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Janey Way Memories

## **Back to school**



By MARTY RELLES marty@valcomnews.com

A few weeks ago, my granddaughter Gabrielle, began school—kindergarten at Phoebe Hearst Elementary. It marked a momentous day in her life. She wore a new dress and sported a backpack filled with paper, pencils and supplies. Her dad walked her into class, then left her in the hands of her new teacher.

Later that day when mom picked her up, she asked the important question: "How was school?" Gaby answered, "I loved it, mom."

This all brought back memories of my first day at St. Mary's School in 1955. The new school opened that year and I began fourth Grade, the highest grade in the school at that time. Mom had gone to Weinstocks and picked out our uniforms (salt and pepper corduroy pants, white shirt and blue bow tie) in August. She put them on layaway, remember that.

Then, during the State Fair, mom worked as a runner at the Race Track. There, she placed bets for the upper crust of Sacramento who sat in the box seats at the track. Doing that, she earned a small wage plus tips from the winning bettors. By the end of the fair, she had earned enough to pay for our school.

And so it was that on the first day of school, we showed up, ready to learn, in our brand spanking new uniforms. The nuns lined up each of the classes in the school yard behind the classrooms, a ritual which would repeat itself for many years to come.



My teacher was Mother Carmela, the sister superior (principal) of the school. She looked pretty tough. I was nervous. She marched us into our new classroom. It looked beautiful with brand new desks filled with books and a glimmering world globe in the front of class next to the sister's desk. Then she said, "Students, open up your desks and get out your math book—it's the blue one." We followed her instruction and the school day began.

When, I returned home from school that day, mom asked, "How was school Marty?" I replied that I loved it. From that day through my last day at St. Mary's School, I don't recall missing a class.

The school opened up new worlds for me. It laid the ground work for all my future education. I had Mother Carmela as my teacher for all those years, the most important years of my education. She has long since departed this world, and looking back I can only thank her posthumously for all she gave me.

Now my first day at St. Mary's School, so many years ago, is just another inspirational Janey Way memory.



## Children enjoy McKinley Park's new 'Quad Pod'

Photos by ADAM STARK

Check out the new Quad Pod (spinner) and resurfaced basketball courts at the McKinley Playground! It's true - the much-anticipated Quad Pod (spinner) has been installed and open to the public! Also reopened are the basketball courts at McKinley Park. With a grant from Sprite, the City was able to replace backboards and hoops and apply new color surfacing.

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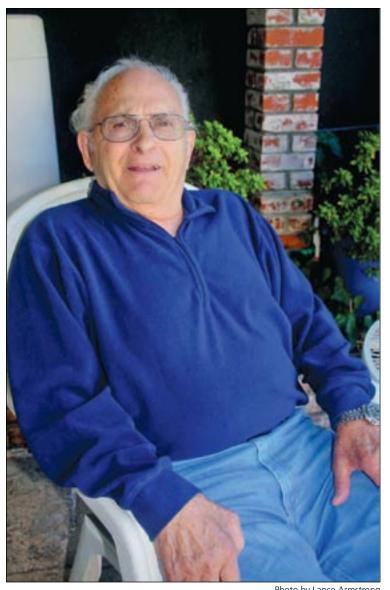


Photo by Lance Armstrono

Tony DeFazio is the only living son of the late East Sacramento grocer Louis

## **East Sacramento native** shares family history

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

once among East Sacramento's larger families, as he grew up in the area's Italian section with his parents and his eight brothers Louis, Jr., Richard, Marie, Eleanor and Bernadine.

But with the passing of years, only three of these 11 living today. And Tony is the ing at 5930 2nd Ave. last male member of that immediate family.

Last week, Tony, 81, sat down in his Sacramento home to discuss details about his family's history.

Louis DeFazio (1901-1949), was born in Utica, New York, where he was raised by his parents, Calabria, Italy natives Joseph DeFazio (1860-1955) and Bernadine De-Fazio (1867-1939).

"(Joseph) came out to Calior 15 years old, because Uncle Anthony "Tony" DeFazio was Frank, his older brother, and my grandparents were already nothing." here," Tony said.

The 1917 city directory mentions Louis as then reand sisters, Bill, Iim, Margaret, siding with his father and his brother, Frank, on Park Avetoday's 59th Street.

By the following year, Lou-DeFazio family members are is, Joseph and Frank were liv- 1531 7th St.

In speaking about his grandfather's early years in Sacramento, Tony said, "He originally had a little ranch along S Street, which is now near the is family's history.

Tony said that his father,

SMUD building. (The ranch) was owned by the Davis family. My grandfather used to raise vegetables there and they would sell them at the market."

Tony said that his father's working for the Southern Pa-

"(Louis) went to work fornia when he was about 14 for the SP," Tony said. "If it wasn't for the Southern Pacific, we would have had

Frank also worked for the Southern Pacific, as he was employed as a blacksmith for the company.

In 1928, Louis, who was nue (now 5th Avenue), near still living on 2nd Avenue, became the proprietor of the Elmhurst Cash Market at

> Another location of the store was located in the Elmhurst neighborhood at 4905 U St. That store was then owned by William J. Morris and Manuel I. Cordoza, who were also the original owners of the 7th Street store.

Louis' brother, Antone who was also known as Tony, but will be referred to as Antone to avoid confusion with first job in Sacramento was the featured Tony of this article

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## DeFazio:

- worked as a clerk at the 7th St. store was his only busi- Louis on Sept. 8, 1949. Street market in at least 1929 and 1930.

In 1931, Louis opened a grocery store at 4900 J St. ment at 4768 J St. and Antone opened a grocery store at 5859 5th Ave.

Predating Louis' operation of his 49th Street business, the structure had housed a grocery store owned by Andrew G. Christensen in 1926 and the building had afterward at 1500 K St. sat vacant until the opening of Louis' store.

ing as a clerk in the 49th Street store. But by at least 1935, he was once again store in 1944, and then took employed by the South- charge of a grocery store in ern Pacific, this time as a Sloughhouse. spring maker.

Frank's son, Joseph, was a clerk in 1932.

And as a family business, Antone and Louis' youngest brother, Peter, also began working at the 49th Street store during the 1930s.

Antone, who also worked for of Louis' grocery business.

In 1935, Louis continued at 601 15th St.

By the following year, the 15th Street store was closed

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In 1937, Louis 4900 J ness, and by 1938, he had replaced that store with a larger store with a base- that his mother, Christina York, and like all of his sib-

In the spring of 1938, the DeFazios moved from 5930 2nd Ave. to 2715 59th St.

Antone ceased working for Louis in 1943, when he was hired as an employee at East Sacramento resident Joseph J. Jacobs' automobile dealership

About a vear later. Antone began operating his own gas all of our clothes. Back in By 1932, Frank was work-station at 4801 Folsom Blvd.

Tony said that his father closed his 48th and I streets

In another interview for this article, East Sacramenalso working in Louis' store as to native Willie DaPrato said that he was a former business of feed sacks, because the partner of Louis.

(Louis) when I was about 14 vears old," DaPrato recalled. When I came back from the service, that's when we Louis during the 1940s, even-started (as business partners tually became the produce man at a grocery store on 15th Street in West Sacramento). He promised to set me up to operate his I Street store in business. That's what he while opening a second store wanted to do and he did it. I was there for 30 years."

> DaPrato added that the West Sacramento store

In continuing with the story of his family, Tony said (Tolerico) DeFazio (1901-1982), was a native of southern Italy.

"My mother came from Catanzaro," Tony said. "She League when he was drafted worked in the mills in New to serve in the war. York as a young kid. She was (later) a homemaker. She was a hard working person. She stayed home and sewed the days when poultry feed would come in a cloth bag - we had chickens - she would take those cloth bags and wash them and make clothes out of them, or make diapers, mainly, from those feed sacks. She would actually make kids clothing out feed sacks were good mate-"I started working for rial then in those days. That was during the Depression.

and Louis was operating an- opened on Jan. 31, 1949 and It was an economic thing. that he became the sole owner Everybody had to deal with of the store upon the death of it. Éverybody was in the same boat, so to speak."

Louis and Christina's oldest child, Bill, was born in New lings, he helped his father in his grocery business.

Bill was training to play as an outfielder for the Oakland the (Italian) province of Oaks of the Pacific Coast

Tony said that Bill, who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, was reported missing in action.

"We were informed that he was missing and finally he showed up," Tony said. "He was in a hospital in England and we finally got word that he was there."

When he returned from the war. Bill assisted Willie at the

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Business profile:

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of Gallery 14 in Tallac Village

shopping center on 14th Avenue, Julie Maahs has learned

to be an amazingly collabora-

An IRS enrolled agent, Ju-

Your Taxes, adjoins to the

back of her spouse's gallery

the computerized images of

artist Jim Wittenberg.

"The art gallery brings in good money," explained Walter when I had stopped by

a day earlier. "It's Julie's tax

work that pays all the bill,"

Living in nearby Oak Park,

the 50-something couple has

an easy commute to the shop-

ping center in Tahoe Park. "Usually we come together,"

she says pointing to her bi-

cycle stationed in her office

area. "This week I told Walt I

alternating days."

needed some breaks so we are

The very colorful and ab-

stract art work by Jim Wit-

ic scenes of planets or stars from the T.V. series Star

Trek. When I ask Julie if she

is a fan of the show, she says,

"No, but Walt use to watch

it. He's younger than I am

and his family use to watch it

when it was popular. I never

Lines of poetry blaze across

the bright, futuristic surface of the unframed, computerized

art. The poetry, for some reason, strikes me as much more

emphatic and introspective

than the art itself. "Sideways

feeling is coming on," says a

Walking from the gallery

through the door to the tax

office is like moving through

rooms on board the fabled

In my mind the art gallery

resembled the brilliantly col-

ored engine room operated

by the character Scotty. The

business office in back, al-

though graced with many of

Walter's own paintings, was

more like the formal Bridge

manned by the legendary

Star Ship Enterprise.

banner on one of the pictures.

got hooked into it."

tenberg on the walls of the gallery reminds me of exot-

which is currently showing plished works.

tive partner.

he adds.

**Gallery 14/Your Taxes** 

ter Rhoads, artist and owner major but with 5 years ex-

fort is really a twin-planet ef-

fort. Iulie, a former French

perience at H & R Block

does taxes in the back an-

nex from January through

shows through the rest of

artist. In December he has

a show of his own, accom-

After meeting and falling in

love as students at Sac State,

the couple worked for a time

ownership (along with their

mutual pet to a shop near

the gallery called "Road Dog

Grooming." "Lisa and her

crew," she says, "have a way

with animals. I bring my lit-

tle dog there regularly and

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at "temp jobs."

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About Curves, a women's exercise gym, Julie has nothing but nice things to say: "This is opposite my tax office and is not booked an run by one of the nicest peo- artist for the galple I know." In addition, both enjoy visiting Milano's Pizza which is in the shopping center. Walter says they usually April. Walter organizes art order the meat combo.

Despite being surrounded the year. In November he has by great fellow-tenants, Wallie's successful tax business, an eclectic show of different ter explains that he is worried about the largest or so-called anchor tenant at the other end of Tallac Village center. This to of "Midtown tenant, Your Family Grocery, has recently been losing business. Because of lack of customers, this formerly full-ser-These days, they share vice grocery store has switched from being a full-service grobusinesses) of an Australian cer to marketing mostly liquor Cattle Dog. Julie takes their and fast foods.

"I don't know if this change is because Shan (the owner) can't make money as a regular grocery store or if he has just chosen not provide the same range of items," says Walter.

Despite his lack of criti-Walt explains to me that cism, Walter says that withtheir Cattle Dog is smallout a strong "anchor tenant" he er than most examples of the

of moving in August of next year. Tellingly, he has lery beyond next summer.

As I am leaving Tallac Village after meeting Julie, I notice her business card for Gallery 14. It repeats the couple's business motdoesn't have it I realize that

Privately, Walter admits to sees the shopping center go- me that there is the possibilibreed. "That's how we know ing slowly downhill. Because ty that Tallac Village might get he's not a pedigree and that of this trend he says he and his a stronger anchor tenant. That

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both Julie and Walter enjoy what they are doing as a true partnership. She explains that "technically I own both businesses." However, they really do everything in tandem. "This weekend," she says, "we even have a booth at the annual Pagan festival in Fair Oaks." At their booth surrounded by the unconventional believers, Walt will be selling his art and she will be offering tax services.

is because the shopping center as a whole is up for sale. "Anything could change," he says. Nevertheless, like the imaginary space ship Enterprise, both husband and wife realize that their paired business career is both a journey and an adventure. In short, there is an element of excitement in whatever might happen next.





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## **Humming and harmonizing with the Sacramento Capitolaires**

By GREG BROWN

Dick Van Dyke, Groucho Marx. Bing Crosby, as well as President Harry Truman have all been members of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Even Justin Timberlake recently sang some barbershop harmony on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon. Timberlake, Fallon and a Barbershop troupe sang "Bringing Sexy Back" a cappella all decked out in multi-colored striped coats bow ties and boater hats.

The Sacramento Capitolaires, one of the original Barbershop Harmony Society chapters, has been singing four-part harmony since 1946. The Capitolaires were founded by Joe Trousdale who sang til he died at the age of 95. Joe always said, "Singing makes you feel good when you hit unhappy when you're singing".

The current Sacramento Capitolaires are a group of happy older gentlemen led diligently by their new director Ray Rhymer. The Capitolaires get together every Tuesday evening at Pilgrim Hall behind the Sierra Arden Church. When I walked up to the group they were already harmonizing outside of the hall. It was their "warm up time". They start off with some humming, it actually sounds like a harmonious beehive. They were getting ready for their big show at the Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church. The Capitolaires sing at churches during the summer when their respective choirs take a Summer break.

The Capitolaires also sing at funerals, bar mitzvahs, weddings, special events and even in elevators. One of the right note. You can forget about the barbershoppers, Joe Samora, told

ing in an elevator. Now that's what I call elevator music!

The Capitolaires have also performed the National Anthem at Sacramento Kings games as well as the River Cats games. Les Cudworth, a longtime barbershopper told me, "we also sang for mento officially declared it Sacramenin the Far Western District Convention in Bakersfield. They'll also be performing at Brews and Boos in observance of Octoberfest and Halloween. It will be held at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

The week I attended the group sang an upbeat happy version of "Consider Yourself" from the Broadway musical Oliver! Other harmonious toe tappers performed were "Just in Time" from

your cares. Like they say, you can't be me they actually got a gig while wait- the 1956 musical "Bells Are Ringing" and the old 20's standard "Side By Side". They sounded flawless. Not too bad for a practice. They have a schedule of songs they sing every week.

Before they started on "Amazing Grace", the most famous of folk hymns, choir director Ray Rhymer the Governator". The City Of Sacra- told the group "whether you're religious or not you can be spiritual if you to Capitolaires Week in June of 2011. choose to be. I'm not asking for reli-They'll be busy in October competing gion but spirituality really works good on this one".

Amazing grace. (how sweet the sound) That sav'd a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

Religious or spiritual. It was the highlight of the night. Perfect. These guys should put out a record. I applauded at the end and asked "Do

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## ARTS

Nine takes on love:

## **Sac State Playwrights' Theatre** presents 'Almost, Maine'

It's a cold, moonless night in the mythical town of "Almost, Maine," and the residents are falling in and out of love, getting bruised knees and broken hearts in hilarious ways. John Cariani's play is coming to Sac State's Playwrights' Theatre on campus, 6000 J St. Directed by Michelle Felten, performances are Oct. 23-27 and Oct. 30-Nov. 3. Tickets are \$5-\$12, available at the Sac State Ticket office, (916) 278-4323 or www.csus.edu/sfsc/ticketoffice/. Contact (916) 278-6368.

"Almost, Maine" is a series of nine amiable and sometimes absurd vignettes about love, during one magical evening in the mythical town of Almost, Maine during the Aurora Borealis. It is whimsical, charming, and very funny with a touch of magical realism, and a touch of the Cohen brothers mixed in, mak-

ing for a very entertaining evening.
Six actors -- Jacob Garcia, Shelby Saumier, Steven Amaral, Tiffanie Mack, Natalie Jones, Urias Davis -- play the 19 different roles and all of the events of the play happen at the same time. Felten said she casts these particular actors for their comic skills and their innate sensibility for the material, which re- dreaming about for a very long time. She quires honest communication skills, spontaneous responses, and physical commitment. "We have been having a great time working

Stage manager Megan Aldrich said she enjoys the emotional roller coaster this show takes you on. "One minute, it has you laughing hysterically and the next it's yanking on your heart strings. This play is just so honest and I think it's a very relatable story. With nine different vignettes, there really is a story in this show for everyone."

In the Prologue/Interlogue/Epilogue, a young couple, in love, learns what being close and getting closer is all about.

In scene two, titled Her Heart, a young woman searches for closure in the front yard of an experienced "fix-it" guy, but can he mend her broken heart?

In the third scene, "Getting it Back", a couple, in love, explore the tangible qualities of loving, giving, and "getting it back" to come-

In scene four, "This Hurts", two very different people find a common bond after an ironing board brings them together.

In the fifth scene, "Sad and Glad", Jimmy knows he's in love, but has he chosen the right woman? Only his tattoo has the answer.

In the following scene, "They Fell", two regular guys find love where they least expect it.

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In the scene "The Story of Hope", a young woman arrives on the doorstep of her ex-boyfriend to answer the most important question of her life, but is she too late?

In scene eight, "Where it Went", viewers come back with the feeling that sometimes the best choice in love is letting go. Lastly we are left with the questions - Is it road kill? Is it art? Or is it love?

This is the first time Aldrich has ever been a stage manager and it's something she's been worked her way up by starting off as an assistant stage manager at Washington State University so she could learn the ropes. Then when she got to Sac State, she started off as a spot light operator and then ASM again.

"I think I proved I could handle this position when I took over one of Sac State's theater clubs, Dramatist Society, as president last spring," she said. "So when Professor Felten asked me to be her stage manager, it was literally like a dream come true. Stage management isn't a walk in the park though. You have to be everything to everyone at all times. You have to be an authority figure they respect, a shoulder to cry on when things get rough, a confidant so people realize they can trust, etcetera, etcetera. The list goes on forever. So I really just try to take one day at a time, because this is a learning process for me too. But so far, so good. I'm very excited to keep pushing forward."

## IF YOU GO:

WHAT: Sac State Playwrights' Theatre presents 'Almost, Maine' WHEN: Oct. 23-27 and Oct. 30-Nov.

WHERE: Sac State's Playwrights' Theatre on campus, 6000 J St. COST: \$5-\$12



Steven Amaral and Shelby Saumier

The Northern Lights spell romance for the residents of "Almost, Maine," featuring



Tiffanie Mack and Jacob Garcia find it hard to be romantic while wearing parkas and longiohns in "Almost, Maine.

**Touring a Colonial Revival Sacramento masterpiece** 

At the turn of the 20th century the horse race track was developed into the Boulevard Park neighborhood of gracious mansions and comfortable bungalows. As part of the now historical neighborhood, this Colonial Revival Cube Style mansion, located at 2120 G Street, is unique in a neighborhood dominated by Craftsman style mansions. Constructed in 1912, this beautiful home offers a light filled atmosphere of high molded ceilings, stately pillars, and glass.

Originally built for a single family, the home has a history of hospitality ranging from: a home for young ladies working in the WWII defense industries; an experiment in communal living with men and women with the Interfaith Service Bureau; to a bed and breakfast inn and now back to a single family home. Many newlyweds spent their first night in the romantic rooms of "Abigail's Bed And Breakfast" Inn. If the walls could talk, there would be many tales of happiness, love and life in the 20th and 21st centuries.

In addition to four comfortably large bedrooms it includes a picturesque entry way, a front parlor/music room, spacious and open and light filled living and dining rooms, a sunny breakfast room, artist studio, mezzanine family room with second floor deck, and a huge attic space that served as the innkeeper's bedroom.

Owners since Sept. 13, 1985, Ken and Susanne Ventura are selling with plans on spending more time traveling. They have operated the home as the B&B for 14 years. "I'm told that time was almost cut short when soon after they acquired the property Ken not only rented all the guest rooms but their room as well!" said Realtor David Philipp who is showing the home with Liz Edmonds of Lyon Real Estate.

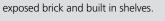
The Realtors have provided The East Sacramento News with photos and descriptions of the various rooms inside this Colonial Revival masterpiece.



- of beveled glass over the door and a view of the stately staircase, the entrance to the living room and a view of the front parlor. Tall ceilings and windows, seemingly everywhere, add a sense of openness and luxury.
- 2 The living room, stately with fireplace and ten and half foot sculpted ceilings, leads through wide pocket doors to the once library, now dining room.
- and offers a view of the side garden and one of three private parks in Boulevard Park
- 4-5 The kitchen and pantry maintain the original lay out with upgrades of contemporary appliances and granite countertops. The pantry has ample cupboards with sliding glass doors.

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- 6 The parlor, originally the dining room, shows the versatility of the floor plan. Currently used
- 7 The breakfast room has a view of the side vard and park area. Captures the winter light A bathroom adioins it.
- 8 The solarium/family room has windows on three sides and an attached second floor deck. Great for morning out door breakfast.
- 3 The dining room contains built-in book shelves 9-10 The north side front bedroom with on suite bath (#14, granite floor and claw foot tub), connects with a large rear bedroom(10) via dressing room with granite topped vanity and large walk in closet
  - 11-12 Bedrooms with en suite baths. Features include Jacuzzi tub/shower, walk in shower



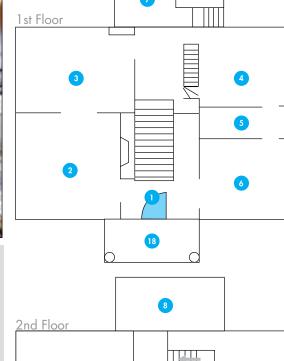
- 13 Full Hall bath with tub and shower. Tiled
- 15 Second floor landing currently dominated by a large side board and mirror offers ample wall space for hanging art.
- 16 Currently an artist's studio. Offers a panoramic view of rear park area and makes an excellent location for very private bedroom.
- 17 Huge high ceiling bonus room with gabled view of tree lined G Street.
- 18 Brick steps and front porch with gracious pillars and high backed seating benches.











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own. Altogether they had 47 children, with Bill, who married Anna Rose Masi, fathering 10 of those children.

Family history:

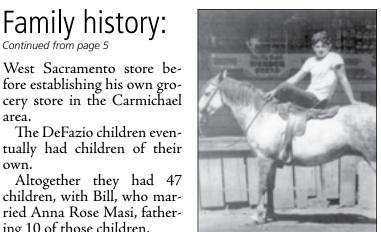
Tony briefly spoke about his other brothers and sisters, as follows:

Jim: "During the war, Jim (did not) go in the service. My father got a deferment for him, because he needed him (for the store). He was the only one who could drive a vehicle at that time. (Jim) met Inez (Fernandes, of Spain) and got married and had nine children."

the (family) historian. She had a good memory and she was accurate with all the dates and everything. She ended up marrying a fellow named Raymond Jacobs, Royce Hodgkins and lived who worked at the (old Sac- in Napa. She worked for a ramento) Signal Depot for school district in the Napa many years."

Louis, Ir.: "He died at 12 years old of meningitis back Highway Patrol officer." would work in the store and the little girls and everything. When we were little kids learning our prayers, he knew them all very well. body loved him."

en the nickname, Scratch, when he was a teenager. I never could figure out why they called him that, but many years riding horses he picked it up somewhere. and working as a horsesho-Scratch got called up to play er and a truck driver, first (baseball) in the California hauling freight and then League, and he got mad and quit after a couple of seasons. He played with Fres- Richfield Corp. - a compano (in 1952 and 1953 and ny that became a subsidiary Visalia in 1955) and they of the United Kingdomwon a pennant (in 1952). He was a good ball player. He (eventually) worked as a and his wife, Shirley, who batch man for a big cement he married 60 years ago, company in North Sacra- came their three children, mento. Scratch later bought thus adding to this notable my parents' old house (at Italian family's history in 2715 59th St.)."



Tony DeFazio sits on his first horse Gennie, in front of his father's Sloughhouse grocery store in about

Marie: "Marie lives in Paradise, above Chico. (During the 1940s), in Sloughhouse, the Gypsy kids (of some of the farm workers) would come in whose parents were natives there and stay for a week during the harvest season. (Marie) would gather up the kids Margaret: "She worked and she would get the water for the state of California hose and wash them up and as an accountant. She was put clean clothes on them. Some of them expected it and some didn't. She was like a little mother hen taking care of the little kids."

Eleanor: "Eleanor married area for a while and her husband was a (California)

in 1941. He had such charisma that as a 12-year-married Don Thayer and old, he was so mature. He she lives in Anderson, near Redding. She taught school he got along with people so near Red Bluff and later well. He would watch over went into the meat business with her husband."

As for Tony, who graduated from Sacramento High School in 1949, he was known He was very bright. Every- by the nicknames of Hambone and Swede. He received Richard: "He was giv- the latter name, since he had the lightest complexion of the DeFazio children.

Tony eventually spent gasoline for the Richfield Oil Corp./later Atlantic based BP in 2000.

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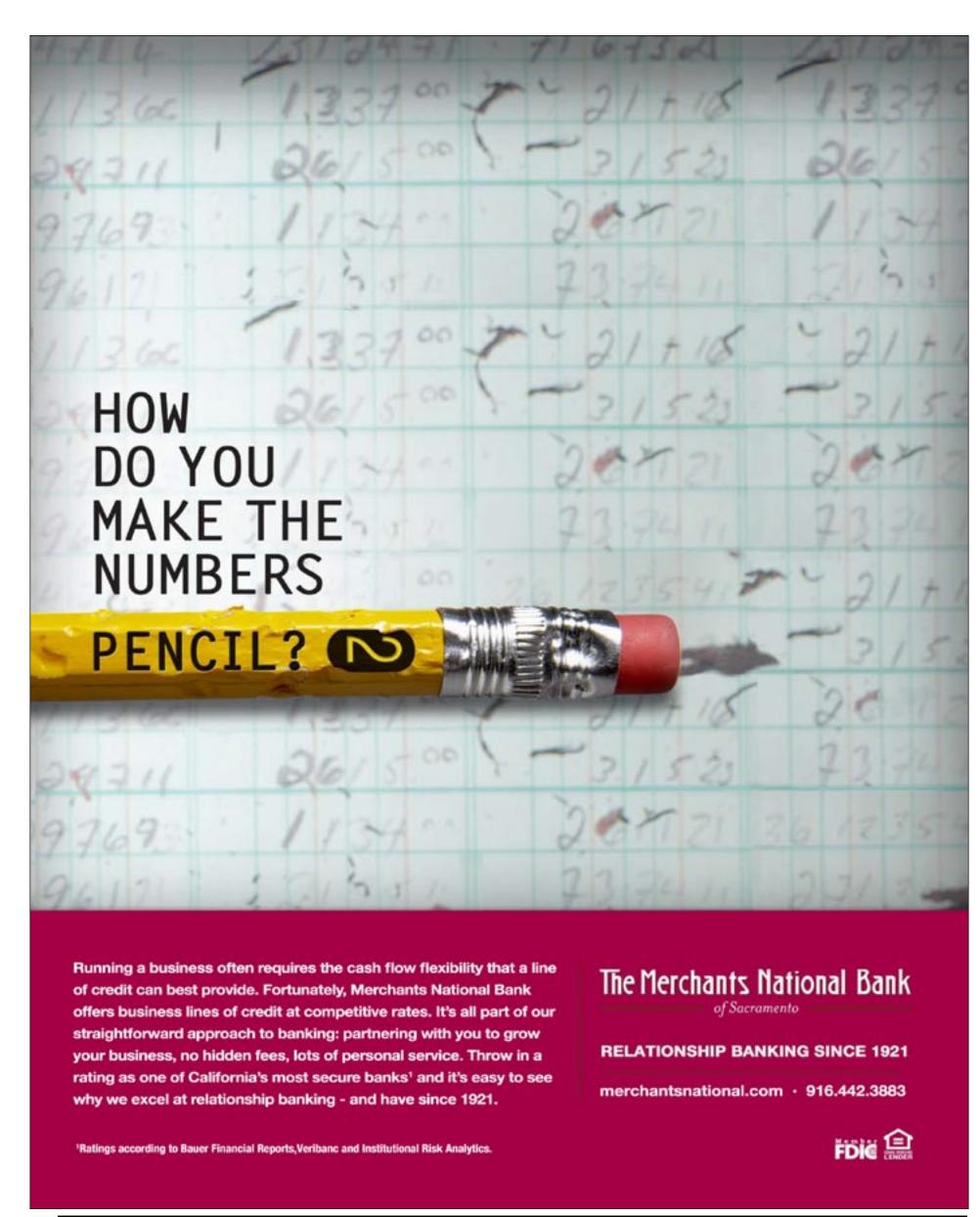
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al and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

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Carmichael Emblem Club #355 annual Craft Sale Oct. 4: Carmichael Emblem Club #355 is holding its' annual Craft Sale at the Carm

chael Elks Building, located at Cypress and Hackberry, Carmichael. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and sales will continue through 4 p.m. There are some open spaces, contact HEYDORT@MAC.COM. Crafts of all types are welcome, to both members and outside vendors. This is our biggest Fundraiser, so bring your family and friends to the "BEST BARGAINS IN TOWN." Thank you for your assistance in making the public aware of this fundraiser. My contact number is: Norma Pippig 863-6068.

## **Fire Station 8 Open House**

Oct. 5: The Sacramento Fire Department will be hosting Fire Station Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 5990 H St. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station, and more! For more information, call 808-1011.

## **Old City Cemetery Tour: Misbehaving Politicians**

Oct. 5: Starting at 10 a.m., The Old City Cemetery Committee's tour focuses on the shenanigans that were taking place with local and statewide politicians, Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway Sacramento. Even before California was a state, its officials were busy fleecing the electorate. Pork barrel legislators, fraudulent election workers, dueling senators and landgrabbing governors are just a few of the nice folks you'll meet. Tours are free; however, donations are appreciated and benefit cemetery preservation. For more information, call 916-448-0811 or 916-264-7839.

## 23rd Annual Curtis Park Wine Tasting **Silent Auction and Beer Garden**

Oct. 5: Sierra 2 Center for the Arts and Community presents the 23rd Annual Curtis Park Wine Tasting Silent Auction and Beer Garden, From 4 to 7 p.m., come for the food and drinks. Come for the fun. Come to support the community. Tickets: www.sierra2.org; \$35 (SCNA members), \$45 (nonmembers): \$50 for everyone after Oct. 2. 20-plus restaurants, 25-plus wineries, 15plus breweries and hundreds of silent auction and raffle items and a farm-to-fork demonstration, 2791 24th Street, 452-3005

### **Girl Scout Carnival**

Oct. 5: Carnival games, food court, vendors, face painting, balloon animals, booths. Outside vendors will be selling products like Cookie Lee, Jamberry Nails, Thirty-One gifts, homemade jams, teas, pottery, jewelry, tote bags, girl accessories, and more. This event is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your family and friends, William Land Park, next to Fairytale Town across from the Sacramento Zoo.

## Oct. 10: From 1 to 3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Com-

munity Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary vith member presentations and a finger-food potluck. First-time visitors are welcome to bring a finger-food item as well. A problem solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow ne meeting. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our website at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

### A Place Called Sacramento film love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Oct. 6: Local film festival held annually at the Crest Theatre. Starts at 1 p.m. For more inform tion, visit www.accesssacramento.org, 456-8600.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Oct. 8: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welme, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in the Pavilions on Fair Oaks Blvd. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6:30 p.m., Ancil Hoff man Golf Club. www.rotary.org

## Soroptimist International of **Sacramento North meeting**

Oct. 8: An organization for the better of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

### **East Sac Rotary**

Oct. 9: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Oct. 10: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

### **Start Writing Family Stories by Marian Kile**

Oct. 10: Writing short stories can bring your ancestors to life at the Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society meeting. Pre-meeting roundtable tips/tricks start at 6:15p.m. Free, visitors welcome. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Main meeting - Christ Community Church, 5025 ınzanita Avenue, Carmichael

## **Rotary Club of South Sacramento** meeting

Oct. 10: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welome. Every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m at Iron Steaks Restaurant, 2422 13th St, Sacramento, CA 95818.

## **The Mission Oaks Computer Club**

### **Bi-Polar Anonymous**

Oct. 11: Free 12-step program/support group for people who have Bi-Polar and those wh

## **Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-**Midtown

Oct. 11: Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. 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 Sacra mento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

### Curtis Park clean up day

Oct. 12: Help clean up the park. Meet near the tennis courts. 9 a.m. to noon. For more informa tion, email ncc@sierra2.org or call 452-3005.

### **GearUp Cycle for Youth Ride** Oct. 12: TheGearUp Cycle for Youth Bike

Ride was conceived by Sacramento Councilmember Jay Schenirer and West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon to fundraise for educational youth programs that target the underserved children in the Cities of Sac ramento and WestSacramento. GearUp Cycle for Youth is a 40-mile bike ride from West Sacramento to Downtown Sacramento on the morning of Oct. 12. The ride begins at West Sacramento's City Hall and loops around the Sacramento River through Clarks burg and finishes at Cesar Chavez Park in Downtown Sacramento. There will be three rest stops along the way, and a final rest stop at Cesar Chavez Park with lunch, music and more. Both West Sacramento Mayor Christo pher Cabaldon and Sacramento City Councilember Jay Schenirer are longtime advocates of education, after-school programming and wraparound services for our region's young people. All proceeds from the GearUp Cycle for Youth will benefit WayUp Sacramento, a wraparound youth support network and FutureReady: The Mayor's Trust for Youth char ity. Corporate sponsorships are still available for GearUp Cycle for Youth.

### **CAL Middle to hold second** annual multicultural fair

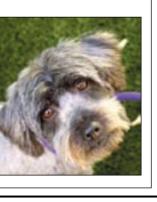
Oct. 12: California Middle School PTSA and planning committee is hosting a second annual multi-cultural fair at the school site to celebrate the cultural diversity of the school population and Sacramento region The multicultural fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature a variety of food trucks, arts, entertainment, dance, music, crafts and artisans from various cultures from around the world. There will be "theme" baskets and a fun raffle with prizes. CAL Middle School is located at 1600 Vallejo Way and is the "Pride of the Land Park Community." The special event is a fundraiser for CAL Middle School's art.

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## Pet of the month

"Chato" is a smart, friendly boy who makes friends wherever he goes! He came into the shelter recently in desperate need of a haircut, and now with his new "do" - he's on top of the world! "Chato" is great with people and other dogs, even older children get along great with him. He is a four-year-old Terrier mix and is available at the Sacramento SPCA. The adoption fee is \$100 and includes neuter, vaccines, microchip and license.

For more information, visit www.sspca.org.







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music and field trip programs. Kids will visit various booths represented by different countries for educational information with their international passports. For additional information, contact, Katherine Akin at 612-5993 or katakin@att.net

## **Nichiren Buddhist Church** Japanese food sale

Oct. 12: The Nichiren Buddhist Church is having a food bazaar 11 to 3 p.m., 5191 24th St. (2 blocks north of Fruitridge.) Food items: Barasushi, Bento Box, Spam Musubi, Teriyaki Beef Sandwich, Teriyaki Chicken, Udon Noodles. Please order ahead by Oct. 5. Call 456-8371 or visit the church to order. Make checks payable to Nichiren Buddhist Church.

## **AAUW** meeting set to feature mental health discussion

Oct. 12: From 1 to 2:30 p.m., the Citrus Heights/American River branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) will host a panel discussion of mental

to County. The meeting takes place at the Sylvan Oaks Library located at 6700 Auburn Blvd in Citrus Heights, Representatives from Sen. Darrell Steinberg's office, the Sacramento County Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Calif. Institute of Mental Health will discuss recent legislation, bullying in Sacramento area schools and steps families can take to get help with mental health issues. This meeting is a public service open to the public and coffee, tea and baked goods will be served. Contact Mary Toutonghi for more information at ntoutonghi@comcast.net

## The Recycling & Solid Waste Division host Free Composting Seminar

Oct. 12: Backyard composting allows you to recycle your yard clippings and fruit and vegetable scraps into a valuable soil amendment right in your own yard. Attendees are eligible for a drawing for a free compost bin. At the seminar you will learn how composting works, what materials you should and should not compost, getting the right balance of food, air

Just kidding around

and moisture, maintaining your compost pile, Vermicomposting (composting with worms), and more. Seminar goes from 8 to 10 a.m. and will be held at Southside Community Garden, 5th and W Street (Downtown)

### JFK Class of 1983 Reunion

Oct. 12: Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar at the Westin on the River, 4800 Riverside Blvd. 6 to 10 p.m. \$55 per person - register before Sept. 15, \$75 after. There will be a carving station, heavy appetizers, a photographer and no host bar. Online payment at http://jfkennedyclassof83reunion.eventbrite.com or send checks payable to JFK Class 1983 to JFK HS 30th Reunion Committee 5098 Foothills Blvd. Suite 3 #484. Roseville, CA 95747. Deadline for check payment is Sept. 30. Space is limited. Make sure to purchase your tickets soon. No refunds. Hotel accommodations are available at The Westin Sacramento, 443-8400.

## Fire Station 4 Open House

Oct. 12: The Sacramento Fire Department will be hosting Fire Station Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 3145 Granada Way. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station, and more! For more information, call 808-1011.

### **Annual Hunger Walk** Oct. 13: The Sacramento CROP Hunger

Walk is celebrating the event on the west steps of the State Capitol at 1:30 p.m. The Walk has been traditionally known through out Sacramento as an excellent ecumenical family and youth event. Twenty-five percent of the funds will benefit local Sacramento area agencies: South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet, St. Matthews Food Closet, River City Food Bank, Northminster Seniors Brown Bag Program. The event is free with a canned food donation. Participants are asked to collect pledges and walk through downtown and Old Sacramento. Registration begins at 1 p.m. 826-0513, 444-7783, or 297-2767 or online at www.churchworldservice.org.

## Free golf lessons offered at Bing **Maloney Golf Complex**

Oct. 13: 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 in-

### Winterfest Dance Performance

Nov 14-16: Winterfest Dance Perfor mance stage setting is in an old time circus tent. Dancers are from the St. Francis High School Dance Co and Apprentice Companies. A must-see show Tickets are available at www.ticketguys. com/stfrancis or at the door. Matinees and evening shows are appropriate for ages over 4. No strollers or children in laps during performances. Bring your birthday parties, scout groups, family outings, and grandparents. Ticket pric-

### The Mission Oaks Computer Club meeting

Nov. 14: The meeting topic will be 'Vehicle Technology' presented by Nick Gilleste of Kuni Chevrolet/Cadillac. A problem solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. The meeting goes from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our website at www. missionoakscomputerclub.org.

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## Community Worship

## Faith United Methodist Church

3600 I Street • 452-7637 • www.faithumcsacramento.org Bible Study: Sunday at 9:15am, Tuesday at 10:00am • Sunday Worship: 11:00am (Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday) • Fijian Language Worship: Sunday 1:00pm

## **Greek Orthodox Church of Annunciation**

### 600 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento 95816

Sunday: 8:30 am Matins, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy (Holy Eucharist) Contact: Church Office (916) 443-2033 ~ annunciation.ca.goarch.org Fr James Retelas, Presiding Priest ~ Fr. Thimothy Robinson, Associate Priest

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you take requests?" The barbershoppers all laughed. I said, "I'm not kidding. My Old Kentucky Home!" Clark Abramson, the President of the Capitolaires said, "I wish we did that". I told them, "You gotta put it on the play list.".

I lived in Louisville, Kentucky where met

my wife so that's why I'm partial to the tune. Would be a great barbershop chorus song. Worth putting in their repertoire.

Les Cudworth, one of the longest serving Capitolaires told me he likes the camaraderie of the group. "It's like a big family." Sometimes after weekly practice they head on over to Sam's Hof Brau for a beer and a bite to eat. Occasionally they'll even break out in song for the Hof Brau customers. Les told me, "Sometimes guys go bowling to get a 300 and they get disappointed. Some guys golf and the ball

goes in the water. I go to chapter meetings because I love it. I win every time".

I even got involved in some of the singing. During a break, barbershopper Larry Womack convinced me to sing with them. A few got together for a barbershop tag. Tags are characterized by heightening the dramatic tension of the song, frequently including a sustained note against which the other singers carry the rhythm.

It was Wild Irish Rose. I harmonized with the group by singing "Rooooossse". I was now an honorary Capitolaire!

The Sacramento Capitolaires welcome men of all ages. They are a fun, friendly group of guys who just love to sing. If you're interested in checking it out come to one of their weekly meetings. They are held every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 at the Sierra Arden Church on Morse Ave. The meetings are held inside Pilgrim Hall. Just listen for the harmonizing and you'll find them. For more information go to www.capitolaires.org.

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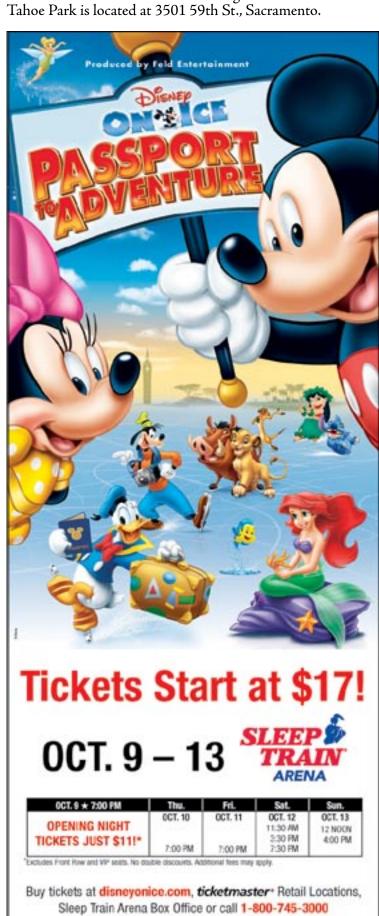


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## Faces and Places:

## Food Truck Expo Tahoe Park Photos by MONICA STARK

Neighbors enjoyed each other's company and good food from various food trucks on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Tahoe Park. Just along the perimeter of the park was a large banner informing neighbors that the event will be held every fourth Wednesday of the month. The monthly events are organized by Councilmember Kevin McCarty, Supervisor Phil Serna, SactoMoFo and the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association.





Regular Ticket Prices: \$17 • \$23 • \$40 VIP • \$65 Front Row

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### **SPECIALLY CHARMING**

Brick Tudor nestled in the heart of McKinley Park. Built in 1925, it has retained the architectural details while updating the interior. Leaded glass windows, hardwood floors, crown molding, built in cabinetry and more. Large rooms make up this 2177 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath home; brick patio & built-in pool surrounded by lush landscaping. \$925,000

### **CHRIS BALESTERI 996-2244**



## **CHARMING BRICK TUDOR**

Classic brick Tudor home with charming leaded glass windows and great updates! New exterior paint and HVAC in '09, 50-year shingle roof in '99 and newer stainless steel appliances. 2 bedrooms 2 baths with hardwood floors, gas fireplace, top down/bottom up blinds, a canopy of trees and a gated driveway to an oversized garage with built-ins! \$499,000

## NATHAN SHERMAN 969-7379



### **SWEET EAST SAC**

Featured in Sacramento Magazine and when you get inside this home you will see why. Meticulously maintained 3 bedroom 2 bath home includes a new roof, professionally landscaped front and backyard, newer fireplace, CH&A, and a spacious layout. Perfect for entertaining with a patio off of the dining room! \$549,950

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### **GORGEOUS REMODEL**

Stunning home, completely reconstructed! Handsome chef's kitchen with island & prep sink, formal dining, butler's pantry, nook & huge great room & fireplace. Exquisite master suite with vaulted ceilings, soaking tub, dual shower heads & huge walk in closet. All bedrooms have their own en-suite baths. Guest cottage with kitchenette and full bath. \$1,195,000

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## **ALL THE WORK IS DONE**

This wonderful 3 bedroom home is ready for you to move into and enjoy. Gorgeous custom kitchen with granite counters, glass tile backsplash and stainless steel appliances, as well as beautiful stone flooring. Hardwood floors and a heated bathroom floor. Don't miss this special home!! \$424.900

## **CHRIS BRIGGS 834-6483**



### STEPS FROM THE PARK

3 bedroom, 2 bath home located just steps from McKinley Park. Features include a spacious floor plan, hardwood maple floors, granite kitchen counters, stainless steel appliances, beautiful kitchen cabinets, completely updated bathrooms, and a private low maintenance backyard patio. \$375,000

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### **FAB 40'S TUDOR**

Stylish 4 bedroom 3 bath home with interior featuring coffered ceilings, oak hardwood floors with walnut inlaid trim, 2 master suites, gourmet kitchen, granite counters, large dining room with built-in leaded glass hutch, wine room & tasting area, office, gym and a professionally landscaped yard and BBQ. \$1.050.000

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## **RIVER PARK**

Beautifully maintained River Park ranch style 3 bedroom 2 bath home that is ready for you. Newer roof and dual pane windows. Large kitchen with tons of storage, breakfast nook and formal dining room, central heat and air and whole house fan; private backyard and plenty of storage. I think you'll love this! \$399.500

## SHEILA VAN NOY 505-5395



### **GREAT URBAN LIVING**

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