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Couple has longtime success in equestrian sport of cutting



Nicole Coates competes in a cutting show. Photo courtesy of Nicole Coates

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Pocket native Nicole (Nevis) Coates and her husband, Andrew, are no strangers to success in the equestrian sport of cutting, having won various awards and worked on the ranch of the legendary San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana.

As a competition, cutting consists of riders and their horses demonstrating their abilities before a judge or panel of judges, who evaluate the athleticism of each horse and its ability to handle cattle.

Although both Andrew and Nicole are longtime competitors in the sport, Andrew is the most accomplished rider, having won and placed high in many competitions en route to being named to the National Cutting Horse Association Hall of Fame.

However, during an interview with the Pocket News last week, Andrew stressed that Nicole, a 1995 graduate of Kennedy High School, plays a significant role in his success.

"We work side by side," he said. "We have just an incredible relationship. We work together every day.

"Nicole is the one that manages (the clients') horses, whether they're at the stalls, whether she's warming horses up or she's making sure they're getting the right medication or the right feed. She's an incredible manager. I could not do what I do and be good at it without her doing what she does."

Nicole, whose father, Bill, was a custom home builder, has been interested in horses since her childhood. And she earned

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money to pay for her own riding lessons in the Freeport area for nearly eight years.

"I earned the money, paid for my riding lessons, bought my own riding clothes, (went) to shows, everything," Nicole said. "I (began doing these things) when I was in the fourth grade at (Genevieve) Didion (Elementary School, which later became a K-8 institution).

"My mom (Claudina Nevis) will tell you that she literally thought that would not last for very long and that I would grow out of it and give up, and I didn't."

Nicole eventually bought a horse, which she kept on a ranch in Wilton, where she assisted a cutting horse trainer named Ed Murphy.

While accompanying Murphy at a cutting horse show in Rancho Murrieta, in 1997, she met Andrew.

After speaking about that moment in her life, Nicole concluded, "And the rest is history."

Fast forwarding to their current life, Nicole and Andrew ride horses together on a daily basis, and they have been showing horses around the country and in Canada for many years. They also own the Southern Cross Ranch in Esparto, and are raising their two children: Talon and Riley.

As a professional horse trainer, Andrew currently shows in the open division, while Nicole shows in the nonprofessional division.

Andrew mentioned that prior to meeting Nicole, he was raised on a cattle ranch in a remote area of Australia, where he eventually became a professional horse trainer.

In 1995, Andrew was offered a job to work on a ranch training horses in California.

"I was apprenticing under another horse trainer in Australia that knew this guy (named Luke Bakey) in California," Andrew recalled. "He lived in the Elk Grove-Wilton (area) and he gave me the job, and I finished my apprenticeship under him training horses for him."

After his time working for Bakey, Andrew worked for two years for another trainer, Gary Gonsalves, in Paso Robles.

Andrew noted that it was through Gonsalves that he was hired to work for Montana.

"Joe called Gary looking for an up-and-coming trainer to hire, and Gary recommended that he talk to me."

Andrew and Nicole were married in 1999 and moved to Montana's ranch in Calistoga three years later. They spent the next three and a half years training his horses on that ranch, and an additional six years working with his horses at their ranch in Esparto.

Having grown up in Australia and not following the National Football League, Andrew was far from star struck when he was hired to work for Montana.

"I wasn't into (football)," he said. "I had no interest in the (sport). I lived and breathed training horses and running cattle. So, when (Montana's agent) called me and asked if I could have a meeting with Joe Montana, I heard the name, but I had no idea the fame that came with him."

Nicole, however, was well aware of the fame of Montana, she noted.

"I was (aware of it), but I could keep it in check," she said. "(But) being around Joe a time or two, he quickly became just a guy to me. He was very much like a little kid around the horses. I absolutely love that.

"My favorite part about being around Joe and the horses is when he would come to the barn to ride with us. (When he) got out of that car, he would get the biggest smile on his face. He would kind of jump out of his car and say, 'OK, let's go ride.'"

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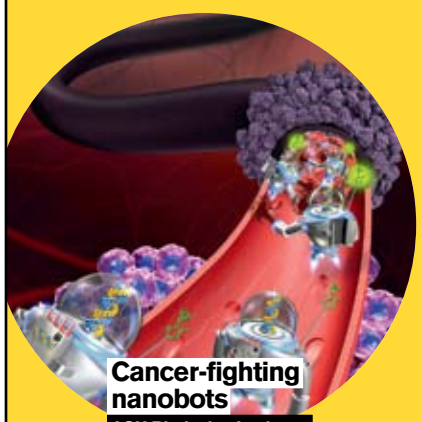
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One Child One Hen: Faith Presbyterian Church to hold fundraiser for local non-profit



The fifth annual Faith Presbyterian Church Christmas Boutique will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event benefits the nonprofit organization, "One Child, One Hen" which provides chickens and an egg laying business source of food and income for families in Kenya.

The organizer of the fundraiser, church-goer Tammi Whitted, said the event was inspired by fellow members of Faith Presbyterian, Moses and Emily Osoro, who came to the United States from Kenya to pursue the American Dream. Since they shared their story a few years ago and requested members bring their recyclable bottles and cans to the church, Tammi was happy to support their vision in that

small way. The movement has grown and now that they are an official nonprofit, the story from the One Child One Hen website is one to share with the Pocket community where Moses and Emily have made their home. One Child One Hen is working to eradicate poverty through empowering women and children by raising hens in Kenya Africa.

Faith Presbyterian Church is located at 625 Florin Road.



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Nicole added that Montana enjoyed showing cutting horses as often as he could, and won the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association's Amateur of the Year Award in 2004.

Among the things that Andrew recalled about working for Montana was a lack of discussions about football.

"The funny thing about the relationship with Joe and I, and Nicole, in all the years that we trained for Joe at his place, we never one time talked about football," he said. "And I think, honestly, that's what he loved about the horse shows and the horse people, because no one bothered him about it. They treated him like he was just a guy that was showing horses."

Andrew referred to his hiring to work for Montana as one of the luckiest breaks in his career, which includes working for various influential people in the equestrian world.

"(Working for Montana) was the biggest opportunity I've ever had in the horse business," he said. "It was the greatest opportunity that I could ever have at that stage, because the horse training world is extremely competitive.

"You have to have owners that are willing to basically give you all the tools you need. You can be a very good showman and a very good trainer, but if you don't have the right horses and the right tools, everything is very difficult."

Andrew noted that Montana had quality horses and gave him all the tools that he needed to be competitive.

Although Montana had the financial means to assist him in his work, Andrew noted that he acquired something much greater from this NFL Hall of Fame quarterback.

"The greatest thing that Joe gave me, I would say, is he taught me how to win," he said. "He taught me the importance of being mentally prepared to show and not be afraid to lose, taking a chance and to not play it safe all the time. I was just so (fortunate) that I got to spend time around him and work with him, because he is the most positive person I've ever been around in my life.

"In his eyes, there was never a negative thought. (If) you didn't do good, he would shake it off in a heartbeat (and) wait for the next show we were going to go to. If I did bad and I felt bad, he would pick me up and make me feel positive again."

Andrew concluded that it was his experience with Montana that "shaped" him into the type of cutting horse showman that he is today.

With his success in cutting, Andrew was inducted into the Hall of Fame last year.

Andrew noted that riders must earn $1 million in the sport to become a member of that Hall of Fame.

In speaking about he and his wife's achievements in the sport, Andrew mentioned that they have been "very fortunate."

"We've done well," he said. "We've just been very fortunate, just very blessed that we had the right owners, with Joe there at the start. And over the last 15 years, we've had an incredible group of people that we've trained and shown horses for."

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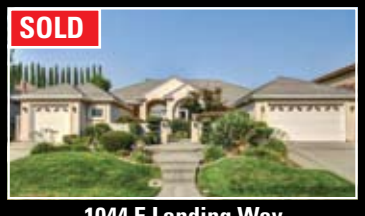
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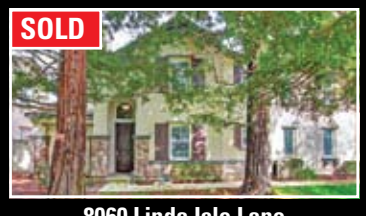
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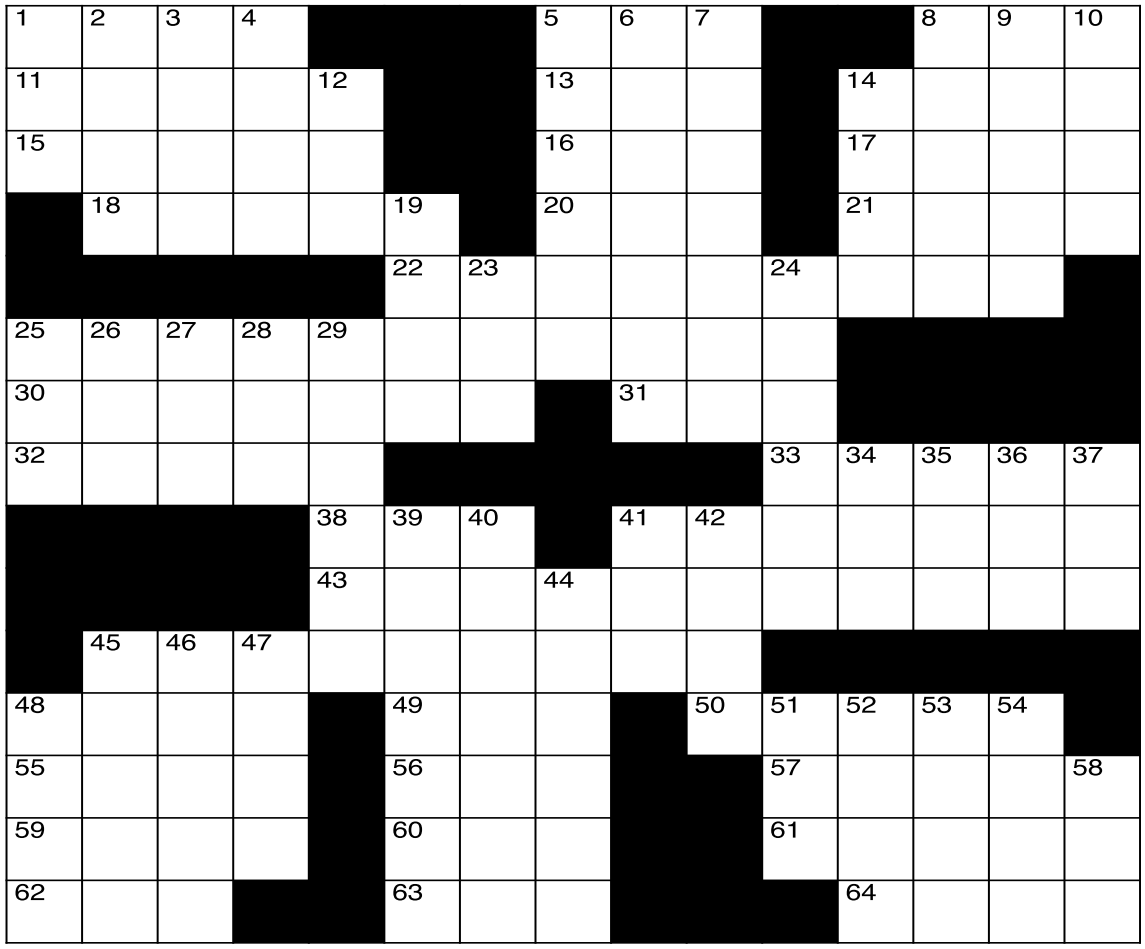


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13. Negative
14. Mother of Hermes
15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner
16. In shape
17. Oh my goodness!
18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone
20. A form of "to be"
21. Succulent plant
22. Estranges
25. Honest
30. Showing conviction
31. High schoolers' test
32. Implant
33. Acknowledgment
38. Cash dispenser
41. Transferred to another
43. Superhero group
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Power to perceive
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Israel's first permanent UN delegate
56. Everything
57. Afflicted
59. Language spoken in Chad
60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe __
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Keyboard key
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, predatory lizard
4. River in Romania
5. Biased
6. Parties
7. TV's used to need one
8. Philly football player
9. Recognized ethnic group of China
10. Gradually disappear
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Vegetarians won't eat it
19. Takes the energy out of
23. Body part
24. Succeed in achieving
25. Where golfers begin
26. Computer memory
27. One who buys and sells securities
28. Midway between north and northeast
29. Quiet and rather dull
34. A limb on which to walk
35. It precedes two
36. Of she
37. Commercials
39. Necessary for sewing
40. Infectious viral disease
41. Expression of good wishes
42. Some are contact
44. More plentiful
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Altar in Orthodox churches
51. Swiss river
52. Impartiality
53. "Luther" actor Idris
54. They resist authority (slang)
58. Criticize

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River City Chorale to perform Christmas concerts



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River City Chorale, a 55-voice, men and women's community choir, will present three Christmas concerts in December.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

River City Chorale, a 55-voice, men and women's community choir, will present three Christmas concerts next month.

Titled "Good Tidings We Sing!," the concerts are presented as a procession of holiday carols and songs.

The chorale invites the public to enjoy a variety of Christmas music, both old favorites and new songs.

This diverse program features the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, Benjamin Britten, Tomas Luis de Victoria, and John Rutter, as well as many other classic, festive favorites. Audience participation in the singing will also be included as part of the concerts.

River City Chorale, which formed in 1977, consists of members from throughout the Sacramento region, including residents of Valley Community Newspapers' coverage areas: East Sacramento, Land Park, the Pocket, Arden and Carmichael.

Also performing will be the 17-voice River City Chorale Chamber Choir, an orchestra, piano accompanist Dean Mora, and the brass group, the Golden State Brass. The latter group dates back to 1978.

The first of the upcoming performances will be held at the First Baptist Church of Fair Oaks at 4401 San Juan Ave. in Fair Oaks on Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

On Dec. 8, beginning at 4 p.m., the second performance will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 7869 Kingswood

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General admission tickets for these concerts are $20/advance or $25/at the door. Tickets for children, 12 and younger, are $5.

For the Dec. 6 show only, students with their student IDs, can purchase discounted tickets for $10 each.

Tickets for the Dec. 6 and 8 concerts can be purchased through the website, www.rivercitychorale.org.

The third performance is a free concert, which will be held at the state Capitol rotunda on Dec. 15 at 1 p.m.

Each of the three shows last for about two hours.

The upcoming performances will mark the debut of River City Chorale's new artistic director, David Vanderbout. He was selected by the chorale's committee last summer from a pool of 12 applicants, the majority of whom have master's degrees in choral conducting and significant choir conducting experience.

Vanderbout, who also serves as the choral director at El Camino Fundamental High School and Arden Middle School, earned a master's degree in music in choral conducting from California State University, Sacramento. He also performs as a soloist and in ensembles throughout the region.

The chorale is an auditioned choir, with many members who majored in music at universities.

The River City Chorale Chamber Choir offers a cappella singing, or singing without accompaniment. It is a specialized, 17-member group, with the ability to sing a wide variety of challenging songs.

Performing three distinctively different sets of concerts each season, the chorale's performances range from classical and traditional to contemporary, Broadway and jazz.

The chorale's concert sets are their three Christmas concerts in December, two pops concerts in March, and two spring concerts in May.

Their weekly rehearsals are held in the Arden area on Monday evenings from early September to mid-May.

Together, the chorale enjoys retreats, concerts, parties, and international tours every three years.

The chorale began touring internationally in 1983, and has performed in about 14 European countries, the British Isles, Brazil and Canada.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the chorale is dependent on business and individual donors and advertisers, ticket sales, annual membership dues of $175, and fundraisers.

The chorale has no office or paid administration and their board of directors and committees solely consist of volunteers.

With their annual budget, the chorale contracts the services of their artistic director, piano accompanist and webmaster. The budget also covers payments for visiting musicians, and operating costs such as rehearsal and concert venue rentals.

East Sacramento resident Trisha (Garretson) Uhrhammer, a chorale member and a 1974 graduate of Luther Burbank High School, said that the majority of the chorale members are from Sacramento County, while others are from outside areas such as Davis, Yuba City, Roseville and El Dorado Hills.

"It's really a Sacramento regional choir, I guess you might say," she said. "They named it for, of course, (Sacramento's) rivers."

Uhrhammer, who also sang in her high school and college choirs, described her group's ability to sing in unison, and "really nail down a single voice."

"When the choir sings, it sounds like a single voice, but it's actually 10, 15 parts," she said. "That's what kind of makes the difference between a good choir and an excellent choir."

Uhrhammer commented on the diversity of the River City Chorale.

"Some choirs in town are known for their very sacred or very classical selections, and that's what they do," she said. "This choir does those things, but also will balance it with some secular-type selections, traditional Christmas, British carols and various things."

The selections will also include "Betelehemu," an African folk tune about the birth of Jesus Christ, Uhrhammer noted.

"It's in an African language, and it's a beautiful piece," she said.

Uhrhammer also described another piece that will be performed: "Jauchzet Frohlocket" by Bach.

"It's something like 'Jingle Bells,' but it's a real curve on 'Jingle Bells,'" she said. "So, women inspired doing this, and it's fun and fast and unexpected."

Attendees will also hear such selections as "A Hymn to the Virgin" by Britten, "O Magnum Mysterium" by Victoria, and "The Holly and the Ivy" by Rutter.

"S'vivon," a traditional Hebrew song arranged by Betty Bertaux, will be among the other pieces that will be performed.

Uhrhammer mentioned that it was important to her to comment on the concerts' orchestra and pianist.

"We do have an orchestra and they're all professional musicians, and I think that's really important that we have a quality orchestra with us and an excellent pianist," she said.

Uhrhammer added that River City Chorale is looking forward to presenting their upcoming Christmas concerts.

"We look forward to sharing this diverse, excellent and inspiring program with everyone," she said.



Photo courtesy of River City Chorale

David Vanderbout, River City Chorale's new artistic director, also serves as the choral director at El Camino Fundamental High School and Arden Middle School.

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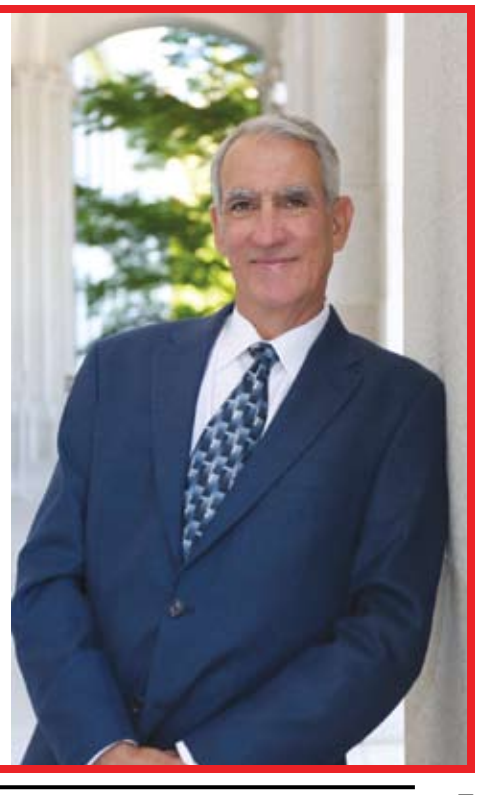
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Gregory Kondos discusses his storied career in art

World-renowned Sacramento artist continues to produce high-quality art



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Sacramento artist Gregory Kondos, who wears one of the hats from his hat collection, grew up in East Sacramento.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Editor's Note: This is part two of a two-part series on Sacramento artist Gregory Kondos.

East Sacramento native Gregory Kondos is among the city's most accomplished artists. And at 96 years old, he remains unceasingly passionate about his work as a painter.

"Art is all I think about," Kondos said last week during an interview with this publication.

Kondos, whose medium of choice is oil, described himself as somewhat of a realist painter.

"I'm a realist in a way, but I'm not quoted as a realist," he said. "So, we turn to the words, landscape artist. That's what I am, and a damn good one. Don't you forget it."

Kondos noted that scenic images in his paintings, such as trees, do not always appear as one sees them in person.

"See these trees, I changed the shape of them," he said while observing one of his paintings of the Sacramento River.

As a painter, Kondos is also a world traveler. He has painted in such places as France, Germany, England, Greece, Egypt, China and Japan.

But Kondos stressed that California scenes are among his favorite things to paint.

"There's so much beauty in this state alone," he said. "I won't let go. That's mine. That's California.

"I know my days are closing, but I've been fortunate enough to be connected with this beautiful area, and I'm part of it."

Kondos mentioned that for him, as an artist, traveling comes with the territory.

"I've got to come as close as I can to my mentor, and to do that, it wouldn't be the library," he said. "I have to go to France (to paint a scene in France)."

As for his decision to focus on painting landscape scenes, Kondos believes that his time in the Navy during World War II led to his desire to create such art.

Kondos said that becoming a quality artist is a process, which takes many steps.

And for Kondos, he has progressed monumentally as an artist since his years as an art student.

His schooling in art dates back to the 1940s, and included studying at Los Angeles' famed Art Center School – today's Art Center College of Design, in Pasadena.

He earned an associate degree in art at Sacramento Junior College (today's Sacramento City College) and a bachelor's degree in art at Sacramento State College (now California State University, Sacramento).

Kondos earned the latter degree in 1951, the same year of his marriage to Rosie Thalas.

That year also marked the beginning of his nine consecutive years of working with the art show at the California State Fair.

From 1953 to 1956, Kondos served as chairman of the art department at Elk Grove High School.

Kondos recalled declining a request from that school's football coach.

"He wanted me to give A's to his football players who needed to raise their grade point averages," he said. "I wouldn't do it."

Although Kondos told the coach that the players would have to earn their grades, those players gained respect for him.

"I don't put out that (expletive)," he said. "They have to earn the grade. I got threats from the players, but when I went to (Sacramento City) College to teach (art) right after that, they followed me (and enrolled in his classes)."

During his years of teaching at Elk Grove High, Kondos exhibited his art at the Crocker Art Museum for the first of many times, and began teaching art at Sacramento Junior College while the renowned Sacramento artist, Wayne Thiebaud, was on sabbatical leave.

An important year in Kondos' progression in art was 1957. He then earned a master's degree in art at Sacramento State College, and accepted a permanent teaching position at Sacramento Junior College.

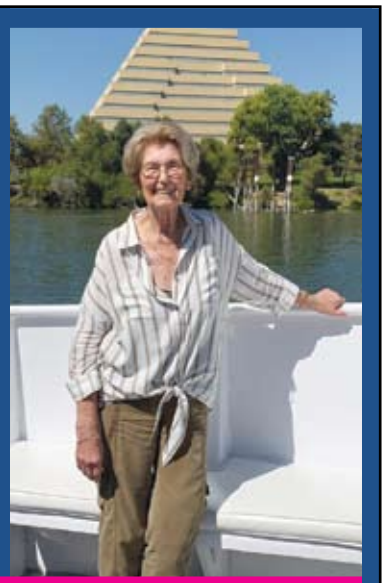
Four years later, Kondos became a guest art instructor at the Davis Community Center of Arts in Davis, and he started serving as chairman of the art department at Sacramento City College, which would one day become home to the Gregory Kondos Gallery.

Kondos began the first of his many years as an exhibitor at Gump's Gallery in San Francisco in 1962. During the same year,

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he exhibited his works at museums in Southern California.

A year later, he spent time as a guest art instructor at the University of California, Berkeley.

During the late 1960s, Kondos' works were part of a group exhibition at London's Piccadilly Gallery and an exhibition at the Allan Stone Gallery in New York.

Kondos spent time overseas, exhibiting his works at a show in Athens in 1975, and he traveled in France on a painting trip two years later.

While in France, Kondos created sketches in the studio of the famous French artist Paul Cézanne.

In the early 1980s, Kondos visited France again, and experienced the loss of his wife, who died of cancer.

Another highlight of that decade for Kondos was his return trip to France.

With his passion for painting California landscapes, Kondos has a tremendous love for scenes in Yosemite National Park, where he became an artist-in-residence in 1990. He retained that position through 1993, and held the same position in 2007.

An example of the longevity of Kondos as an artist is evident in the fact that 20 years have passed since he received a lifetime achievement award in Florence, Italy.

A year later, Kondos purchased a home in Puylaurens, France.

Kondos received another lifetime achievement award in 2007, when he was presented with the Golden Bear Award from the California State Fair.

Among Kondos' notable commissions was his painting for the then-new Terminal B at the Sacramento International Airport in 2010. That artwork is titled "Sutter's Gold."

During the same year, he joined Wayne Thieubaud and Fred Dalkey in a group exhibition at Sacramento City College.

Asked to share his thoughts about Thiebaud, Kondos responded with words of grand admiration.

Although Kondos referred to himself as an artist who worked separately from Thiebaud, he credits Thiebaud for helping him get noticed in the art world.

"(Without Thiebaud), it would be down to the minimal, 'Oh, you paint,' period, instead of recognition," he said. "But the whole thing is Sacramento had no power (in art) without (Thiebaud), as far as I'm concerned.

"Wayne is (number) one in Sacramento. I could be number two, but the establishment of who is the (number one) painter, it's Wayne. And I will stand up with that, and I swear to God that I'm right."

Kondos, who lives in Sacramento with his wife, Moni Van Camp, added that Sacramento is home to a significant number of other artists who have "made art move."

"We're all over the place, and proud of it," he said.

Among the countries in which Kondos has received praise for his paintings is China.

After traveling to China in 2010, with the Chinese-born Sacramento artist Shimo, Kondos returned to China two years later.

During that trip, Kondos became the only non-Chinese artist to have his art accepted into the permanent collection of the then-new museum in Shaghai.

While sitting in a room of his house filled with framed artwork, Kondos was asked what scenery he enjoys painting the most.

"The water," he replied. "I can make you feel the difference, I think, between sea water and fresh water. I'm quite successful with it.

Kondos' ability to produce high-quality paintings at a fast pace is another one of his specialties that he developed during his long career.

"I can do one a day," he said. "I'm capable, so I'm damn good."

Despite his confidence as an artist, Kondos said that he still enjoys receiving sincere compliments from others.



Photo courtesy of Gregory Kondos

This painting by Gregory Kondos features Yosemite's Half Dome and the Merced River.

But he said that it was a child's compliment that attracted his greatest attention.

"You know what impressed me all these years?" he asked. "A little boy. I was signing my signature at a show I was having, and a little kid came by. It was 5 o'clock and everybody was going home.

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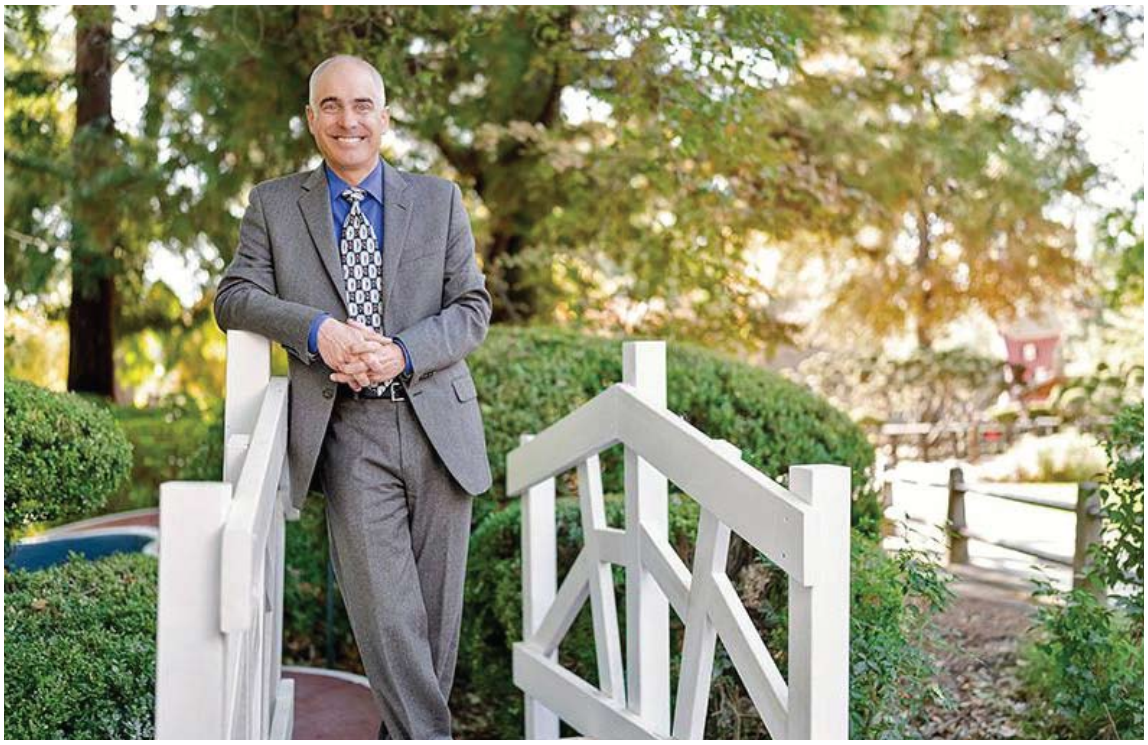




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Fairytale Town appoints Kevin Smith-Fagan as New Executive Director



New Executive Director to begin January 2020

Fairytale Town's board of directors has appointed nonprofit executive Kevin Smith-Fagan as the organization's next executive director. He will oversee the administration, fund development, community and organizational leadership, programming, maintenance and strategic planning for the storybook park as well as the offsite Sacramento Adventure Playground program. Smith-Fagan will assume the role in early January 2020.

"We are very excited to welcome Kevin Smith-Fagan as Fairytale Town's next executive director," said Matt DeFazio, president elect of Fairytale Town's board of directors. "Kevin is a dynamic leader whose deep experience in nonprofit management and roots in the Sacramento community will help lead Fairytale Town in its next phase of growth."

Smith-Fagan has served as the associate general manager for external affairs at PBS KVIE since 2014. Previously, he was the vice president for development and director of leadership giving at PBS KVIE. He is president elect of the Rotary Club of Sacramento and has served on numerous community boards, including Women's Empowerment, YMCA of Superior California and more. He is a graduate of Boston University.

"I'm delighted to be joining the dedicated staff and board as Fairytale Town's next executive director," said Smith-Fagan. "As one of Sacramento's premier cultural assets, Fairytale Town has a rich history in the community. I'm energized by the mission to promote the imagination, creativity and education of children and excited about the expansion plans to grow Fairytale Town's impact for the next generation of children."

Smith-Fagan will work with outgoing executive director, Kathy Fleming, to ensure a smooth transition of leadership for the 60-year-old institution. Through much of 2020, Fleming will serve as director emeritus on a part-time basis and focus on Fairytale Town's capital campaign to support the park's half-acre expansion as well as program development for the Story Center, one of the features of the expansion.

Located in William Land Park in Sacramento, Calif., Fairytale Town opened to the public on August 29, 1959, when it was dedicated as a gift to the children of the Central Valley by the City of Sacramento, the Junior League of Sacramento and other community and business leaders. Fairytale Town remains the only literacy-based park that serves children in this region. Fairytale Town serves 250,000 guests annually from all over the state, nation and globe.

For more information about Fairytale Town, visit fairytaletown.org.

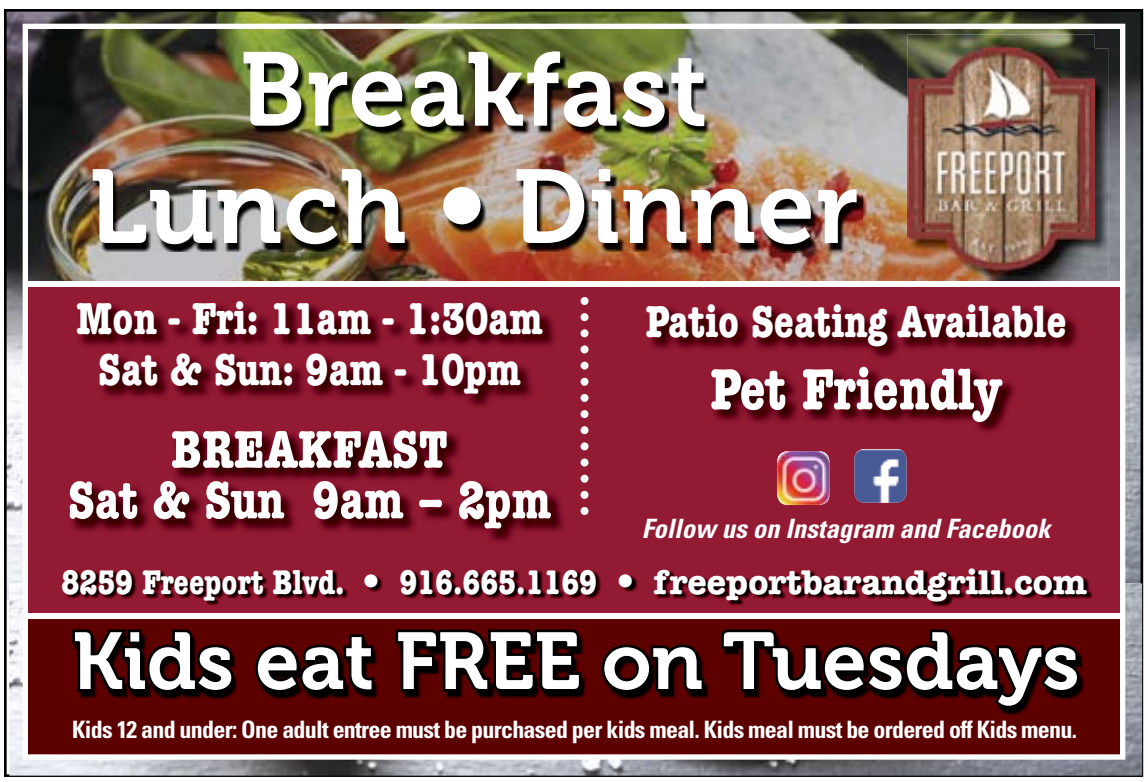
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Museum Store Sunday on Dec. 1 to encourage local holiday shopping

In partnership with the Museum Store Association, many Sacramento area museums are proud to participate in the third annual Museum Store Sunday on December 1, 2019. With more than 1,200 museum stores participating across 18 countries and five continents, the international effort is designed to remind consumers about the unique and inspired shopping experience that exists in one-of-a-kind museum stores that showcase a broad assortment of highly curated and mission-specific gifts. Museum Store Sunday is managed by the Museum Store Association based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Museum Store Sunday is open to all independently operated museum stores and non-profit retailers located at museums, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, historic sites, and other unique cultural institutions in the United States and internationally.

MSA's Museum Store Sunday aims to be the global annual day to Be a Patron – shop conscientiously and support museum stores and their missions worldwide. The Sacramento area community is invited and encouraged to Be a Patron and shop at local museum stores on Museum Store Sunday (and every day) as proceeds help benefit the museums and their respective missions.

A sampling of the unique products available along with special activities happening on Museum Store Sunday at local museum stores include the following:

California Automobile Museum – the on-site museum store offers unique gifts for all ages. Shoppers and enthusiasts will enjoy 10 percent off an amazing selection of collectible magazines, books and model cars plus new mark-downs on merchandise including many one-of-a-kind items and collectibles.

California State Railroad Museum – with a wide selection of gift ideas perfect for train enthusiasts of all ages, the on-site Museum Store is the Northern California holiday headquarters for exclusive THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride merchandise. From the famed book to ornaments, bells, games and clothing, the California State Railroad Museum Store in Old Sacramento has everything shoppers need to make holiday-giving magical. A great gift idea is the Polar Express Wooden Train, a Northern California exclusive that is compatible with other wooden railroad tracks and trains.

Crocker Art Museum – Known throughout the community for its beautiful and meaningful art gifts, the Crocker Art Museum Store is a destination for holiday shoppers in search of thought-provoking objects for homes and offices, wearable art, and gifts that invite recipients of all ages to explore their creativity. On Museum Store Sunday, Crocker members will receive 20 percent off and non-members will receive 10 percent off all purchases. Free to shop, no admission required.

Sacramento Children's Museum – the on-site museum store will offer a free set of festive and fun holiday glasses (eyewear) to shoppers who spend $25 or more in the store on Museum Store Sunday, while supplies last.

Sacramento History Museum – the on-site Museum Store will offer 20 percent off regularly priced vintage toys and games. Patrons can also shop for handmade jewelry, books, festive holiday décor and plenty of silver and gold, including gold nuggets from the American River. Spend $25 and purchase the beautiful coffee-table book, Sacramento – A Photographic Portrait for $20. Each purchase will be packaged in a craft paper bag with handles and hand printed with the Museum's name from our own print shop. Stop by for hot cider and cookies.

State Indian Museum – the on-site museum store offers lots of great merchandise in stock, just in time for holiday shopping. On that one special day, shoppers will receive a free Dreamcatcher plus a free Museum Store Sunday reusable canvas tote (one each per customer) with every $25 or more purchase (while supplies last). The museum store offers a myriad of handcrafted and hard-to-find Native motif and Native-made items, including sage bundles, sweetgrass braids, Tanka Bars (buffalo), ceramics, soaps, local art, greeting cards, t-shirts, souvenir coins & patches. Shoppers will also find a variety of items chosen especially for children, and the largest selection of Native American books just about anywhere.

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park – In celebration of Museum Store Sunday, Friends of Sutter's Fort will offer a 20 percent discount on all purchases made at the Sutter's Fort Gift & Trade Store, which offers a wide range of unique holiday gifts for history lovers and nature enthusiasts. Popular items include hand-crafted beeswax candles, iron goods, and leather journals, as well as handmade dolls, hats, tote bags, and aprons. The store also features a great selection of books written on Sacramento and California history, the Gold Rush, Sutter's Fort, and the Overland Trail, many published by local authors. In addition, the on-site store carries an assortment of educational craft kits and games that are fun for all ages. All proceeds from the Sutter's Fort Gift & Trade Store support ongoing efforts at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park.

For more information about the Museum Store Sunday happening on December 1, 2019, please visit https://museumstoresunday.org. For more information about Sacramento area museums, "like" them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org.

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Nov. 17:
(Vehicle Burglary - Investigation):
8000 block of Pocket Road at 4:04 a.m.
Officers responded to a report of vehicle burglaries in the area. Officers determined that several suspects had broken into several vehicles, and fled the scene. Officers conducted a neighborhood canvass, and a crime report was generated.

(Robbery - Arrest):
4800 block of Freeport Boulevard at 2:41 p.m.
Officers responded to a report of a robbery from a business. Security confronted the suspect after the suspect was observed concealing merchandise. The suspect pushed the security guard and fled the store, with the merchandise. The suspect continued to flee on foot, and was then involved in a vehicle vs pedestrian collision. The suspect sustained minor injury from the collision. The suspect was arrested and booked at main jail.

Nov. 16:
(Firearms - Arrest):
4600 block of Brookfield Drive at 6:32 p.m.
Officers conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle. While contacting the occupant, one subject admitted to there being a firearm in the vehicle. The suspect, who was a juvenile, was arrested for firearms related charges and booked at juvenile hall.

Nov. 15:
(Pursuit - Arrest):
8200 block of Delta Shores Circle at 9:43 p.m.
Officers observed two vehicles driving recklessly. Officers attempted to stop one vehicle and a short pursuit ensued. The other vehicle was located, unoccupied, after the pursuit. Both vehicles were towed for reckless driving, and one suspect was arrested.

Nov. 10:
(Collision - Investigation):
6500 block of South Land Park Drive at 1:51 a.m.
Officers responded regarding a collision into a residence. Officers confirmed that a vehicle had collided into a house. There were no injuries to any residents inside of the house. The driver sustained a minor injury and was transported to a hospital. Officers suspected that DUI was a factor. A DUI investigation was completed. The investigation is ongoing.

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Q: I already have a passport, and my military ID. Is a REAL ID mandatory?

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Q: Can I get a REAL ID without an appointment?

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Q: My cable bill has my full address on it. Is that enough to get my REAL ID application done?

A: No. You will need TWO documents to show proof of residency, and both need to show the REAL ID applicants name. Your cable television bill may be one of these documents. For a full list of accepted documents visit: realid.dmv.ca.gov and click on the tab "How Do I Get a REAL ID"? You'll find a full document checklist as part of Step 4.

If you have a question regarding REAL ID, DMV, or available online services, please email AskDMV@dmv.ca.gov, or visit www.realid.dmv.ca.gov for a list of frequently asked questions.

Thanks so much you for your support, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have!

Thank you,
Sarah Gallivan

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What's happening Pocket/Greenhaven?

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: One Child One Hen: Faith Presbyterian Church to hold fundraiser for local non-profit . The fifth annual Faith Presbyterian Church Christmas Boutique will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event benefits the non-profit organization, "One Child, One Hen" which provides chickens and an egg laying business source of food and income for families in Kenya. Faith Presbyterian Church is located at 625 Florin Road.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE: Do you long for time in the Christmas season to loosen expectations of being "jolly and bright"? There are times when everyone experiences loss, loneliness and life transitions. Holidays can leave us feeling blue. All Saints Episcopal Church invites all to come and worship in this "Blue Christmas" service of comfort and solace on Sunday, December 15, at 5 p.m. Location: 2076 Sutterville Road, between Highway 99 and Freeport, across from Sacramento City College. Adjacent church parking. www.allsaintssacramento.org, 916-455-0643.

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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.

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.

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