have changed for the better. But in the all-too-likely event that they don't, here's a word of advice to all who plan to again perpetrate such reckless behavior: you'd better be really sneaky about it, because we'll be looking for you.

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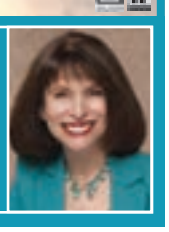

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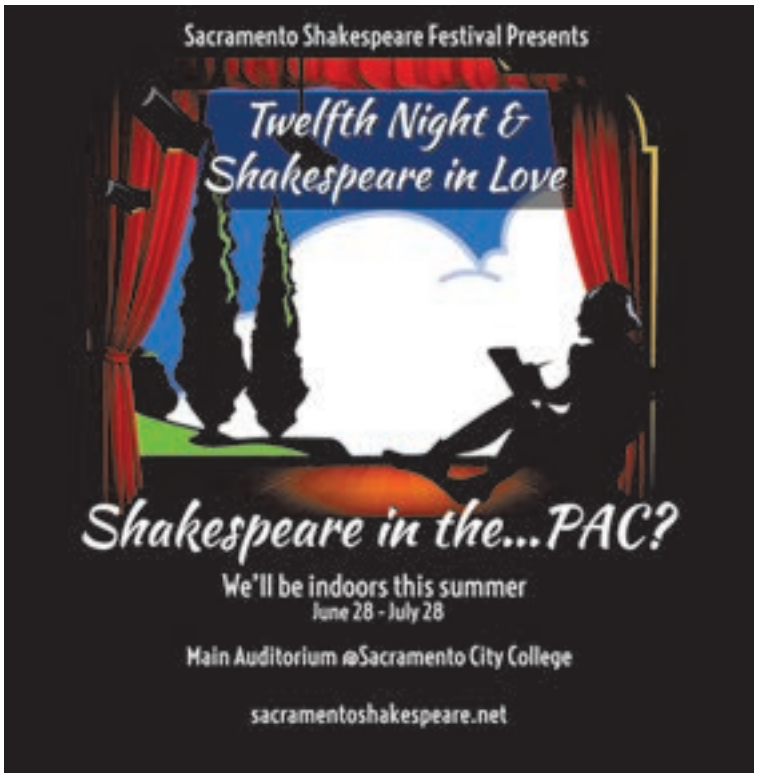

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP: Every first Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: Is your friend or family member in a domestic violence, sexual assault, or human 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.

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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 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:
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

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.

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. and Saturdays between 11 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.

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

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

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