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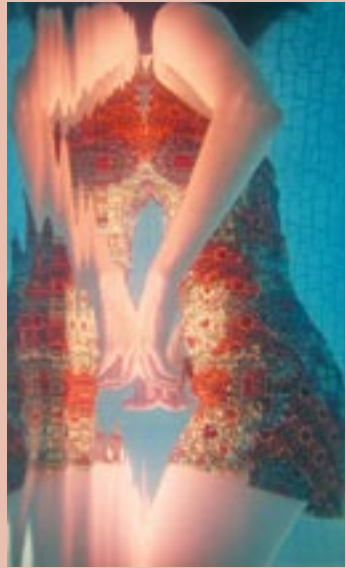
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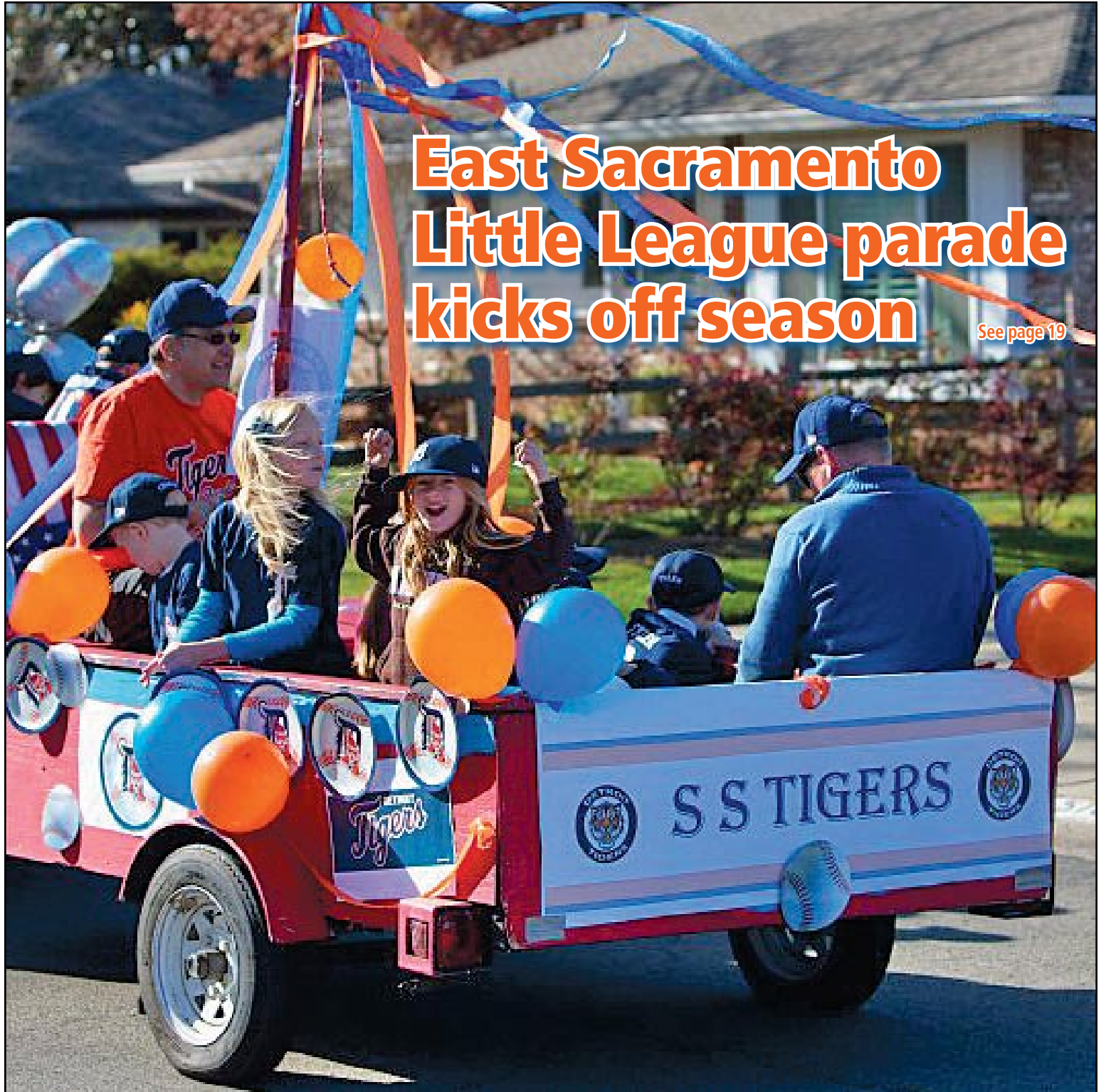
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Rainbow family storytime at McKinley Library

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On the fourth Saturday of every month, the McKinley Library hosts Rainbow Family Storytime. The events serve as an opportunity for LGBT families to meet and socialize while their children are entertained by stories, songs and activities. The most recent gathering happened on Saturday, February 23rd in the main library room.

The event was led by the McKinley Library branch supervisor, Jessica Zaker. Zaker was responsible for engaging children and parents in interactive songs such as "Open, Shut Them" and "Two Little Blackbirds," and "finger play" like in "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider" and "Balloons." While some of the songs were simply meant to keep the kids entertained, others taught important lessons. The hand washing song, for example, offered instruction on the best way to wash ones hands. Zaker also read to the children from short, easy-to-understand books.

After the songs and stories were finished, craft time began. At this particular meeting, the kids were given pictures of construction trucks as well as crayons with which to color them. The pictures were related to a story Zaker had just read, and the children were very excited to get started. Younger kids scribbled on the page and older ones colored in the lines, but everyone enjoyed themselves, including the adults. Zaker did a fine job of engaging everyone in the room.

Anywhere from five to 30 people have attended any particular Storytime since it began in September of 2012,

but not all of those families have been part of the LGBT group. Same and different sex couples and families are encouraged to attend, as the readings and games are for the amusement of children above all else.

Carrie Lewis, founder of Rainbow Family Storytime and leader of the Sacramento Rainbow Families group, explained that the events are meant to bring people together.

"We don't mean to encourage homosexuality or push an agenda," she explained. "We want to give kids the chance to see other families like theirs and show them that it's normal to have two mommies or daddies."

Although no exclusively LGBT-themed books were read at this most recent meeting, books portraying LGBT families or characters are read to older children. Just as heterosexual couples are encouraged to attend with their children, the event isn't limited to mothers and fathers. Any adult is welcome to bring their child, whether they are a grandchild, niece or nephew, or even just the neighbor's kid.

The Storytime is for everyone, but if you feel your child is too young to appreciate the Rainbow Family Storytime, the McKinley Library also hosts Preschool Storytime, Baby Lapsit Storytime, and Toddler Storytime throughout every month. A schedule of the library's upcoming events can be found at <http://www.saclibrary.org/Locations/McKinley/>, and toll-free calls can be made to (916) 561-4636. Anyone interested in the Sacramento Rainbow Families group can find information about them at <http://www.meetup.com/Sacramento-Rainbow-Families/>.

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JANEY WAY MEMORIES

The Draft Man Cometh



By **MARTIN RELLES**
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I graduated from Sacramento High School in 1964, and immediately enrolled at Sacramento City College. I took two classes that summer and all went well. Then, over the next two years I completed nearly 60 units at the college.

At the same time, big things were taking place in the world. The United States became involved in a serious conflict in the small country of Viet Nam. Soon, a seemingly small conflict became a very big conflict, but I did not realize the seriousness of it all then.

I continued my schooling and transferred to Sacramento State College in 1966. I had registered with the draft board when I turned 18, but because I attended college, they gave me a student deferment. So, I continued my studies and gave little thought to the ramifications of military service. My friends were not so lucky. Jim Ducray volunteered to join the Army in 1966, and served a one-year tour of duty in Viet Nam. My friend Dick Kinzel went in a little after Jim did. One by one, almost all my friends were called for service, but as long as I stayed in school, I had no contact from the draft board. In 1968, that all changed.

By that time, I began having academic problems at Sacramento State College. I had done fine at City College, but I found the University curriculum considerably more challenging. In three semesters, I landed on probation and dropped out.

This worked out fine at first. I went to work for my uncle Ross Relles at his florist. Everything seemed fine. But, as the Viet Name war continued to escalate, more and more foot soldiers were needed. Soon, they came after me.

In October of 1968, I received a letter instructing me to take a military physical. That month, I went to the Oakland Induction Center and completed a medical exam. By December, I got letter notifying me I had passed my physical and was physically able for medical service. In February 1969, I received my draft notice. I had to report for service in April.

So, on April 14, 1969, I showed up at the Federal Building down town to take the bus to Oakland for my induction. Oh man, I was not ready for this. Incredibly, my cousin Pam's fiancé Alan was there too. The two of us somberly headed off to join the Army.

I thought it would be a no hassle process, little did I know. When I walked up to the desk to accept my induction, the sergeant said, Mr. Relles, you are being inducted into the U. S. Marines. Then I said, "no, I am not." The sergeant replied, "but you have to," and I replied, "no, I do not." So, the perplexed sergeant sent me up to the 2nd floor to speak with the marine recruiter. There, I waited for about 2 hours to speak with a Lieutenant. When I finally got to see him, he asked why I didn't want to go into the marines. I told him, "I am 22 years old, not some young hot head. I am okay with the army, but not ready for the gung ho marines." Eventually, he sent me out to wait on the "group w" bench. There I waited, and waited.

Finally, the marine corporal at the front desk came over and said, "Mr. Relles, you can go down and join the army now, we have our quota for the day."

The rest is history. I was inducted into the U.S. Army that day, and served my 2-year military commitment to my country honorably; now, the day I was almost inducted into the U. S. Marines is a harrowing Janey Way memory.

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Rebuild McKinley playground seeks volunteering for community build

McKinley Playground Design Day took place on Jan. 11, 2013, to gather input from over a thousand area school children and community members. The theme of the playground will be essentially East Sacramento, with the intent to reflect its history and sense of place. It includes a tot area as well as a play area for kids 5-12 years old. The playground may ultimately also include other features reminiscent of Sacramento's past and present.

The Rebuild McKinley Fundraising Sub-Committee is in

need of assistance. There are several offers from businesses to hold fundraising events and the committee is coordinating with the various businesses. If you are interested to learn more about how you can help, please contact Cathy Taylor at 803-4194 or Catherine-taylor@comcast.net.

Sign Up to Volunteer for the Community Build

The community build will take place over six days, June 4-9, with three shifts per day. About 2,500 volunteer shifts

need to be filled. All ages are welcome to help. From construction, to helping with child care, to preparing and serving the volunteers' food --there is a job for everyone! Come out to help for a few hours or a few days. Tools and guidance will be provided. This will probably be the biggest community build event that you will participate in your lifetime and one of your most rewarding experiences.

MENA to meet April 2 at Clunie

The McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association will be holding a member/public meeting at

the Clunie Auditorium, East Sacramento Room on Tuesday April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda items will include updates on neighborhood development projects including the McKinley Village Project proposed for the old Centrage site, a discussion of the EastSacWatch crime summary for 2012 and updates on the Rebuild McKinley Park Playground effort. MENA will also be holding quarterly meetings on June 4th and September 3rd in 2013. Other special meetings will be called, as they are required.

If you are interested in learning more about the association, contact mena@eastSac.org.

Clunie Center gets new deco-style urns that grace the entrance

A great big thank you to John Home and his Rudolf and Sletten staff who helped install a pair of 450-pound custom deco-style concrete urns on brick pedestals outside the entrance to Clunie. It took a forklift and eight stainless steel bolts to secure them in place. Sutter Health donated funds that helped restore and improve the front entrance of the center. Landscape architects David Gibson and Ed Haag contributed to the design of this project.

Knott's Pharmacy still filling loyal East Sac customer prescriptions

By BENN HODAPP
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Knott's Pharmacy, an East Sac presence on J Street for more than 75 years, has moved its operations to Coyle Avenue in Carmichael as of Jan. 15. But worry not, faithful Knott's customers, owner Steve Dokimos stresses that it's business as usual, even from the new surroundings.

Dokimos delivers around 20 prescriptions himself every night free of charge to long-standing customers in East Sac in an effort to show customers that they can still have their orders filled by Dokimos and company.

The pharmacy moved away from its most recent home at 4819 J St. because of a failed attempt to buy the leased property from its owner. Dokimos, who became the owner on Feb. 2, 2002, held a 10-year lease that expired in 2012. After trying unsuccessfully to buy the property, (the owner apparently had no intention of selling) Dokimos settled on paying month-by-month rent for the next year.

After briefly considering moving into the plot next door on J Street, Dokimos decided that his best move would be to shift the pharmacy to Coyle Avenue while he tries to find another plot in East Sac.

"I'm looking for places on H Street, J Street or Folsom Blvd.," Dokimos said. "I'm working with a leasing agent to look for places."

Somewhere near the intersection of 51st and L at the old Lucky's lot would be ideal for Dokimos, as he grew up visiting his grandmother at the intersection when he was just a boy.

Despite moving his base of operations, Dokimos said that many long-time customers have stayed with him.

"I get a lot of visitors from East Sac," he said. "I probably get more business catering to East Sac than I do around here."

Despite moving into a former pharmacy space in the St. George Medical Building on Coyle Ave., Dokimos wants East Sac customers, who may be unaware of the pharmacy's moving, to know that they can still do business with him.

"I want to get the word out that we moved -- not closed. We are still open for business."

As far as getting back in the J Street area, Dokimos said that he would like to get a lease agreement signed within the next three months and hopefully be open for business within another three months.

"We will be back," he said. "We are dedicated to our clients and we try our hardest for them."

For more information, Knott's Pharmacy can be reached at 455-3068.

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Former East Sacramento resident Louis F. Breuner played essential roles in East Lawn's establishment, Breuner's store

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part seven in a series about the rich history of and associated with East Sacramento's award-winning East Lawn Memorial Park.

In the history of Sacramento, one of the most recognized surnames is Breuner. And had it not been for one member of that family, East Lawn Memorial Park might not exist today.

That member of the family was Louis Frederick "Lou" Breuner (1869-1947).

In 1904, Lou, who was born in Sacramento on Aug. 15,

1869, purchased 42 acres of the old Newton Booth place, which was previously known as the Twin Oaks Farm.

It was on this property that Lou, with the assistance of other local men, including Fred W. Kiesel and Chauncey H. Dunn, established East Lawn Cemetery, as East Lawn Memorial Park was then known. East Lawn Cemetery was dedicated on April 23, 1905.

Lou also had his home built on a portion of the same property in about 1911.

The Breuner family was best known for its involvement with the John Breuner Co.

John Breuner (1828-1890), who was Lou's father, was born in Baden, which at that time was part of the German Confederation, which consisted of 39 German states in Central Europe.

John had arrived in California in the early 1850s with dreams of getting rich in gold. But he would instead begin acquiring his greatest wealth making furniture and tools for miners.

In 1856, John opened the first cabinet store in California in a single-story building near the corner of 6th and K streets.

Originally operating his Sacramento business as a one-man workshop where furniture was sold and repaired, John, who resided in a house

behind the store, eventually expanded the operation to a much greater level as the business grew along with the city.

Early abstracts of titles of 6th and K streets properties show John's ownership of a 20-foot parcel alongside the store in 1861, followed by the April 1866 purchase of the property where the store was located. Next, John purchased the corner of 6th and K streets in July 1868.

Despite setbacks from floods, fires and other obstacles, the store continued its development.

And during the progressing early years of this store, the business grew to a staff of two employees.

In 1869, arrangements were made for Breuner's to manufacture desks and chairs for the Senate and Assembly chambers at the then-under construction state Capitol.

During its history, the company also sold furniture for other notable Sacramento places, including the Governor's Mansion at 16th and H streets.

In 1884, the company expanded to a larger building at the 6th and K streets site.

With his health declining, John retired from his business while Lou and his older brother, John, Jr., were still in their youth. The two brothers then carried on the business, which by 1890 had a staff of a dozen employees.



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Louis Frederick Breuner once resided in this 45th Street, Fabulous Forties home.

Eventually, four generations of Breuner family members would head the operations of their furniture and home furnishing company.

An extensive enlargement of the 6th and K streets store occurred in 1900 with the construction of a three-story building that was built alongside the old Breuner's building.

The old and new buildings were joined together as one structure and covered with red sandstone – the same material used about a decade earlier in the construction of the nearby post office building at the northeast corner of 7th and K streets.

The company, which opened a store in Oakland in 1906 to accommodate those who had lost their homes in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire, later grew to include 12 stores in Northern California and Nevada.

Several years after the opening of the red sandstone Breuner's building, the L Street portion of the store was converted into a warehouse.

Furthermore an addition to the building along the

same side of the building was constructed in 1922, and six years later, the main portion of the building was enlarged, remodeled and given a Spanish architecture-style appearance.

The building later experienced other changes during its history, including the devoting of the entire structure to merchandise.

Breuner's, which became the oldest and largest furniture firm in Northern California, operated at 6th and K streets until Sept. 20, 1972, following a five-week, "Once in a Lifetime" store closing sale, in which prices were drastically reduced.

Lou, who served as the company's president from 1890 to 1940, greatly contributed to the success of Breuner's.

Much of the business's growth and expansion occurred under Lou's guidance.

In addition to his contributions to the company, Lou was the first westerner to serve as president of the National Retail Fur-

Breuner: East Sacramentan belonged to many fraternal organizations

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niture Association, and he was the founder, chief organizer and three-term president of the Retail Furniture Association of California. He served two terms in the first of these named organizations.

Lou was also a charter member of the Sacramento Rotary Club and the Del Paso Country Club, a past president of the Sacramento Children's Home, the Sunset Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the Central Valley Project Association, and a director of the E. B. Crocker Art Gallery (today's Crocker Art Museum), the Sacramento Civic Repertory Theater (now Sacramento Theatre Company) and the Sacramento Community Chest.

He was also the regional vice president of the Sacramento Valley California State Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Sutter Club, the American Legion, the University Club, the Woodmen of the World, the Mount Ralston Fish Planting Club, the Grandfathers Club and the Union League and Olympia Clubs of San Francisco.

In 1900, Lou became the youngest man called to the presidency of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. He also was a founder and advisor of the Sacramento Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Furthermore, Lou belonged to various fraternal organizations, including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 6, the Washington Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Ben Ali Temple of the Shrine and local Scottish Rite bodies.

His leadership abilities also served him well as grand commander of the Knights Templar of the state of California, commander of the Sacramento Commandery of Knights Templar and Oakland Commandery No. 11 of Knights Templar, and potentate of the Aahems (Masonic) Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

His leadership roles also included his service as president of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, president of the Gas Appliance Society of California, president of the Uptown Development Association of Oakland, president of the Oakland Rotary Club, director of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, director of the Northern California Electrical Bureau, director of the Pacific Electric Motor Company of Oakland, director of the Golden Gate International Exposition of 1939, chairman of the Alameda County Welfare Commission, chairman of the Oakland Area War Chest, chairman of the Oakland Better Housing Committee of the Federal Housing Administration and chairman of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce Residential Development Committee.

Lou and his wife, Clara F. Louisa Schmidt (1873-1928), who Lou married in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 14, 1893, moved into their new East Sacramento home at 1128 45th St. in about 1923. The house is located two houses to the north of the former home of Alden Anderson, who was featured in the last article of this series.

The couple's sons, Louis and John Breuner (1894-



Photo courtesy of East Lawn Memorial Park
Former East Sacramento resident Louis Frederick "Lou" Breuner served as president of the John Breuner Co. from 1890 to 1940.

1974), Clarence Henry Breuner (1896-1960), Richard Weston Breuner (1899-1986), Wallace Emerson Breuner (1902-1975) and Robert Alvin Breuner (1909-1969), all held leading roles with the Breuner's firm.

Following a nearly decade-long illness, Lou passed away at the age of 77 on Monday, May 12, 1947 while he was residing in Carmichael.

Private funeral services in his honor were held in the East Lawn chapel two days later and his remains were entombed inside the East Lawn mausoleum.

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University's Deaf Studies program makes its mark

Sacramento State's Deaf Studies program may be small, but it has proved very productive since its inception six years ago.

Professor Donald Grushkin was chosen to coordinate staffing and curriculum for the innovative program when it was created in 2007. The personable graduate of Gallaudet University, a world-renowned center of learning and research for the Deaf, came to Sacramento State in 2001, when the University had a large sign language program but no major or minor.

Grushkin pressed for the creation of a comprehensive course of study

and proceeded to craft a bachelor's degree program in Deaf Studies, the only one in Northern California.

Nine students were in the first graduating class in 2009; this year, the program expects to graduate roughly 30. More than 100 students are majoring or minoring in Deaf Studies, while 1,000 – many of whom are satisfying the University's foreign language requirement – are enrolled in American Sign Language classes. (ASL for English speakers is considered to be a category 4 language, with category 5 being the most difficult.) Grushkin believes that stu-

dents opt to enroll in these tougher classes because they value their instructors and the quality of instruction, which could improve their job prospects.

Program graduates will have earned 41 to 48 units in sign language and Deaf Studies that qualify them to work with the Deaf. Such skills could be especially helpful to students in nonrelated fields that could give them a competitive edge in the job market.

"Our students have a senior capstone course in which they either do volunteer work within area Deaf agencies or schools, or help

with other activities," Grushkin says. These include a spring picnic for the Deaf community and families with Deaf children. In September, many of the program's students helped with setup for the ASL Festival held at the State Capitol, Grushkin says.

Grushkin and his colleagues see the program as a complement to those at community colleges such as American River, which offers an interpreter training program. Last year, the state mandated that interpreters have a bachelor's degree to work in the K-12 system.

ARTS

Art for Alzheimer's connects patients with museum outings

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Upcoming 2013 ARTZ Museum Tour Schedule

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Friday, June 7

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When she leads seniors diagnosed with dementia through the Crocker Museum, Tiffany Paige listens to them relate the art pieces to their memories of long ago.

On one outing, a man gravitated to paintings of mountains, saying he knew exactly where they are located and a woman focused on a tiny pine tree in the corner of a large landscape painting and remembered her family Christmas traditions.

"The stories go on and on," said Paige, director of the local chapter of the non-profit Arts for Alzheimer's, which is an organization that links artists and cultural institutions to people living with dementia and their caretakers.

Paige leads the group to three museums a month -- The California Museum, The Crocker Art Museum and The California Auto Museum.

Cindi Jones, an intern for the organization, has had family members with Alzheimer's and wanted to learn more about the program and how art



can be therapeutic to the elderly and how caregivers can apply the techniques used by volunteers who engage them in conversation over art pieces.

"It's getting patients more socialized and gives caregivers a break," Jones said.

That's not to say caretakers are not welcome. In fact their presence is encouraged so they can see the interaction and they can mimic the communication techniques at home or if they go to an art gallery together.

"At the museums, we have a form of conversation or communication in a non-failure type of environment so they have freedom to express themselves," Paige said.

Paige said the tour is limited to seven seniors. "If the tour gets too big,

then we lose the potential to engage those in the group."

The group was really small on Friday, March 15 at the Crocker; in fact there was only one person with Alzheimer's, Romana and her caretaker and husband, Dave. Having a group that small enabled Paige to focus in on Romana and keep her talking through out the tour, whether it was about picnicking at the beach after looking at *Beach Day*, a painting by Gregory Kondos or about the smell of roses after looking at Edwin Deakin's *Roses*.

Through a separate organization, Arts Delivers, Paige works with local artists who loan their art to caretakers who in turn use the pieces as conversation starters.

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ARTS



This piece, entitled 'Bodies of Water No. 2' by Sylvia Sensiper is one piece in a free exhibit of multiple media works that runs April 2-25 in the Else Gallery at Sacramento State, 6000 J St. A UC Davis researcher and artist, Sensiper teaches courses on Buddhism and produced a video on Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism. A reception featuring music and dance runs 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, April 12. The exhibit is curated by Professor Pat Chirapravati. Gallery hours are noon-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact: 278-6166.



"Viva la Huelga" by Louie González is one of the posters by the Royal Chicano Air Force (RCAF) that will be exhibited April 2-27 in Sacramento State's Library Gallery on campus, 6000 J Street. "The poster! La Palabra! The Word!" features selected pieces from the University's collection of works by RCAF, the region's renowned artistic collective. A reception will be held 4 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13, along with a dual presentation on the University art collections, 1-5 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Contact 278-6898.

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SCHOOL NEWS

SUTTER

Association of California School Administrators to honor Dave Rodriquez

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The five were chosen for promoting the success of all students and for their commitment to educational quality and student achievement.

From the school newsletter ...

More than 100 pieces of student art from Sutter Middle School students were displayed at the Celebration of Art in Our Schools at George Washington Carver. Activities includ-

ed 'make and take' art, student music and drama performances.

Sutter congratulates winners in the St. Francis "Young at Art" show this past month! First place went to Rebecca Johnson, second place went to Lia French and third place went to Christine Duval. ALL of the participants submitted fantastic work—great show, Art Club!

SUTTER SIGN SHOP!

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DAVID LUBIN

Upcoming fundraising events:

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PHOEBE HEARST

Phoebe Hearst to raise funds for a mobile computer lab at THE EVENT

THE EVENT is a dinner and auction that will help fund the purchase of a mobile computer lab for the entire school to use and 3-5 computer stations in every classroom.

It will take place on March 15, from 6-10 p.m. at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. The cost of a ticket includes: appetizers, dinner and one drink ticket. Bogle Winery has provided two bottles of wine for each table. Tickets are \$350 for a table of ten or \$40 apiece. If you want to treat your teacher and his or her guest, teacher tickets are only \$20. Three tables are reserved for teachers or you can include them at your table. E-mail Tamarin Austin (lizzypod@hotmail.com) to order tickets.

Visit <http://www.phoebhearst.org/> for more information.

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Also that night, the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center (SCC-SC) will be honored as an excellent community partner at Hiram Johnson High School and Nicholas Elementary.

For the last three years, the After School Safety and Enrichment for Teens Program (ASSETs) has helped support student achievement by developing and implementing multiple academic support programs geared toward student's success.

The ACSA ceremony in May will start out with the C.K. McClatchy High School Jazz Orchestra performing the national anthem.

Phoebe Hearst student made it to the Central Valley Spelling Bee competition

By MONICA STARK
editor@valcomnews.com



George Walton Davis III.

"Roguish". Talk about a difficult word to pronounce, let alone spell. That's the one that knocked George Walton Davis III, a fifth grade student at Phoebe Hearst, out of the second round at the Central Valley Bee, which was held on March 6 at the Scottish Rite Center. In the first round, he spelled he correctly spelled "leotard". But to him, the most difficult word he was asked to spell in a spelling bee according was "salinity".

To prepare for the bee, George's father, George Walton Davis II, said his son studied more than 2,000 words from the Stripp's National Spelling Bee website, myspellit.com.

"(The bee is) so brutal, but he was a real trooper and I'm most thankful for his great attitude...when he heard what words were being asked in the later rounds he knew he couldn't have lasted 'til the bitter end. But it was quite an experience!" the father said.

"We love that he has an awesome brain and that he uses it all the time (it's always going all day long) but I have to say I'm most proud of the way he handled the defeat in the Central Valley Spelling Bee," the father said.

George III was disappointed of course, but he immediately began cheering on the other contestants who were still in it. Also he was so grateful to his

class for all their support. His entire class walked all the way from Phoebe Hearst Elementary to cheer him on and his principal Mrs. Andrea Egan came to cheer him on as well. His teacher Mrs. Harris had the class throw him a party afterwards back in class that same day.

The fifth grader's excitement about spelling may actually come from his love of reading. His father said he's been reading since he was 3 years old and continues to read at a very high level for his age. He has read all the Harry Potter books several times, all the Chronicles of Narnia Books several times, and many, many others.

George III also loves school. To him, it's a place where "it's cool to be smart and to try hard academically". And for that is what his parents are most thankful.



Phoebe Hearst fifth grade class.

George's mom, Kami, said he has always enjoyed spelling and reading.

"When he finished as the top boy speller in his class last year, he was motivated to try to be the best speller in his whole class this year and he ended up as the best speller in the school," she said.

"As his dad, I can say that wasn't my personal experience growing up until my senior year at a college prep school in Tallahassee. Hearing your kids say how much they love school and for the right reasons truly is something to be extra thankful for...and we are!" George II said.

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Sign Language:

Attracting customers with the right sign is the first order of business

By PAUL ROMO

Outside the entrance of a twin bay auto garage, just off the corner of 16th and E streets, the sign shaker is not permitted on the sidewalk.

Dressed in brown, strappy shoes; tight, stretchy jeans, a black t-shirt proclaiming, 'We Will Survive. The Mayans Were Wrong, December 21, 2012' and a dark, winter cap—the mannequin attempts to reel in passing motorists with a sign that reads, "Special, Oil Change—\$19.99 Most Cars."

As business owners seek cost effective as well as creative ways to catch the eyes of potential customers, a legion of diverse signs have sprung up—some with more pulling power than others.

Rather than pay an employee, Alex Khalil owner of Sac Auto Sales & Repairs purchased the sign-shaking mannequin for \$3,300 from Yuba City's Sign Dancer Pro.

"The first month it increased my business but the problem is the city does not allow us to put it on the sidewalk. That kind of affected

business, so now I have to put it on our property," he said. That, of course, does not allow full visibility for prospective customers.

On the flip side, others have found a way to market their business with the help of the sidewalk.

The metal bench created by Sacramento artist, Matthew Byrd bordering the edge of the pavement, just opposite the entrance of Ink Eats & Drinks, is a prime example.

The Day of the Dead sugar skull sculpture, seemingly inspired by influential Mexican artist, Jose Guadalupe Posada, with tattoo designs along the back includes: a koi fish, stars, a sacred heart, Pac Man with a blue 'ghost', an eye and pyramid motif and the proverbial 'Mom' etched on a heart. Also, visible on both sides is the word, INK—woven effortlessly into the functional architecture and serving nicely as instant marketing. An attached, oversized metal flower completes the eye-catching piece.

Tending bar at Ink, Christina Arntson said in the two years that it's been in front of the restaurant—it has been given plenty of attention. "It sets us apart. It's cool for the Sutter District, which people say they didn't know anything about. There's a tax that goes toward street beautification [paid on the bench] and that's important for the neighborhood," Arntson said. The restaurant has known the artist for a number of years and wanted something created by him that caught people's eyes.

"It's a statement piece," she said. Signs not only act as a way to advertise, they also serve



Photo by Paul Romo
A-Frame or sandwich board signs, like these, are fixtures outside of businesses throughout the city.

as a promotional tool. In essence, it gives the customer an idea of what sort of experience they will have before they enter the establishment.

With no text to prompt the reader, Big Spoon Yogurt has cleverly and subconsciously equated a basic utensil into an instantly recognizable logo. The simplicity of an empty spoon immediately sparks long-standing memories tied to food and all its pleasures. It rarely gets any more primal than this.

The opposite is true for A-frame or sandwich board signs. Job seekers have recently resurged them—attaching the placards, with a plea for employment, to their person—a throwback to the days of the Great Depression; parents and judges have mandated them as public punishment for undignified deeds and business owners have planted them in plain view of every set of wandering eyes.

Plasticade, founded in 1954 as American Louver Company, manufacturers these signs

and they are a fixture outside of businesses throughout the entire city and beyond.

Jamie Miller, an employee at FedEx Office on J Street said companies gravitate toward the A-frames because they can easily be removed, are not permanent and generally increase sales when foot and auto traffic is present.

It's interesting to note that Sacramento used to be less lenient toward businesses that advertised with a sandwich board. More to the point: they were illegal 10 years ago. The problem, lawmakers cited, was they obstructed pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk and in particular, maneuvering around them for those with disabilities could be difficult.

Presently, there are no issues with the sandwich boards but for those who have stuck with unconventional ways of promoting their business like Sac Auto Sales & Repair owner, Khalil, there is a new challenge.

"Somebody stole the hair. It's kind of ugly now. It used to have blue hair, blond hair. I'm tired of people stealing the hair... because that's the only way I advertise," he said.

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ONGOING:

Sacramento Public Library offers passport service at its Central Library
The library can now process U.S. passport applications at its Central Library, 828 I St. Passport photos can be taken at the library office for an additional \$15 fee, and checks or money orders are accepted. Hours are Tuesdays, 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Fridays, noon to 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays, noon to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are encouraged by calling the library at (916) 264-2920. Visit www.travel.state.gov for information on processing fees, proof of citizenship and required passport application documents.

Pop-Up Music Month at the Sacramento Children's Museum - March 1-31
Join the Sacramento Children's Museum all month to explore musical instruments and special activities such as fun Music & Movement dancing on Fridays, interactive Sing-A-Long Saturdays and more! Museum visitors will also have the hands-on opportunity to craft a musical instrument in the Art Studio all month long. For more, visit www.sackids.org or call 638-7225.

The Sacramento Rose Society
Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., in East Sacramento. For more information, visit www.sactorose.org/sacramentorosociety.

Fair Oaks Library to unveil a new Families and Books Center
Now-March 23: The Sacramento Public Library will be renovating the children's room at the Fair Oaks branch, 11601 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Fair Oaks, now through March 23. The children's area will become the new Families and Books Center. For more information, call 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Kit Carson schedules additional IB info nights
Parents are invited to learn about the International Baccalaureate program. Come learn about Kit Carson's transition to an International Baccalaureate school for grades 7 through 12. Campus tours are held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. 5301 N St, Sacramento. 277-6750.

Register for the for the Water Spots Video Contest
Deadline is March 22: The Regional Water Authority and Sacramento Bee Media in Education program are pleased to announce the 2013 Water Spots Video Contest. The contest challenges teens to create compelling and original 25-second Public Service Announcement videos on a select water efficiency topic. Videos must focus on the selected 2013 water efficiency theme: Check sprinkler systems every month for water-wasting problems and make repairs within 48 hours. Winning spots will be presented on the River Cats Jumbotron for thousands to see and may be part of RWAs 2013 outreach campaign. sacbee.com/water-spots.

The Sacramento Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors meets every third Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sacramento Association of Realtors 2003 Howe Ave. It is a luncheon and features various speakers and topics that impact business locally.

Travel club meetings slated at Arcade Library
The Sacramento Public Library invites all travelers to its monthly "No Reservations Travel Club" meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Arcade branch, 2443 Marconi Ave. The free adult meetings feature a speaker, plus time for exchanging travel information within the group. 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Finding the Right Path art exhibit
Through out the month, an art exhibition of landscape paintings by local artist Jo Anne Marquardt will be held at Sacramento City College library, third floor. Hours of the library are 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through

Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. It is closed Sunday except for a reception from 1-3 p.m. on Sun. March 10.

Carmichael clothes drive
Now-April 13 For every pound received 15 cents will be donated to Sacramento Area Creeks Council to support Creek Week. Drop off at Carmichael Recreation and Park District, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (April 13 at Carmichael Park Band Shell). Bring clothes in plastic bags.

Fairytale Town presents its annual puppet festival
Thursdays - Sundays, May 2 - June 16, Weekdays at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Weekends at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 p.m. Children and adults can enjoy live puppet show performances inside Fairytale Town's Children's Theater. Puppet show performances from May 2 through June 2 will be performed by Puppet Art Theater Company. The festival will end with the premiere of Fairytale Town's original puppet production of "Rumpelstiltskin" from June 6 through 16. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. www.fairytaletoontown.org. 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr.

City of Sacramento announces summer youth jobs
Deadline for application, April 1: The City is hiring approximately 60 youth between the ages of 14-17 for the position "Youth Aide" which pays \$8 an hour, Friday - Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (6 ½ hours per day - includes ½ hour unpaid lunch). Applications must be returned to the Belle Cooledge Community Center (5699 S. Land Park Dr.) by 4 pm, Monday, April 1. Program runs June 21 to Aug. 11 with training scheduled for June 19 and 20. All paperwork must be submitted for applications to be considered.

SAT College Essay Workshop
March 21: Starting at 4 p.m., students will write a practice essay under timed, test like conditions. They will get advice to help them recognize what essay graders are looking for, as well as strategies on writing effective essays. Students will receive their graded essays following this 75-minute session. This program is sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep. Elk

Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Registration is required online at www.saclibrary.org or by calling 264-2920

Kendama - Tween/Teen event at Belle Cooledge Library
March 22: Kendama - Tween/Teen event will start at 3 p.m., 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sacramento. 264-2920

Sacramento #6 Annual Frank Bianchini Sausage/Pasta Feed
March 22: Cost \$16; Cocktails ~ 6 pm; Dinner ~ 7 pm; Menu: Relish tray, several types of Sausages & Pasta, Continuous Music. Tickets are available at the Lodge Office and in the Lounge, 6446 Riverside Blvd.

Sierra 2 Center presents Dinner and A Movie
March 22: Dinner and A Movie presents "Blue Hawaii", starring Elvis Presley. Dinner guests will start in the Garden Room by enjoying the Hawaiian inspired menu and decor while hula dancers from the Pan Pacific Dance Studio perform in the background. Following dinner, with the mood set, guests will move over to the 24th Street Theater to take in the classic movie. Popcorn is included for all attendees and additional beverages (beer, wine, nonalcoholic) will be available for purchase. Aloha! Wear your Hawaiian shirts and flip flops and enjoy! Door prizes donated by Swanberg's on J. Starts at 6 p.m. Admission: \$25 for Dinner and the Movie, \$10 for just the movie (includes popcorn and one beverage). Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Theater doors open at 7 p.m. Hula show on stage to introduce the movie will begin at 7:15 p.m. and the movie will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/338281

Free golf lessons offered at Bing Maloney Golf Complex
March 24: Are you interested in starting to play golf, but not sure where to begin? Bing Maloney is offering Free Family Clinics for 2013. These clinics are family oriented for any level of golfer. Each clinic will be held on Sundays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at the Bing Maloney Golf Course: 6801 Freeport Blvd. in Sacramento. Call 808-2283 for more information.

Bi-Polar Anonymous
March 22: Free 12-step program/support group for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Fundraiser to benefit CanTree
March 22: The Sacramento Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors has an upcoming fundraiser to benefit CanTree, a Salvation Army charity. They will host a Bunco Party at Sacramento Association of Realtors, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include food, prizes, and fun! Cash bar with beer and wine. Register at www.wrcasac.org

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael
March 26: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. www.rotary.org.

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Master the Food Label workshop at Belle Coolidge Library

March 26: Master the Food Label – nutrition program for Teens/Adults to be held at 6 p.m. 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sacramento. 264-2700

Read to the Dogs at Belle Coolidge Library

March 26: Read to the Dogs to be held at 6:30 p.m. 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sacramento. 264-2700

Business networking event

March 26: National Association of Women Business Owners, Sacramento will host a networking, educational event at Seasons 52 Restaurant at Arden Fair Mall from 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$10 includes a glass of wine, appetizers and a brief presentation of "Learn the secrets of an effective website to grow your business." Register at www.nawbo-sac.org

East Sac Rotary

March 27: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotyary.com.

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

March 28: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

The Poodlums at Belle Coolidge Library

March 28: Starting at 10 a.m. in place of Storytimes. 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sacramento. 264-2700

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown meeting

March 28: Visitors welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7 a.m. and dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis

Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Yoga for Fitness and Fun at Belle Coolidge

March 29: Yoga at 3:30 p.m., ages 9 and up, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sacramento. 264-2700

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Perennial plant club's 12th annual sale of unusual plants

March 30: The Sacramento Perennial Plant Club is hosting its 12th Annual Sale of unusual and favorite plants on March 30, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Shepherd Garden & Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Speaking at noon will be Nicholas Stodden, Director of New Plant Introductions, Monrovia Nurseries. His subject is "Behind the Curtain," a cat's eye view of the inner workings of a nursery. In addition, there will be a free raffle for Monrovia plants brought by Stodden. Proceeds from this sale support community gardens and local horticulture projects.

Easter Bonnet Promenade Starting at the Sacramento History Museum

March 30: Dress up in your favorite Easter finery -- or other historic apparel -- to celebrate in high style during the 18th Annual "Living History" Easter Bonnet Promenade! You'll enjoy a leisurely one-hour stroll through the historic boardwalks and cobblestone streets of Old Sacramento that starts at 11 a.m. at the Sacramento History Museum. For more, visit www.historicoldsac.org or call 808-7059.

The Old City Cemetery Committee's Sacramento history tour for kids

March 30: Tales of old Sacramento pioneers, trappers, railroad men, society women, heroes and villains come to life on this cemetery tour specifically designed for kids in fourth grade and up. Come see why truth is sometimes stranger than fiction. Tour starts at 10 a.m. at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. Free parking is available in the lot at 10th & Broadway, across the street from the 10th Street entrance. Tours are free; however, donations are appreciated and benefit cemetery preservation. For more information, call 264-7839 or 448-0811.

Spring Eggstravaganza at Fairytale Town

March 30 and 31: This popular, fun-filled family weekend features egg hunts, prizes, spring-themed hands-on activities and pictures with Peter Cottontail (additional cost). Daily egg hunts are held promptly at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Hunt areas are separated by age groups as follows: 0 - 3 years, 4 - 6 years, and 7 - 12 years. The Fairytale Town Troupers will also open their sixth annual season with performances of "Beauty and the Beast," a retelling of the classic fairytale with music, magic and mid-century mod (additional cost). This program is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is \$5 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit www.fairytale-town.org or call (916) 808-7462.

The Fairytale Town Troupers present: "Beauty and the Beast"

March 30, 31: The Fairytale Town Troupers begin their sixth season with "Beauty and the Beast," a retelling of the classic fairytale with music, magic and mid-century mod. At the corner coffee house, beautiful Beatrix is beloved by all--until her faltering father is forced to sell out to a big-time brute who is all business. Performances will be held in the Children's Theater. Show times at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission; tickets are \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater. For more information, visit www.fairytale-town.org or call (916) 808-7462.

APRIL

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Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

April 2: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

East Sac Rotary

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Elks Lodge #6 presents The Comedy Machine

April 5: 6:30pm ~ No-Host Cocktails; Show ~ 7:30pm; Advance tickets \$14; \$19 at the door 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento.

Artz for Alzheimer's tour at The California Museum

April 5: A tour of The California Museum will start at 10:30 a.m. for people with Alzheimer's. Focusing on art allows them to experience something meaningful and beautiful, without challenging areas of the brain that have been affected by the disease. ARTZ Museum Tours are designed for people with dementia and their care partners, and strive to enrich the lives of all involved. Events are free. Registration is required by contacting Tiffany Paige at 916-792-3281 or paige@artzalz.org. The California Museum is located at 1020 O St.

American Sewing Guild annual fabric sale

April 6: The Sacramento Chapter of the American Sewing Guild is having its annual Fabric Sale at the North Highlands Community Center, 6040 Watt Avenue, North Highlands, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bargain prices, free entry.

Fight for Air Climb

April 6: Join the American Lung Association in California Fight For Air Climb at the Wells Fargo Center in downtown Sacramento to experience the climb of your life. Fight For Air Climb is the only event in Sacramento where individuals & teams walk or stride up all 34 floors to reach the rooftop of the Wells Fargo Center, the tallest building in Sacramento. We climb because everyone deserves to breathe clean air and because no one deserves to die from lung disease like asthma and lung cancer. For more information or to register, contact Nicole Francl at 585-7666 or visit <http://action.lung.org/sacramentoclimb>

Children's Theater Festival at Fairytale Town

Saturdays & Sundays, Apr. 6 - 28: Show times at 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Introduce your children to the magic of theater! During the month of April, Fairytale Town showcases a diverse selection of theater performances each weekend in the Children's Theater. Performing companies include the Fairytale Town Troupers, Shadow Puppet Theatre, Boxtales Theatre Company, Roseville Theatre Arts Academy and more. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. www.fairytale-town.org or 808-7462. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sacramento, 95822

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Easter Seals Benefit Stamp Show

April 6-7: Millions of stamps piled on tables, all at 2 cents each. Bourse with 11 stamp dealers, door prizes, and food available for purchase. Sponsored by the Sacramento Philatelic Society and proceeds benefit the Sacramento Easter Seals Society. For information, contact Katie Pavlasky (kpava@winfirst.com), 359-3720. The Saturday, April 6 show goes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Sunday, April 7 show goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Easter Seals Society, 3205 Hurley Way, Sacramento. Free admission and free parking is available.

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

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Faces and Places: East Sacramento

Little League Parade

Photos by STEVE HARRIMAN

The East Sacramento Little League held opening day festivities on Sunday, March 10. According to their website, the day was marked by beautiful weather, great attendance, and lots of excitement for the upcoming season. Scores of families turned out for the celebration, which included team introductions, an appearance by Dinger from the River Cats, and a series of exhibition games.



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