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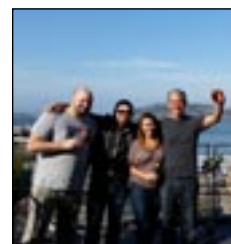
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Meet your school board candidates

Dear readers: In an effort to help get out the vote and provide the public with relevant information regarding our area's city council and school board candidates, the following is the second of three parts of our education question and answer special, featuring incumbent Jeff Cuneo and challenger Ellen Cochran. Also, the East Sacramento News has teamed up with East Sac Give Back to provide the public the opportunity to witness a debate between Jeff Harris and Cyril Shah for council and Cuneo and Cochran for school board. An in-depth interview with Harris and Shah was published in this publication earlier this summer.

Set to begin at 6 p.m. at the gymnasium at Theodore Judah Elementary School (3919 McKinley Blvd.) on Tuesday, Oct. 21, the debate will be moderated by California State University, Sacramento debate team coach Jared Anderson. Starting with school board candidates, a question will be asked to candidate one (which will be determined by a coin toss). That candidate will have four minutes to answer. Then, candidate two has two minutes to cross examine candidate one, after which time candidate two has four minutes to answer that same question. That format repeats but candidates take turns answering the question first. There will be time for six questions for each race. Council candidates start approximately at 7 p.m.

Also, I am still looking for the perfect child master of ceremonies! That's right, someone in the second or third grade with excellent reading skills who would like to kick off the night. Because that's what it is all about - the children and bringing the community together. Contact me at 429-9901 if you know of the perfect child MC!

Sincerely, Monica Stark

What are the biggest issues facing East Sacramento-area schools? How do these issues compare/contrast to schools in other neighborhoods?

Ellen Cochran: The lack of a comprehensive public high school for East Sac/Oak Park/Midtown and College Glenn is the biggest issue facing parents and students. Also, English learners across the district do not receive the support they need.

Jeff Cuneo: The biggest issue is for our area is where our students will attend high school. For the first time in a decade, East Sacramento has a high school. Kit Carson

will begin the transformation to a 7-12 International Baccalaureate high school in the 2014-15 school year. It will begin by adding a 9th grade class. Thereafter, year by year, an additional grade will be added until the school will house an International Baccalaureate 7-12 program.

In the next four years, I will support and help develop the International Baccalaureate program at Kit Carson. I know that much work is needed to ensure that this school becomes the centerpiece of our community. I will reach out to parents to find out what they and their children want in a local high school. I am committed to bringing programs and extra-curricular activities that will attract students (and parents) to the school. I will advocate for a sufficient level of funding from the district. And, I will help build this new high school into the educational institution our community wants and deserves.

The creation of Kit Carson as a 7-12 International Baccalaureate school is an important step in the right direction for our community. But I understand the task of finding good high school options for the community is not over. I will continue to be a strong advocate for my community on this issue.

I know that the Kit Carson I.B. School does not meet the demands of all of our parents and their children. I will continue to listen to my community if it feels that additional high school options are needed. I would advocate for a robust community conversation that honestly explores the real options for our community. If our community reaches consensus on this issue, I would advocate for their priorities.

Another major issue is the relationship between our local schools and parents. When I was first elected, I found that other, political interests often drowned out parent voices and opinions. Parents in our community were involved in our local schools but wanted to assist in a broader, deeper way.

I sought to remedy this issue. I have supported parents in every local school. I made sure they had a voice when it comes to important decisions at their school sites. I promoted a dialogue between local schools, the school district and parents in a wide array of issues - facilities, student achievement, school culture, and transportation. I listened to parents when deciding upon se-

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H Street Crepes and Burgers burned down, arson suspected

By MONICA STARK
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A few months following a major remodel of the East Sacramento crepe restaurant, the popular business Crepes and Burgers restaurant, has suffered what officials are calling an act of arson. At about 12:50 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 13, reports came in of flames being seen from the restaurant, located at 5635 H St. Fire crews arrived to find flames coming from the street side. Due to aggressive fire attack combined with a fire wall (describe what this is) the fire was contained to the restaurant and did not spread to neighboring businesses, including Fancy Feet and Morry's Oriental Rug Bazaar.

Arson investigators have determined that this fire is not related to the rash of dumpster fires in early September along Folsom Boulevard between 55th and 59th Streets.

Due to the ongoing investigation no additional details from officials are available at



Photo by Monica Stark

Officials have determined the Monday morning fire at the H Street Crepes and Burgers to be arson. The fire was contained to this business.

this time, however, this is not the first act of arson business owner, Francesca Zawaydeh, has experienced.

In the early hours on Monday, April 29, 2013, a similar fire burned down Zawaydeh's creperie.

Back in May 2013 Zawaydeh told East Sacramento News' sister paper, the Land Park News, about the damage that plagued her fami-

ly's business after Crepe Escape on Freeport Boulevard burned down.

At that time Zawaydeh said they did not really know what happened, but added: "Arson is harder to prove than murder. There's not much hope finding the person who did it."

Zawaydeh expressed remorse not only for herself and

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On The Curbs:

The odyssey of East Sac based programmers

By MICHAEL SABELZTER

It's October 6th and I'm in the early stages of a conversation about angels, superpowers, apps, vc's, accelerators and bats. Four locals and I are gathered upstairs in an old theater room on the second floor of a building built in 1956 near 23rd and K streets. The building will house The Trade, an edgy new coffee shop co-working business which will be featured in another article. A black iron fence and gargoyles-like ravens still stand guard over the entrance as they have for decades. Right now, the five of us are settling in after making introductions.

Three of us are young, Jon, 'Coco', and 'Los' collectively referred to as The Bats. The Silver Fox is not so young, maybe a few years younger than my 48 years. He's a well seasoned businessman and today has the role of the pitch man down to an art. The Silver Fox is leading the pack wearing light blue swim trunks and a cotton shirt. Although dressed casually, we all are, the Silver Fox is slinging silicon slang, name dropping, and calling out various emperors who wear no clothes with a

hypnotic cadence that commands my attention. Unlike himself, he says, edging on bragging, those other emperors never really ran their own business.

This guy from Yahoo, that one from Google, the other from fill-in-the-blank .comville I guess I am supposed to know, but embarrassingly do not. The Silver Fox declares he has seen the best of the best and now can tell who's really got it and who is completely fronting. He can quickly sense their weaknesses. He states that this superpower came to him as an epiphany experienced while attending some famous super sized conference back East.

This person's really a this, and that one's a that, he lunges forward now in attack mode. And do you know essentially what these so-called gurus do, the Silver Fox asks me. He boldly declares they are leeches, and then quickly retracts a tad, to demonstrate some tact in an industry that I am sure is rife with neutron bomb narcissism for a reason. Big money and big blokes competing for legitimacy and an opportunity to change the world through computer code, apps, and smart phones.



From left to right: the bat coders Jon Shumate, Carlos 'Los' Rivera, Nicole 'Coco' Barnum, and Sonny Mayugba, 'the silver fox'.

As he begins to trot me through the demo and the story of Requested, the new app the four have developed, I can sense another of the Silver Fox's superpowers. Besides x-ray vision, the fox has some chameleon in his blood. This canine doesn't act like the typical neighborhood pooch, at least on this occasion.

He'd probably admit it himself. His breed has been lapping up that Silicon Valley hype tide apparently now quickly headed towards our Sacramento turf. When in Rome, do as Romans do. I figure the Fox drank that Kool-aid as survival juice to woo the Bay Area venture capitalists, big name associates, and the rest of the power lunch cast. In those settings, you need the swag, an edge, and the ability to pitch your idea in minutes flat.

Jon, Coco and Los, all created the code which then manifests itself on the smart phone through which the Silver Fox quickly works the magic in this scenario situa-

tion. In a matter of seconds, using Requested on our iPhone, we have notified the mobile devices of the managers of three to five local hot spot dining establishments, that, within the next 15 minutes, we are willing to bring a party of four to at 3 p.m., a half hour from now, and spend only \$80 to receive \$100 worth of dining, a bargain we, as users, can set at whatever discount rate we want. A timer suddenly appears on the iPhone screen and begins a countdown of the minutes.

At this point the managers' phones have notified each of them of our request and

they have the option of accepting or not. But, only the first to accept gets our hypothetical party of four's business. A moment later, our phone chimes indicating our offer has been accepted and, in this role play, as we approach the establishment, the manager's mobile device notifies them that we are arriving and they can now instantly prepare to meet and greet us as he or she wishes. We are quickly seated, enjoy our meal, some cocktails, and leave happy knowing we saved \$20. The merchant is happy knowing that they just

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As the Silver Fox finishes his pitch, I realize the "com craze" and its droves of garage start uppers is back and happening right here in East Sac. If anybody is gonna be running in those packs, the Silver Fox and The Bats will make dang sure they are one of them. It's hard to slow the

Fox down to pry some reflective discourse from the momentum of his spiel. But, when done right you may glimpse the real Silver Fox, Sonny Mayugba, who lurks beneath the bells, whistles, and glam bam.

Who he is? It was the one question that I asked that caught him completely off guard. The Fox literally looked shell-shocked. There was an awkward pause as The Bats and I looked on somewhat in disbelief. Does the Fox know who he is? Finally after needing to think, Sonny stated he is someone who likes to have fun, build things, is easily bored and therefore craves excitement.

As we chat, it is clear Sonny has been stalking the Sacramento curbs seeking to turn dreams into realities probably before he was in that local band as a young rascal growning up in town. You know the band from back when. They were hot in Sacramento and beyond. They opened for yadda ya, and yadda ya, and played all the coolest venues. Sonny, along with the rest of us, thought he was destined to be a rock star. Of course then the band broke up, and he found himself working as a bike courier in the 90s and pretty much built himself up to where he is now.

The others, collectively referred to as The Bats, have re-

mained perched in the background for over an hour now almost as if they don't exist. Although they were all playing it cool, they remembered the launch date was a mere 10 days away. There is definite tension permeating the scene. A years worth of 12 hour days quietly haunts our table, the theater, the cables, computers, mobile devices, screens, dust, and the expansive void that surrounds us. They are all tilting forward through time. This is after all risky business. Even the Silver Fox has lost his footing, gotten tripped up, snared perhaps, and bit the dust before.

From how Sonny relays the story it was public failure, at least in his mind, and it rocked the Fox's psyche big time. Sonny mentions it only briefly in the hours of our conversation. It was at the point when providing his background he said he told himself "Look I'm an entrepreneur and I'm not going to be afraid anymore." Afraid of what I ask.

He tells me about it, how it hurt leaving stinging imprints of doubt upon him. Easy enough to understand, right? Who wants to be known as that guy who had that idea and actually thought it would work, and sacrificed, and was willing to risk playing the fool, but in the end it failed. He failed. And failures can't do most things, especially lead a pack back into the rattling wars of the marketplace. How to recover? Shake your mane, lick your wounds, learn your lessons, lose the fear, break more rules, believe that gravity

may not exist and that you indeed can fly. Risk again. Jump off the edge and execute.

So it is fitting then that the anxiety of the Requested pack is not evidenced by swollen bloodshot eyes, dark circles, ulcers, high blood pressure and burn out weary face creases. Quite the opposite, it's the "we think Requested might really take off" anxious. We really may make it big. Get rich, be ushered through the pearly gates. Become one of the new and improved .com chosen ones.

And besides, Requested is truly the baby of the Silver Fox and The Bats, and they are now in labor, pushing, pacing, birthing it to-

gether as a team right here in this now abandoned theater room. As such they have already beaten the odds. They did it. They pulled code out of raw ether, breathed their breath of life into it, made it as real as anything else on your smart phone, pitched it, got the seed funding, and are now going live taking it to the streets where you too can use it quite literally on the curbs.

To get to this moment in time they all paid the price. Each of The Bats and the Silver Fox himself quit the steady pay and gave back the security blanket provided by agency employment that was

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Requested is the new smart phone app invented right here on the curbs in Sacramento that allows both customers and restaurant managers to cut their own deals in a brand new way. The app is scheduled for download at the App store October 16th.

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in fact killing them, slowly starving their creative hungers and frying their minds and bodies with non-stop, dog day, doing it all for some other person's wallet, pure unadulterated grind work.

Perhaps, an assignment here, and a client there, allowed a teasing taste of artistic expression and ownership, but those never truly satiated the pangs of The Bats, or the Wolf. Instead the agency environment diverted those needs through built-in defaults, deadlines, and drudgery. Their hunger only left to more painfully fester deep in their innards. So they all quit and went hunting down trails self determined.

First Nichole Barnum (aka Coco), Carlos Rivera (aka Tos) and Jon Shumate left to form their own team. That was truly gutsy. Being young and relatively unestablished quitting entailed a huge financial hit. None had much, if any, money saved up, so essentially they were risking financial ruin. Soon Sonny followed suit, but in his case the financial risk was not so high, but indeed still there.

They formed their own pack. They say theirs has a vibe unlike any other. Why I ask. They say it's hard to put your finger on. They just all work together well even though their personalities differ. They are all from the Sacramento area. Sonny lives right here in East Sac, so does Coco, in fact she is just down the street from Sonny. Sonny owns a nice restaurant with a bar, so he had a point earlier when he said he has skin in the game. In this case the skin tastes a bit like hare as the Fox co-owns The Red Rabbit,

a hot spot in prime locale on J Street near Harlow's, Barwest, and Blue Cue.

Carlos came from Mexico. His mother divorced and they relocated often. I sensed it was anything but easy for him, and as he reckons he got lucky. Somehow he ended up at a school that offered instruction in IT skills and got the attention of teachers that encouraged him to explore the tech professions. He was good, real good, and before long had landed an internship where Nichole, Jon, and Sonny were working. His superpower is that he possesses the unusual gift of a top-notch code writer mixed with an eye for detail and a natural bend towards the arts, especially graphic design.

Nichole was raised in the hills near Auburn where she discovered an innate love for the outdoors, nature, and playing the piano at her folks'. Here, in our hood, Nichole misses her free time in front of the old piano of her youth, but still gets out once in a while to hit the parkways and trails along the American River. She is by far the quietest of all The Bats, programmers who stay up all night working and sleep all day. Her superpower is the ability to manage complex projects while at the same time contributing in a big way as a programmer herself.

As for Jon, the only member without a nickname, he too is a local and describes himself as just a regular guy who also loves music. Playing it, making it, and listening to it. Jon comes across, much like the other Bats, as very down to earth, friendly, fun, and probably more intelligent than the average Joe. His superpower is his unbeatable ability to create code. Mostly self taught,



The barred entrance to what will house The Trade, an edgy coffee shop co-working establishment opening soon on K street near 23rd street. The Trade will be featured in a future On the Curbs. On the second story of this 1956 building is an old abandoned theater room where the bats and the silver fox told their tale of how Requested was brought to life.

like the others, Jon gets off by making something real in the realm of technology and making sure it's done right.

Two or more hours have passed. We get ready to end the discussions. So what's next for this motley bunch I ask. They all just smile, lean back, laugh, and shake their heads. Who knows? Right now their eyes are on Requested. But, I

can guarantee that no matter what trail the Silver Fox forges next, and no matter what cave The Bats find themselves in, it will be on their own terms, in their own style, and to the beat of their own hearts, for at the core they are all fearless artists making dreams real in their down home techno way right here on the curbs of Sacramento USA.

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"Kill the Messenger"

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In what is the second fantastic performance this year from Jeremy Renner, the first having been in the almost unseen "The Immigrant", Focus Features brings us the true story of San Jose Mercury-News journalist Gary Webb (Renner) who exposed the CIA's role in arming Contra rebels in Nicaragua and importing cocaine into California.

Sacramento is one featured location in this movie, although it was not filmed here.

As Webb uncovers more dirt, the CIA and government try to discredit him in an attempt not to be exposed. His publisher, played perfectly by Oliver Platt, at first embraces the breaking news, then later caves to pressure from many places, as a smear campaign begins to weigh heavily on Webb.

Andy Garcia and Ray Liotta have some small but memorable scenes in

the story, but it is Renner's performance as a journalist obsessed with uncovering the truth and working with integrity that really stands out in this narrative based on real historical events.

I've never been good at predicting the Oscar races, but feel that this performance will likely get at least a nod.

True to the era depicted, director Michael Cuesta photographed the entire movie on 35mm motion picture film negative made by Kodak, showing the image grain that one used to see at the movies, but not so much now in this new digital age of movie making. This is a fantastic performance and engaging movie. Another one not to miss.

"The Best of Me"

Not Rated by the MPAA

Relativity Media offers us a romantic and sad love story, "The Best of Me". Produced by Denise Di Novi, it is a very handsome production largely due in part to the photogra-

phy of Oliver Stapleton and the production design of Patrizia von Brandenstein. Based on a romance novel by Nicholas Sparks, this movie stars James Marsden as Dawson and Michelle Monaghan as Amanda, teen sweethearts that encounter each other many years later.

Dawson returns to his hometown when he hears news of the passing of a close friend that encouraged him through his difficult teen years, fraught with abuse from his white trash father. Through a series of flashbacks, the story of the complex relationship of Dawson and Amanda unfolds. Socially awkward, Dawson is aggressively courted by Amanda in their teen years.

This movie, for the most part, I would imagine is directed at the avid reader of the romance novel, and for that audience, along with teenage girls, it should be a nice date movie. There are some effective performances other than our leads, especially from Gerald McRaney as Tuck, who you may remember from "Simon and Si-



mon". There's a very creepy performance from Sean Bridgers as Dawson's father.

A new actor, Robby Rasmussen, had the chance to play two roles: that of a young father, and later in the story, that same man's son. The adult leads in the present day sequences are good with the material, although the camera does seem to linger long on Mr. Marsden to please the target audience.

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lecting new principals. I attended parent organization meetings to elicit feedback from parents and put their opinions into practice at the school board. Not all board members or district officials value parents. I do. And I am working daily to change those outdated attitudes.

Last, although this issue is not unique to our community, it is still very important. I advocated for and want to reduce class sizes. Over the last 10 years, class sizes have gotten too big. We must reduce them. I challenged our school district to unilaterally reduce class sizes by five children per class this school year. Contractual obligations precluded the district from carrying out my plan. But, I will continue to advocate for reduced class sizes. I believe that it is the most important district issue facing our schools in the next year.

In your opinion, what have been the most controversial topics that have come across the school board in recent years? What your opinion about how they were handled?

Jeff Cuneo: One controversial issue was school closures. I have been through two school closure processes. Each was

uniquely difficult and offered its own set of challenges and public policy choices. The closure process is deeply emotional—so much so that rational debate is challenging. This is to be expected when your decision deeply impacts students, parents and communities. I chose to close schools for the following reasons.

First, we simply have too few children for the number of schools in the district. This is especially acute at the elementary school level. Over the past 10 years, our district has lost 10 percent of its student population. This year, we are down 800 students from last and the district is projecting a similar decline for the 2013-14 school year. Although we have a similar school-age population as San Juan Unified School District, we have 14 more elementary schools. Our district has lost more than 4,000 elementary school-age students over the past decade, enough to fill 160 classrooms of 25 children each. The district's elementary schools operate at 56 percent of capacity. None of the seven closed schools filled more than 44 percent of its capacity.

Second, I made a fiscal and educational decision to promote the long-term health and well-being of every student. Our district has cut

\$146 million over the past five years alone. We have raised class sizes and reduced or eliminated librarians, nurses, teachers, counselors, custodians and assistant principals. We have specifically cut funding for music, art, technology, Gifted and Talented Education, student mentoring, tutoring of non-English-speak-

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ing students and funding for libraries. These reductions made it more difficult to provide a high-quality education to every student, including those in our area. And because parent-teacher associations in lower-income communities have less ability to subsidize these losses, budget cuts affect these students to a greater degree.

The closings will save the district approximately \$1.3 million, which includes costs of implementation of the decision and transition of affected students. That's not a one-time reduction. Rather, it's an annual savings to our district that will increase over time and continue to help solve future budget issues. The low capacity in our elementary schools is unsustainable. It drains vital resources away from our other schools. When a school's operation costs exceed its funding, other schools are negatively impacted.

Third, my decision promotes academic success for

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every student. I have supported systemic responses to achievement gaps among and between students. I support priority schools, which are located in impoverished areas and educate socially disadvantaged minority children. I advocated for the creation of an accountability framework, focused in part on the education of our most vulnerable student populations to address the long-standing "achievement gap" issue.

For almost every student from a closed school, the new attending school has higher academic achievement scores. These students will be accepted into a school culture where achievement is the norm and high expectations for student learning exist. For example, in our neighborhood, some students from Washington will be attending Theodore Judah. Judah's strong school culture, consistently high achievement scores and outstanding leadership can only benefit these students and result in better academic and social outcomes.

Another controversial issue was policies for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) students. There were many people who felt that these

policies "prioritized" these students over other students. I disagreed. I supported our district's anti-bullying policy because all students should feel their school is safe and welcoming. I wanted to make sure that all of our students receive a quality education in a supportive environment. This is what makes our local schools so wonderful. I will continue to make sure all our students are welcomed at school and feel safe and supported in their educational environment.

Another controversial issue was piloting inclusive practices for special education students at 10 elementary schools. Opponents felt that all special education students should be separated from the rest of our students and excluded from many classrooms in our schools. I disagreed. I believe that special education students, to the extent possible, should be treated in an equitable manner and taught alongside other same-age peers. I supported more common planning time for teachers who taught these inclusive classes. This included teachers who need time with their co-teaching peers. I believe wholeheartedly that special education students deserve the same opportunities as all our students. And I will continue to be a strong ad-

vocate for inclusive practices in our school district.

Ellen Cochrane: The lack of community engagement is appalling. We have excellent parents who step up to DAC and ELAC positions, LCAP committees... but we need to engage parents across the community. Parents, teachers and the community will work together to improve our school system.

As an after thought: I was stunned by the CASA scandal in the early 2000s. If elected, I will never vote for such abuse. I will always remain skeptical of money not spent on student needs and question of hiring highly paid outside consultants. The budget expenditures must focus on the students and their needs.

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Historic East Sac building was longtime home of Spurgeon's Cleaners

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part one of a two-part series about the life of Lester Spurgeon and his business, Spurgeon's Cleaning & Dyeing Works.

Many people know the historic building at 3200 Folsom Blvd. for its present businesses, Mr. Pickles sandwich shop, SPARKLE bridal couture and Details Salon. But for more than a quarter century, the structure was home to one of the city's most successful cleaners and dyers.

The latter business, Spurgeon's Cleaning & Dyeing Works, was founded by Sacramento native Lester Spurgeon (1891-1935) at its original site of 2224 3rd St.

Lester's father, William Spurgeon, was an early day Sacramento resident, who worked in the trucking business and died in 1897.

The 1900 U.S. census recognizes Lester as then-residing in the Sacramento home of his grandparents, B. and Nellie Spurgeon. The address of that home was 1923 M St. (today's Capitol Avenue).

According to the same census, Lester's father was a native of California, and his mother, Nellie (Clark) Spurgeon, was born in Nevada. Lester also had a sister named Maude (Spurgeon) Ritter (1893-1924), and three half-sisters, Lottie, Vail and Billie Henderson.

Prior to opening his own cleaners, Lester worked a variety of jobs in Sacramento.

When he was 16 years old, Lester, who was then residing at 2011 J St., was hired to work as a clerk at Hale Bros. department store at the northwest corner of 9th and K streets.

From about 1909 to about 1913, Lester was employed by Wells, Fargo & Co. Express. And during about the first half of that time, he worked as a driver.

While employed in that position, on Sept. 10, 1909, Lester was involved in an accident, in which he ran over 11-year-old Luveda Morris with his delivery wagon.

Morris, who was then a student at Capital Primary School at the southeast corner of 9th and P streets (on the site of today's Roosevelt

Park), had two wheels of the wagon roll over her stomach and thighs.

It was not until the second wheel had crossed over Morris' body that Lester realized that he had run over the child.

The Sacramento Union, in its following day report regarding the accident, noted that Morris was half conscious and moaning in pain.

After being taken to her residence at 1815 11th St., Morris was attended to by Dr. Duncan L. McLean, who initially believed that she had been mortally injured.

Although it was determined that Morris had no broken bones, it was not known at that time if she had any internal injuries.

Lester, who often passed by the 9th and P streets schoolhouse, where children would catch rides on his wagon without his permission, was quoted in The Union article as saying, "I usually try to keep them off for fear of just such an accident as occurred. The wagon I use has a high body and I am always afraid the youngsters will fall."

"Today, just as I passed the school, the children ran out at the noon recess and one or two boys made for my wagon. I turned around to order them off and had my head turned when I felt the wagon wheels lurch over some obstacle, and looking down I saw the poor little girl looking up at me and crying. I tell you, I felt pretty bad."

During about the last half of his time working for Wells, Fargo, Lester was employed as a clerk for that company.

In 1914, Lester was residing in Oak Park and working as a clerk at Fassett's Emporium, a men's, ladies' and children's furnishings, notions and domestics store at 2907 35th St. in Oak Park. The business was owned by Lester's uncle, Truman Fassett, who was also residing in Oak Park.

By the following year, Lester was again working as a driver, this time for the grocery store of Maine native Pitt Bartlett Rackliffe (1874-1941).

Lester's next job was working for the California-born John W. Lindner's wholesale coffee business at 808 K St.

On June 15, 1917, Lester filled out a U.S. draft registra-

tion card, and he eventually began serving his country in the military during World War I.

An article in the Jan. 14, 1919 edition of The Sacramento Bee presented an update regarding that service.

It was noted in the article that Lester had written a letter to his aforementioned uncle, Truman L. Fassett, who then-owned a dry goods store in Oak Park.

In that letter, Lester explained that although the combat injuries that he had sustained to his leg and wrist had healed, an unhealed injury to one of his fingers had classified him unfit for military service. He had been wounded by shrapnel during action with the infantry in the 77th Division.

The letter, which was written from Base Hospital No. 26 in Allerey, France, included the following words: "The same shell that hit me dropped two men within a foot's space of me, and when someone shouted, 'Gas,' I started to run, so as to get by a high bank and put on my gas mask. I stumbled and fell over one of them."

"I do not know whether they were dead or not, as it was between midnight and 1 (a.m.), and everybody had been told to keep going and the litter bearers would take care of the



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Sacramento native Lester Spurgeon opened his cleaning and dyeing business in this structure at 3200 Folsom Blvd. in East Sacramento in the mid-1920s.

wounded. However, many a man broke this rule when one of his pals got hit, stopped and gave him a hand. But as I had spilled so much blood myself, I became weak and got assistance at the first aid station, so could not help anyone.

"The concussion of the shell was so great that it knocked the

crystal part from my watch. So you can imagine how it would make your head ring."

Later in 1919, Lester had returned from the war and opened his cleaners at the aforementioned address of 2224 3rd St., about six years before it would be relocated to East Sacramento.




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Janey Way Memories:

Making wine



By MARTY RELLES
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Recently, I attended my cousin Tim Turtle's annual wine bottling party, Tim is a home winemaker. Each year, friends and relatives ascend on Tim's house to bottle the wine from the previous vintage year. This adds up to hard work and great fun.

It always reminds me of the time when I made my first wine: 1972. I had just returned from a 2-year stint in the U.S. Army and my friend Randy Puccetti approached me and said, "How would you like to help me make wine." I gave him an emphatic yes.

So, in the fall of that year, my friend Dick Kinzel and I headed up to the ranch of Cary Gott (Randy's friend from the National Guard). Cary had just started the Monte Vina Winery in Amador County. He promised to give us half a ton of grapes at the end of the harvest season.

At about 10 in the morning, we pulled into Cary's vineyard where we stopped at the house to announce our presence. Cary popped right out and said follow me to the vineyard guys. There he gave each of us a field knife to cut the grape clusters from the vines, then he pointed to a dozen crates stacked by the side of the field and said, "You can fill up all of those crates."

We went to work. After about an hour, we had filled all 12 crates and placed them in the back of Dick's truck. Then we followed Cary up to the house for a nice lunch on a deck overlooking the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Cary was a generous and amiable fellow.

After lunch, we boarded the truck and headed back to Randy's parents' home in Carmichael. There, we off-loaded the grapes into the garage and left.

First thing next morning, my brother John and I arrived at Randy's house armed with packets of sodium dioxide to stabilize the crushed grapes and hybrid winemaker's yeast.

We began by placing the grapes in two, new 40-gallon garbage cans. Then, we took off our shoes, washed our feet and climbed into the garbage cans. There, we began stepping up and down. As we did that, grape juice oozed from the pile of grapes.

After about a half hour, all the clusters in our cans were smashed. Juice filled the can. So, we got out and added the packets of sodium dioxide to each of the cans. Then we waited. After one hour, we poured the yeast into a jar of warm water and mixed it. Soon the yeast and water formed a foamy brew. We then poured the yeast into the two cans of grape juice, stirred it liberally, then covered the cans.

After that, I came every other day to check the fermenting juice. I broke down the cap at the top, stirred the must, and tested the sugar level. After a few weeks, it had dropped from a level of 24 percent alcohol to below 1 percent. It was time to crush. Then, we siphoned the wine into five 5-gallon bottles, with some extra for topping. After that, I placed special corks, featuring a flap which popped up and down as gas emerged from the bottles, into the tops of the bottles.

Three months later, John and I siphoned the wine from the initial bottles into new, clean bottles (a process called racking). This left a one inch layer of sludge called lees in the bottom of the first set of bottles. It also left our new wine clear and clean. It seemed like magic.

Three months later we returned with a rented bottler and placed corks into our newly bottled wines. Wow! We were done. The only thing left to do was to taste it. It tasted great! Clearly, Cary had given us very good grapes.

I made wine with my cousin Bob Petta two times after that. One was quite good, the other, not so good. That is the problem with wine making: you get no guarantees.

These days, I help my cousin Tim make wine and it seems like every vintage is good. So now, the time I made my own home-made wine is just another sentimental Janey Way memory.

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Artenia Beast's Academy of Play and Whimsy is dedicated to the schooling of the young creator, inventor, and haver of grand ideas. Beginning with two year olds who have honed the essential adventuring skills of walking with confidence and greeting others with tremendous joy, Artenia Beast's Academy nurtures young world explorers in the essential skills of embracing the possibilities

of life. Children between 2 and 5 years old spend their days immersed in play, adventure and community.

Born to a rather dull family that ran an accounting dynasty in Plodding, Ohio, Artenia Beast developed her own passion for adventuring at the tender age of three when she breached the milk door of the family home and discovered the thrill of wandering, scaling walls, and hand carving flutes from river reeds. Returning home that night with a missing tooth never clearly explained, Artenia devoted the remaining days of her childhood to claiming experience and fraying her parents' rather delicate nerves.

After four decades of world wandering, Artenia's mind turned back to the days of childhood with the realization that there was no shortage



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A new play-based preschool has opened up in East Sacramento.

located at 5265 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. The school leases their space from The Table, an eclectic and progressive Methodist congregation.

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- 37 Dole out
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Caleb Greenwood Issues Alert Letter to All Families

Editor's note: Suzanne McKelvey Interim Principal at Caleb Greenwood issued the following on Oct. 7:

Please notify your appropriate neighborhood school principals, neighborhood associations, and neighborhood watch groups and request this critical information be distributed. Our children's safety depends on it. Thank you.

Dear Caleb Greenwood Families,

I would like to inform all families of an incident that was reported to the school yesterday. A few of our students were approached by a stranger while walking and riding their bikes home from school on Monday in the River Park neighborhood. The students reported that a Caucasian man with balding white hair around his head, tall and thin build was driving an old dark gray sedan with oxidized paint. He circled them a few times as they rode home from school then came to a stop trying to approach them. He asked if they wanted to see his puppies that he had in the back seat. The students smartly ignored the man and rode with their friend to his house and called for help. A second parent also reported seeing the same man following their student. Law enforcement and district security have been notified of the incident and are investigating.

Please take the time to remind your child of a few important safety tips:

1. There is safety in numbers - avoid walking alone to and from school
2. Never go into anyone's home or get in anyone's car they don't know
3. If approached or followed by a car, do not approach the car or speak to those inside, even if asked. Run in the opposite direction and seek help
4. Remain alert to surroundings
5. Always report suspicious behavior

If you have any questions or information about this incident, please contact the district's schools department at 643-7990.

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Arson:

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her family but also for the 17 employees who worked at the Freeport Boulevard location of Crepe Escape.

Vacant since then, the Land Park News' Greg Brown last month reported that Cafe Dantorels (2700 24th St.) owner Rafi Rozbahani applied for a liquor license for the old Freeport Boulevard Crepe Escape and will be operating a restaurant there called M Cafe with a tentative opening date sometime in February of next year.

The act of arson at East Sacramento's Crepes and Burgers restaurant came after the restaurant underwent a major remodel and expanded its menu to include hamburgers. Prior to this, the restaurant,

owned by Zawaydeh, was also called Crepe Escape and neighbors described the décor as having paper mache trees, dangling jungle-like vines and a painted landscape of natural trees on the walls.

After the Freeport location burned down, Zawaydeh said she was looking for a new location to run her business, which she inherited from her father who started it seven years ago.

Zawaydeh said her parents ran three creperies in San Francisco prior to moving to Sacramento. And it wasn't until her brother was killed in Iraq that a move out of the city was needed as everywhere they looked reminded them of their son.

She said she's only seen her father cry twice - once after the death of his son and secondly after the fire burned down Crepe Escape.

California Capital Book Festival offers fun and excitement for book lovers of all stripes

By BONNIE OSBORN

More than 100 authors and thousands of book lovers from 2 to 102 will attend the first California Capital Book Festival, Oct. 25 and 26, at the Sacramento Convention Center. The book festival, which will be a free public event, will be similar to the annual Los Angeles Times Book Festival. It is the first book festival of its scope and size to be held in Northern California.

"Atlanta's book festival draws some 75,000 visitors each year; Miami, with a population slightly smaller than the Sacramento region's, attracts hundreds of thousands to its book fair," said festival organizer Marion Englund, who is a Curtis Park resident. "The greater Sacramento region has hundreds of book clubs, amazing public libraries, and hundreds of authors. We are putting together a program that we believe will bring people from all over the state to Sacramento."

The festival is designed for widespread appeal, featuring author panels and presentations, storytelling, interactive displays, poetry, history exhibits, demonstrations, live entertainment, publishers and booksellers, sports memorabilia, rare book displays, and more. Featured authors include New York Times best-sellers and award-winners such as John Lescroart, Brenda Novak, Rhys Bowen and Cindy Sample as well as newly published authors such as the "15-ers," a group of authors debuting their first books in 2015. Authors span all genres: romance, mystery, fiction, history, historical fiction, non-fiction, fantasy, YA, kid lit, biography, memoir and more. The list of authors confirmed to date, and still growing, is available at the festival website (CCBookFestival.com).

The California Capital Book Festival is designed not only to celebrate books and reading, but to explore the spaces where literature intersects with real-life experience. An All Things Pets area will feature dog training demonstrations

and pet tricks. The Culinary Delights stage will feature cooking demonstrations, wine and beer pairings, and Farm-to-Table ideas from authors and local celebrity chefs. In Kids Alley, kids of all ages can solve mysteries with the Code Busters Club, conduct science experiments with the Galactic Academy of Science, sing along with the authors of Seasons, Rhymes in Time, and learn how comic books are created at the interactive School of Comics, with comic book writer E.B. Burgoon and local literacy organization 916 Ink. Aspiring authors may attend a track of workshops on how to get published and promote their books. More than 40 area poets will be reading their work and inviting guests to participate in open-mic readings on the Poetry Stage, hosted by the Sacramento Poetry Center. Take a photo with the Wells Fargo stagecoach, centerpiece of the California history section.

The Book Festival will open with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony led by the

participants in the first Sacramento Walk4Literacy (walk4literacy.org). The ribbon cutting will take place at 10 a.m., Oct. 25, at the J Street entrance to the Convention Center.

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On the second Thursday of the month, monthly meetings will be held at the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. Information presentation and questions will be discussed between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Interested new friends encouraged to attend. Potluck and sharing is 6:15-7:30 p.m. Members and past friends welcome. Please bring a dish to share and be prepared to record ingredients before serving. 3333 3rd Ave., Oak Park. Community Room (Big Blue Door on 34th Street)

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Increase your strength and flexibility, improve balance, and enhance the ability to relax and release stress. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Classes will not be held Nov. 3, 5, 10 and 12. For more information or to register, stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or call 808-5462. Cost: \$35 for five classes or \$70 for 10 classes. Try the class once for free and see if Active Yoga is right for you.

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Experienced and beginning singers age 50 and above are welcome. New sessions start every nine weeks and are held at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento (27th and J streets). Pre-registration is required. For more

information, visit the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact (916) 808-5462. Cost: \$15.

Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Each second Tuesday of the month at Revolution Wines at 6:30 p.m., Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. The presenter will start their presentation promptly at 7:15 p.m. and will last 15-20 minutes with an open question and answer forum after. RSVP is appreciated as well as a \$5+ donation per person that will go directly to the non-profit presenting that month. 2831 S St. Visit www.womenwithgoodsprits.com or find the group on Facebook.

The Community Housing and Services Coalition monthly meetings

Originally created by the Sacramento Community Services Planning Council, the Community Housing Coalition (CHC) was created as a vehicle to provide information and educate community leaders and decision makers regarding housing for low income, disabled and older adults. CHSC monthly meetings are free and open to the public; they are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Sacramento Sheriff's South Area Office Community Room at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento (the Sacramento County Voters Registrar Building). At each meeting a guest speaker is invited to attend and give a 30-minute presentation with 10 minutes for Q&A. Speakers are selected for their expertise and knowledge in their respective fields, and agencies/organizations. The speakers are encouraged to provide handouts, fliers, and other informational materials to the 15 to 30 attendees. If you have any questions, please contact either: Alex Eng at 424-1374; email xeng916@sbcglobal.net; or Cindy Gabriel at 916/732-6189; email cynthia.gabriel@smud.org.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on Fridays at 7 a.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 St. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com. Meeting/Membership info: 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

The Sacramento Capitolaire meeting

A men's Barbershop Harmony group, meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall (Sierra Arden United Church of

Christ), 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento. Info: www.capitolaire.org, call 888-0877-9806, or email info@capitolaire.org

OCTOBER

Toddler / Pre-school storytime at McKinley (Family/All Ages)

Oct. 16, 23: Songs, fingerplays and stories especially for ages 18 months to 5 years old. Storytime is followed by playtime! Make new friends and play with toys at the McKinley Library, located at 601 Alhambra Blvd. The fun starts at 10:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime at McKinley (Family/All Ages)

Oct. 22: Babies from birth to 18 months old and their parents/caregivers can enjoy great books, lively songs, and rhymes and meet other babies in the neighborhood. Starts at 10:30 a.m. at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd.

The Kids Are Y Tasting & Benefit Auction

Oct. 17: The YMCA of Superior California is holding its annual The Kids Are Y Tasting & Benefit Auction, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Ballroom, 1123 J St. Tickets can be purchased online at BiddingForGood.com/KidsAreY. For more information, call 452-9622 or visit ymcasuperiorcal.org. At the event, guests will enjoy fare from local restaurants, breweries, and wineries while bidding on the best our region has to offer in our Silent Auction and wonderful trips and unique experiences in our Live Auction. Restaurants include House Kitchen & Bar, Formoli's, The Melting Pot, Kru and more. Breweries & Wineries include Sean Minor Wines, Bogle, Moniz Family Wines, Bike Dog Brewing Co. New Helvetia Brewing Co. and many more. Proceeds from the event benefit the YMCA of Superior California Y-Assist Fund, providing scholarships to local families for YMCA programs and activities.

Teen Movie: Divergent at McKinley (Teen)

Oct. 17: Come and enjoy this showing of the movie Divergent based on the popular teen novel by Veronica Roth. Snacks will be provided. Rated PG-13. Run time is 140 minutes. Movie starts at 3 p.m. at the McKinley Library, located at 601 Alhambra Blvd.

Sabrina's Craft Corner at McKinley (Adult)

Oct. 18: Learn a new craft technique every month using simple household items and affordable materials. Today's craft: Lanterns. Funded by the Friends of the McKinley Library. Fun starts at 5 p.m. at the McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd.

Halloween Craft for Kids at McKinley (Family/All Ages)

Oct. 22: Get ready for Halloween by making your own spooky creature. We will use lollipops to make ghost spider and vampire decorations—or to enjoy for an early Halloween treat! All ages welcome. Fun starts at 3:30 p.m. at the McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd.

Seed a Dream

Oct. 22: Help support Sacramento area children facing homelessness by attending the Seed a Dream event from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Old Hall of Justice, 813 6th St. Hosted by the Leadership Sacramento Class of 2014, the event will benefit the Mustard Seed Impact Project on the Loaves & Fishes campus. Learn more about the project and purchase tickets to the Seed a Dream event at mustardseedimpactproject.com. Tickets cost \$40 in advance, or \$50 at the door. Sponsorship packages are also available. Contact Angelika Corchado at corchaa@sutterhealth.org for more information.

Pumpkin Carving Contest at McKinley (Teen)

Oct. 24: Want to get ready for Halloween and show off your artistic skill? Join us for an afternoon of pumpkin carving! You will have one hour to hollow out your pumpkin and create your own jack-o-lantern design. Those interested can have their pumpkins judged at the end of the hour for a chance to win prizes. All pumpkins will be provided and will be yours to take home! Fun starts at 3:30 p.m. at the McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd.

Harvest Festival at Theodore Judah

Oct. 24: From 4:30-7:30 p.m., there will be food trucks, carnival games, a hay maze, cake walk, fun, friends and great community all to support the teachers classrooms! Don't miss one of the biggest events of the year; costumes are encouraged! Pre-sale unlimited wrist bands are \$15 and are on sale now (includes two tickets for cake walk and hay maze entry), individual tickets are 25 cents each.



Faces and Places:

Theodore Judah Annual Fundraiser

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Compton's Market held the annual fundraiser for Theodore Judah Elementary School on Saturday, Oct. 4. Festivities included barbecue cooking, gobs of food, a separate wine and beer tasting area, two jump houses, live music, raffles galore, and maybe even pony rides. Thank you, Sunil and Pam, owners of Compton's.

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