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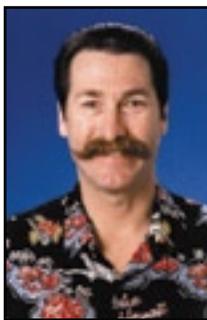
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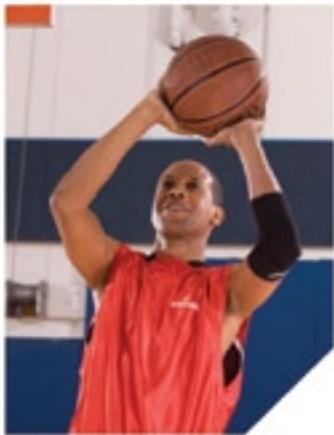
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Janey Way Memories



The Felling of Kenny Stone



By **MARTY RELLES**
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Kenny Stone was a block of a fellow, 5 feet 9 inches tall and 170 pounds. Harry Viani stood 5 feet 4 inches tall and skinny. My sister Pat Relles was tiny by comparison, barely 5 feet 3 inches tall and 120 pounds. These were the players in a drama heard around Janey Way.

The day began as did all summer days on Janey Way in the 1950s, quietly. A group of us played tag on the lawn in front of Saint Mary's Church when we heard a commotion on the side of the church. Naturally, we all ran over to see what was going on. There atop the steps of the side exit stood Kenny Stone and Harry Viani. Kenny was on the step above Harry, holding him by the collar of his obviously new shirt. He held tightly on to Harry's shirt and would not let go.

"I was never more proud of my sister than on that day."

"Let me go," said Harry, "you're ripping my shirt."
"Why should I?" asked Kenny, a smile on his face.
The more Harry tried to pull away, the more buttons popped from his shirt. As this drama played itself out, who should pop around the corner but my sister Pat. She saw what was happening and ran over to the melee.

"Let him go," Pat cried out.
"What are you going to do about it?" Kenny yelled back.
Before the last word left Kenny's mouth, Pat hit him smack in the face. Kenny crumpled to the ground, tears welling from his eyes.

"Why did you do that?" cried Kenny.
"Because you were hurting my friend," said Pat.
About that time, Father John Grossi poked his head out of the church door.
"What's going on here?" asked Father John.
"Pat hit Kenny," said one of the kids.
A half smile appeared on the priest's face as he peered down at the chaos.
"You come in here with me," he told Kenny. "All the rest of you go home."

Kenny struggled to his feet and followed Father John into the church. Pat escorted Harry home to explain to his father how the shirt was torn. The boys went back to the front of the church to resume playing tag, and I was left standing there to ponder what had just happened.

I was never more proud of my sister than on that day. She taught me a lesson I have kept for life. Never be afraid to stand up for what you believe in.

Harry eventually grew to a strapping six feet tall. He went off to study dentistry at the University of Marquette. After earning two baccalaureate degrees, Pat became a schoolteacher. And on that day, I learned a lesson that stood me well for life. Another Janey Way memory I have never forgotten.

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New superintendent opens up to the East Sacramento News

By ELIZABETH VALENTE
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Sacramento City Unified School District's new superintendent, Jonathan Raymond, says he feels energized after his four-day visit to Sacramento last week. During his brief visit, the 48-year-old former chief accountability officer from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina was introduced to staff and community groups along with city Mayor Kevin Johnson and state Sen. Darrell Steinberg.

Raymond, who was chosen for the position in late July, will report for his first day on the job on Friday, August 21. He will lead a district that serves 48,132 Kindergarten-through-12th graders. East Sacramento News writer Elizabeth Valente had an opportunity to catch up with the new superintendent for a one-on-one interview to find out what his plans are for the district schools.

Q: Along with visiting the various schools, staff, teachers, and students, you also plan to spend your first 100 days meeting community groups discussing plans for the urban district. Who exactly and why?

A: I plan to meet up with members from the Latino, African-American, and Asian/Pacific Islander community. It's important that we understand the diverse tapestry of our community; its diverse culture, language, history and ideas. If we are tasked with the responsibility of educating our children then we need to be engaging in all of our communities.

I also plan to meet with government and non-profit businesses. I have a non-profit background and these agencies have the expertise and leverage as part of the community. Instead of trying to replicate what they are doing, we need to develop a relationship so we can leverage their strength and expertise.

Q: With your MBA degree and law background, do you plan to run the school district as a corporate business?

A: It's about educating all children and that work takes place in schools and in classrooms. So our job is to build the sup-



Sacramento City Unified School District's new superintendent Jonathan Raymond.

nity and group of parents and community members that are hungry to be engaged. The city has an energy and passion for educating all their children and it is a wealth that I tend to tap into and we as a school district we'll be engaged with. I support merit pay for teachers, charter schools, and I hope to strengthen the Multiple Pathways initiative. It (Multiple Pathways) is set up to help address the high school dropout crisis because a diploma is a critical step towards college and careers.

Q: What does it mean to have "an engaging presence with the community?"

A: I am going to be available, stay engaged, ask for the public's advice, input and listen. It's being genuine,

transparent, not being afraid to take risks for kids and letting them know that we are here to work together. We don't individually have all the answers, but there's power in working together.

Q: Coming from a North Carolina school public school district, do you see similarities between the two urban districts?

A: They are both diverse districts that have seen success, have great potential, and they both are facing many challenges. But there are a lot of differences. Sacramento School District has a lot of empty desks we need to fill. Charlotte is growing and building schools.

Q: The SCUSD Board of Trustees has signed you to a

four-year contract for an annual salary of \$245,000. Do you plan to live in the district and send your three children to the public district schools?

A: Yes, my wife and I will send our kids to the public district schools. For the time being only two of the kids will be going, our youngest is only two. I understand I am the first superintendent to do this in 20 years. We have not found a home yet, but during our first few days in Sacramento my wife did look at homes in the East Sacramento and Land Park neighborhoods. She came away with a feeling that this is a really special community and we both look forward to raising our three children here and getting to know the people.

port and capacity so that there is excellent student learning and teaching in all of our schools. But, we also have to remember we are a half billion-dollar business. We need to run efficiently and effectively and we need to be held accountable for educating our children. We are "the public school district."

Q: Is one of your goals to bring in more students into the district and if so, how? What are other goals you plan to implement in the school district?

A: I want to see our schools grow and be the beacon of excellence. Sacramento has a rich commu-

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Know your neighbor

East Sacramento resident shares love for historic war birds

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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For those who are familiar with East Sacramento resident Iris Taggart, they know that if she cannot be found enjoying her longtime East Sacramento home, there is an excellent chance that she can be found near an airport runway somewhere in Northern California or beyond.

A volunteer and coordinator for just about anything having to do with World War II aviation in Northern California, Taggart recently found a bit of time in her busy schedule to speak to the East Sacramento News about her love for aviation.

Taking-off

Just the mere mention of number and letter combinations such as B-17, B-24, C-47, P-38, P-51, T-6 and T-28 are enough to strike up a detailed conversation with Taggart.

When asked where her extreme fascination for historic war planes originated, without hesitation, Taggart replied, "It's all because of Tag (the nickname of her late husband, Robert)."

Robert served as a B-17 co-pilot in the 390th Bomb Group during World War II and completed 32 combat missions over Germany and its controlled territories. He was also involved in the post-war missions, Operation Chowhound in Holland and the Berlin Airlift.

Taggart, who as an air force wife traveled to and lived in many different places, including Germany, Japan and Hawaii, related the unusual beginnings to her marriage to Robert 63 years ago.

"We were married Aug. 7, 1946 and Tag was sent over immediately to Germany two weeks afterwards to rebuild what he had done during World War II," Taggart said. "I didn't see Tag much during the time that he was flying his missions."

But after completing his missions, Robert was able to spend a lot more time with his wife and together they raised four children, Douglas, Diane, Gregory Michael and Steven Noel.

Head in the clouds

Taggart fondly remembers the day that she began the first of her 20 years working with World War II aviation activities.



East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong
East Sacramento resident Iris Taggart stands in front of a Douglas C-53D "Skytrooper" on the grounds of the Aerospace Museum of California at the former McClellan Air Force Base. The 17-foot-tall, 63-foot-long aircraft with a 95-foot wingspan was one of several models manufactured on commercial production lines for the Army Air Forces during the early years of World War II.

"Twenty years ago, I heard that the B-17 was coming into McClellan and I booked a surprise ride for my husband at a thousand bucks," Taggart said. "I paid \$350 for each one of my kids and myself. When we got ready to fly,

we couldn't find Tag, because he was in the restroom ill. I thought, 'Oh my God, I spent all this money for nothing.' (Their kids) went in and got him, told him what we were doing and he forgot that he was sick."

Just as he first did at the age of 19 during World War II, Robert settled in for a flight in the co-pilot's seat. And sitting alongside him in the pilot's seat for the flight from McClellan to Reno was World War II pilot Les Walshaw.

With a smile on her face, while reminiscing about this day, Taggart said, "So, that's how I got started 20 years

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Taggart: 'It was like Tag was right there with me,' she said of the trip

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ago. From that day forward, I was hooked."

In addition to coordinating many aviation events, Taggart is a director of the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum Foundation, program chairperson for the Gray Eagles Foundation, which preserves World War II aviation history, and a board member of the Experimental Aircraft Association 52 of the Executive Airport and EAA 526 of the Auburn Airport. She also belongs to the Red Fork Devil P-38 chapter of Sacramento.

Taggart noted, however, that staying very busy is a trait that predates her time in the aviation world.

"Way back when, I used to belong to the Sacramento Center for the Textile Arts, the fibers guild; I did craft shows, called 'This and That,' I belonged to the button club and I belonged to Gypsy Traders and the River City Quilters group," Taggart said. "But when I began working with the planes, those all went to the wayside, except for Gypsy Traders (a 42-year old antique enthusiast group, which meets monthly at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center at McKinley Park)."

Airmail

After 20 years of volunteering for and coordinating World War II aviation events, Taggart was recently involved in one of the most memorable experiences of

her life – celebrating the 60th anniversary of the end of the Berlin Airlift in Germany with about 160,000 other people.

Recalling the event, Taggart said, "May the 12th was the big day. I was invited over (to the event) and Dr. Earl Moore (president of the Berlin Airlift) from Texas was the one who put this all together. He had 30 American men who were involved with their families and I was the only widow who went to honor her husband."

Taggart added that the day prior to this main event, she flew in a C-47 that was involved in the Berlin Airlift.

"They decided they wanted to donate two flights to the American people and I was the only one who got to fly twice in that C-47," Taggart said. "It was awesome and phenomenal, all rolled into one. It was like Tag was right there with me."

The following day, the plane flew over the ceremony about five times, Taggart recalled.

"I just sat there and watched the plane and my body shook," Taggart said. "It was amazing, heart-warming and very gratifying."

Adding to Taggart's very memorable trip to Germany, during a farewell dinner in Berlin, Berlin Airlift vet-

erans and their families, including Taggart, were personally invited by Vice President Joe Biden via a conference call to visit the White House in November.

Blue skies ahead

A regular at air shows, a mentor to youth interested in aviation and an overall popular fixture at many World War II-related aviation activities, Taggart at 82 years old said that she has no plans to slow down.

"I will continue to assist with local aviation projects as long as I can," Taggart said. "I absolutely love what I am doing."



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Iris Taggart points to an area in Germany on a map that her husband Robert used as a co-pilot during the post-World War II Berlin Airlift.

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Sacramento State police officer wins three gold medals

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Sacramento State Police Officer Sam Sanchez says he trained hard and competed in the Western States Police and Fire Games in Southern California this summer to stay physically fit and to represent the University police force.

And the 50-year-old athlete represented Sacramento State well, bringing home

gold medals in the three track events in which he competed – the 200-meter run, the 400-meter run and the 1,600-meter relay.

His feats were impressive, given that he was up against a large number of other police and fire officers in his age division (50 to 54), many from giant agencies like those representing the city and county of Los Angeles.



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Sacramento State Police Officer Sam Sanchez, 50, represented Sacramento State in the Western States Police and Fire Games in Southern California this summer.



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Because he was the only competitor from Sacramento State,

Sanchez joined men from other agencies to form a four-member team in the 1,600-meter relay (each member ran a 400-meter leg). The team posted a first-place time of 3 minutes, 51.56 seconds in the event, which included runners of all ages.

Sanchez said he didn't compete to show off.

"It was for self-satisfaction and motivation to keep my fitness up, and it was to represent Sacramento State,"

he said. "I wanted people to know who Sac State PD is."

He said he thinks it's been about 10 years since anyone from the University has competed in the games.

"This was a shot in the arm for the department – that Sam Sanchez trained as hard as he did and won gold medals in these high-profile events. He represented Sacramento State well in this competition," said Lt. Dan Davis of the University Police Department.

Badges and medals

Sanchez said he began competing in the early 1990s – including the World Police Games one year in Colorado – but then gave it up for several years.

"I was an athlete in high school. It's been a lifestyle for me to play sports and be physically fit," he said.

The weeklong games, which this year attracted more than 5,000 male and female athletes to Santa Clarita, are open to active and retired police and fire personnel from 14 Western states. Events are held in more than 50 traditional and non-traditional sports, from baseball to billiards to surfing.

Next summer's games will be in the Reno/Tahoe region, but Sanchez said he hasn't decided whether he'll enter.

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Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00
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Attractions: Saturday, August 15
Variety Show, Eagle Theatre, 1:00-3:00
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Attractions: Sunday, August 16
Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00
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Attractions: Sunday, August 23
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(above) Matthew Ferrara, 4, and Leslie Oberst at the Ice Cream Social and Family Resource Fair.

(right) Nick Brady serves ice cream to Kerry Ciampaglia and Luca Ciampaglia, 5, at the Elmhurst Parent's Group's Ice Cream Social and Family Resource Fair.



Music Matt performs for Eli Aten, 4, and Annalise Gay, 4, at the Ice Cream Social and Family Resource Fair in Elmhurst.

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63 years of tradition at Town and Country Village

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Among the many notable and memorable historic sites of the Arden and Carmichael areas is undoubtedly Town and Country Village.

Although The Village is certainly just one of many places where one could opt to do their shopping today, in its early years, this shopping center was a rare attraction.

It takes a village

Built on the former site of wheat fields at the corner of Fulton and Marconi avenues in 1946 by a visionary contractor, named Jere Strizek, Town and Country Village originally featured a 90-foot building with a market and several small stores.

Since this time, The Village has undergone a variety of changes, including separate expansions of 60,000 and 191,000 square feet of additional store space.

Sacramento resident Penny Kastanis remembers seeing the center during its earliest years, when the area was still in its development stage.

"When they built Town and Country, there was hardly anything out there," Kastanis said. "There were goat farms and things like that in the area and the next thing you knew, buildings were going up and things were changing."

As a businessman, Strizek built The Village to accommodate residents of his nearby 200-house Bohemian Village and 155-house Vienna Woods.

Different from downtown

With the construction of The Village, the shopping



Photo courtesy of Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento Room
Town and Country Village is shown during its second year of operation. The unique Sacramento landmark, which has the distinction of being the oldest shopping center in Northern California, has been a popular destination for many shoppers for the past 63 years.

center provided an alternative and deterrent from the much busier downtown shopping area with its very limited parking availability. But unlike downtown's shopping stores, The Village had a much different and unique appearance.

Town and Country Village was not only a shopping center, but a physical representation of Strizek's childhood vision of the things that symbolized California, such as Spanish buildings and tall palms hovering far above the ground in the warm sun.

Strizek, who began his career as a carpenter apprentice in Seattle in 1918, designed The Village with red Spanish tile roofs and overhangs and of course, large palms.

Some of the center's earliest features included wooden benches, hanging pots, urns and a variety of shrubbery and flowers.

Intended to present a rustic and country-like feel and appearance, The Village was not con-

structed with new, shiny material, but instead it was built with materials, which would better fit the mold of Strizek's vision.

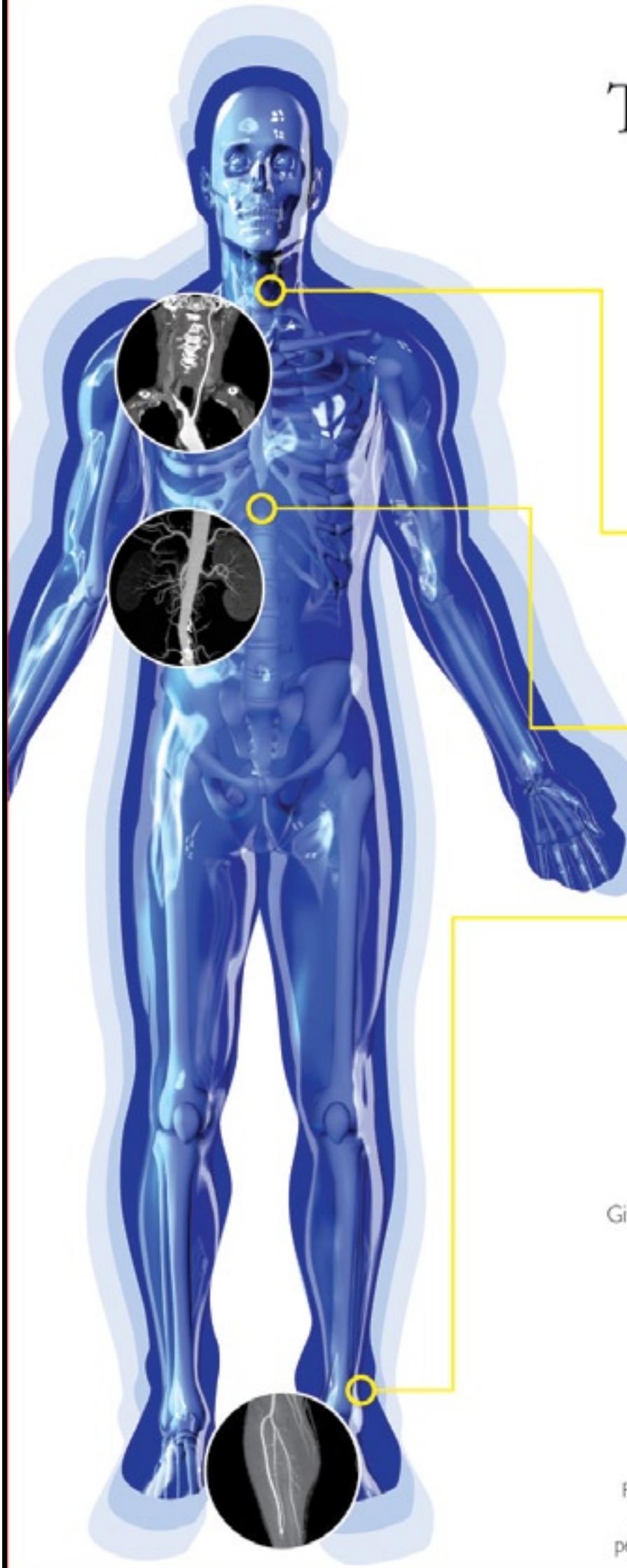
And being that supplies were limited due to the effects of World War II, Strizek utilized his resources well.

In one instance, he purchased timbers from a defunct section of the Southern Pacific Railroad line that ran from Woodland to Marysville.

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overhangs of the Village's buildings.

A place like no other

Fair Oaks resident Dee Ellsworth said that she is very well connected to a very unique part of The Village's many features – its Adobe Court.

Ellsworth said that her late father, Les Meinzer, was involved in the construction of the court.

"I remember going with him on the (Adobe Court) job and helping him clean up when I was about 8 years old," Ellsworth said. "But at that age, I also played a lot and I remember swinging around the large (telephone) poles that held up the buildings' overhangs. My father was the only adobe builder in Sacramento, so just about anything that was built in Sacramento with adobe was built by my father."

In order to enhance the California ranch, country-like appearance

of his under construction shopping center, Strizek had several wagon wheels and kerosene lanterns placed at his new shopping center. The lanterns hung from the overhangs above 10-foot-wide walkways.

Furthermore, The Village featured historical artifact displays with such items as old photographs, rifles, cookware, a large rusty handsaw, a writing slate and an antique typewriter.

Adding to The Village's aesthetically unique appearance, the center was also unique in regard to its businesses.

Void of national chain stores, The Village, which consisted of about 60 stores by 1949, was completely composed of independently owned businesses with a wide variety of offerings.

Among the earliest businesses of The Village were The Chuck Wagon restaurant, The Kid-E-Korral, Town and Country Pharmacy, a post office, a pet shop, an

ice cream parlor and many businesses that utilized the name Village such as Village Cleaners, Village 5 and 10 store, Village Flower Shop and Village Shoe Shop.

Village's place in the city

Today, several historic Town and Country businesses continue to operate, including William Glen, Anderson Brothers Leader Pharmacy and Helen Jones Gallery and Custom Framing.

Longtime clothier, Bonney and Gordon, however, closed its doors this year after 61 years as a Town and Country tenant.

Jack Kersten said that he remembers going to Bonney and Gordon for his suits as earlier as 1960.

"I came here (to Citrus Heights) in about 1960 and I would get my suits there (at Bonney and Gordon)," Kersten said. "They had really good suits there and back then my wife would have me get a new suit every so often."

Sacramento resident Norma Idzinga said that she has fond memories of The Village.

"It was a nice place with a lot of (independently-owned) stores," Idzinga said. "I don't remember much about the individual stores there, except that they were small and there were a lot of nice little oddities that you wouldn't see at the big stores. I'd never seen anything like (The Village). It was the first (shopping center) in town and it was quite a place."

The Village, despite surviving a large fire in 1963 and undergoing reconstructions and renovations, continues to host a wide variety of independently owned stores and attract attention for its unique appearance.

Several years ago, Charles Chatfield, one of The Village's many owners throughout the years, described the shopping center as "one of the true real estate jewels in the Sacramento area."

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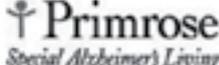
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AUGUST

Free pole walking clinics

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Small works, miniatures exhibition

Small Works, miniatures and maquettes features a broad array of small works, from turn of the century female sculptor Camille Claudel, shown currently in the Louvre, to young college students Christopher Dubois and Wesley Wright. This free exhibition, which runs through August 23, attempts to display the diversity of miniatures as a whole, and will include a number of well-known national and international phenomena. A juried collection, Small Works provides emerging artists the opportunity to showcase their work among established greats. Visit the show at John Natsoulas Gallery, 521 First St., in Davis. The gallery opens at 11 a.m. For more information, call (530) 756-3938.

Summer Concert Series

Parkside Community Church, 5700 S. Land Park Dr., will host area musicians to present Seven Summer Sundays + One Concert Series. The series funds the work and mission of Parkside Community Church. Suggested donations for each concert are: \$10 per person; \$30 per family; and a "Season Special" of \$65 per person for all eight concerts. Tickets may be purchased at the church office between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the door, or by

phone at 421-0492. The concerts are the Sequential Sundays at 7 p.m. through to August 30. For more info, call 391-3317.

AUGUST 19

Free real estate seminar

Do you qualify for a loan modification? Visit the seminar held at 6 p.m. and hosted by Cook Realty at 4305 Freeport Blvd. RSVP to Deb Luna or Anthony Carrill at 833-6266. For more information, visit www.cookrealty.net.

AUGUST 20

Latino Dance and Culture Group

Come dance to the beat of all types of Latin music! Featured DJ music and delicious Mexican food! Held at the Ethel Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., from 6:15-8:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3. For more information, call Barbara Alarcon 400-4514.

Genealogy Club meeting

Mission Oaks Genealogy Club in Carmichael with Meet August 20. If you have any questions, please contact the club's president: Robert Noyes (916) 332-5753.

AUGUST 21

On warm water therapy

A representative from Easter Seals will be here discussing the health ben-

efits of aquatic exercise using their heated pool. Come learn if you qualify to take advantage of this great program. Please sign-up in advance. Friday, August 21st at 10 am, Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento. Cost: Free. Info: 916-808-5462.

AUGUST 22

Fourth annual Kids Bash

Hosted by KSL Inc in partner with Bonnie Pannell, the 4th Annual Kid Bash will be held at Meadowview Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At this event we have various games and contest such as our 3 on 3 B-Ball, Talent show, Relay races and entertainment and guest speakers. Along with the fun and games we provide a wide range of resources for the parents as well as a lunch to all those who attend and our ever so popular backpack and school supply give a way.

Class of 89 McClatchy Reunion

The McClatchy High School class of 1989 is having their 20-year reunion at 5 p.m. at Scott's Seafood on the River, 4350 B Riverside Blvd. Tickets are \$75 per person. For ticket information and event info, e-mail Cindy Hollander at cindy014@sbcglobal.net.

Huge book sale

Held 8 a.m.-2 p.m. New and used books, children's books, fiction/non-fiction. Lutheran Church of the Master, Kastman Hall, 1900 Potrero Way. Once inside go across courtyard from Potrero Entrance.

AUGUST 22-23

Plant sale

Benefit Plant Sales hadn't planned on any sales until October, however since plants have rooted faster than expected, there will be a special plant sale of Perennials and other plants for planting now on Saturday and Sunday, August 22nd and 23rd. The Sale will be in the enclosed parking area on 18th St, behind the Gifted Garden at 18th and J Streets, midtown Sacramento. Hours both days will be 9 am to 3 pm. Among the items to be offered are starters of California Poppy, several Salvias, Alliums, California Fuchsia (Pilobias), and over a hundred other varieties.

AUGUST 23

Capitol Pops Concert Band

The Capitol Pops Concert Band is a community band comprised of Volunteer Musicians representing a cross-section of Sacramento and surrounding communities. All musicians donate their time and talent in order to play. The next free event is the Carmichael Park Summer Music Concert Series on Sunday, August 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Carmichael Park, 5720 Grant Avenue, Danny Bishop Memorial Pavilion - Bring Chairs. For more information, call 485-5311.

AUGUST 24

Free Ice Cream Social

The second annual south area neighborhood ice cream social is set for Monday, August 24, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the corner lawn of 24th Street and Fruitridge Road (midway between I-5 and Hwy. 99). Bethany Presbyterian Church (5625-24th Street) will again be the host location for this event, which last year attracted nearly 100 members of the community. The all-you-can-eat event is free of charge to all. For more details, call Cathy at 832-3383 or e-mail of office@bethpres.com.

AUGUST 26

Video professional meeting

The Sacramento Video Industry Professionals (VIP's) meet monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at Peppers TV (3665 Bleckley St., Mather, CA 95655). We are a Apple Final Cut Pro User Group (FCPUG). Please see website for more information. www.sacramentoofcpug.com

AUGUST 27

FOL Meeting

Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the library meeting and membership drive to support the new library at Dude, Where's My Yogurt, 7485 Rush River Dr., at 6:30 PM. Public invited to attend.

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Open House Shabbat

Congregation B'nai Israel, the largest Reform congregation in the Sacramento Valley, invites you to our Open House on Friday, August 28. We'll be providing a light nosh at 6 p.m., with services starting at 6:30. The service will be followed by light refreshments and the chance to talk to members of the clergy, the board of trustees, and the congregation. Congregation

B'nai Israel is located at 3600 Riverside Blvd in Sacramento. All are welcome. Please feel free to call us at 446-4861 or send an email to inquiry@bnais.com for additional information. Our Web site is www.bnais.com.

AUGUST 29

SummerFest

SummerFest Beer, Wine & Art Festival is back for its Second Annual fundraising event benefiting the Alzheimer's Association's Sacramento Memory Walk. Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's national, annual, signature fundraising event, raising more than \$220 million since 1989 for research, programs and services. Located along the scenic Sacramento River in Miller Park on Saturday from 1-5 p.m., this event will bring our community together for a beautiful summer afternoon and a worthy cause! The SummerFest Silent Art Auction will feature many of Sacramento's local artists, as well as items such as weekend getaways, limousine packages, signed collectors items, and more.

SPCA Bowl-a-thon

The Bobbie Wortell Memorial Education Fund is sponsoring a Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, August 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to benefit the Sacramento SPCAs Camp Kindness and other humane education programs. The event will take place at Mardi Gras Lanes, 4800 Madison Avenue, Sacramento. Bowling times are 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and include two games of bowling and shoe rent-

al. The cost is \$25 per adult, \$12.50 for those under 18. All proceeds benefit education programs at the SPCA. For additional information, call (916) 813-7272 or visit www.bobbiewortell.com.

SEPTEMBER

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Straw into Gold

The Hart Senior Center will once again host the "Straw Into Gold" poetry writing workshop for Seniors. Led by Julia Connor, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2005-2009, this workshop offers an outstanding opportunity for seniors to hone their writing skills in a creative, spontaneous environment. The workshop will be held Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00, September 3 through November 12. Registration is required, but there is no cost for this workshop. Please contact the Hart Senior Center at (916) 808-5462 for more information.

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SEPTEMBER 2

MENA Annual Membership Meeting

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SEPTEMBER 4

Organic Gardening

The Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County will meet at the Carmichael Park Administration Building, Room 1, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, at 10 a.m. The program will be on "Organics - The Why and How" by Jack Hertel, Master Gardener and owner of Foothill Organic Growers. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

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The square and compass, three links of chain, a pick and shovel...what do these objects mean? Are they really connected with secret societies? On this Saturday morning tour of the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery you'll learn the meanings behind these and other symbols. The tour commences at 10:00 am from the Cemetery's main gate at Broadway and 10th Street. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. Held under the auspices of the City of Sacramento Division of History & Science, this tour is presented as a public service by the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. For tour information please call (916) 448-0811. Tours are free though donations for the restoration of the cemetery are greatly needed and appreciated.

Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter #5, will meet on Sept. 5, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and presentation on "Awake the Humor in Your Life" by Cindy Sample, Writer and Lecturer. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

SEPTEMBER 6

Elks Soccer Shoot

The Elks annual Soccer Shoot is just around the corner. Bring your kids ages 7-13 to some light soccer competition in the "Five Goal Contest," and the "Grid Goal

Contest." Shoot your way to a chance to win medals, raffle prizes, and move on to the District Soccer Shoot! Do all of this while enjoying a free barbecue for the whole family! The event will be held at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. For information, email pat@kombatsoccer.com.

SEPTEMBER 9

Health fair

The YMCA will host a Senior Health Fair. We are offering our 8th annual Health Fair Sept. 9, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This event is free to the public and to our YMCA members. We have 50 agencies coming that will have information relating to housing, nutrition, legal and safety issues. Our agencies include but not limited to Social Security, Natural Food Coop, Mercy Hospital and Canine Companions. The Agency for Hearing will have their van here to provide free hearing tests, there will be blood pressure checks and flexibility test also provided. The YMCA is located at 2021 W Street, the corner of 21st and W Street.

California's Admission Day

Celebrate California's 159th birthday with cake and ice cream provided and served by members of the California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association. Held at the State Capitol, 10th and L Streets, festivities begin at 11:30 a.m., run to 1 p.m., and include the rousing music of the Sacramento Banjo Band, with Capitol Museum volunteers dressed in early 1900's costumes on hand to greet visitors. Free admission. For more information, call (916) 324-0333.

SEPTEMBER 10

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on September 10, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA. The topic is: "Behind the Scenes at Capital Public Radio", presented by Tom Keller, Webmaster. A problem solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc.,

will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our website at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

National Health Federation

The Sacramento Chapter of the National Health Federation meets at the SMUD Auditorium (the old SMUD Building) on 6201 S Street, Sacramento. A free lecture, "Everything You Need to Know is in Your Breath" presented by Griffin Toffler, M.A. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

SEPTEMBER 11

Wine, Beer and Food Extravaganza

The Christian Brothers Alumni Association will host their annual Wine, Beer and Food Extravaganza Friday, Sept. 11, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Purchase tickets online at <http://cbhs-sacramento.maestroweb.com>. For more information, call (916) 733-3600 or visit www.cbhs-sacramento.org.

Dragon Fundraiser and Reception

The Asian Pacific Community Counseling, a non-profit agency, is having their annual Dragon Fundraiser and Reception on Friday, September 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Sacramento State Alumni Center. Catered by Town & Country/Splendid Gourmet Catering of Citrus Heights, the event will include hors d'oeuvres, wine and a raffle. Tickets are \$40 each and include one complimentary wine ticket. For tickets, sponsorship packages or donation pick-up, call Effie Shum at 916.383.6784 ext. 135.

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Hosted by Carmichael Oaks and Kiwanis Club of Carmichael and featuring Swing-Masters band, this special event held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. will benefit Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2009. Tickets for food only is \$12, tickets in advance are \$25, and \$30 at the door. RSVP by Sept. 5. For information, call 944-2323.

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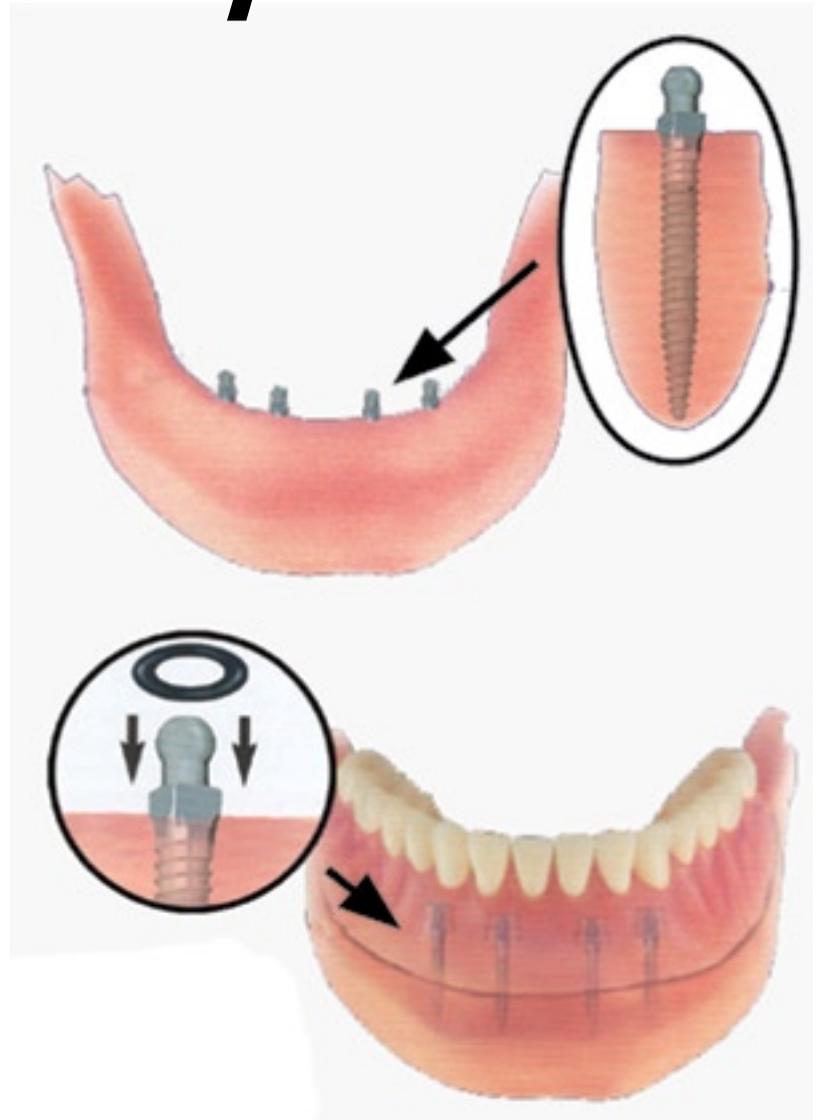
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