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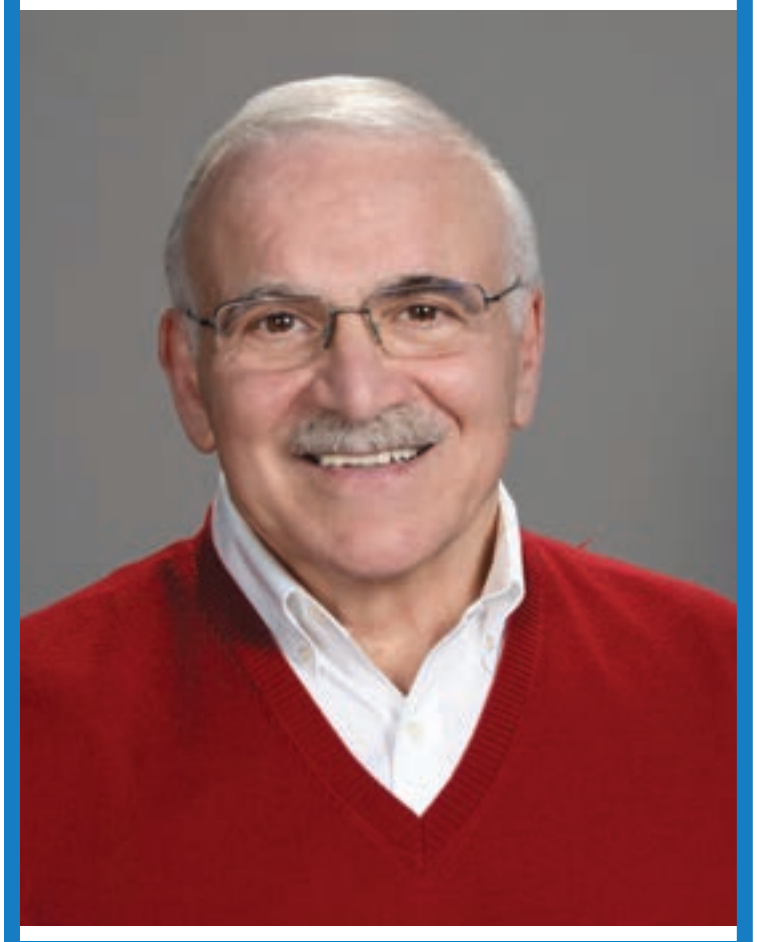

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Parkside Community Church has a long history in South Land Park



"Seeking asylum in America today" is the theme of a church lawn display featuring two chicken-wire cages, one enclosing figures of Joseph and Mary and the other surrounding baby Jesus in a crib, symbolizing the plight of the numerous families separated by US Customs at the southern border. A tally board displaying the total number of children so separated was removed once reliable figures were no longer obtainable.

Joe Perfecto

Formed as a progressive, multiracial congregation in 1957, the church initially operated out of the garage of Rudy and Ann Volz. Once the parsonage for the first pastor was built on Canby Way near Riverside Blvd at Volz Dr., services were held in its garage. After several years, the parsonage was razed when Riverside was shifted eastward to accommodate I-5; the church moved to facilities that had been recently completed at the present location of 5700 S. Land Park Dr.

Shortly after Parkside's formation, a new denomination was itself forming from the union of two Protestant denominations, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. Known as the United Church of Christ (UCC), it was based on seven elements of Protestantism that were so aligned with Parkside's philosophy of diversity and all-inclusiveness, Parkside established an affiliation with UCC that has spanned three generations.

The harmony characterizing those six decades of relations between Parkside and the Land Park community was literally shattered last summer when the church became the target of apparent hate crimes including theft and vandalism, which from all indications were in protest of Parkside's anti-establishment stances on social issues including the LGBTQ community, Black Lives Matter and US Customs' treatment of immigrants.

The harmony was admittedly not perfect; the church has for some time received expressions of disagreement, typically via E-mail and Facebook. The office has also had the occasional visitor who stops by to register a complaint. But such visits were civil, until a recent incident in which one visitor, who objected to the pride flag flying over the church lawn, verbally abused and threatened the administrative assistant.

This flag, which was first raised in early June, seems to be

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at the center of the hate crimes that punctuated the summer months. It began to disappear, going AWOL twice in one week during July and several more times, prompting the church to put the message "Please stop stealing our flag" on its marquee.

"We just kept replacing the flag. We have wonderful parishioners who just 'speed-dial' Amazon and order another," said co-pastor Rev. Bonnie Rambob, who leads the congregation in tandem with Rev. Elizabeth Griswold. "We just keep using zip ties to secure it and try to make it as difficult as possible."

Then one Sun. night the situation escalated. "Somebody threw a rock through a glass door of our sanctuary as well as a glass door of the Montessori school," Rambob said. "It must have happened late because there were people here until 9:30-10:00. Mon. morning when the preschool teachers came to school they found their glass door shattered, with a rock that was half way across the room." The rock that shattered the sanctuary door at the other side of the compound was hurled with enough force to leave a small crater in a wall some 15' inside. Although insurance covers part of the roughly $1,000 for repairs, the deductible will have to come out of the church budget.

Written messages were found shortly after. "We saw these notes that were taped [to] all sides of the sanctuary, quoting Job chapter 41 verse 43—although there isn't a verse 43; probably verse 34 is what the person meant," Rambob said. The notes read, "Job 41:43—He is the king over all the children of PRIDE."

"It's clearly a criticism of our vision of pride," Rambob said. "Our stance is that God has made people of all different gender identities—sexualities—in God's image, and that folks are blessed and perfect the way that they are made. This person was opposing that idea."

"It's hard to know what the person intended; that's a very unusual way to state one's opinion against pride," Rambob said. "But, in Job 41 there's this conversation that God has with Job about the Leviathan—this sea monster—and the Leviathan is the one being referred to here; he is the king over all the children of pride. In some Christian interpretations of that, the Leviathan is sort of conflated with Satan, so I'd have to assume that's what the intention was behind putting that particular verse on the paper."

"The flag eventually will probably come down as we enter the holiday season—there'll be other things that we'll want to emphasize—but for now we are going to continue to make sure that it's up."

Another display that's attracted attention is a "nativity scene" consisting of figures of Joseph and Mary enclosed in a chicken-wire cage, a second, distant cage containing baby Jesus in a cradle and a sign that reads "Seeking asylum in America today." The UCC dubbed the display "a visual statement of solidarity with immigrant families."

"We've had provocative social justice messages out—we are a community that thinks that's important," Rambob said. "Like, our nativity scene that continues to be out there, and various messages on the marquee; we've had a Black Lives Matter banner up—and we've never experienced any property damage as a result [until now]."

In the context of the many attacks on houses of worship across the country that have occurred in the past decades, the incidents at Parkside are relatively minor. "I think we've been pretty fortunate overall; just down the street [at the B'nai Israel] on Riverside, they've had a firebomb in their sanctuary," Rambob said. "So in terms of Sacramento-area attacks on faith houses, there have been some. We've been fortunate to not have been attacked until now. And it's really—nobody's hurt; two broken windows. So we wanna keep that in perspective."

Despite the recent incidents and the real possibility that more will follow, Rambob stated that the church will "just continue to do what we do and be who we are, and pray that whoever is doing it stops. As a community, we are unmoved in our stance."

Community response has been overwhelmingly positive. "A little preschooler drew a picture of rainbows and flags and wrote a little note saying I love rainbows, and his family said, we'll also help buy a flag if needed. We've got a lot of neighborhood support for what we're trying to do, which is spread the news of God's love for everybody. Most of the people are really supportive."

In a possibly related incident, the door on a storage container in the parking area was removed by sawing through the hinges, bringing total repair costs to near $4,000.

Individuals wishing to provide information regarding these or any other incidents occurring within the city limits can do so anonymously by filling out a form at https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Police/Contact/Crime-Tips.



Co-pastors Elizabeth Griswold (L) and Bonnie Rambob hold drawings made by a student of the on-site Montessori school in response to the criminal incidents at Parkside. One sheet bears the phrases "love is love" and "we love you" and features rainbows that echo the colors of Parkside's "pride flag," which thieves have removed several times.

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Pocket, Land Park centenarians honored at special event



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Centenarians, most of whom are from the Pocket and Land Park areas, gather at an event held in their honor on Sept. 14.



Photo by Steve Crowley
Land Park resident Tomako Mori shows off her decorated wheelchair at the event.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Fifteen centenarians from mostly the Pocket and Land Park areas were celebrated during a special event held last week.

The gathering, which drew a large crowd at the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation in Elk Grove, was presented by the Pocket area's ACC Senior Services.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of Keys to the City to the attending centenarians by a representative of the office of Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg. One of the honored guests was unable to attend the event.

Among the highlighted centenarians was Pocket area resident Fran Jaksich, who was impressed by the number of people at the event who were born 100 years ago or more.

"I have never even seen 20 or 10 or five (centenarians at the same time)," she said. "I didn't know there were that many around."

Jaksich was asked to share her secret to longevity.

"It's a hard thing," she said. "I think just being (healthy). Take care of your body."

Those who know Jaksich the best also recognize her positive attitude. One of her close friends told this paper that Jaksich just "loves life and everything is fun and happy."

Jaksich, who was born as the youngest child of Albert and Bessie Lueth on Feb. 1, 1919, grew up on a ranch in Sutter County.

As a teenager, she earned 33 1/3 cents per hour working at roadside orange juice stand operator in Roseville. She later came to Sacramento, where she was hired to work at the Capital National Bank.

She was married to Jerry Jaksich in 1942 and has two children: John Jaksich and Barbara Mikacich.

Mikacich recognized the importance of celebrating the lives of centenarians.

"It really is an honor, it really is," she said. "I don't know how many of us are going to reach 100."

Another centenarian, Land Park resident Tomako Mori, was born in Loomis and partially raised on a 100-acre fruit farm in Lincoln. She was one of seven children.

On that farm, the family handpicked fruit and hauled it via horse-drawn buggies.

Mori's father was born in Hiroshima, and would return to his native country on occasions to assist with the care of his family's property.

Mori lived in Japan during her junior high and high school years, and during that time, she learned how to arrange flowers.

With her dual citizenship, Mori also worked for the U.S. federal government as an interpreter.

Because she was still living in Japan during World War II, Mori was not placed in a wartime Japanese internment camp.

"I was in Japan," she said. "I had a rough time in Japan, because I was born (in the United States). I couldn't do

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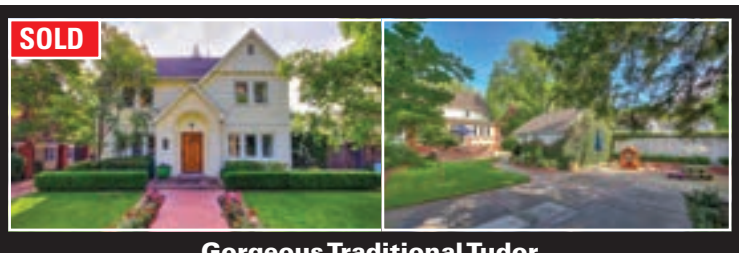
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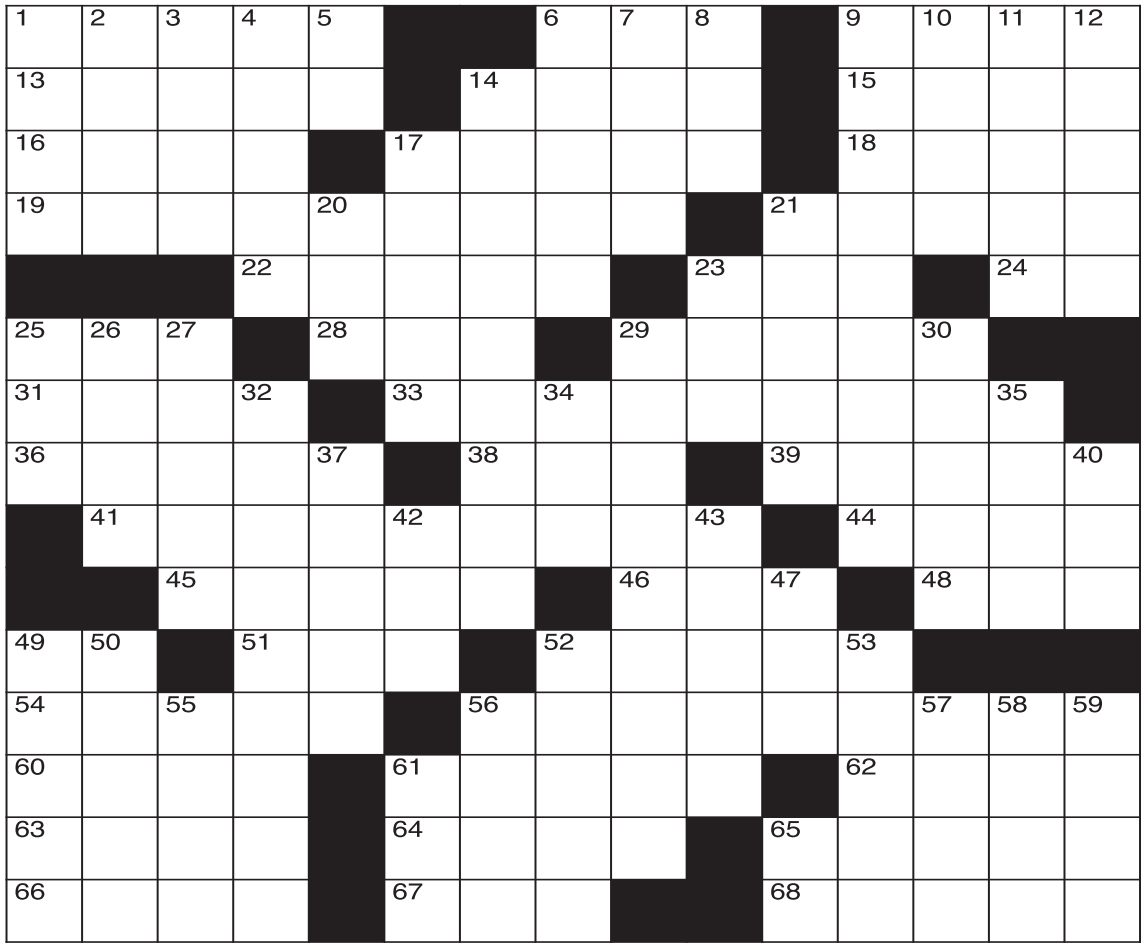

CLUES ACROSS

1. Fertile desert spots
6. Married woman
9. Some animals travel in one
13. Fear
14. Hawaiian island
15. Fit to work
16. Electronic counter-countermeasures
17. Former Senator Specter
18. Cambodian currency
19. Dave Matthews Band hit
21. Lists ingredients
22. Endangered antelope
23. Jerry's TV partner
24. Blue grass state
25. Obstruct
28. Luke's mentor __-Wan
29. Fencing swords
31. Oh, heavens!
33. Insensitive to changes in price
36. Hillsides
38. Brew
39. Gland secretion
41. A typical example
44. Get up
45. You put it on your pasta
46. Expresses surprise
48. News organization
49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)
51. One millionth of a gram
52. Some are of the "suit" variety
54. Group of organisms
56. Produces
60. Passage into a mine
61. __ and cheeses
62. Semitic fertility god
63. Dry or withered
64. Religious ceremony
65. __ Winger, actress
66. German river
67. Midway between northeast and east
68. Take something or somebody somewhere

CLUES DOWN

1. Lyric poems
2. Genus of saltwater clams
3. Ingroup
4. Type of lounge chair
5. Memory card
6. Archipelago
7. Common Korean surname
8. It's up there
9. Quantity that helps to define
10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
11. Metal-headed golf club
12. A shade of green
14. Begin
17. A good thing to have
20. Language spoken in Laos
21. Loosely compacted sediment
23. Naturally occurring protein
25. Woman
26. Central Indian city
27. Volcanic craters
29. The largest existing land animals
30. Rumanian city
32. Equal to 10 meters
34. Historic Nevada city
35. A point of transition
37. Remove
40. Overwatch character
42. Records electric currents linked to the heart
43. Settles in calmly
47. Partner to his
49. Banking giant
50. Slowly disappeared
52. End
53. Sword with a v-shaped blade
55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
56. Wild cherry tree
57. Traditional Japanese socks
58. Make of your hard work
59. Stony waste matter
61. Woman (French)
65. Unit of loudness

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anything. They had eyes on me. They thought I was a spy. I don't know anything about (being a spy)."

Mori recalled nearly being killed by a piece of a warplane that fell from the sky during World War II.

"Airplanes were shot up in the air and fell into pieces, and all of the pieces started to fall on the ground," she said. "(One piece) almost hit me. It was that close, coming from the sky. (Someone said), 'Look out, look out, look out.' And good thing I didn't move, because (it) was coming right after me. That was in Osaka in 1942."

Another approach to survival was Mori and her family's decision to not hide away in bombing shelters. She mentioned that the shelters were the first places that were bombed during raids.

Mori added that following the war, she returned to the United States with her father, her mother and two of her brothers.

"They wouldn't let you (return to the United States during wartime)," she said.

Fast forwarding in her life, she has grown to have a large family, and a very fulfilling life.

"I feel so great," Mori said. "I can't (believe) I'm 100 years old."

While sitting next to her father, Nai Chin "Nelson" Koo, Teacy Koo described what it is like to have a father who has lived for 100 years.

"It's a journey for sure," she said. "Now he lives with me. It's quite a job to take care of an old dad, but I love him."

Nelson, who was born in the Zhejiang province of China was the son of a medical doctor.

He studied agriculture in college and eventually became an expert in tea production.

During the 1970s, he was sent to Bolivia by the United Nations and the Taiwan government to work on the development of tea plantations and other crops.

He came to the United States following his retirement, and he currently lives in Orangevale.

Nelson shared his secret to longevity.

"I eat, sleep, rest, work hard, and help others," he said. "I'm happy every day, all the time."

Ted Fong, director of development for ACC Senior Services, said that he discovered that all of the honored centenarians are generally happy about their lives.

"Even though, learning from their children, many of them had very difficult lives and difficult family situations, when they look back, it was all worth it," he said. "It's amazing."

Fong placed great emphasis on the support that these centenarians receive from their families.

"I think the strong family support is a big deal, and you saw that by the turnout of the families (at the event)," he said. "There's a big correlation between family support, socialization, getting seniors out of isolation that really contributes to them living longer, lasting longer, living happier."

Fong noted that it is ACC Senior Service's intention to not only hold this event on an annual basis, but to also increase its size every year. And he added that it should become easier to find more centenarians in Sacramento County as the years go by.

"There are 75,000 centenarians in the U.S.," he said. "That number will grow to 600,000 by mid-century. At this rate, 40% of the residents at ACC Care Center will be centenarians. One can only imagine how big the celebration will be at the 66th annual care center fundraiser in 2050."



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Land Park centenarian Tomako Mori, in wheelchair, dances among others at the event.

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Sacramento's School of Engineering and Sciences celebrated opening of new building







Photos by Stephen Crowley

The School of Engineering and Sciences celebrated the completion of the new Engineering Building on Thursday, Aug. 22. School staff provided tours for the public and school community to see the new facility and state-of-the-art equipment that students will be using this school year.

The new School of Engineering and Science (SES) Engineering Lab is now becoming a reality thanks to the help of some grant funding.

Ground was broken on Monday, November 26, 2018 with an excavator, scrapper and loader arriving at SES. This project is being funded through the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG) which Sacramento City Unified School District has been receiving over the past three years.

SES is the largest of the three projects that have been funded with the CTEIG money. The purchase of specialty equipment for these projects is also part of the grant funding. Max Medina of WLC Architects designed the project and Jefferson Yu is the Project Manager.

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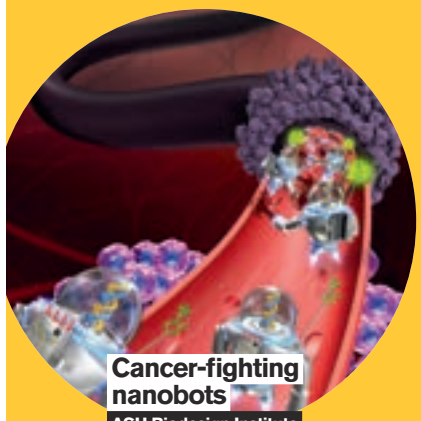

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‘La Lucha: Convergence of Identity’ opens at the Latino Center of Art + Culture



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Andres Alvarez, unmasked

By Monica Stark

Conceived by noted longtime Latino Center of Art and Culture photographer, Andres Alvarez, a new interactive exhibition, “La Lucha: Convergence of Identity,” will examine through the lens of Lucha Libre what identities we are given--and what we choose.

This first-time exhibition at the Latino Center of Art and Culture, 2700 Front St., opens Saturday, Sept. 21 with a reception from 6 to 11 p.m., and will run through Dec. 21.

“There is a family story that there were luchadores (Mexican wrestlers) in the room when my brother-in-law was born. And I thought that was beautiful-- so I wore a Lucha mask in the room when my son was born, and I see now how that the things I show him, teach him -- creates the mask he wears,” Alvarez said.

This personal and political exhibition is in a transformed site-specific visual setting. “If you could sum it up in one word, it would be: Reflection. What kind of mask do you wear? And, why?” he says.

Upon entering the exhibit, visitors will enter the house of Alvarez’s childhood, the place where his identity was formed. “We need to be jolted to really look at a photograph for longer than a few seconds, to contemplate, to see. So I decided that since identity is formed at home, I wanted to re-create where my own idea of identity started. And by walking into my childhood, hopefully others will be open to remembering their own experience, and examine their role in the Lucha of identity.”

To that extent, he re-created a living room type of feel with salvaged furniture from around town and invites visitors to examine the photographs in regards to the underlying messages of identity. Additionally, he will display the many lucha masks he’s collected over the years, as paintings and drawings adorn the walls. From masks of classical wrestlers that are well-known like El Santo (The Saint), and El Solatario (The Lonely Fighter), to the more modern ones, like Lady Shani, styles and fabrics vary, invoking different feelings – be it sadness, loneliness or strength.

Alvarez started his extensive lucha mask collection with one mask in 2008 that was given to him as a gift. Representing, El Santo, its original silver color has faded into a cream color. A cultural icon, El Santo was known as the “silver wrestler”, and as Alvarez’s mask has weathered in color, it’s also collected a few wrinkles along the way. “I like it because it makes it more mine than El Santo’s, because it’s been worn.... I haven’t let anyone else wear it because it’s mine. It’s my identity. And, when you become a parent, you start aging.”

When his son, Valentin, was born, so was the idea that lucha libre is a metaphor in the grand scheme of life. “Masks are a metaphor. The ring is a metaphor for life experiences, internal struggles. The ropes are metaphors for obstacles or possibilities. You can spring off the ropes and get back into winning the match. All those ideas started coming about. Most importantly is the idea of my son having masks and masks I force him to wear,” he said.

Growing up donning the mask of machismo, Alvarez didn’t want his son to be forced to wear that mask. Beginning that journey with the choice of name – Valentin (symbol of love, and valor) – Alvarez began a quest to teach his son to be gentle while still having the ability to balance aggression. He continues to teach Valentin kindness and courage without putting on the machismo mask.

Alvarez indirectly quotes essayist Octavio Paz, who’s known for exploring aspects of Mexican and Mexican-American identity in the 1940s-1950s, as saying: “The mask both hides and reveals at the same time.”

A self-described “pretty shy person,” Alvarez’s El Santo mask helps elicit that confidence, and as a photographer hiding behind the lens of the camera, he’s taken his shyness to his advantage when capturing imag-

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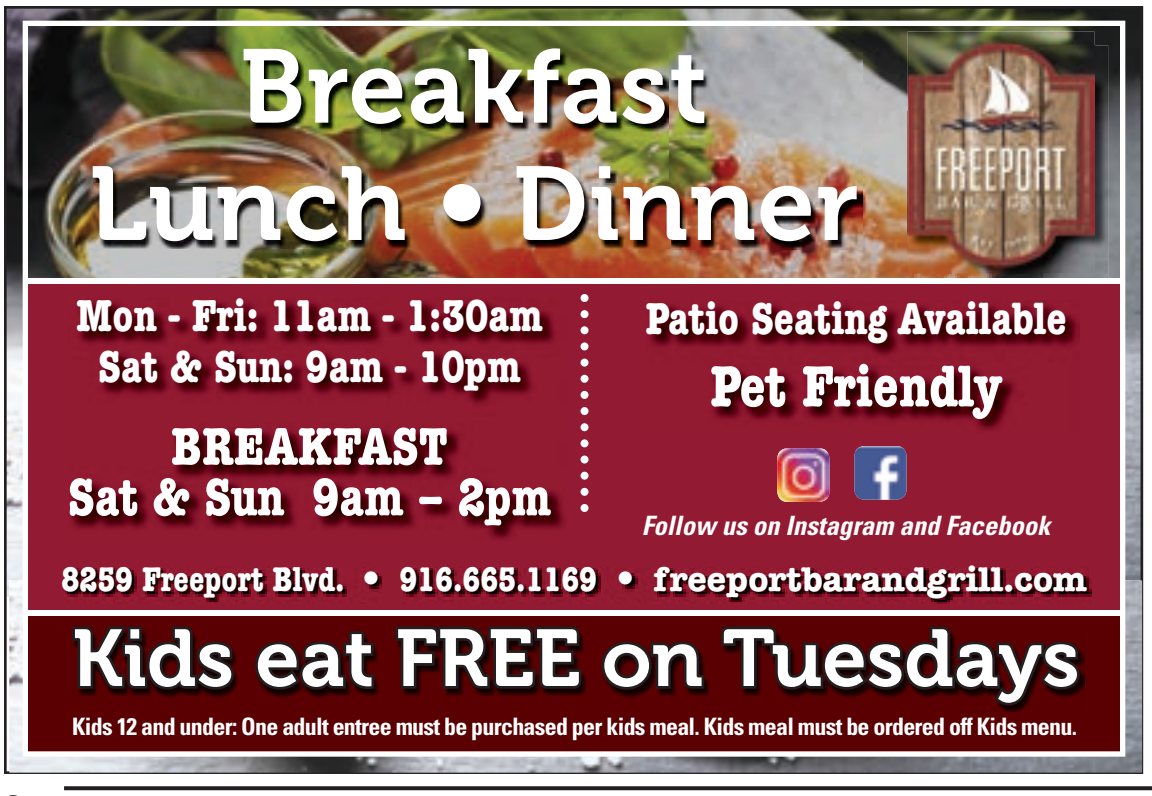

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es at lucha events. So, whether behind the lens or beneath the mask, it's then that he feels comfortable, he says. "There's a barrier between your skin. You feel like you're not completely present and that brings comfort."

Compounding those ideas, the photographs Alvarez will display at the exhibit feature everyday people wearing lucha masks, and each tells a story of identity that the viewer can dissect.

In one photograph, Valentin is draped in a silver cape made from the same material used in detention centers. "It's a symbol that even in bad situations, kids try to make the most of it, in terms of their spirit and imagination," he said. "As a kid, I'd use a towel and tie knots and pretend I'm a superhero. I was trying to capture that with my son. But the look – facial expression and body language – that's all him."

The exhibit's promotional flyer shows a woman wearing a white, elegant mask with gold trim and a baby pink outfit with costume jewelry trim. Adjusting her mask, her hairy armpits are exposed. "Part of the show is to see how people wrestle with these images because whether they know it or not, they will be engaged in a wrestling match," Alvarez said.

Likening lucha to ballet, whereby those on the stage tell a story with movement, Alvarez explains that lucha tells a story without actually using words. "It deals with things we deal with in life. Good versus bad. Who's a good guy? Who's a bad guy? If you're a fan of that wrestler, you get to transform yourself as if you are in the ring with that wrestler. You've taken on the spirit of this wrestler," he said.

He also invited those who have been photographed to attend the reception wearing the masks they wore in the photographs. As luchadores never reveal their true identities, the names and faces of those photographed (except for his son), will be protected during the show (unless they want to reveal themselves).

The exhibit also celebrates Alvarez's 10-year anniversary as a photographer. After the show, he plans to focus on painting and drawing.

Alvarez and the five other invited artists participating in "La Lucha: Convergence of Identity" examine through photos, collage art, paintings and drawings the many labels/masks people carry now: Mexican-American. Latino. Latinx. American. Chicano. Chicanx. Afro-Latino. Alvarez is a storyteller through his art and he wants to encourage conversation and participation, particularly at this opening night event. On that night, there will be a disc jockey, traditional food and drinks in the center's tree-shaded outdoor grounds.



Photo by Andres Alvarez

The photographer's son, Valentine, is draped in material used in detention centers. This photo will be on exhibit at the Latino Center of Art + Culture.

If you go:
What: "La Lucha: Convergence of Identity" art exhibition
When: Opens Saturday, Sept. 21 and will run through Dec. 21. An opening night reception will be held from 6 to 11 p.m.
Where: The Latino Center of Art and Culture, 2700 Front St.

Additional artist information can be found online, as follows:
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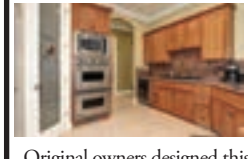

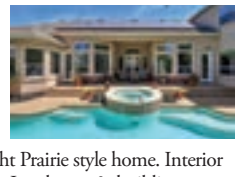
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It is the midpoint of Aug., and at the corner of Riverside and X, things have once again returned to business as usual. The dense walls of pungent smoke have cleared and the dust has settled; the booths have all been disassembled and carefully stowed away until they are mustered next summer; the displays have all been cleared; the pots, pans, trays, utensils, bins and prep areas have been cleansed; and the plaza grounds have been cleared and returned to their primary use as parking facilities. There is, in short, not the slightest hint that just days before, the Buddhist Church of Sacramento at 2401 Riverside was the site of what might be the region's largest ethnic bazaar—if not in size or scope then by virtue of its sheer popularity.

Always a major event, the annual Japanese Food & Cultural Festival (a.k.a the "Bazaar"), which will see its 74th edition in 2020, drew crowds in excess of last year's. And given that the grounds are huge, the number of attendees at any given point—let alone the total for the weekend—can surpass the population of many small towns. The temperate weather on that weekend (Aug. 10-11) and little competition from other nearby events were likely factors in the increase in attendance.

The resulting influx of traffic does put pressure on the surrounding neighborhood, especially with regard to parking. The church advises attendees—both via promotional materials and over the PA system throughout the event—to park at the pay lot under I-80 a few blocks away and take the free and convenient shuttle. This arrangement works well but is not availed by many visitors, who instead opt to park in other nearby lots, e.g. across the alley at Ming Dynasty, Golden One at 14th and across Broadway at Target. Target enforced a two-hour limit, and vehicles were in fact towed.

For a fully immersive experience, attending both days is best as most live performances only occur once. Also, as Sun. wears on, food items begin to sell out; by the end of the day Nippon-style nourishment is nil. And if something's going to break down, it's probably more likely to do so later on, which was the case this year; anyone craving tempura was out of luck on Sun., for a gas leak was found in the burner area beneath the woks, and since PG&E couldn't fix it, the booth was shut down. But everything else, such as the teriyaki dishes, udon, gyoza and takoyaki, could still be had. The latter two items, which were added this year, proved very popular and will likely be offered again.

The static cultural programs—calligraphy, handmade dolls and ikebana—were continuously accessible on both days. The dolls on display embodied extremely detailed craftwork as expressed in the figurines themselves, the traditional vestments that adorned them and the miniature props such as tea sets and picture cards that accompanied them. The walls of the calligraphy workshop were covered with framed examples produced by masters of the art. Guides were present to assist visitors in creating their own paper strips of brush-painted Japanese characters representing their names or perhaps a word or phrase.

The airspace both indoors and out resonated with the vibrations of assorted music and dance performances ranging from a koto trio and a Hawaiian-style ukuleke group to powerful taiko drumming and amped-up old school/funk/soul/classic rock. Most of the groups appeared in traditional dress, such as the Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Kai folk dancing troupe, whose members were clad in exquisitely tailored, brilliant blue summer yukata as they executed their finely choreographed movements across the stage. Sakura Minyo's members range in age from 13 to 85, and several of the seniors performed in numerous dance numbers. It might not take a lot of convincing that with the help of a little magic, any one of the performers had just emerged from a 13th-century scroll painting that depicted a Japanese noblewoman in all her delicate beauty and grace. An

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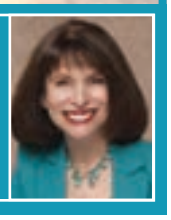

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audience could not be faulted for wondering if perhaps a protective shōgun might be lurking nearby.

Among the more interesting aspects of the various acts were: a song number based on the Village People's "YMCA" that featured handheld paddles bearing the letters S, B, W and A (standing for the Sacramento Buddhist Women's Association); the koto concert, one of whose performers was a very young African American girl who charmed the audience with both her playing of the harp-like koto and her fluency in Japanese; and on a personal note, this reporter found the senior members of the Sakura Minyo dance group profoundly beautiful, radiating poise and dignity.

Most performing groups return each year but changes occur occasionally. Due to the perennial popularity of the old school/funk/etc. East Wind Band, fans of the group can look forward to many encore performances in the years to come.

The festival, which was founded in 1947 as a means for members of the area's Japanese communities to congregate and celebrate their traditional culture, has come a long way from its roots, but while its reach has increased manyfold, its purpose remains unchanged. And for the church this is also the case. All festival profit supports church operations and a host of programs and associated organizations, including a legacy endowment fund that facilitates efforts to cultivate, promote and sustain the Jodo Shinshu tradition in Sacramento.

Although the next bazaar is fully 11 months away, interested parties can check out two church-sponsored events occurring later this month. On the 14th from 1-3:30 p.m. the church will host "Tule Lake: America's Worst Concentration Camp", a free presentation and discussion about how the camp attained that dubious distinction and related issues, conducted by authors Roger Daniels and Barbara Takei. The pair are working on a book examining Tule Lake and the experiences of the Japanese diaspora during the war years and subsequent decades.

Then, on the 29th at 2 p.m., the Sacramento premiere of the documentary film "Alternative Facts: The Lies of Executive Order 9066" will be screened at the California State Museum, 1020 O St. A flyer describes the film as being about the "false information and political influences which led to the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans" and states that the film also "examines the parallels to the current climate of fear, targeting of immigrant and religious communities, and similar attempts to abuse the powers of the government." Tickets are $10 but the screening is free to students.



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CCC is also celebrating its 95th anniversary and the retirement of Pastor Louis Lee who served for more than 10 years. "Pastor Louis has been a blessing," says Adele Din who serves on the church board. "He brought so much diversity and spiritual growth to our congregation."

Five generations of families have attended Chinese Community Church since its founding in 1924 in a converted house on 5th and P Streets. In the late 1920s, the church moved to 519 N Street in the heart of the Chinese community. In 1939, a severe storm damaged the church, and it had to be razed. With the help of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), a two-story building was put up.

The church continued to thrive until the mid 1940's. After the City lifted restrictions on where Asians could buy residential property, many Chinese moved to the suburbs. For several years, the church struggled to rebuild its congregational base. In 1951, again with the help of the RCA, the church located to its current site and built the sanctuary and education building.

The 36th Annual Fall Festival is dedicated to the retiring Pastor Louis Lee.



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Students must have taken either the ACT or SAT on or before October 5, 2019. The college the student plans to attend might allow the student to super score their ACT scores, but the Elks does not allow this practice. Students must only list their composite ACT score on the application, and they cannot not mix sub-scores from different test dates.

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Notifications are sent to recipients and applicants not selected to receive an Elks Most Valuable Student scholarship via email throughout the various levels of the contest.

Notifications are sent to applicants advancing from Lodge selection in early January 2020.

Notifications are sent to applicants advancing from district selection in mid-January 2020.

In late January, State Finalists are required to upload transcripts, test scores and the FAFSA Student Aid Report.

Notifications are sent to applicants advancing from state selection to the National Semi-Finals in early March 2020.

The 500 National Semi-Finalists will be notified by email in early March 2020.

National Semi-Finalists are required to submit updated application information, along with an essay and teacher's evaluation.

Following the National Semi-Finalist application deadline, the top 20 National Finalists will be selected to attend a mandatory Leadership Weekend with an interview component in Chicago from April 23 to 27, 2019. All expenses will be covered. In order to be considered for a top award, the applicant must be able to attend the Leadership Weekend.

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ACC FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Are you caring for a loved one? We understand that caregiving comes with the joy of giving back but many challenges as well. Please join us in our support group meeting and share informational/emotional support and guidance with other caregivers and staff. Meetings are held on the second Wednesdays from 12:00p-1:30p and the 4th Thursdays from 6:30p-8:00p at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more information, please contact Soojin Yoo, MSW at (916) 393-9026 ext 336 or www.syoo@accsv.org. .accsv.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF POCKET-GREENHAVEN MEETINGS: You're invited! Come join the Rotary Club of Pocket-Greenhaven on Thursday mornings, 7:30 at Aviator's Restaurant at Executive Airport. You are welcome as our guest to learn more about our leadership organization and meet with business, civic, and professional leaders who are making a difference in our neighborhood! Contact Bob Smith, at 916-215-1332 or visit https://pgr.rocks/ to find out more.

PARKINSON ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA South Sacramento Support Group: Every second Thursday of the month from 1 to 2:15 p.m., Location: Asian Community Center (ACC), 7334 Park City Drive, Sacramento, CA 95831. This support group is free to those who are living with Parkinson's Disease, their family and caregivers. The group shares information to help each other and provide guest speakers who can assist with physical and mental challenges in daily living.

SIRS BRANCH 93 meets every third Monday of each month. Lunch is at 11:30 in the Elks Club, 6446 Riverside Blvd.

If you are retired or close to retirement and looking to join a men's group, we are Sons In Retirement. A group of men with a wide variety of backgrounds that love to socialize, play golf, bowl, pinochle, hike, bike ride or maybe you would like to form an activity that you are interested in, join us. The first lunch is on the group. Give Jack a call, there is always room at our meetings. Interesting speakers and a great buffet are included at each meeting. Jack Reefer 916-424-1303 or email me: jreefer@sbcglobal.net

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP: The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library hosts an English Conversation Group every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. 7335 Gloria Drive, Sacramento.

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

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

MUSIC AND MOTION AT BELLE COOLEDGE 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.

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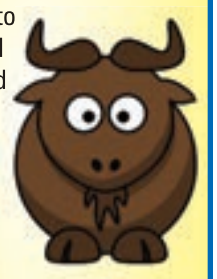

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