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# 'Exalted Ruler' and chaplain wife serve charity well

By BENN HODAPP Pocket News Writer vcnnews@valcomnews.com

Most everyone has heard about the Elks. The term "Elks Lodge" has become a part of the American lexicon. But how many of us

really know what goes on within The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks? For starters, it is unlikely that you knew the aforementioned full title of the organization. The group has been parodied by the likes of "The Flintstones"

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and "The Honeymooners," but the actual entity in itself has remained a mystery for many people.

Richard and Cherry would like to fill you in.

Richard is the Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge No. 6 in Sacramento. The moniker might strike you as odd, but it remains because of the group's rich tradi-

'We're not the stereotype some people think we are," Richard said.

So if the Elks aren't a bunch of people wearing silly hats who meet to go bowling once a week a la Jackie Gleason and Fred Flintstone, what are they?

"Basically we are a charitable organization," Richard said. "Our members beMark Land

Richard is the Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge No. 6 in Sacramento. His wife Barbara is the lodge chaplain. The couple has lived in the area for 15 years.

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Barbara, Richard's wife and chaplain of the No. 6

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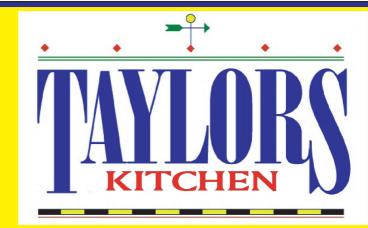
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### Elks: Sacramento's historic lodge has an estimated 750 members

lodge, listed some of the charities the Elks are involved with including youth scholarships, veterans, disabled children, ROTC programs, boy scouts and girl scouts and the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

But the journey the couple took to become part of the charity organization is pretty interesting in itself.

As the two talked glowingly of the Elks, finishing each other's sentences or cutting each other off as married couples often do, it is hard to imagine that a pair so in synch could have started out as adversaries.

### Picture-perfect meeting

In 1973, when Richard and Barbara were both photographers (and strangers), the two were hired to photograph a wedding. The only problem is that no one bothered to tell each of them that there would be another photographer on

"I decided to give myself an advantage by constantly standing up just as Richard was about to take a picture, which gave him a lot of shots of the back of my head," Barbara smirked. "He asked me if I would stop ruining his shots if he offered to buy me dinner." So became the couple's first date.

Six years later the two were married in the Elks Lodge in Redding where Richard's father, Clay, was a member for 45 years. Richard joined the Elks 10 years ago because of a promise he made to his father. Clay passed away before he could see his son fulfill his promise, but Richard kept up his end regardless.

Barbara joined five years later because she was already heavily involved with the organization because of Richard. The couple has lived in the Pocket area for 15 years, not far from the lodge itself at 6446 Riverside Blvd. in Sacramento.

The organization is often misunderstood, which prompted Richard to set the record straight about some things.

"We are a very diversified group," he said. "We are nonsectarian and we do not align ourselves with any political

While the sign up process on the group's Web site (www. elks.org) states that in order to become a member you must "be a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 who believes in God," Richard quickly intervened to explain this situation. He pointed out that while they require new members to believe in God, the organization does not objectify God as any in particular. People of all races and religions are welcome.

### Running with "Elks"

According to Richard, there are 2,300 lodges nation-wide with just under 1,000,000 members. Sacramento's No. 6 lodge came into existence in 1877, nine years after the organization's founding in 1868.

But it is not the history of the Elks that is the most important thing for people to know, but rather the public works that they do as far as the Cherrys are concerned.

'Right now our major project is working with disabled children," Barbara said. There is a staff of 45 people currently working on the project, providing physical, occupational and speech therapy to places and people who don't have ready access to therapy.

The Elks also run a vision screening program for pre-school children. It has been responsible for helping with the early diagnosis of some children with optical cancer. On Fridays, the lodge in Sacramento allows recent breast cancer survivors to exercise in the lodge's pool. During this time, the pool is off limit to all lodge members to give the women privacy as they recover from their illness.

As for that antiquated name, "Exalted Ruler," it stems from the beginning of the Elks way back in 1868. "I just tell people that I am the current president," Richard said, conceding that the name can be a bit much for people to take in at first. Richard was voted into the position in April of this year and his term ends March 31, 2010. Barbara became the chaplain partially because as the first lady of the lodge she "has to be at every event anyway" as does the chaplain.

### Of rulers and leaders

Jerry Landreth, former Exalted Ruler (just the second female to hold the position in the No. 6 lodge's history in 2005-06), lauded the two with praise.

"Richard is very hands on. He is there day and night working constantly," she said. "Barbara put together the lodge's Web site and is the webmaster. She does a great job."

The Elks raise money for their charity endeavors by collecting contributions from members as well as holding a weekly Sunday breakfast from

8:30-11 a.m. at the lodge. The breakfast is open to the public and the entry is \$8 for the enormous buffet-style spread. Sacramento's lodge has an estimated 750 members according to Richard and despite the certain criteria that the group has for entry, he said the best way to become a member is to "just ask."

With all the work the Elks do in the community, Jackie Gleason's funny hat seems a not-so-fitting depiction of the Elks and their importance to local communities.



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# Japanese bazaar draws thousands from the community, beyond

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Land Park News Writer vcnnews@valcomnews.com

A popular Land Park tradition continued last weekend when more than 40,000 people arrived at the Sacramento Buddhist Church and grounds to celebrate the church's 63rd annual Japanese Food and Cultural Ba-

Held each year at 2401 Riverside Blvd., near Broadway, the two-day event has grown throughout the years, as it continues to welcome both old and new guests.

The Japanese celebration had a modest beginning back in 1947, as it originally served the purpose of uniting local Japanese.

But expanding from more than a food and social event to include Japanese exhib-

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some of the earliest years of the event. Pointing in the distance at the event, Hatano said, "They had barbecue pits right over there and they used to put up blocks and put screens over them and

interest.

that's how they'd cook their chickens. (The event) was just so small back then. It was mostly (attended by) Japanese, but now it's a lot different. I was probably in my late 20s when I started coming out here (volunteering for the church) cooking chickens at first and then I

was in the hot dog and ch-

its, flower arranging and

entertainment, the event

gained a more widespread

Sacramento resident Bill

Hatano, 78, remembers

ilidog booth and I was in charge of that at one time. It gets pretty hot out here sometimes, but (overall), it's nice that they have kept the event going for so many

Today, the bazaar includes many food booths and a full schedule of entertainment.

### Sights and sounds

Among the entertainment of the weekend were performances by Sakura Minyo Do Ko Kai (Japanese Folk Song and Dance Society), a koto solo, a shamisen instrument concert, Japanese classical dance by students of Senkinoh Nishikawa and a performance by Sacramento Taiko Dan, a Japanese drumming ensemble that recently celebrated its 20th an-



Members of Sakura Minyo Do Ko Kai (Japanese Folk Song and Dance Society) perform at the 63rd annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Bazaar last weekend.

niversary at the Sacramento Community Center.

Arden Arcade area resident Levi Saelva said that he enjoys participating as a member of Sacramento Taiko Dan, which was formed in Sacramento in 1989 by Sacramentan Tiffany Tam-

'I actually started playing in the group when I was 6 years old and I remember playing here (at the bazaar) when I was a kid," Saelva said. "This is a nonprofit group and all (adult performers) have day jobs and they just do this for fun. We really enjoy performing here at (the bazaar)."

Toshiye Kawamura, a third generation Japanese-American who led, as well as performed in, the Sakura Minyo Do Ko Kai performance on Sunday, said that she worked with the group to add an unusual number to this year's performance.

"We started off (dancing to) Michael Jackson's (song) 'Billie Jean' and then followed it up with a 600year-old Japanese dance and then a dance with (colorful) fans," Kawamura said. "We just wanted to do something different and catch people's attention right at the beginning and I think that we did that. We (presented) a bit of something for everybody."

### Communing cultures

Sacramento resident John Knowles, a 1953 graduate of McClatchy High School,

who attended the weekend's event with his wife Della and son, Joe, said that his family has been enjoying the bazaar for many years.

"We've been coming out here since the Sixties," John Knowles said. "I love the food and just spending time out here."

Joe Knowles, who graduated from McClatchy High in 1978, said that he remembers seeing the "big bingo" games for large prizes at the

"They had the big bingo, where you could play for big time (prizes), like television sets and the big cabinet – one (side) with the stereo and one with the (record player). But they stopped doing that in the 1970s sometime," Joe Knowles said.

Joe Knowles added that he also has an early memory of seeing a Japanese man painting Japanese characters on strips of paper, which could be hung on walls, for his family and others.

"(The artist) wrote something like "Tom (Knowles and) Joe, no fighting" and (to his parents) Mom, Dad, long, happy marriage. I've actually still got mine."

One of the most entertaining aspects of the bazaar, Joe Knowles said, is visiting with many longtime friends at the event.

"I told friends just today that I don't have to go to my high school reunion, because

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### Bazaar: 'We come here every year. We never miss it'

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I just come here and I see everybody," Joe Knowles said. "I see some people here who I haven't seen in years."

Land Park resident Howard Lock has made it his own tradition to come to the event each year.

"I've been coming here for awhile, I'd say 15 years," Lock said. "I come here for the great food and the entertainment. Everything about (the event) is great, but my favorite is the Taiko drums. I like the sound, the beat. The (bazaar) is the best and it's a good time to be had by all."

### An event like no other

Unlike its earlier years, the event draws many people from outside Sacramento.

One example is Kathy Zelnik, who has been coming to the event with her boyfriend Raymond Padilla and her two daughters for about 15 years.

"We come here every year. We never miss it," Zelnik said. "I like the food. It's the main reason I come out here. We pretty much always

get the same food – the teriyaki chicken and of course, the beers. It was fun when the kids were little and they were playing the games, but now we just hang out here (enjoying) a Sunday afternoon."

Zelnik's 14-year-old daughter, Elaina, added that she also likes the food, as well as learning about Japanese culture.

Of course there are always the newcomers to the event, like Land Park resident Diana Garcia.

"This is my first time at the event," Garcia said. "I saw the crowds and I thought I'd check (the event) out. I was happy to see all the food, especially the sushi. They had a good combination of sashimi."

Koichi Mizushima, who owns the popular Kamon

Restaurant on 16th Street, just north of Broadway, cochaired the event's indoor and outdoor sushi booths with Sacramento Buddhist Church Minister Assistants Tim and Carol Castle.

Mizushima said that like many parts of the bazaar, preparing and operating the sushi booths was no small task.

"The morning crews came here at 7 a.m. and we sold 1,400 boxes of sushi per day," Mizushima said.

But selling product was not the most important part of the event, Mizushima said.

"This is much more than a fundraiser," Mizushima said. "The most important element of the event is people coming together and enjoying the camaraderie and spirit of the community."



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Beverage vendors (left to right) Felix Wada, Jerry Fujimoto and Brent Ishida were among the many volunteers of the event.

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# **Story of California Auto Museum on DVD**

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Lánd Park News Writer vcnnews@valcomnews.com

The California Automobile Museum – formerly the Towe Auto Museum - has a grand story that has for a long time been widely considered worth preserving. And through the work of some of those associated with the museum, much of that story was recently gathered for current and future generations to enjoy.

The result of this work was presented at the museum on Aug. 6, as a 30-minute video documentary about the museum was shown in a large

group setting for the first time.

But creating the video was a much more detailed task than one might imagine upon hearing that the length of the video was no longer than the average length of a television sitcom.

Filmed and edited by former KOVR Channel 13 photographer, John Iander, the video features 19 early members of the California Vehicle Foundation - the nonprofit organization that operates the museum.

These members dedicated their time to share their stories of the museum's past.

To understand the magnitude of the project, one must



Members of the film cast gather together following the film's May 6 showing at the California Automobile Museum. They are, back row, left to right: Bill Millard, Bev Davis, Rich Alonzo, Merle Neel, Chuck Peterson, Ernie Hartley and front row, left to right: Burl Waits, Dick Ryder, Guy Weybright and Margie Weybright.

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be presented with additional information, beyond the mere fact that the museum is presenting its story in a short DVD presentation.

Behind the scenes, 12 hours of raw footage was recorded and Iander then dedicated much time to editing the

An example of Iander's commitment to the video was apparent on the night of its presentation, when Iander said that he had been awake until 3 a.m., wondering if he

had spelled all the names in the video's credits correctly.

Although the video was presented in a group setting at the museum, some additional work remains, as the

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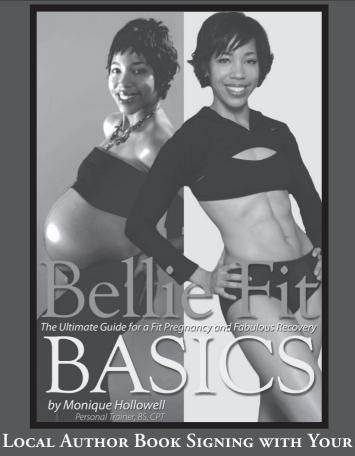
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video will undergo a few minor alterations before it is produced in a large quantity of DVDs and made available to the public to purchase at the museum store by the end of this month.

Although the video certainly tells the story of the 22year-old, 71,000-square-foot museum - at least in a condensed version - there was one other story to be told on the night of the video presentation – the story of how the video originated.

Ken Jordan, the museum's docent council chair, stood before the group of about 45 people, of which several appeared in the film, and told this other story.

"Last January, on the first night of the docent training course that Bill Millard puts on, each of us were given a few minutes to tell the new students a little bit about what we do," Jordan said. "(Long-time CVF member) Dick Ryder talked about the (foundation). After he finished his 3- or 4-minute, little talk, I said to Dick in the back room, "That's not enough time to tell the story of the California Vehicle Foundation.

"My idea is that we would sit down all of the individuals that (Ryder) could locate from (the foundation's past) and I'd get a video camera and we'd sit down and interview them."

Ryder liked the idea, so during the following month's meeting, Jordan presented the suggestion of filming such a video.

Although all 16 CVF board members were interested in the idea, it was agreed upon during the meeting that the video should be professionally produced.

The museum's Executive Director Karen McClaflin suggested that Jordan speak to Iander regarding the possibility of filming the documentary video.

Following through with this suggestion, Jordan contacted Iander, a longtime supporter of the museum.

"I contacted (Iander about the project) on March 17 and he agreed to get involved," Jordan said. "It was a very small task. We were going to create a 12-minute video.

The project resulted in a much larger project, as the initial five people interviewed expanded to the 19 people interviewed on the video, including Edward Towe, the man whose name was originally associated with the museum.

The museum first opened as the Towe Ford Museum on May 1, 1987 and displayed Towe's personal collection of nearly every Ford model ever created, from the pre-Model T models to the Pinto.

In addition to Towe, John Joyce, who was the first person to donate a vehicle to the foundation, also shared his memories about the museum and his donated 1938 Buick

Also featured in the video are interviews with McClaflin. Millard, Ryder, Rich Alonzo, Bev Davis, Ernie Hartley, Truitt Loftin, Merle Neel, Chuck Peterson, Jan Quesenberry, Ken Shrewsbury, Don Snider, (Towe's daughter) Kristy Hartley-Updegraff, Burl Waits, Milt Webb and Guy and Margie Weybright.

Jordan said that despite the many hours spent creating the video, the project could have been much more extensive.

'We were (originally) going to (interview) five or six people, but the more we talked about it, the more involved we got," Jordan said. "I got comments from Kristy and Bill and others, saying we should interview these people and these people. It turned out we had 62 names that we probably should have interviewed and we just couldn't do that to make either a program or a 30-minute video?

But nonetheless, those who were directly involved with the project helped create a presentation that for a large part preserves the story of the museum, which is dedicated to its mission to "educate and entertain, while preserving and promoting the automobile and its influence in our lives."

For additional information about this video and the museum, call (916) 442-6802 or visit the Web site www.calautomuseum.org.



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# Land Park to weigh in on Curtis Park Village Project

**By CRAIG POWELL** Land Park Community Association Special to The Land Park News

The developer has laid his plans on the table. The environmental reports have been prepared. The Curtis Park neighborhood, following 20 years of study and review, has staked out its position. Now it is Land Park's turn.

On Wednesday evening, August 19, the Board of the Land Park Community Association will debate and adopt a community position on the "Curtis Park Village," a project that would transform the old Western Pacific railyard situated between Land Park and Curtis Park into essentially a new neighborhood bridging the two older ones.

The project has generated a tremendous amount of interest and no small amount of controversy as it heads for official hearings in the coming weeks and months before the planning commission and the Sacramento City Council. Its 72-acre size alone accounts for much of the attention, mak-

ing it the second largest "infill" project in the city after the Downtown Railyards project. Pretrovich Development Co., the developer of Curtis Park Village, is proposing 260,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, 178 single-family residences, 80 multi-family senior housing units and 212 other multi-family units, mostly apartments, as well as an 8.7-acre park.

The Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association, while supporting the general thrust of the project, has expressed deep concern with several aspects of the proposal. It argues that the 260,000 square feet of commercial/retail space should be reduced to no more than 125,000 square feet to avoid drawing excessive traffic to what might become a regional shopping destination, rather than a shopping district focusing primarily on serving nearby residents. SCNA is also concerned that the project, as currently configured, could have more of a car or suburban-orientation, making it inconsistent with the older, varied architectural styles of the Curtis and Land Park neighborhoods.

SCNĂ has also expressed concerns over whether the remaining toxic contaminants in the soil, a legacy of decades of use as a railroad repair facility, are being adequately addressed and safeguarded under the developer's proposal to bury remaining contaminants under the proposed park.

Finally, Curtis Park neighbors feel that more should be done to increase housing density around the two light rail stations on the west and north borders of the project to make it a more energy and climate-friendly use of the land.

The Land Park Community Association's Land Use Committee held two public meetings in June to give its members a chance to learn more about the project and to express their views on it. LPCA Land Use Committee Chair Jon Jensen is expected to submit a position letter on the project to the LPCA Board for its consideration at the August 19 Board meeting.

Jensen said, "My position letter is intended to be a starting point for discussion and deliberation by the Board. It is my attempt to distill the views of a majority of members on our committee."

Jensen was quick to point out "there are a range of viewpoints on our committee and, I would imagine, on our Board on this issue." He added, "the August 19 Board meeting is the best opportunity for our members to make sure their viewpoints are heard on this major project and we encourage them to come.

Asked for a preview of his position letter, Jensen said, "The project is an important one for our neighborhood and for Sacramento. We applaud both the developer for listening to the community and Curtis Park for their admirable diligence in monitoring this project. There are concerns, however, with the potential dual impact of such a large amount of commercial/retail

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By OFFICER MICHELLE LAZARK Sacramento Police Department Special to The Land Park News

Editor's note: Ask Officer Michelle your question by emailing her at mlazark@pd.cityofsacramento. org or visit her online blog at http://blog.sacpd.org.

### Fighting identity theft

I have had my debit card information (not the actual card itself) stolen and used fraudulently out of state twice in less than two months. Most recently, on Saturday.

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Posted by PoliticsAsUsual

### Dear PoliticsAsUsual,

What a nuisance! I have heard about the method whereby waiters lift credit card data and sell it. The main factor is proof. It is suggested that you watch the waiter do the transaction with your card. It only takes one

time to get burned before you become hyper-vigilant.

What you need to do is, if you live in the city, is to file an online information report with us. Explain what happened and the last time you used the card before it was compromised. Give as much detail as you can remember. You will be given a case number that you can use when you contact outside agencies and banks. You would then have to contact the jurisdiction where your card was used. I spoke to the investigators with

our Financial Crimes Division. They receive reports from outof-state agencies for similar reasons quite frequently.

Cancel your credit card which you probably already have. You also need to check your credit with the three national credit companies, Experian, Equifax, and Trans Union. I was reprimanded by the Financial Crimes Sergeant for not doing this myself every six months. You may be surprised what is on your report! Good luck!

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The second half of life

# **Get real: Looking ahead to healthy longevity**

By DARBY PATTERSON Land Park News Columnist vcnnews@valcomnews.com

Having had the opportunity to attend the excellent Mini Medical School at the UC Davis School of Medicine, and serving on Sacramento's Adult and aging Commission, quite naturally, encourage me to focus on the issues of health, longevity and aging. While many baby boomers, such as myself, feel like 35 year-olds encased in the body of a 60-year-old, the mere passage of time brings changes, challenges and - believe it or not - opportunities.

Today, when the average life span for a woman born in 2009 is 79 years and about 72 for men, even 40-somethings are considering how to prepare for active longer lives. It's true that this may not happen if we don't consciously look forward and adapt our behaviors accordingly. This might be particularly true for men who, as you see, statistically live shorter lives than women. It's not that women are superior to men, (although I once believed that back in the 70s) but that we manage our health differently and "engage in less risky behaviors" such as lounging on the couch and watching sports, smoking, driving sans seat belts and other activities. There are also certain hormonal differences that contribute to a male's shorter lifespan. But, hey, consider that an American born in 1776 had a life expectancy of 36 years. We've come a long way.

In this column, I'll be talking about the word few people want to hear, "exercise." How much is enough? I'll review medical advice about the healthiest diets, how to maintain strength and flexibility, and generally how make the most of the second half of life. It's common to hear that today's 70 is yesterday's 50, and with medical research revealing new secrets about aging, we might be able to prove that hypothesis.

Consider that, in 1950 there were 3,000 centenarians in the U.S. Today that number has risen to an estimated 55,000. By 2050, experts anticipate there will be 1 million centenarians. I'll have to take that on faith because, realistically, I won't be one of them.

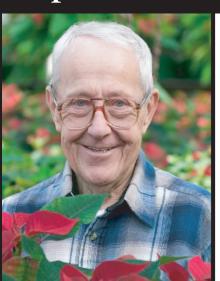
Abundant resources are available to guide us through healthy and positive aging. Information, however, seldom comes knocking on our doors. It's incumbent on each of us to search out opportunities to get the facts about nutrition, exercise, attitude and social networks that support healthy aging.

Taking personal responsibility for our journey into greater maturity creates new opportunities to exert control over our lives. We don't have to become frail or depressed. We don't need to feel unattractive or too old to enjoy activities. Research already shows that the stereotype of aging doesn't stand up to reality. But, ultimately, it's up to each of us to make the decision to join the new era of people consciously aging well.

Next week, let's talk about the "e" word, exercise.

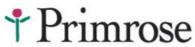
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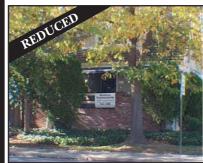
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## Giving your student the best foot forward

By STEVE DEBENEDETTI-EMANUEL Special to The Land Park News steve@rivercitycounseling.com

As we near the end of summer, it's time for parents to consider how they can best help their high school students prepare for the upcoming school year. Each year, the aca-

increase, and it's getting more and more difficult for teens to balance school with the rest of their lives. It's crucial for parents to take time now to have conversations with their children about the upcoming year and to help them set specific goals.

Think about what you want to dis-

Did your child do as well academically last year as he or she (or you) wanted, and what helped or hindered their success? Could you have done anything differently to support your teen's performance? After considering these and other questions, you'll be better prepared for your conversation.

Begin by asking your child to share his/her thoughts on how the last school year went. Encourage your teen to focus on both the areas in which goals were and were not met. Then ask them why they think this happened and what they could have done differently to bring about better results.

Next, help your teen set goals for the upcoming school year. These goals should include academic and extracurricular activities, both in and outside of school

Encourage your child to consider what could get in the way of meeting these goals. If your teen is hoping to earn straight "A's," be the lead in the fall musical, and play three varsity sports, it would probably be unrealistic to work twenty hours a week outside school. It's important that you raise your concerns and help your child evaluate if the goals should be adjusted.

Ask your student to consider what types of extra support they think they'll need and help them get it. Perhaps math isn't your son's strength, but he's still determined to take AP Calculus. Both compliment him for his willingness to challenge himself academically and remind him of the importance of seeking extra help when necessary. Encourage him to speak to his teacher sooner rather than later if he's struggling, and reassure him that you'll assist him with finding additional help, should it be necessary.

Help your child identify incentives for meeting these goals. Perhaps your daughter wants to buy her first car and would like your financial assistance. Let her know what help you'd be willing to provide, and be clear that it's connected to reaching the goals she sets. Be aware that many teens will attempt to convince you to provide this financial support ahead of time by promising to meet these goals, only to decrease their efforts once they get what they want. Should your teen attempt to influence you in this way, patiently remind her that your offer is good only after she reaches her goals.

Ultimately, the beginning of each school year brings chaos and upheaval. If students aren't prepared

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### School

to put forth their best effort right from the start, it's simple to fall behind and feel buried within a couple of weeks. To help prevent this from happening, I encourage parents to take the time now to initiate honest conversations with your children about the upcoming year. If you help yout teen identify potential problem areas and explore solutions ahead of time, I'm confident that they will be more prepared to respond effectively when the real challenges hit in a couple of weeks.

Steve DeBenedetti-Emanuel is a licensed marriage and family therapist based in the Sacramento area. Contact him at steve@rivercitycounseling.com. Steve's columns appear periodically in the Valley Community Newspapers.



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# Pocket Pioneers: The Portuguese are coming to town

Early Pocket area Portuguese families chronicled for historic endeavor

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Land Park News Writer vcnnews@valcomnews.com

Editor's Note: "Pocket Pioneers: The Portuguese" is the first of a two-part series about early Pocket area Portuguese families. Find part two in the August 27

Like many places in the Sacramento region, the well-developed Pocket area was certainly a different place in the 19th century. And long before the establishment of the Pocket area's well-developed neighborhoods, shopping centers, parks and other common sites, the area consisted of many open spaces, farmlands and of course, the Portuguese.

The Portuguese were not the first inhabitants of the area, as this specific recognition most likely belongs to the Miwok Indians.

The 1800s arrival of the Portuguese in this location, however, marks the modern settlement of this area.



In telling the story of the early Portuguese settlers of the Pocket area, perhaps it is best to first mention the name, Joseph S. Miller (1822-1899).

Although he was not a resident of the Pocket area, Miller is believed to have been the first Portuguese person to settle in the Sacramento area. And in doing so, several of his descendents became some of the earlier Portuguese settlers of the Pocket area.

Born Joseph Souza Neves in Sao Jorge in the Azores islands of Portugal, Miller later received the last name Mello, which was Anglicized into the name Mill-

After being punished in the Azores for stealing meat at the age of 13, Miller chose a new life, opting to work on a whaling ship.

This venture eventually led him to other work in the United States and like many people in 1849, Miller heard news about the California Gold Rush, purchased mining equipment and headed out in search of riches.

This endeavor proved to be unsuccessful, but his time in California led to his accepted invitations for other Portuguese, including members of his family, to join him in the Golden State.

Purchasing 186 acres of Yolo County farmland in 1850, Miller, who believed strongly in the value of education, established the first Lisbon elementary school in the area on his property.

According to family history compiled by Miller's great-



Portuguese children are shown in front of the original, converted barn, Lisbon School in the Pocket area in this c. 1885 photograph.

grandson Edward Dutra and his wife Linda, Miller was essential in assisting many Sacramento and Yolo County Portuguese in the processes of obtaining naturalization papers, purchasing land, starting small businesses and marketing their farm products.

### From primary sources

Pocket area native and historian, Dolores (Silva) Greenslate, said that some of the earliest Portuguese family names have been identified in a c. 1885 photograph showing schoolchildren in front of the original Lisbon School in the Pocket area. The school was quite primitive in comparison to later Lisbon schools in the area, as it was located in a converted barn.

Standing in front of the school in the photograph with their teacher, Miss Agnes Devine, are children of all eight grade levels from the Pocket area Portuguese families: Perry, Waxon, Garcia, DaCosta and Williams.

The first of these mentioned names - although not listed in any particular order of their arrival in the Pocket area – Perry, has been associated with the Pocket area since the early 1850s.

Like many early Pocket area settlers, Antone Rodrigues Pereira (later changed to "Perry"), who was born in Faial in the Azores islands on March 26, 1831, worked as a farmer in the area.

Perry, who married Maria Gloria Silva and had 10 children, also operated a freight produce business and delivered fruits and vegetables to miners in Northern California mining communities.

Working with Perry in this endeavor was Joseph W. Waxon, whose Portuguese name was Machado.

Waxon, who like Miller also worked as a whaler during his youth, became a member of Miller's family in about 1861, when he married Miller's sister, Mary Gloria Neves.

In addition to his work delivering produce to miners with his schooner wagon and a 14mule or horse team, Waxon, who owned three ranches in the Pocket area, was a very active

### Garsha to Garcia

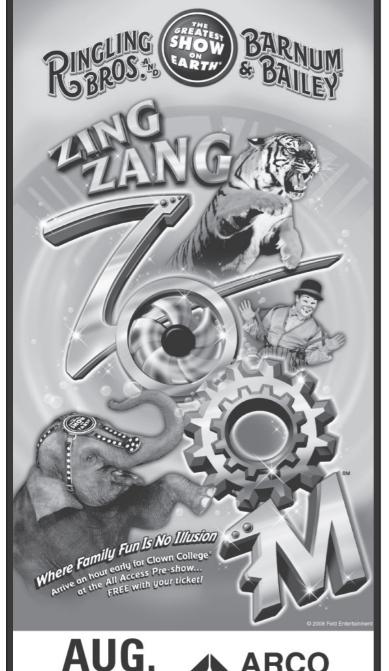
Many Pocket area residents are familiar with the name Garcia, although few know that the name, which is most recognized through the area's Garcia Bend Park, is properly pronounced, "Garsha?"

Further research has revealed that the name was originally spelled, "Gracia."

Located at the first turn in the road after passing Portuguese Hall at 6676 Pocket Road is the site of the former 70-acre ranch of Manuel da Roza Garcia.

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### Pocket Pioneers: Cultural roots run deep

1889, left behind his widow, the former Anna Leonora Silveira, a native of Sao Roque, Pico in the Azores islands, and five children.

Although Anna Leonora remarried, her second marriage to Antone Pimentel, who was hired to assist her with the ranch, lasted only two years, as Pimentel accidently shot himself while duck hunting with his stepson, Manuel Garcia, Jr.

Greenslate said that during her years of researching Pocket area Portuguese families, she was unable to locate any descendants of the DaCosta and Williams families. Therefore, close to nothing is known of these families, outside of the fact that they were early residents of the area.

"During my research, I could not find any members of these families, so that I could write down their family histories," Greenslate said. "I even looked through phone books and called people, but I couldn't find anybody related to them. It appears that these families are gone. I have only found a little bit here and a little bit there, so I hope that if someone has any more information about these families that they will let me

Other Portuguese families who were instrumental in pioneering the Pocket area were the Lewis, Souza, Tash and Seamas families.

### Check back next week

These families' stories and other information relating to early Pocket area history will be covered in the next edition of The Land Park News.



Joseph S. Miller - shown with beard at center - sits alongside his family members in this historic photograph. Miller, a native of Sao Jorge in the Azores islands of Portugal, is believed to have been the first Portuguese person to settle in the Sacramento area.

# Summer Sunday

### **Concert Series**

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### **Curtis Park Tudor Cottage**

Works all done in this nicely updated Curtis Park 2 bed, 2 bath Tudor cottage close to park. Remodeled kitchen and laundry room, features sunny Mediterranean colors. Master suite with lots of storage. Both baths have been remodeled. Bonus attic space, perfect for office or play room. with skylights. Large newer 2-car garage with pulldown stairs for storage and pretty backyard.



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### Calendar

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### August 15

### A night at the movies

Enjoy a night at the movies and see a classic film the third Saturday each month at Didion/Lewis Park Recreational Center at 6490 Harmon Dr. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Movie begins promptly at 7 p.m. Free admission, free popcorn and free prizes. See the following movies: "To Kill a Mockingbird" on August 15; and "Gaslight" on Sept. 19.

### **Elmhurst Ice Cream Social**

The Elmhurst Parent's Group will host an Ice Cream Social and Family Resource Fair on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Coloma Community Center. The event features free ice cream, water play, carnival games, music by Music Matt, a visit from the Sacramento Fire Department, a visit from the Sacramento Police Department, a family resource fair, and lots of fun for the whole family. Please bring a picnic lunch. This is a community event open to all. For more information, call 731-4319.

### **Turtlerama**

The Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club presents a Turtlerama on Saturday, August 15 at the Belle Cooledge Library (South Land Park and Fruitridge Road) from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Turtlerama is an exhibit of live turtles and tortoises for the purpose of educating the public as to the care of these special creatures at home as well as how to preserve them in the wild. Admission is free. For more information, call (916) 421-1134.

### August 16

### St. Mary's Parish 78th Annual

The annual festival is Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the parish, 1351 58th St., The event features two great bands: Q-Balls and Miller Hi Lites. Plus lots of wonderful at-

### LPCA

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space in the project. It is likely to significantly increase traffic in parts of our neighborhood and it could impact the economic viability of our fragile commercial corridors, including Freeport Boulevard and parts of Sutterville, Broadway and Riverside Boulevard."

The LPCA is encouraging members and non-members alike to attend the Wednesday, August 19 LPCA Board meeting. The meeting, set to begin at 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Eskaton Monroe Lodge at 3225 Freeport Blvd.

Craig Powell serves as Vice-President and a board member of the Land Park Community Association. He may be contacted at ckpinsacto@aol.com.

tractions for the family and kids. Arts and crafts, festival booths, bingo, rock climbing, laser tag, water slides, shopping mall, chicken/pasta dinner, international selection of foods, and dancing. For more info, call 718-2766.

### August 19

### Free real estate seminar

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

### August 20

### **Latino Dance and Culture Group**

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

### **Genealogy Club meeting**

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

### August 21

### On warm water therapy

A representative from Easter Seals will be here discussing the health benefits of aquatic exercise using their heated pool. Come learn if you qualify to take advantage of this great program. Please sign-up in advance. Friday, August 21st at 10 am, Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento. Cost: Free. Info: 916-808-5462.





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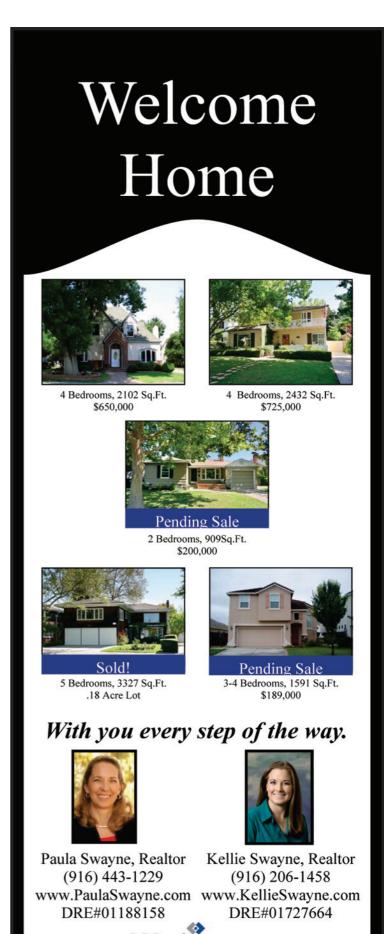
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### HOLLYWOOD PARK COTTAGE

Charming Cottage in the heart of Hollywood Park. 3Bedrooms, 2Bathrooms plus Den and detached 2-car garage. This spacious home features hardwood floors, a cozy fireplace, breakfast nook and laundry room. The large, shady yard is perfect for entertaining. See www.windermeredunnigan.com \$340,000

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### LAND PARK SPANISH

From curbside to inside you will fall in love with this 3-4bd 2 bath home. With its classic 1920's Spanish design and touches and electrical, plumbing, kitchen, A/C and sewer line upgrades, this home offers timeless architecture with modern conveniences. Beautiful refinished hardwood floors throughout. See www.LandParkSpanishHome.com \$585,000

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### A MUST SEE

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### PARK COLLAGE TRACT

Prepare to fall in love...great Land Park College Tract 3Bd 2Ba on large .20 lot. This home features, new roof, new HVAC, new h2o heater, refinished hardwood floors, new stainless appliances, large kitchen, HUGE closets, formal dining room, fireplace, lots of built-ins & storage. Great sunroom overlooks backyard. See www.19307thav.com \$495,000

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### LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

The home you have been waiting tree-lined Teneighth Way. 3Bd 2.3Ba with quantity feel throughout. Circular floor plan, spacious rooms, balconies front & back plus a lovely deep, private backyard. Detached 2 car garage w/carriage doors & stamped driveway. This truly is some kind of Wonderful! See www.1426-teneighthway.com \$725,000

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### CLASSIC LAND PARK HOME

The spacious entry features a winding staircase leading to 2 large bedrooms & wonderful master suite. The impressive living room has bookshelves galore & pretty fireplace. Plenty of room to entertain. Kitchen w/all new appliances, granite counters, loads of light & view of the backyard. Don't miss the master suite w/a large dressing room, office & balcony to enjoy the Delta breezes. See www.179510thAvenue.epropertysites.com \$ 725,000

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### UPDATED TUDOR

Updated Tudor-style home. Single story, 3Bd/2Ba on private tree-lined street. Lot has mature shrubs and floral beds. Formal LR & DR. Dining room overlooks back yard and gardens and features French doors to patio area. Separate, private master suite. Electric gate to driveway. Smartly updated with wood floors. See 273712thstreet.2cmyhome.com \$599,940

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