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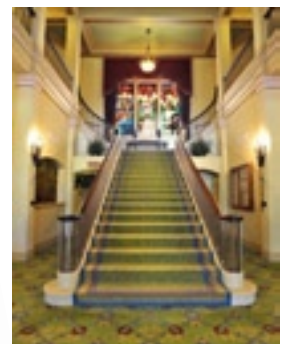


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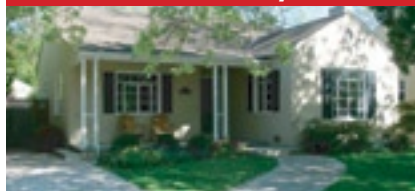
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'Science Alive' provides hands-on learning for Theodore Judah students

By **CORRIE PELC**
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Spring has sprung in Sacramento and that means the gardens are blooming and butterflies are beginning to hatch at the Science Alive program at Theodore Judah Elementary School in East Sacramento.

According to Principal Corrie Buckmaster, Science Alive is a supplementary part

of the school's core science program that is funded by the school's PTA. She said all the students at the school, from grades kindergarten through sixth, participate in the program.

"The children go to (science) lab or garden once a week, so half would go to lab and half would go to garden and then the following weeks the groups would switch," Buckmas-

ter explained. "And the concepts that are covered in the garden obviously coincide and support the work that they're studying out of their science standards."

Dig in!

The Science Alive program is lead by its coordinator, Shannon Hardwicke, who is a parent of three current Theodore Judah students. Since the start of the program five years ago, Hardwicke is in charge of coordinating and training the 30 to 40 parent volunteers, or docents, that take the student groups out into the garden each week. She also restocks garden and lab supplies, and coordinates all the activities in the science labs to "make sure they're all based upon standards and we're hitting



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DIG IN! Students at Theodore Judah Elementary School find that digging into the garden is growing their science and math skills.

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Science: Highest fifth grade science scores in district attributed to program

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all different grade level activities," she added.

Since the Science Alive program began with the construction of one garden, Hardwicke said it has grown to encompass two edible gardens, a greenhouse, a butterfly pavilion, and a few native plant gardens.

Buckmaster said the students love the butterfly pavilion as they are able to watch the creatures through a life-cycle. And the edible garden gives students a chance to try vegetables they might not normally have the chance to.

"We want children to understand how good food tastes that's fresh from the garden," she added.

The Green Team

Another part of Science Alive is the Green Team, comprised of about 50 to 60 students for grades first through sixth, which works to help "green" the school's campus.

Hardwicke gives an example of a recent Green Team project, where the students discussed what changes they might make in their local neighborhood regarding plastic bag usage.

"The kids were brainstorming, 'Could we approach our local supermarket and ask them to stop using plastic bags, or are we going to write our assembly member,'" she detailed.

Also during the year, Buckmaster said the students explore ways people can use resources better and present a poster on their findings. Additionally, the Green Team is in charge of putting together an annual assembly by planning and writing skits that teach students about environmental concepts.

Project Green

The Science Alive program also spurred a large project this year for the school, which participated in the Project Green competition through the Sacramento City Unified School District. According to Buckmaster, the school board had set aside \$5 million of remaining unused previous bond funds for schools to present proposals on how to green their campuses.

For their Project Green submission, Buckmaster said students from grades third through

sixth took part in a comprehensive review of the campus. For example, the combined third-fourth grade class did an urban forest audit of the campus and made recommendations on where different types of trees should be planted, while sixth graders did a study of green building technologies and built a green model classroom to scale.

"The students took their normal math, science, writing, evaluation skills and had an opportunity to put those into practice in a very tangible way," Hardwicke said. "I think they also started to see that they could create change by using their education, using their skills and academics. And that was really valuable - I've seen the students realize wow, this is not just a practice, this is something tangible that is making a change and that's been very exciting for them."

Buckmaster said Theodore Judah presented their project during the Project Green Showcase held in April and are now waiting to hear back where they stand in the competition. If their project is selected for funding, the school would be looking to remove its current portable buildings and to construct a new two-story classroom building built using green technologies, as well as the construction of a bio-swell with a watershed feature for collecting rainwater.

"We're just hoping to bolster some changes on our fa-

cility that are going to have an instructional purpose and take us to that level," Buckmaster added.

Growth spurts

In addition to helping the students grow into environmental stewards, Science Alive has also helped bolster science learning.

Buckmaster said the school currently has the highest fifth grade science test scores in the district, and she also knows they're quite high compared to other schools in the county.

"We've seen some pretty significant student achievements produced as a result of this instructional approach," she said.

Hardwicke said the program has also helped students who may not be successful learning in the traditional classroom setting.

"They're given an opportunity to have success in a different way," she explained. "We have some students that have learning disabilities or (are) autistic and they just thrive in the garden - they can demonstrate their skills in just a completely different realm and it's really valuable."

Overall, Buckmaster said the Science Alive program is helping Theodore Judah become a very green and environmentally-conscious school.

"This generation of kids, that's on their radar - it's a topic of their time," she added.



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YUM. This "Science Alive" student at Theodore Judah Elementary School can tell you that foods taste better when they are picked fresh from the garden. In addition to growing kids' science skills and environmental knowledge, the program also encourages better nutrition.

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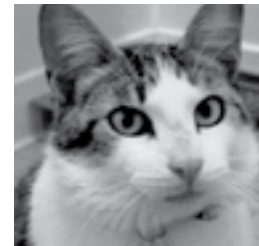
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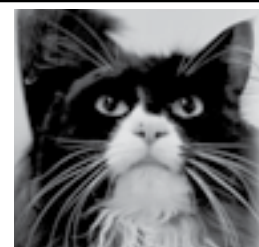
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Asch family tombstone dedication highlights special June 2 event

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Last summer, this paper published a two-part series regarding the history of the New Helvetia Cemetery, which was formerly located at the northeast corner of Alhambra Boulevard and J Street (these articles can be read at www.valcomnews.com). And since that time, news about the cemetery continues to find its way into this publication.

In February, for instance, an article appeared in this paper regarding three missing New Helvetia Cemetery markers that were recently discovered in the backyard of an East Sacramento home.

During the 1950s, the old cemetery property was sold and these flat markers were removed from the site in preparation for the construction of Sutter Junior High School – now Sutter Middle School – which had previously operated at 1816 K St.

The whereabouts of many of these markers became unknown during this transition.

In an even earlier moment in the cemetery's history, the historic tombstones of the cemetery were removed and replaced with the aforementioned flat markers as the cemetery site became known as Helvetia Park.

Until somewhat recently, only one of the original headstones from the cemetery – that of Switzerland native Ersiglio Bonetti (1865-1885) – was known to exist.

That status changed with the February 2010 discovery of an original New Helvetia Cemetery tombstone with the names of four members of the Asch or Ash family.

The journey of the discovery of this tombstone began with Susie (Hofmeister) O'Brien, who is a resident of Oceanside, N.Y.

O'Brien, who was born in Fresno and moved with her family to New York when she was one year of age, said that she had taken an interest in her family's history through her father's sister, Ruth (Hofmeister) Maysonaze, who O'Brien described as a "huge genealogy buff."

"She got me started on this," O'Brien said. "In (the spring of) 2009, my sisters [Barbara (Hofmeister) Caporaso and Cathy (Hofmeister) Mulqueen] and I came to California for a wedding and in that time, I said, 'As long as we are there, we have to do a little genealogy trip of Northern California, because both sides of the family are from Northern California.'"

As part of this genealogy trip, O'Brien, who was unaware that the New Helvetia Cemetery no longer existed, attempted to locate the old cemetery in hopes of finding the gravesite of her third great-great-grandparents, John and Barbara Asch.

Because she was unable to locate the cemetery, O'Brien contacted the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery to inquire about the New Helvetia Cemetery.

During her telephone conversation with Lois Dove of the Old City Cemetery Committee, O'Brien was informed by Dove that the cemetery had been closed down and that the remains of her ancestors were moved to the city cemetery in the 1950s.

O'Brien was later sent a brochure about the New Helvetia Cemetery, a copy of an historical photograph of her

ancestors' tombstone and a map of the city cemetery that showed where her ancestors were buried.

Furthermore, the brochure featured the same photograph of the Asch family tombstone on its cover.

The stone includes the names of Baden, Germany immigrants John Asch (1816-1895) and Barbara Asch (1816-1901) and two of their children, the Pennsylvania-born Franz Louis, who died in 1877 at the age of 22, and the Sacramento-born Augusta, who passed away in 1860, when she was two years old.

Although the stone recognizes the spelling of the family's surname as "Asch," O'Brien said that all of the other references to this name that she has seen have been spelled, "Ash."

After uploading a digital copy of the "Asch" tombstone photograph on her family's ancestry page on the Web site www.ancestry.com, O'Brien received an e-mail message from an Auburn (Placer County) resident, named Louise Pipher, who inquired about her relationship to the Asch family.

O'Brien explained that Pipher eventually told her



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REPAIRED. The Asch family tombstone is shown in its restored condition. Two of the names on the stone are Barbara and John Asch. The couple emigrated with their then-four children from Baden, Germany in the late 1840s and was residing in Sacramento by the mid-1850s. John and Barbara eventually had 10 children.

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By **MARTY RELLES**
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In June of 1964, I graduated from Sacramento High School – in what seemed like a momentous accomplishment at the time.

During the last week of school, I carried my yearbook around with me and solicited signatures and comments from my friends and fellow alumni.

When he signed the book, my friend Jim Edwards scrawled, "See you over at Freeport U."

Yes, that was my plan.

During high school, other kids planned for college, earned top notch grades, took the SAT and applied to attend the best universities.

I hadn't done that, so Sacramento City College (SCC), also called "Freeport U," and also called a "high school with ash trays" was my only option for higher education.

I decided to make the best of it. I enrolled in two classes that summer and earned B grades in both.

When I showed up for fall classes, my friend Mark Lazarotto collared me saying, "I am starting a new political club on campus, want to join?"

I reluctantly agreed.

The club was an ultra-conservative organization: The Young Americans for Freedom (YAF). This was definitely not my politics, but – Mark insisted – so I joined.

The club's tenure at City College lasted one year. But joining the YAF had a good outcome for me personally. The small membership (five students) voted me vice president of the club. That qualified me to represent our organization on the Inter Club Council, the group of students which acts as a liaison between the entire student body and the administration.

Participating on the ICC affected me in ways I could not imagine at the time. It gave me the opportunity to work with the "best and the brightest"

at SCC and to learn the dynamics of working on an important school organization. This experience benefited me immensely later in life.

The ICC met monthly. In addition to planning school events such as dances and the annual Pioneer Day celebration, the organization presented student's concerns and needs to the administration. To this day, I am thankful for having that experience.

In addition to my participation on the ICC, City College had another benefit for me. I reconnected with a group of kids I knew from Christian Brothers School: Henry Aguire, Joe Cisneros, Pete Sartlidge, Michael McDermott and others such as Jim Hansen (police officer Tiny Hansen's son) also attended SCC at the time. We hung out together at school.

We formed a bond which lasted well after college. We met in the cafeteria for lunch, had parties, went to dances, and joined in extra-curricular activities such hunting. We were a "band of brothers." Sadly, I subsequently lost touch with most of these guys, including Mark Lazarotto, the President and founder of the YAF, but the memories of our time together at SCC remain strong.



In the fall of 1966, I transferred to Sacramento State College. My time at SCC had come to an end. It was time to take on more serious educational challenges.

Sac State would prove to be a much greater challenge than City College. Ultimately, it took me another nine years to earn my Bachelor of Arts Degree, counting a two year tour of duty in the U.S. Army.

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'Third annual Youth Media Forum for Social Change' honors local high school media

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Local talent from the area's high schools and middle schools was in the spotlight at Access Sacramento's "Third annual Youth Media Forum for Social Change" on May 4.

The event ran live on AccessLocal.tv and was hosted by Sacramento Press.

The annual Access Sacramento event honors youth-created digital media projects from throughout the region. Teachers and students from around the world were invited to participate online.

For the first time, John F. Kennedy and C.K. McClatchy high schools joined the live "streaming" television program as virtual studios. Middle-school students from Will C. Wood also demonstrated their "Youth Block Reports" project. Eight other video projects and their

young creators were featured and discussed.

All youth participants received special "The Story is You - My Voice Counts" t-shirts, thanking them for their participation.

Access Sacramento, UC Davis - School of Education, and The California Endowment, awarded \$750 in Apple product gift cards to projects juried from the Tower of Youth Teen Digital project entries. Ron Cooper, Access Sacramento executive director, presented the "My Voice Counts" awards and t-shirts to the following winning projects:

First Place: "Texting and Driving - It Can Wait" from Christian Brothers High School students Jessica Szarek and Ryan Peadboy.

Second Place: "Think Before You Act" by Granite Bay High School students Eric Uрманita and Carson Johnson.



Photo courtesy, Jen Henry

ACCESS SACRAMENTO WINNERS. Christian Brothers High School students Jessica Szarek and Ryan Peadboy received first place in the juried Tower of Youth Teen Digital project entries at Access Sacramento's "Third annual Youth Media Forum for Social Change." Their entry dealt with the subject of texting and driving.

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Northminster Presbyterian Church adult mission team rebuilds Missouri home

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An adult mission team of seven men and six women from Sacramento's Northminster Presbyterian Church spent a week in April to help rebuild a Joplin, Missouri home that was heavily damaged by a tornado.

From April 14 to April 21, the team installed sheetrock, taped, mudded and sanded, and installed some wiring. They also installed a complete bathroom at another home.

Under the direction of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, Northminster teams have helped in rebuilding 15 homes, churches and businesses destroyed by flood and storms in the last five years. These missions went to New Orleans, Galveston, and Nashville. Projects included tiling a church basement, installing floor boarding, putting in windows, adding porches and painting. The volunteers pay their own way, plus expenses.

Rebuilding structures and restoring families are the goals.



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A MISSION TO REBUILD. An adult mission team from Northminster Presbyterian Church rebuilt part of a tornado-damaged home in Joplin, Missouri last month.

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Have a story in you that you're dying to get out and printed in a book? Or are you dying to get your hands on an out-of-print classic?

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"The idea is to help people in Sacramento who have stories to get those stories published and out," explained Gerald Ward, librarian and head of the I Street Press for Sacramento Public Library. "It's a way of encouraging people to write, to become more literate, to tell people what their lives are like and what they want to say."

Espresso book machine

Launched approximately five months ago at the Central Library

on I Street in downtown Sacramento, the centerpiece of I Street Press is the \$185,000 Espresso Book Machine (EBM), for which the purchase was made possible through a grant from the California State Library, according to Ward.

The EBM is a manufactured by Xerox and features a high-capacity copy machine/printer on one side, an Epson color cover printer on the other, and then a machine in between them both that binds the book pages and cover together to produce a quality paperback.

For those looking to have their book published, the Library has a publishing guide available for download on their website, www.saclibrary.org, that includes information on how the book's files need to be set up to ensure the book prints correctly. Ward said there are also publishing assistants at the Library that can help answer formatting questions.



Photo courtesy, Sacramento Public Library

MORE THAN A COPIER, this special printing press at the Sacramento Public Library's I Street Press is able to re-create rare and out-of-print volumes, as well as print one-of-a-kind publications by local authors.

"If someone wants to get their book published and they come in to the library with a flash drive with the files on it and the files are great, then I can upload the files and have the book printed within 20 minutes," Ward added.

So how much will printing your own book set you back? Ward said it depends on which package you choose and how many you are printing. For example, he said if you are only printing a few books there is a

\$25 set-up fee, a \$10 fee per book, and then a fee of two cents per page.

Great books

The EBM is not just for printing new books, but is also for printing hard-to-find or out-of-print books and documents that someone may want a printed copy of.

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The pricing for these books can be a bit more expensive and it all depends on the exact book or document you are looking for and what the original publisher is charging for it, Ward said.

Learn the ropes

The third part of the I Street Press Center is all about learning, such as through a number of free classes offered at various Sacramento Public Library branches on topics pertaining to book publishing.

"We have a group of people that have graciously committed to doing writing classes, everything from marketing, how to put the book's structure together, how to organize the book, the legal side of the book, how to find your customers, how to edit – just about everything and anything," he added.

The 'Library of the Future'

Although still in its beginning stages, Ward said he will be looking at the possibility of expanding the distribution process of the EBM past Sacramento, both nationally and even internationally.

And as for what the I Street Press and its technology mean for the future of the Sacramento Public Library, Ward said this is the library moving to the future.

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–Gerald Ward

Sacramento Public Library librarian and head of I St. Press

"Instead of just as the library used to be – buying books, librarians reviewing books, beefing up the collections so that people could come in and use them – we are moving into a place where the library is now reaching out to those that maybe will not come into the library, but can still get the information they need, can still get the books that they want to read whether in paper format or electronic," he explained. "So this is part of that process of the library of the future."

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La Salle Club honors new baseball hall of fame inductees, others

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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More than 200 people arrived at Christian Brothers High School to attend a dinner honoring the latest inductees to the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame on April 28.

For those who are unfamiliar with this annual event, the gathering serves as one of the club's most important fundraisers.

In its dedication to provide financial assistance to the high school's athletic programs, the club raises funds through the event, while honoring some of the most accomplished baseball players, managers, scouts or umpires of the past.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees were Jim Barr, Pat Fall, Mike Furtado, Ken Hottman, LeRon Lee, Don Murphy, Bob Puccinelli and Rich Separovich.

Although the La Salle Club is directly associated with Christian Brothers High, the criteria to be inducted as a member of the Hall of Fame extends beyond the high school. Or in other words, inductees

need not have any connection to the high school.

And by adding non-Christian Brothers High associated members, the Hall of Fame offers a much more thorough representation of baseball talent from the region.

Furthermore, the mere existence of the club provides additional evidence of Sacramento's longtime notoriety as a baseball city.

Hall of Fame members are all notable baseball people who have performed or resided in the greater Sacramento area.

All inductees are named by the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

This year, an amendment was made to the requirement that a person being inducted into the hall be living. Posthumous selections will be made for the first time next year.

As part of the evening's program, a tribute was made to the seven Hall of Famers who passed away during the last 12 months.

Following the dinner, which was served by Christian Brothers High parents and students, a special recognition was given to the 1962 Bish-



NEW INDUCTEES. Left to right, Bob Puccinelli, Don Murphy, Ken Hottman, Mike Furtado, Rich Separovich, LeRon Lee, Jim Barr and Pat Fall were named to the 2012 class of the La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame.

op Robert J. Armstrong High School championship baseball team, which was led by its head coach, Dick Sperbeck.

The team, which made history as one of the most successful high school baseball teams in the city's history, posted a 22-2 won-loss record, beat four Northern California conference champions and was eventually recognized as the state's "Team of the Year" by Cal-Hi Sports.

As part of the program, Sperbeck shared various memories about his former players who were in attendance at the event.

One of these former players was Carmichael area resident Bernie Church, who serves as president of the La Salle Club.

Church, who was a teacher for 36 years and a baseball coach for 20 years at C. K. McClatchy High School, received additional recognition earlier in the day when McClatchy's baseball field was named in his honor.

In commenting about his recent honors, Church said, "It was a pretty special week. That's for sure."

As the featured segment of the evening, the Hall of Fame award presentations for new inductees was well structured and enhanced by a comprehensive program, which was composed and edited by 1970 Christian Brothers High graduate Rick Cabral.

After being individually introduced as newly inducted members of the hall, each of the inductees shared some of their baseball experiences.

The following are biographical information and excerpts from these new Hall of Famers' acceptance speeches:

Jim Barr

Barr attracted many Northern California baseball fans, as he played 10 of his 12 years in Major League Baseball as a successful pitcher for the San Francisco Giants.

In describing the game, he said, "Baseball is a way of life."

His love for baseball and the relationships he has developed while being involved in the game has kept him active in the sport since his youth.

Barr, who later excelled in men's senior league games and was a pitching coach at Sacramento State University, presently works with the Granite Bay High School baseball team.

Pat Fall

A 1966 graduate of McClatchy High, Fall earned all-city honors as a pitcher during his senior year at McClatchy.

His talents on the diamond led him to be drafted by the Kansas City (now Oakland) A's. He played in the A's organization and later in the California (now Los Angeles) Angels organizations and was the winning pitcher of the National Division of the Winter League championship game for the Carmichael Merchants in 1971.

Fall paid tribute to Sacramento's many baseball sponsors, saying, "Without the sponsors, we wouldn't be able to play the game we play."

Mike Furtado

Furtado was a standout pitcher at McClatchy High and Sacramento State during the 1960s, played many years of bush league baseball and later achieved success coaching the Elk Grove High School varsity baseball team.

Furtado, who mentioned that he met his wife through baseball, closed his speech saying, "Those were some great years (and) years I'll never forget. And as (Roberto Clemente) said, 'Baseball has been very, very good to me.'"

Ken Hottman

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mento City College, Hottman played seven years of professional baseball, including a year with the Chicago White Sox. He also played Winter League ball in Sacramento.

In remembering his playing days in Sacramento, Hottman noted that the high level of competition resulted in an even higher level of achievements by those participating in the games.

Don Murphy

Murphy, who graduated from Bishop Armstrong High in 1964, played catcher for Sperbeck's teams for two years.

His baseball highlights also included catching for American River and St. Mary's colleges, playing in bush league games and catching a no-hitter thrown by Bob Forsch of Sacramento.

Murphy said that baseball taught him valuable lessons in life.

"Through baseball, I learned how to win, how to lose, success, failure, teamwork, competition," Murphy said.

LeRon Lee

A former all-city baseball star at Grant High School, LeRon Lee played eight years in Major League

Baseball and 11 years of professional baseball in Japan.

Lee, who also played in the Winter League, credited Sacramento for being the place where his success in baseball began.

"It all happened before I left (Sacramento) and it all happened because we had such great competition, great coaches (and) great players to work with," Lee said.

Bob Puccinelli

Puccinelli, who was an outfielder for Sacramento High from 1953 to 1955, was named to the all-city team of *The Sacramento Union* during his senior year.

His other baseball highlights include participating on the 1957 College World Series champion University of California, Berkeley team and signing with the Cleveland Indians organization.

The theme of Puccinelli's speech was the "we concept" and the benefits that could be had by working as a team.

Richard Separovich

Richard, who was also a high school all-star in 1955, was a standout baseball player at Christian Brothers High.



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AN ANNUAL EVENT. The 58th annual La Salle Club Baseball Hall of Fame event was held April 28 at Christian Brothers High School.

He also played for Southside American Legion, several Winter League teams, the Sacramento Solons Rookies and Sacramento State.

Richard, who coached the Charles M. Goethe Junior High School (now Rosa Parks Middle School) baseball team during the 1970s, expressed his appreciation to the voters for allowing him to join his other family members in the Hall of Fame.

Separovich family members in the Hall of Fame also include Richard's father, Michael, and Richard's uncles, Tony and Mark.

Since the Hall of Fame's inception in 1953, more than 400 people have been inducted into the hall, including Wally Westlake, Johnny McNamara, Cuno Barragan, Ronnie King, Woody Held, Joe Marty, Eddie Fitzgerald and Joe Kirrene.

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Asch: Family tombstone, missing for over half a century, discovered in Auburn

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that she believed that her ancestors' tombstone was located in Auburn.

"(Pipher) had lived in Auburn for 20 years and she and her husband were going out for dinner on Valentine's night in 2010," O'Brien said. "They were driving past this little rock garden circular driveway, right across the street from their house. She tells her husband to back up. She had never noticed in this rock garden this tombstone. She took a picture and sent it to me and it was the middle base (of the tombstone) with the names of the Asch family."

When asked what her reaction was to finding out about the discovery, O'Brien said, "Wow! They're talking to me. They wanted to be found."

O'Brien said that the house on the property with the tombstone was a rental and after attempting for some time to contact the home's owner, Barbara Clark, in 2011, she sent a letter to the Auburn Police Department and Auburn City Hall stating that she was a benefactor of the headstone.

As a result, Clark, as O'Brien explained, called her and agreed for her to have the stone removed from the property.

O'Brien said that she learned that the stone had been brought to the Auburn property from Sacramento in 1956 by Clark's stepfather, the late Victor Nation, who was a mason by trade and had a love for antiques. O'Brien added that Clark had no idea how her stepfather acquired the tombstone.

In preparation for the Asch tombstone's return to Sacramento, Ray Young, manager of the Fair Oaks

Cemetery, and Ron Clark, manager of the Sylvan Cemetery in Citrus Heights, dug up the stone free of charge in June 2011.

The stone was then delivered to Ruhkala Monument Co. at 1001 Broadway, where it was restored.

Assisting with the payment of the restoration were O'Brien and a few of her cousins in California, the Old City Cemetery Committee, the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission and the Daughters of the American Revolution's Emigrant Trail Chapter (of Auburn), in which Pipher is a member.

O'Brien, who contributed the majority of the funds to have the stone restored, said, "To me, (having the Asch tombstone restored and rededicated) is the least that I could do to pay respect to this couple and their journey to California. And if you look at the stone, you see how important these monuments were. I would like to think they would be proud of me and my persistence to make this happen."

And in showing his own enthusiasm for the discovery of the Ash tombstone, Dr. Bob LaPerriere, co-chair of the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission, said, "It was very rewarding, after two decades of being involved with the history of New Helvetia Cemetery, to locate the Asch monument and have relatives from the East Coast involved in its restoration and dedication. This certainly demonstrates what the significance of these memorials can be to the families."



Photo courtesy, Susie O'Brien

CAREFULLY RELOCATED. The Asch family tombstone was removed from a residential property in Auburn in June 2011.

The rededication of the Asch tombstone will be a significant part of an even larger event at the cemetery.

The June 2 event will begin at noon at the front of the cemetery at 1000 Broadway, where two memorials, which were recently placed at the site through the efforts of the Old City Cemetery Committee, will be dedicated.

These memorials pay tribute to the Reeves and Jurgens families.

Among these family members was John Wesley Reeves (1845-1926), a former coroner and proprietor and superintendent of the New Helvetia Cemetery.

Following the dedication of these family memorials, those in atten-

dance will then proceed to the second of three New Helvetia areas at the city cemetery for the rededications of the Asch and Bonetti monuments, as well as a rededication of the Jane Hall marker.

As presented in the April 5 edition of the *East Sacramento News*, Hall's marker was one of three flat grave-stones recently discovered in an East Sacramento backyard.

This event will conclude with a short ceremony to remember the other 100-plus people whose remains were relocated to the old city cemetery from the New Helvetia Cemetery.

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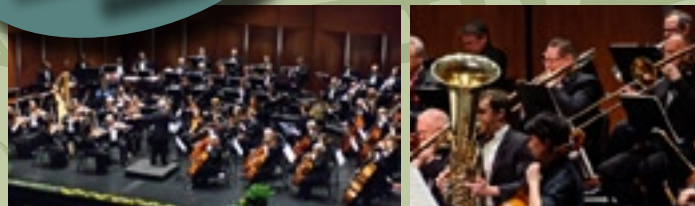
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The system was made possible through a federal grant, a SMUD incentive and financing, Tobar said.

Power up

The installed system is a 309.3 KW Photovoltaic (PV) System that is expected to generate 426,595 KWH of electricity annually.

According to Tobar, St. Francis' solar system is tied into the SMUD grid, so the electricity it generates is delivered directly into SMUD's grid. Then a meter installed on the solar system records how much power it generates, which is then applied toward a rebate the school receives for whatever energy they use from SMUD.

"Every energy that is produced by these solar panels they won't have to buy from SMUD, so that will save them a lot of money throughout the year on operation costs," explained Lau, assistant general manager of Power Supply & Grid Operations for SMUD.

Lau added the amount of energy the St. Francis' solar project produces helps SMUD to get closer to its goal of producing 125 megawatts of solar energy as part of the California Solar Initiative

and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Million Solar Roofs Program, which has the goal of creating 3,000 megawatts of new, solar-produced electricity by 2016.

"Every megawatt our customers put on helps us get closer to that 125 megawatts goal," Lau said. "SMUD is actually on its way to hit its 125 megawatt goal, so it's a win-win for both the customer and SMUD."

A light on learning

In addition to helping St. Francis with its electricity bills, the new solar project has also added to the school's curriculum.

Tobar said the solar installation has a software-based monitoring system that faculty and students can access by logging in to a Website, allowing them to see how much energy is being generated and how the system is performing.

"The information that they get from the monitoring system, they can incorporate any of that information into the curriculum and use it any way they want to," Tobar added.

Additionally, school has a weather station, so Tobar said teachers can tie the performance of the system to the weather statistics.

A bright future

Looking toward the future, Tobar said it is very important for St. Francis to take the initiative to install a solar project like this, as they are modeling what they believe for the students.

"And it's important to the students, because they hear



Aerial photo courtesy, St. Francis High School

about fossil fuels, non-renewables, depleting resources, and carbon footprints – they're very aware of the environment they live in and the diminishing

resources (and) this is what they want to see us do," she added.

Lau agreed, "When you put it in the school environment like that, it helps the future

leaders to think about energy in a different way. The more we can educate the next generation and just people in general I think it helps the community and helps the utility."



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