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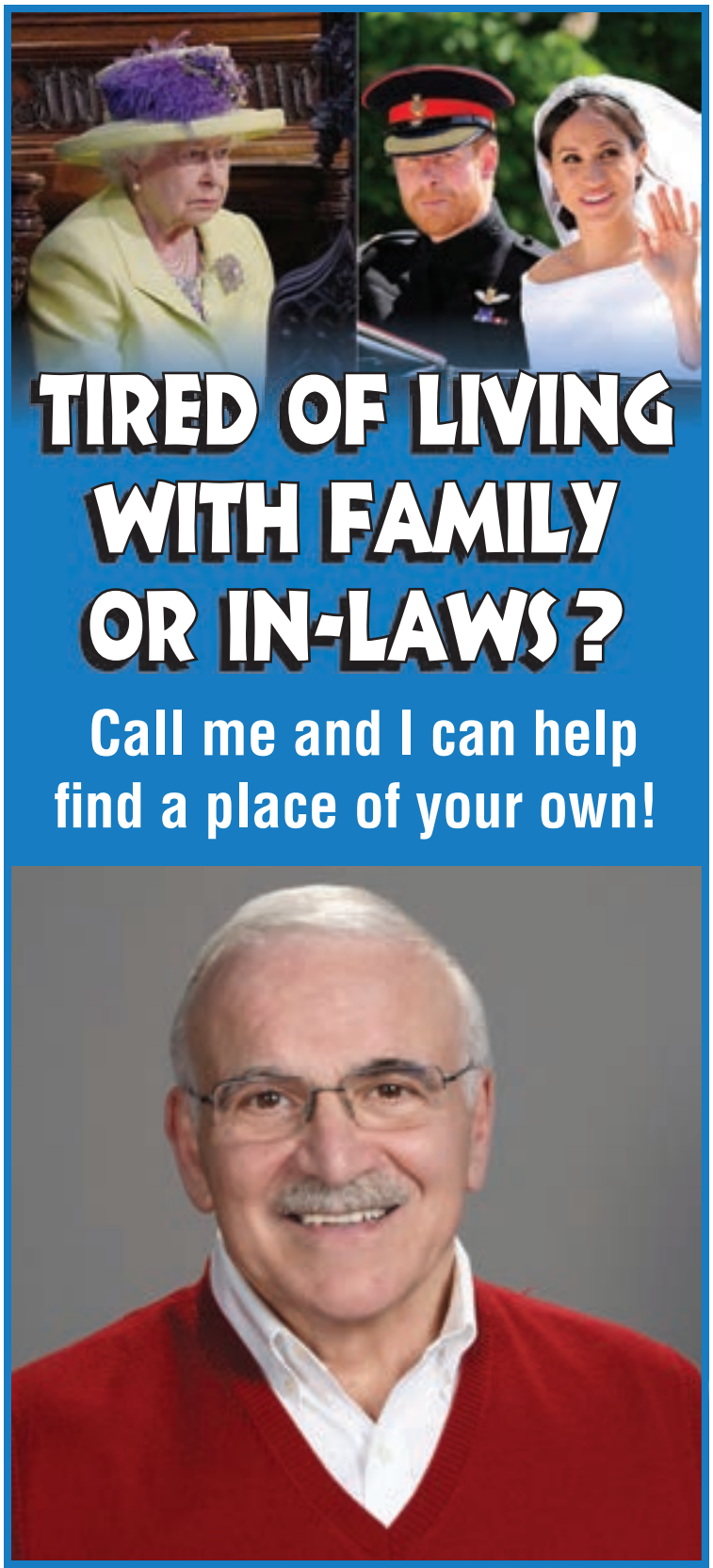

What gives you pride in the Pocket-Greenhaven Community?



This community is such a blessing for my family. I'm sure you feel the same way. We enjoy our beautiful parks; river access; great schools; nice restaurants and shops; a wonderful library; delta breeze cooled evenings; the sense of security that comes with living in the safest neighborhood in the city. We have so many wonderful friends, met around our neighborhood or from being involved in the groups that bring people together. I'm truly proud to call Pocket-Greenhaven my home.

We all know that such a wonderful community does not happen on accident. There are so many people and groups who have contributed to making our community what it is today. Some in high profile ways, others more subtly.

The Pocket Greenhaven Community Association will be holding the 3rd annual Pride of the Pocket awards ceremony on May 20th. We hope you will join us for this fun, FREE celebration of the people and groups that make our community such a wonderful place to live, work and play.

But we also need your help to identify the neighbors and local groups deserving recog-

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nition for their contributions to our wonderful community! A teacher, a volunteer, a librarian, a business owner, a police officer or firefighter, a community organization? Who goes above and beyond to make our community better? Who makes life better for you and your family?

Please take some time to really think about this, because we cannot do it with the input from our community. Nominations can be submitted at pride.pocketgreenhaven.org. (You can also get your FREE tickets there and sign up to compete in the bake-off!)

Last year's winners were:

Outstanding Service to Youth: Matsuyama Teacher Stephanie Berry

Outstanding Service to Youth: Pocket Little League

Outstanding Contribution to Quality of Life, Inclusion and Safety: Friends of the Sacramento River Parkway

Outstanding Contribution to Safe and Quality of Life: Lieutenant Paul Freeman

Outstanding Contribution to Inclusion: Lane Shapiro

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Interstate 5 Corridor could be completed early, says project manager

Project includes section of freeway in Pocket-Greenhaven area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

A California Department of Transportation project manager for the current, $370 million Interstate 5 Corridor Enhancement Project, told the Pocket News on Jan. 30 that the project could be completed earlier than previously announced.

"We have a closeout of the project scheduled for December of 2022, but the contractors' schedule shows them finishing in late summer, early fall (of 2022)," said Jess Avila, Caltrans project manager. "So, hopefully, they'll beat that (December 2022 completion date)."

This 13-mile project, which includes the stretch of I-5 that runs through the Pocket-Greenhaven area, is designed to enhance this freeway from a mile south of Elk Grove Boulevard in Elk Grove to Richards Boulevard in Sacramento.

Senate Bill 1 – aka "The Gas Tax" – is providing $48 million in funding for the project, which is designed to relieve congestion through improvements to the north and southbound lanes.

Other funding for the project includes $280 million from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program, $33 million from the Sacramento Transportation Authority's Measure A funds, and $8.5 million from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

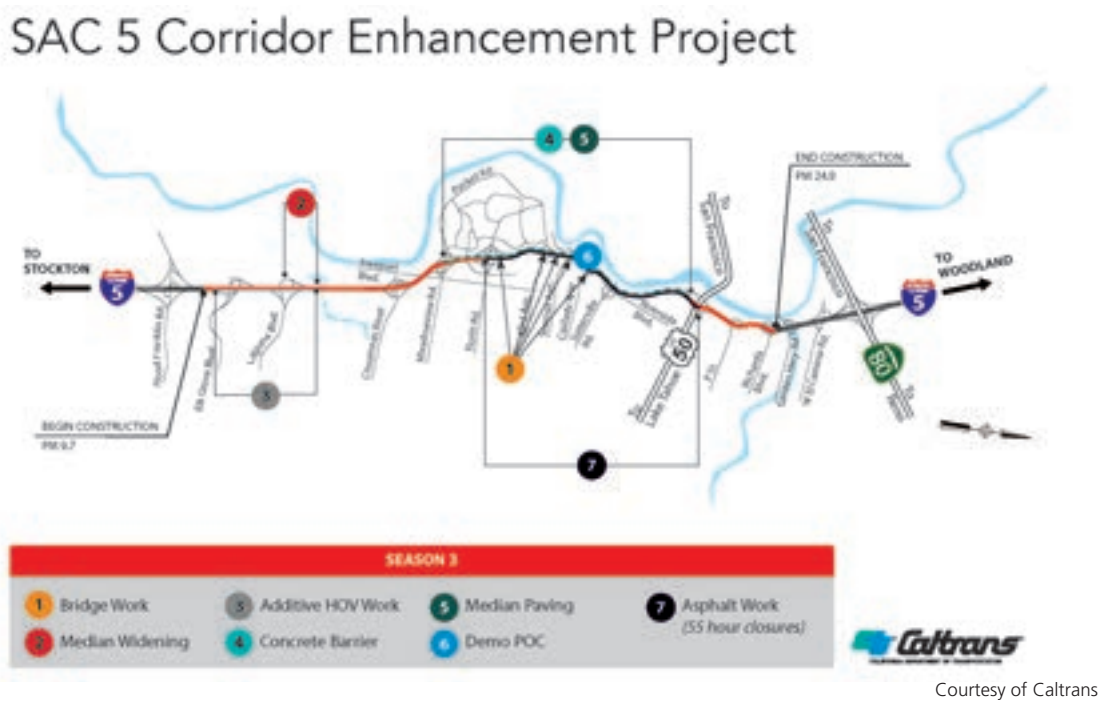
This project, which began six months ago, features the rehabilitation of existing pavement, the construction of new carpool lanes, ramp meters and sound walls, the installation of new fiber-optic lines, and the extension of various entrance and exit ramps.

An informational presentation on the project was presented at the latest Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association meeting, which was held on Jan. 30 at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

Attendees of the meeting were informed about the necessity of improving this portion of I-5, which has 44-year-old pavement. The pavement has deteriorated throughout the years and has inferior driving surfaces.

Caltrans spokesperson Dennis Keaton emphasized the poor condition of the pavement, noting that it has "just taken a beating over the last 25 to 35 years."

On average, 150,000 vehicles, including about 15,000 trucks, utilize this corridor on a daily basis.



Courtesy of Caltrans

This map shows various work that will occur along Interstate 5. The project is scheduled for 2022 completion.

An informational sheet provided by Caltrans at the meeting describes some of the benefits of the project as relieving congestion with ride-sharing options through the use of high-occupancy vehicles, and improving access for carpools, vanpools and express bus services during peak-period travel.

HOV lanes will be added to the project from Elk Grove Boulevard to Sutterville Road, because this portion of the freeway's recurring congestion during those peak commute periods.

"Traffic demand during commute periods exceeds the freeway capacity, and the amount and duration of congestion is expected to increase in the future as suburban development in portions of the city of Sacramento and the city of Elk Grove increase," notes Caltrans' informational sheet.

During Caltrans' presentation at the meeting, some attendees inquired about what would occur at the Pocket and Florin roads portions of the I-5 project.

Avila responded to those inquiries.

"We're going to be rehabilitating the ramps, we're going to be widening the ramps, we're going to be putting in ramp metering, (and) there's a new sound wall that's under construction (at Pocket Road)," he said.

"What they can expect this coming year is we're going to be widening the main line, so they're going to see some traffic lane shifting, much like is happening at Casilada (Way)."

In terms of a timeline, Avila said that ramp work will occur "over the next several months," and sidewalk and curb ramp improvements will be completed in 2022.

PGCA President Will Cannady referred to the I-5 Corridor enhancements as "extremely import" to Pocket-Greenhaven residents.

"That's our main artery, our main way of getting both north and south out of our neighborhood," he said. "So, it's important work, but at the same time, we want to make sure not only neighbors are informed of the impacts of the work, but also what we can be doing to help facility a conversation going forward between our elected officials and our neighbors."

Cannady added that one of the goals of the meeting was to

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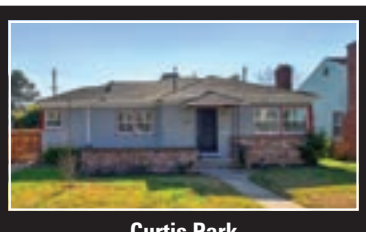
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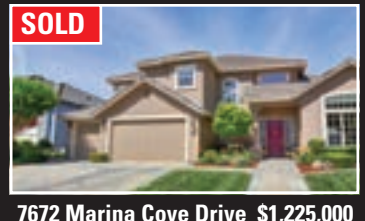
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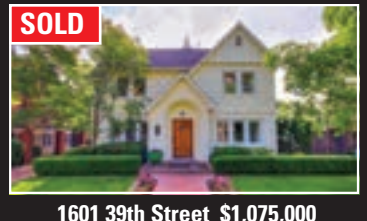
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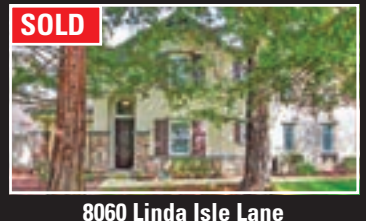
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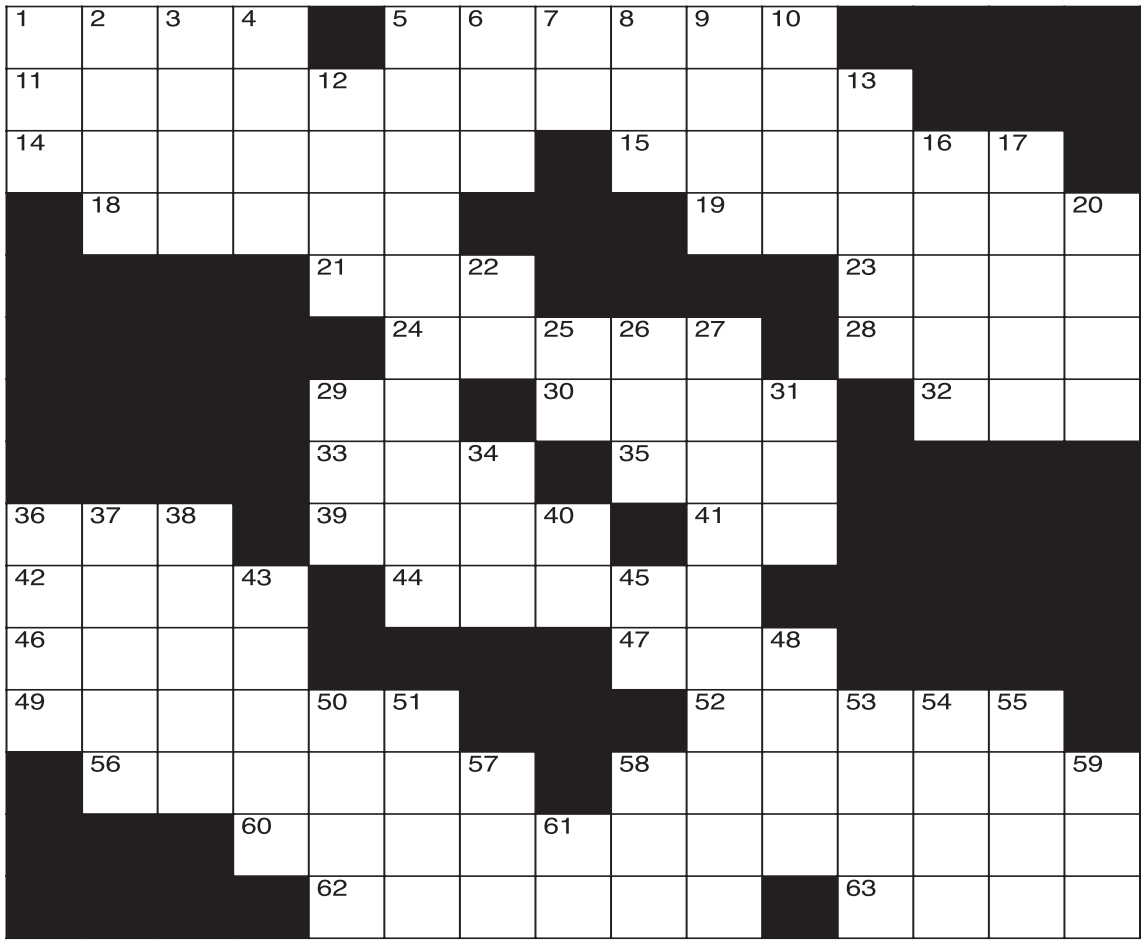

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1. Beer ingredient
5. Popular FOX TV show
11. Recurring from time to time
14. Criticized severely
15. Musician
18. German urban center
19. Quenched
21. Human gene
23. Indian music
24. Accumulate
28. One who graduated
29. Atomic #109
30. Semitic fertility god
32. Sportscaster Patrick
33. Child's dining accessory
35. Payment (abbr.)
36. Guitarist's tool
39. Dabbling ducks
41. Commercial
42. Style someone's hair
44. Biu-Mandara language
46. Actress Spelling
47. Large hole in the ground
49. One-masted sailboats
52. Tropical Asian plant
56. Concurs
58. Latin term for charity
60. The number below the line in a fraction
62. Reddish browns
63. This (Spanish)

CLUES DOWN
1. Belong to he
2. One time only
3. Parent-teacher groups
4. Puts in place
5. Editing
6. In the course of
7. Helps injured people (abbr.)
8. OJ trial judge
9. Resist authority (slang)
10. Formerly alkenols
12. "Cheers" actress Perlman
13. Jewelled headdress
16. Viking Age poet
17. Vanuatu island
20. Wish harm upon
22. Unit of length
25. Blood type
26. Drain
27. Do-gooders
29. Advanced degree
31. Business designation
34. Chinese-American actress Ling
36. Performs on stage
37. Slang for money
38. Large Russian pie
40. The Mount Rushmore State
43. Narrow inlet
45. News organization (abbr.)
48. Scarlett's home
50. Micturates
51. Monetary unit
53. Any customary observance or practice
54. Sons of Poseidon
55. Facilitates grocery shopping
57. Standard operating procedure
58. Former OSS
59. Midway between south and southeast
61. The Wolverine State



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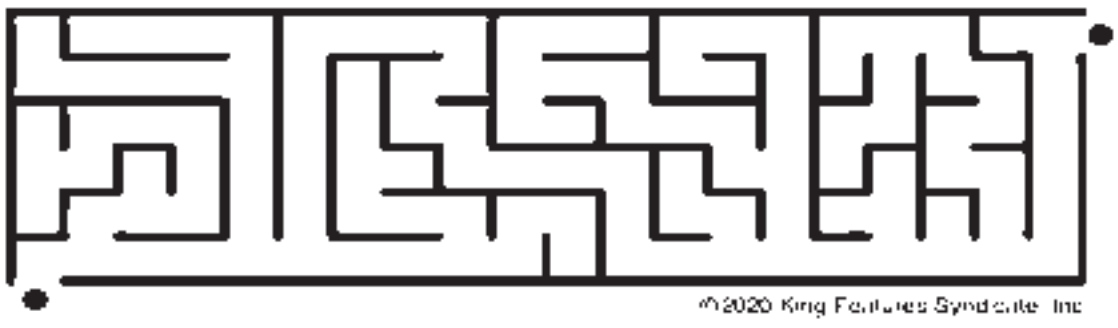

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THIS 'n' THAT

by Carol Bogart

The Superbowl – Oh Who Cares

Apologies to all football fanatics but: I don't like football. Odd, I guess, in that I was married to a one-time Denver Bronco. He was starting for the Orange Crush when the Crush won the Superbowl. Some years later, he was traded to the Chiefs. He played for the Chiefs a while and then hung up his cleats. In retirement, he moved back to Denver (where I was working in TV and met him). That's what I think he told me. It may be flawed.

I never saw him play. Not on TV. Not on tape. In writing our engagement notice, I said he played offense for the Denver Broncos.

"Defense," he corrected, without comment.

Early on I'd warned him I'd been, at best, indifferent to football all my life. Told him I didn't actually know how the game is played.

Still don't. The basics maybe. Has to do with touchdowns.

Didn't seem to matter. By the time we met, he was into golf.

The Monday after this year's 2/2/2020 Superbowl, I stopped by the office to pay my rent. Our manager – who I like a lot – was working on a stack of paperwork and confused my apartment number with the date. He gave me a rueful smile and said, "I'm still mourning." My eyebrows asked, "Who died?" "The game," he said.

Ohhhhhhhh! The **GAME**! gack.

Nonetheless, I dropped my head in empathy. The Superbowl, I knew, was SERIOUS BUSINESS for pro football fans.

I bought into a football pool. Once. Thirty years ago or so. I was going to my one-and-only-ever Superbowl party and hoped, with money in the game, I'd have some interest. (I didn't care who won, so bet on the underdog.)

Of course, I knew my odds of picking the right slot were on par with … the Chiefs beating the Forty Niners? It does occur to me I should have bought a slot in this year's pool. First Superbowl win in 50 years, the Chiefs!

Well, you know.

What the hell.

Good for them.

My antipathy toward football began in childhood. I remember being the only youngster at the family table during college football season get togethers. My father, uncle, brother, mom and cousin were AVID Buckeyes fans. All five were, or would be, Ohio State alumni.

After dinner at my folks' farm, the women (mom, Aunt Mary) and one girl (me) cleared the table and did the dishes. Dad, meantime, fiddled with the antennae gadget to get the antennae turned just right to pick up Ohio State vs. Michigan or the Rose Bowl. (For all OSU home games, my parents went in person, even scoring season tickets on the 50 yard line in their later years.)

Dad watched all away games on TV. Paying close attention to the Bucks' main rivals – most especially, the Wolverines. I seem to remember Illinois being up there, too. And Notre Dame. I don't entirely remember. To me, it was just a lot of boring noise, and much preferred to tramp around outside with my dogs.

Pro football didn't interest my family much. GO BUCKS. That's all I knew. In my view, football RUINED every family get together. How, I wondered, could they find football more fascinating than my small self?

As I matured a bit, I did understand their feelings of betrayal when the star player on my high school team signed a sports scholarship deal and played for, *gasp*, *Michigan*. Across Ohio, Buckeyes fans were furious. In our community, townsfolk held such a grudge that, after football, when he came back to run his dad's men's wear store, many wouldn't buy there!

I was in my 30s, working in TV, when a then-boyfriend's father asked me why I hated football. It came up when we were at a Royals game. The boyfriend was as nuts about the Royals as my folks were about the Bucks. In that context, I mentioned that I hated football (while disguising my near-equal boredom with baseball of any sort). That antipathy, too, was rooted in childhood. Dad liked to tune the car radio to Indians games, but couldn't when I was in the car. The droning announcer coupled with backseat car fumes made me car sick. I whined. A lot.

(I was a difficult child, my mother said.)

Anyway, I told the boyfriend's dad the 'family get togethers' football story.

"Ah," he said, nodding wisely. "You're *jealous* of football."

Crap.

Guilty.

How lame.

Which is not to say I hate all sports. I don't. I LOVE hockey. You could call me a FANATIC even. Gotta brag a little. My son co-founded the first-ever ice hockey team at UC Santa Cruz. (GO SLUGS!!) and played Men's A League on Sharks Ice. (GO SHARKS!)

With the extreme enthusiasm I feel for Mike and hockey, I do actually understand fanatic football fans. I gather there's a strategy to football that eludes me. The Sunday after the Superbowl, our pastor said the Niners would have won "if they'd had a better passing game."

Yeah.

okay.

Armchair quarterbacking.

yawn.

I was channel surfing Superbowl Sunday, trying to avoid the game – when the halftime show glued me to the screen. Yow**eeeeee**! Now THAT was SOMETHING!

Did you know J Lo's 50+???!

Talk about an athlete!

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CELEBRATE PI DAY on 3.14.20

Walk with the Sacramento Walking Sticks

The Sacramento Walking Sticks Club will be celebrating the ratio between the circumference of a circle to its diameter—approximately 3.14—on Pi Day, Saturday, March 14, 2020. We invite everyone to join in on our event, walking and eating "pie" with us before and/or after the walk.

The start/finish of our event will be Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery, 5622 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822.

Registration for the walk will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, finishing by 3:14 pm

Everyone will have their choice of walking either a 5k (3.14 miles) or a 10k (3.14 x 2) route that is rated a 1A. The routes are wheelchair and stroller friendly; the family dog will love the outing, but they cannot come into Marie Callender's. Children are encouraged to come and walk on foot, use their scooters or skates and if they're 12 and under—they can eat FREE at the last remaining Marie Callender's in town.

Families are encouraged to come and walk. We walk for the fun and fitness of the event and to see new places along the way and hopefully meet some new friends as well. The walk takes people into little known areas of Sacramento—the Little Pocket neighborhood, Belle Cooledge and Bahnfleth Parks as well as walking by the Sacramento Executive Airport and the Sacramento Public Safety Center. Everyone can walk for FREE or pay $3.14 for volkswalk credit. (The normal fee for volkswalk credit is $3.00 per walk—the extra 14¢ will be donated to a local food closet.

More Pi information,

http://www.piday.org/

http://mathforum.org/dr.math/faq/faq.pi.html.

Volkswalk means "sport of the people" and has its origins in Germany. There are over 200 clubs throughout the USA and the Sacramento Walking Sticks is still the largest club with 518 members. The Club offers a wide array of walking adventures for people of all ages and walking abilities, including the family dog. There are group walks on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings; and whenever there's a Full Moon. There are also walks every weekend in northern and central California that people can join in on, too. The Sticks also offer group walks on major holidays and Road Adventures once a month to cities over 50 miles away. Walking is one of the most inexpensive forms of exercise around and when people are walking and talking, they tend to walk further and faster than when they're alone or on a treadmill. The Club provides everyone with a set of written directions and map so no one gets lost and they're guaranteed a route with sights they would probably never have found on their own.

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Current tours that are available, include: Small Carnivores, Meerkats, Okapi, Hooves and Horns, Reptile House, Feathered Friends, Snow Leopard, Choose-Your-Own-Adventure.

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SMALL CARNIVORES

Come hang out with the small carnivores at the zoo– the meerkats and river otters! You'll get to learn about each of these species and what goes in to their every day care. Then head behind the scenes with one of their keepers and see the animals up close. You'll get to see their off-exhibit hang out spots and even get to toss them some snacks and watch as they enjoy their treat. This experience is kid friendly.

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For ages 5 and older
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Thursdays: 2:30 pm
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Fridays, Saturdays: 2:30 pm
For ages 5 and older*
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4-Story Apartments Proposed Off Pocket Road



By Patricia A. Clark

One of the entrance points to the Pocket Area may look very different if a development application is approved by the City.

In late November 2019, the City of Sacramento Planning Division received an application to build a 4-story apartment complex on Klotz Ranch Court, off Pocket Road. The applicant is the Spanos Corporation from Stockton and the project name is "Klotz Ranch Apartments (P19-070)".

The location is the 12.7 acres of vacant land just south of the Shell Gas Station and McDonald's on Pocket Road, between Interstate 5 and Freeport Boulevard. The land is currently zoned Shopping Center Commercial and has Planned Unit Development Guidelines attached to it from City Council approval in 1997. The General Plan designation for the land is Regional Commercial Center. The property is currently owned by "Cora Properties, LLC."

The proposal includes six 4-story apartment buildings and a 2-story club house. The apartment buildings would contain 266 apartments and 537 parking spaces in the complex. Amenities include a tot lot, pool, and dog run. The apartments would be market-rate.

The necessary City entitlements for approval of this proposal are 1) amendment to the Klotz Ranch Planned Unit Development (PUD) Guidelines and Schematic Plan, 2) a Conditional Use Permit to allow multi-family residential use in the Shopping Center zone, and 3) Site Plan and Design Review. The application is expected to be heard by the City Planning and Design Commission in the spring or summer. The decision of the Commission would be final unless appealed to the City Council.

The property has several restrictions and planning considerations. In addition to the City's General Plan, the 2015 Pocket Area Community Plan also designates the property as Regional Commercial. The Klotz Ranch PUD Guidelines, approved by City Council in 1997, state their purpose is to establish a cohesive set of development criteria to govern all future construction in the PUD, resulting in an attractive project with architectural and site plan compatibility.

An example of the restrictions in the PUD Guidelines is height. The maximum height of any building is 35 feet, per the PUD Guidelines. The Klotz Ranch Apartments application proposes buildings as tall as 48 feet, or deviating by more than 36% from the approved guidelines.

The 266 units on 12.7 acres equates to 21 units per acre. Some residents regard this as too dense to be compatible with the surrounding low-density communities. "A 4-story building complex to add hundreds of people and potential of 537 vehicles will have a detrimental impact on the surrounding neighborhoods by increasing traffic, noise and need for public services. Bottom line is a decrease in the quality of life in our neighborhood," said a South Pocket resident. South Pocket Homeowners Association submitted a comment letter to City Planning documenting six concerns with the project including traffic impact, height, and inconsistency with the Klotz Ranch PUD Guidelines.

Other concerns raised by community members include only one point of ingress and egress, as there can be no access from Freeport Boulevard due to existing easements. The bottleneck raises public safety concerns. "The traffic impact for Meadowview and Pocket residents should be thoroughly analyzed for this proposed project,"

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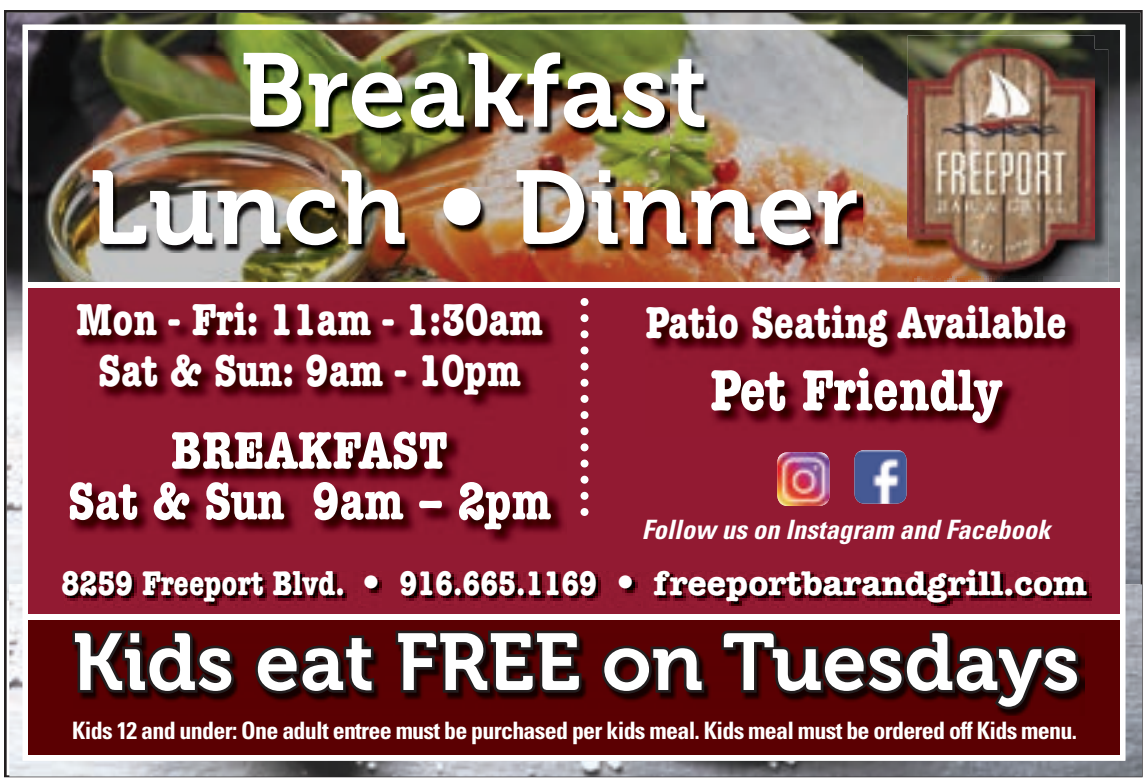

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said Riverlake resident Larkin Penrose. "Existing Pocket Road traffic between I-5 and Freeport Boulevard is already negatively impacted, especially during peak usage times. The addition of all of the traffic from this development channeled directly into the middle of this impacted section of Pocket Road will greatly exacerbate this problem. Additionally, having all the traffic from this development funneled into only one ingress/egress point will negatively impact not only the flow of traffic, but also be a safety hazard for residents, fire, police and other public safety entities."

The constraint on access also captured the attention of Park Place South Homeowners Association President Dave LaManna. "I understand infill projects have their own challenges. In this case I think the very stark industrial design does not fit the neighborhood whatsoever," LaManna commented. "Also, with only one entry/exit point, adding the potential of hundreds of vehicles per day on Klotz Ranch Court is a nightmare waiting to happen." Park Place South Homeowners Association is located on the east side of Greenhaven between Rush River and South Land Park Drive.

The 4-story height of the proposed buildings is not only inconsistent with existing apartments in the Pocket, but also with Meadowview to the east and the Town of Freeport to the south.

Pocket residents are not the only ones to raise concerns. Freeport Community Committee Chair Janet Lake said, "We believe that a 4-story apartment complex is completely out of line with anything in the area and will have a negative effect on traffic and population in the area." She added concern with Freeport's historical nature. "There are historical/heritage issues in the Town of Freeport that have not been addressed by this project."

A similar 4-story apartment complex, also proposed by the Spanos Corporation, called "Spanos Apartments at Natomas Crossing (P17-062)" is now under construction in North Natomas, having gained city approval in 2018. According to the 2017 City Staff Report, that complex is 293 market-rate units. Located near Arena Boulevard and Truxel Road, that complex has easy access to I-5 and I-80 and has three-story apartments to the west and two-story townhomes/condominiums to the south, providing evidence of compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood. Most revealing, the staff report indicates on page 13 that the applicant was required to provide a secondary access point into the apartment complex, a common-sense requirement that seems unlikely to be achieved at the Klotz Ranch location.

At press time, City Planning did not anticipate hosting a community meeting on the issue.



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"Oops": Raley's iconic neon sign comes crashing down, but have no fear, it's OK





By Monica Stark

As Raley's on 4850 Freeport readies itself for the big move next door, the iconic neon sign came down with a crash on Feb. 3. Some took to the internet exclaiming "Rest in Pieces". And down the street, Land Park Ski and Sports responded to the incident in jest on their sign with one word: "Oops". Meanwhile, Raley's addressed the community via social media: "Have NO FEAR, the sign is okay!" They said the script on Raley's logo was impacted, but the letters are fine... despite the pictures. In partnership with Western Sign Company, Raley's will rebuild and refurbish it using the original elements to maintain the integrity of the historic sign, according to an official statement. The iconic "Rx" had already been removed and was unaffected. Raley's looks forward to reinstalling the iconic sign at the new Raley's location in March with the new store opening in April.

According to SacMod (Sacramento Modern)'s 2016 Sacramento Mid-Century Modern Home Tour guidebook, Freeport Boulevard has historically been a commercial corridor and contains many of Sacramento's beloved neon signs, which contribute to the streetscape's authentic and vintage character. Electrical Products Corporation was located at 2101 28th St. and designed the Raley's sign as well as many other favorites in Sacramento, including Sam's Hofbrau that was located at J and 17th streets, the original Tower Records "dancing kids" sign atop Tower Cafe, "Jugglin' Joe" from Gunther's Ice Cream and the Hollywood Hardware hammer on Freeport Boulevard.

In other Raley's News, there is a job fair, today – Thursday, Feb. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Raley's College Greens 8391 Folsom Blvd. They are hiring for a variety of positions. Apply on the website to Store #415. Walk-ins are welcome.

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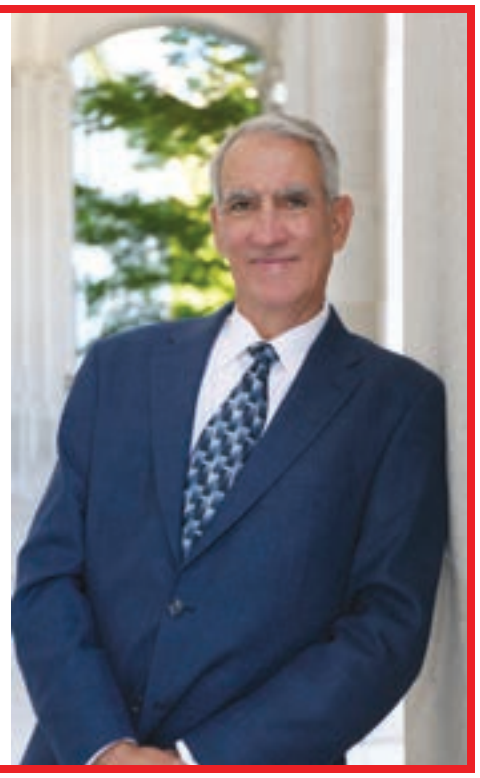
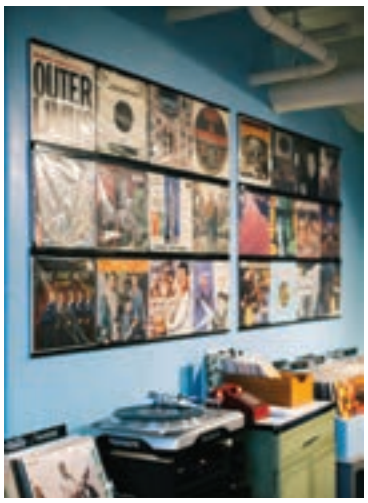


MediumRare Records expanding in spring







By Monica Stark

MediumRare Records & Collectibles, Sacramento's #1 Rated record store by Sacramento News & Review, located in the Warehouse Artist Lofts at 1104 R St., will expand its entire product line of vinyl, collectibles and vintage magazines, March 1, 2020.

The new, expanded MediumRare Records will feature a museum-like atmosphere, a restored, 50-year-old jukebox, and an even larger selection of new and vintage vinyl, cassettes and collectibles, from the '50s through the '80s. Entire families can step back in time and enjoy exhibits and rare collectibles of music icons such as The Beatles, Beach Boys, Elvis Presley and others.

"I've always envisioned a record store that felt more like a museum that showcases original vinyl and artifacts from the musicians that created and shaped rock 'n' roll," said store owner Marty De Anda. "At MediumRare, you can pick up an original copy of The Beatles Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band as well as the cool portable record player that it was originally played on."

MediumRare's expansion comes as long-time partner, Kicksville Vintage & Vinyl, move their collection of vintage vinyl, furniture and household items to a new, larger midtown location. MediumRare will continue to work hand-in-hand with Kicksville to support both stores unique merchandise.

Located in the Warehouse Artist Lofts in the center of the city's blossoming art scene, MediumRare Records & Collectibles continues its mission to provide customers with a high-quality, music shopping experience. With more and more music retailers disappearing from the local landscape, De Anda envisions MediumRare Records as "a musical oasis."

"It's a collector's dream, an exciting experience for the entire family and a great resource for those who've recently discovered the wonders of vinyl," he adds.

The name MediumRare simply indicates that the store is not specifically a collector or high end store, although the price point is not at the low end (due to the high quality). "We are not a store for 'picking,' but a unique and highly curated store that provides an actual music experience for collectors, beginners and entire families."

De Anda says the store offers many rare records and first pressings, and currently they feature a very rare early Bob Dylan record, The Rolling Stones first LP promotional copy, Beatles Butcher Cover and an entire wall of autographed records from Frank Sinatra to Ronny James Dio to Tony Bennet. They've have had many photo shoots, and two short movies actually filmed inside. This year, looks to be the year they will begin having singer/songwriter type shows at MediumRare

As record stores have gone out of business De Anda says "good old fashioned service" has made them successful. "Everyone who works at MediumRare is an expert in some musical field. We engage every customer and are there to share detailed facts about rare collectibles, provide advice on how to start a record collection and to answer any type of question our customers can come up with," he said.

The store has grown over the past five years due to reputation and creating an atmosphere that is good for the entire family, De Anda says. "We were recently voted (Sacramento News & Review) as Sacramento's #1 Record Store. Although we haven't truly 'upgraded' it, we have stuck by our very strict standards of quality and service even though we could sell other product not quite as pristine."

MediumRare buys large or small record collections, paying far and away the highest prices for quality product. They will buy entire collections even if we do not want all of it. The worst thing a seller can do is to let someone pick through their collection and leave them with 60% or more that they cannot sell. We take that worry off of the customers shoulders.

De Anda prides his store as Sacramento's first family-oriented record store. "We curate displays to enlighten young folks and let oldsters like myself go back down memory lane. It is not unusual for us to have a grandfather, father and daughter come in at once to share the fun," he said.

De Anda began collecting records around 1968. "Even at 12 I was known as 'the music man.' I personally don't have as many as you might guess, maybe 1,500 not counting a very large Beatles collection."

Born and raised in West Sacramento, De Anda lives in Land Park. The De Anda family (my family) still remains one of the largest and longest tenured families in West Sacramento: six generations strong. "I am clearly a West Sac boy…er man."



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FARM AND FLAVOR



By Kerin Gould

The fruit trees are budding, full of fragrance and promise. Have you ever smelled grapefruit blossoms? Indescribably fresh! Artichokes and cardoons are filling out their prehistoric-looking, jagged, leafiness. The sparrows are nesting under the eaves where I keep promising myself I'll close it up after the next babies fledge. A few poofy clouds punctuate a spectacular, cerulean sky, and volunteer flowering plants are making every effort to reach toward the warm sun… I should be feeling a wave of optimism and delight, basking in the warmth and color. And I am. Mostly.

But I worry about things like fruit trees having sufficient chill hours — the number of hours below 45 degrees that different fruit trees need to be able to produce well — and pathogens and pest populations and rain. We haven't had enough to get us through the summer. There's not enough snow on the sierra. Maybe we will have a sudden temperature drop and a deluge that crushes spring seedlings. Or a windstorm that blows away blossoms, pollen and pollinators. Maybe we will be plagued with locusts, like they are in Africa right now. Geez, I really have to cut back on how much news I ingest! And I'm trying not to answer all the cheery strangers in the checkout line saying, "How about this weather?" with a harsh, Debbie-Downer response about the effects of global warming and the broken jet stream… even though those phenomena may change what we can all buy at the same grocery store in a few years' time.

My usual way of assuaging worry is to actively do something about the issue at hand. It may not solve the entire problem, but at least I don't have to add guilt about doing nothing to my worry. Of course, I can't single-handedly fix climate change, but I can plant trees, skip animal products, drive less, and be the queen of thrift shopping and natural fiber clothing. I may not be able to cure cancer, but I can support some people as they get through it. I can't save all the songbirds and pollinators, but I can create a safe habitat and provide food. I can't rescue all the pets in the shelter, but my 3 cats and 2 of 3 dogs were all strays. (The non-stray is the baby of the other two, born on my lap.) I don't personally legislate or decide who governs us, but I can protest/rally, write letters, sign petitions, use social media, and VOTE!

Sometimes, I can just block out the worry by focusing on something very specific, like weeding between the pink celery stalks, or pruning an old fig to keep competitive weeds away from its base, or trellising olallie-berries. I highly recommend browsing through seed catalogs like Johnny's, Peaceful Valley, or Baker Creek (the Victoria's Secret of seed catalogs) to find new varietals to plant. Even if you have a small space, you can grow Opal Basil (dark purple!), chocolate mint, Red Cross lettuce, Old Timey Blue collard greens, or round parisienne carrots just for the delightful anticipation and delicious rewards. Try it. You may find your peace of mind and your appetite coming back like a perennial bed of asparagus.

Speaking of asparagus, with its fresh and earthy, spring flavor… it's a known as a great kidney cleanser as well being high in fiber, and full of vitamins, folic acid and glutathione. As good as it is simply steamed, try this light and luscious, simple and sophisticated recipe:

Asparagus Mousse

INGREDIENTS

1 cup thick cashew milk or other neutral- flavored "cream"
1 bunch fresh asparagus, cut into small pieces and quickly steamed til tender and tossed with a splash of olive oil
3 eggs (ideally pastured, organic eggs)
1 tbsp corn starch or arrowroot
olive oil
salt and pepper
Fine bread crumbs (or panko, gluten-free varieties do exist!)
Optional: Parmesan-style "cheese"

Directions

Preheat the oven to 355.

Place the milk, asparagus, eggs, corn starch in the blender and puree the ingredients until the mix is very fine. Salt and pepper to taste. Mix in the parmesan if desired. Optionally, you can mix in ¾ of the asparagus and later add the remaining pieces in to add texture.

Lightly oil a loaf pan or custard cups, then coat well with the bread crumbs.

Pour in the egg mixture.

Set the loaf pan or custard cups in a roasting pan and set them on the oven rack. Pour hot water into the pan, avoiding the mousse containers, to come up halfway up the sides of the dish(es).

Bake until a knife inserted halfway between edge and center comes out clean, about 45 minutes for the loaf size, less for the smaller cups. The mousse should be firm, with light cracking on the surface, but not dry or hard.

When done, remove from the oven and let cool on a rack. You can serve in the custard dishes, slice the flan from the loaf pan, or un-mold the mousse (at your peril) by running a very thin knife around the edge before inverting it.

Interstate:

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receive feedback from local residents.

Among the stated concerns at the meeting was the belief that the I-5 ramp areas at Pocket Road "are dangerous."

One attendee requested that signs be placed within the project to warn drivers about certain potentially dangerous traffic conditions in other lanes.

It was also noted by a community member attending the meeting that it is difficult to see certain lanes due to the temporary lines that have been placed on the freeway, coupled with remnants of former lines in separate locations.

Cannady commented on the feedback that Caltrans received from neighbors at the meeting.

"Even though it's only a few suggestions, hopefully Caltrans can take that into consideration and make very important adjustments, so that our neighbors can be better helped by all this very important construction," he said.

For those who did not attend the Jan. 30 meeting, but are interested in sharing their views on this project or other community issues, Cannady noted that neighbors are welcome to contact the community association directly.

"The Pocket-Greenhaven Community Association is here and if they have any concerns, we're always willing to listen and help support them as much as possible, and make important changes in our neighborhood, so they feel safer," he said.

Comments can be submitted through the association's website, www.PocketGreenhaven.org.

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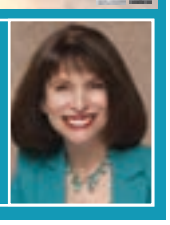

What's happening Pocket/Greenhaven?

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING – MARIA PRYOR HERNDON: Join Crawford's Books for this special event with local author, Maria Pryor Herndon as she presents her book, The Look: Paris for the Last Time. In this Christian romance, the lives of an American divorcee and an expat living in Paris intertwine as they fall in love and search for a way to be together forever. 2 to 4 p.m., Crawford's Books, 5301 Freeport Blvd., #200. For more information, call 916-731-8001 or visit www.crawfordbooks.net.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: "Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you." And there was no one quite like Dr. Seuss! Join Fairytale Town as Fairytale Town invites you to celebrate Theodor Seuss Geisel's 116th birthday with Seuss-themed hands on activities and crafts from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by the Mother Goose Stage for a unique nonstop reading of your favorite colorful, tongue-twisting, rhyming Seuss books! And "If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good."Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is $7 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Members and children ages 1 and under are free. Please note: Adults must be accompanied by children and children must be accompanied by adults in order to gain admittance to the park. Fairytale Town closes when it rains heavily. If skies are gray, check our website or call 916-808-5233 to confirm our hours and program details. Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

NINTH ANNUAL SOROPTIMIST CRAB FIESTA FUNDRAISER: Sacramento-area residents, business leaders, and community advocates for women and girls who are looking to enjoy a night out with a delicious full course crab dinner, bid on the chance to win exciting raffle and auction prizes and, importantly, support a worthwhile cause at the Soroptimist International of Sacramento INC. ninth annual Crab Fiesta. This annual fundraiser supports programs, scholarships and grants that provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. It will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 616 Alhambra Blvd. Soroptimist International of Sacramento, Inc. is proud of its 97-year history and many accomplishments in the Sacramento community through the club's signature Dream programs. These programs provide training and resources that help women and girls in our community reach their full potential and live their dreams. The programs include Dream It, Be It – a career mentoring and life skills program for girls at SAVA Charter High School in Sacramento; Live Your Dream – cash awards for women head of households entering the workforce, college or job training; Dream Scholarships – approximately $20,000 in annual college scholarships for deserving women; and, Dream Grants – support for community organizations aligned with the Soroptimist mission. Recipients for 2020 include Single Mom Strong Empowerment Center (Citrus Heights) serving single mothers and Court Appointed Special Advocate's (CASA) program for adolescent girls in the juvenile justice system. Early Bird Tickets are $65; Prices increase February 14th to $70. Tickets can be purchased at www.crabfiestasac.org. The ticket includes a margarita, chips & salsa and a delicious salad, pasta and crab dinner.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

SAKURA MATSURI: 3RD ANNUAL FOOD & SHOPPING FAIRE: Do you like to eat and shop? Then you will not want to miss the 3rd Annual Sakura Matsuri Food & Shopping Faire on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento. The Shopping Faire will be held in the indoor gym from 10:00 am-3:00 pm and the Food Faire will be held from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm (or until sold out) in the outdoor courtyard. The shopping faire features a variety of vendors (handcrafted items, jewelry, clothing, and more), as well as a food court of Asian cuisine (teriyaki beef sandwiches, chicken bento boxes, spam musubi, tuna poke, vegetable bowl, somen salad, "Japanese Hot Dogs",and more). To guarantee your order, some food items can be ordered in advance before March 1st. Limited quantities of these and other food and products will be available at the Faire as well. Pre-order forms can be obtained at: www.buddhistchurch.org under the Special Events section. For further information, contact the Buddhist Church at (916) 446-0121.

Sacramento County Crowns 2020 Poetry Out Loud Winner

C.K. McClatchy High School Student Wins Competition

Eden Getahun from C.K. McClatchy High School, in the Sacramento City Unified School District, is the winner of the 2020 Sacramento County Poetry Out Loud competition. She took first place from a field of 12 competitors during the Sacramento County finals, held Thursday, February 6, at Rosemont High School in Sacramento. Amorri Lee from John F. Kennedy High School, in the Sacramento City Unified School District is the Sacramento County runner-up. Ms. Getahun will represent Sacramento County in the State Finals, March 15-16, in Sacramento.

The Sacramento County Poetry Out Loud competition encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. The program provides students with the opportunity to perform poetry in English classes. Modeled like the National Spelling Bee, the Poetry Out Loud program began in local high school classrooms, with winners advancing to school-wide, then regional competition. Schools countrywide are participating in regional competitions.

2020 Poetry Out Loud Participants

·Eden Getahun - C.K. McClatchy High School (Sacramento City USD)

·Amaya De La Cruz - Capital Christian School

·Geoffrey Muller - Cornerstone Christian School

·Alicia Hernandez - George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science (Sacramento City USD)

·Sumayyah Khan - Heritage Peak Charter School

·Enviey Hicks - Inderkum High School (Natomas USD)

·Amorri Lee - John F. Kennedy High School (Sacramento City USD)

·William Clement - Kit Carson International Academy (Sacramento City USD)

·Koriem Muhammad - Luther Burbank High School (Sacramento City USD)

·Ifuy Ifyefobi - Pleasant Grove High School (Elk Grove USD)

·Miryam Leaderman-Bray - Rio Americano HS (San Juan USD)

·Allisen Joyce - Rio Linda High School (Twin Rivers USD)

Sacramento County's Poetry Out Loud program is supported by the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), California Poets in the Schools, and the Poetry Foundation. This activity is funded by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



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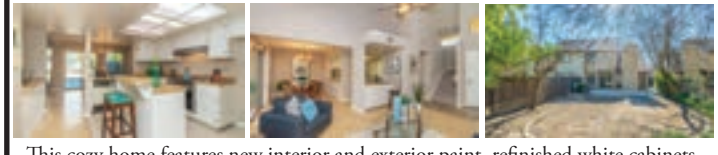

This cozy home features new interior and exterior paint, refinished white cabinets, new quality carpet and pad. Some windows and sliding glass door have been replaced. Nice laminate floors. The hot water is solar. Large yard is a clean slate for you to create your beautiful garden. Inside laundry area, high vaulted ceilings and open floor plan. Attached one car garage. Minutes to downtown to enjoy the restaurants and entertainment. This is a fantastic affordable home and convenient location. All section 1 & 2 items have been completed by Bouey Pest.

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What's happening Pocket/Greenhaven?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

20TH ANNUAL DIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT DAY CAREER FAIR AND ROUNTABLES: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the O'Club at The Lions Gate Hotel Conference Center, 3410 Westover St., McClellan. The ongoing mission is to provide the most candidates from the city, county and state's diverse communities. With the understanding that diversity is a good business strategy, the opportunities for employer and candidates are endless. The diversity event is the most significant career fair presented today. Its outreach includes multicultural, veterans, women, LGBTQ, mature workers and people with disabilities. Each employer is actively committed to getting America back to work, diversity and equality in the workplace. The event features the "The Diversity Spirit Achievement Award" presented by the Diversity Recruiters Network and The Diversity Practitioners Roundtables. For more information, visit facebook.com/citycareerfair and www.citycareerfair.com

ONGOING

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.

BABY STORYTIME AT BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY –Nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. For children up to about 18 months old. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.

TODDLER STORYTIME BELLE COOLEDGE LIBRARY– Toddlers ages one to three and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories, and fingerplays. After the storytime, there will be a stay and play group. Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

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

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