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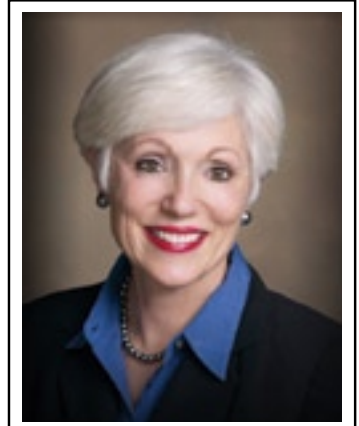
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The sights, sounds and smells of the California State Fair

By **BENN HODAPP**
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Growing up in the Sacramento area, the late summer has always meant three things: my birthday, the start of the school year and the California State Fair.

It seems like this year there was less hoopla about its arrival than normal. Usually the radio is full of cartoon cows and over-the-top farmer caricatures telling us to "get on down to Cal Expo" and what not. Maybe because of the economic situation they figured they didn't want to spend the money to advertise.

However, I went this past Sunday and it looks as though the fair is doing just fine despite the times. There were people all over the place. Sure, it probably helped that it was 80 degrees and breezy, the sort of day Sacramentans can only imagine in their most fevered dreams come late August, but I was surprised nonetheless.

First, I walked through the buildings with all the animals. A sheep voiced its displeasure at being sheared, a horse whinnied spectacularly and a Corgi sat alone behind bars. It was somewhat odd to see a little dog there, but it was getting plenty of love from the passersby. It was not an especially captivating time to walk by the pigs, as roughly 90 percent of them were sprawled out on their sides, completely oblivious to the fact that I wanted to talk to them and perhaps coax an oink. Selfish pigs...

As you can imagine, the aroma of the animal tent is not terribly pleasant, which is why I was shocked to see so many people eating in there. I don't want my curly fries mixing with that particular set

of notes, but more power to those people I suppose.

Among the attractions at the fair this year is Harley, a pig that weighs more than 1,000 pounds and stands four feet tall. I paid the dollar to get in, but he too was sleeping. The enormity of him was quite apparent, though. He was roughly the size of a Fiat.

Obviously one of the main reasons to go to the fair is the simply outlandish array of horrifyingly fatty foods that are slathered, greased, iced, barbecued and then deep-fried for your enjoyment (or peril). Stop one for me was a corn dog. It was the size of a yardstick, but I considered it a warm up.

Later I had a Philly cheesesteak that apparently requires an advanced physics degree to eat properly. Eventually I just employed the shovel method. It entails basically getting the item into my mouth as quickly as possible with utter disregard for cleanliness or self-respect.

But what about dessert? I can't walk away from the fair without completing the triumvirate of tastiness.

So I got a churro. The lady vendor gave me the lame duck of the bunch, which immediately broke in half when she handed it to me. I caught the broken northern shard on its way to the ground. I am pretty sure the lady was impressed at my ability to not allow food to become garbage.

As always, I walked through the exhibition buildings with award-winning art pieces and photographs and quilts and absurdly fluffy bunnies. Then through the myriad of Billy Mays wannabes peddling their wares complete with headset and astonishingly loud speakers. I even saw a few people walking around with Sham-



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For more information on the 2009 California State Fair, visit www.bigfun.org. The fair runs from August 21 to Sept. 7.

Wows. I summarily went on a 15-minute hunt for Sham-Wow spokesman Vince, but alas, he was not there.

The county exhibits were neat, though between you, me and a hole in the ground, I was pretty disappointed in Sacramento County's display. Who is that person in the rocking chair for seemingly no reason? When you go, you'll see it. If you are confused and slightly unhappy, don't worry - Tulare County will make you feel a little bit better. When you see the animatronic cow, do not meet its gaze. I hear it feeds on souls and the tears of children.

All in all, it was the full fair experience. I even spent five bucks playing that fixed basketball game where the ball is bigger than the hoop. I am surprised the lady didn't just laugh in my face when I handed her my money. Oh well, I didn't need the 6-foot-tall Rottweiler anyway.

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Soon-to-be centenarian is 'bridge' across generations

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Duplicate bridge players at the Hart Senior Center in midtown Sacramento are heating up for their biggest party ever on Monday, Sept. 14, an event that will fall just two weeks before long-time bridge director Paul Sheridan actually marks his 100th birthday.

South Land Park resident Sheridan will receive honors and accolades at the center from bridge players, friends and notable city officials for his four decades of service to the bridge program and his generally inspiring approach to the game as part of his life in general.

More than cards

Bridge—particularly duplicate bridge—sometimes provokes noisy disputes among the players, but Sheridan has made it a rule never to allow any of that in the games he supervises.

"I have always expected everyone to be respectful to all other bridge players," he said. "Bridge is a highly competitive game, but we all make mistakes and we can't take them out on the other players."

Bowing reluctantly to the weight of his years, Sheridan stepped down as director a year ago, but he continues to play at the senior center weekly, partnering with his successor as the program's leader — Joe McCormick. The two, with help from other participants, work together to prepare the room for the bridge games and distribute cards and other materials to all players.

Duplicate bridge differs from ordinary party bridge by requiring the players to preserve the hands they're dealt and pass them on after each round to the next team, who then play with the

same hands as their predecessors at the table. In this way, the scores are based on points awarded for actual results with the same hands that others hold. Poor scores can't be blamed on poor cards.

I had my first encounter with duplicate bridge on a cruise ship when I was a total novice and was assigned to an emotional man who went bananas when I led from a king, and loudly accused me of being an idiot. The bridge director rushed over, and offered to relieve my partner by volunteering to make me her partner. But I declined and spent the rest of the cruise doing things other than bridge.

Sheridan, admired by all for an unflappable spirit of fair play that has remained intact over the years, admits to having had spats with players on occasions. He recalled that one involved a man who was ejected after emphatically calling Sheridan a "liar." The action was quickly upheld after a hearing by the senior center director.

He also keeps up with another long-time non-bridge diversion—bowling—playing regularly and maintaining an average that was chalked up recently at a very respectable 133, especially for someone in his 90s. He was the first president of Clubhouse 55, a bowling league set up by South Land Park Bowl on Freeport Boulevard in the early 1970s.

The game of life

A native of Oakland, Sheridan graduated from UC Berkeley and embarked on a 40-year career as an engineer for the state Division of Highways, rising to the level of principal engineer before retiring in 1971. He was assigned first to the Marysville district office and later to state head-



Land Park News Photo/Art German
South Land Park resident Paul Sheridan will mark his 100th birthday at the end of September. He is a well-known bridge player and active member of the community.

quarters in Sacramento. In 1964, he and his wife Eleanor bought a brand-new ranch-style home on 13th Avenue where he still lives by himself. His son and three daughters make their homes outside the Sacramento area; one of them, Paula, a chemist, currently resides in Japan.

Eleanor became seriously ill in the mid-1990s, and had to discontinue playing bridge. She died in 2000.

For more than 10 years after Eleanor fell ill, Sheridan's bridge partner was College Greens area resident Dorothy Johnson, a widow just one year younger than him. She died two years ago and Joe McCormick has taken over, both as Sheridan's partner as well as the duplicate bridge director, the role that Sheridan had held for many years.

Approaching the age of 100, Sheridan has adapted to the cyberspace age by setting up a small computer room annex where he keeps in touch with numerous friends and relatives. He also maintains a weekly log of his day-to-day life, e-mailing copies to his correspondents and fielding responses to the many who contact him regularly.

These letters augment a 20,000-word biography that he entitled "Memories" and sent to family members around the country.

These days, after falling off a ladder in his garage and having two hips replaced, Sheridan finds he has many friends who help him in Sacramento and he also can still take care of himself.

"I may dip into a lot of frozen dinners," he said. "But it's still doable."

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To the big leagues

Local slugger selected by Seattle Mariners in draft

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You may have never heard of the small town of Pulaski, let alone which state it's in. It is a place that is home to roughly 9,000 people in the western part of Virginia. But don't look for third baseman Vinnie Catricala's name on the list of homeowners there; he's just passing through.

Catricala grew up in the Pocket area, playing baseball from the age of five for the Pocket Little League. Like so many other kids, Catricala seemingly played baseball from a young age because that's what you do growing up.

"I remember playing baseball in the backyard with my grandpa and dad when I was really young," he said.

He was part of some championship caliber teams in his Little League days, but it wasn't until high school when he realized he might be pretty good at this whole baseball thing. He went to Carmichael's Jesuit High School in Sacramento where he starred as the team's third baseman. Despite Jesuit's long-standing athletic excellence, it was not baseball that drew him there.

"I went to Jesuit and he was going to go there anyway," Vinnie's father David said.

While at Jesuit, Vinnie drew interest from MLB teams, much to his surprise. After his senior season ended, Catricala was drafted in the 50th round by the Cleveland Indians.

"I actually had no idea (that I was good enough to go pro) until I got drafted," he said. "When it happened I started to think I might have a chance."

He now had a decision to make. Go pro in the Indians' farm system or take the scholarship he earned to the University of Hawaii. His decision was never really in doubt.

"I didn't think I was ready to go pro," he said. "I knew I had some maturing to do and that college would make me better."

Life for an athlete in Hawaii is not a bad one, which likely comes as a surprise to no one.

"They don't have any pro teams (in Hawaii) so the college teams are huge there," David said. "They are treated like kings."

"Everyone knows who you are," Vinnie said. "It's good weather all year round. We're in shorts most of the time."

In three years at Hawaii, Catricala blasted 20 home runs (T-4th in school history) including 13 in his junior season. That was all MLB scouts needed to see. Vinnie was drawing interest from a number of teams, most heavily from the Washington Nationals, Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians...again. He was brought in by the Giants (his favorite team growing up along with the A's) and Dodgers for workouts leading up to the draft. The enormity of the situation was not lost on Vinnie.

"It's weird to think," he said before a brief pause. "You see these places on TV and in magazines, but actually being on the field in those stadiums was crazy. I was thinking 'This is where Barry Bonds hit the record-breaking home run'. It's definitely surreal."

When the MLB Draft came along on June 9, Vinnie was rumored to go as high as the third round according to David. Vinnie was expecting to go more around the 10th. The first nine rounds went by without his name being called, but come the 10th he didn't have to wait long.

With the 293rd pick the Seattle Mariners selected "Vincent" Catricala, the second player taken in the 10th round.

There was excitement all around from the family when his name appeared on the draft ticker, but the destination left a lot of people surprised. It's not that Vinnie had a problem with the Mariners, he was just shocked because they had had such little contact with him beforehand.

"I met their scout in Hawaii, but I wasn't expecting them to pick me," Vinnie said. "There were a bunch of teams who were more in contact with me."

On June 19, Vinnie signed with the Mariners, leaving behind one year of eligibility at the college level. This time he was indeed ready.

So now he finds himself in Pulaski as a professional baseball player. A player who was drafted not once by a Major League Baseball team, but rather twice. So far he has posted a .288 batting average with 6 home runs and 27 runs batted in for the Pulaski Mariners of the Rookie Appalachian League.

Life in the minors seems to be suiting Vinnie pretty well. It is a lifestyle of baseball, baseball and baseball.

"There's nothing much else to do in these small towns we go to but play baseball, but I guess that's kind of the point," he said. "The days are long and it feels like you're asleep for five minutes then you're up again. The body can handle it, but it can be tough on the mind."

Vinnie's Mariners are in the midst of a stretch of 57 games in 60 days, a schedule different than any he has played before. A Major League type schedule. It wasn't so long ago that Tampa Bay Rays third baseman Evan Longoria was in a similar situation. Vinnie said that he tries to emulate him. If he succeeds in doing so, big league pitchers will wish he had stayed a little while longer in little old Pulaski, Va.

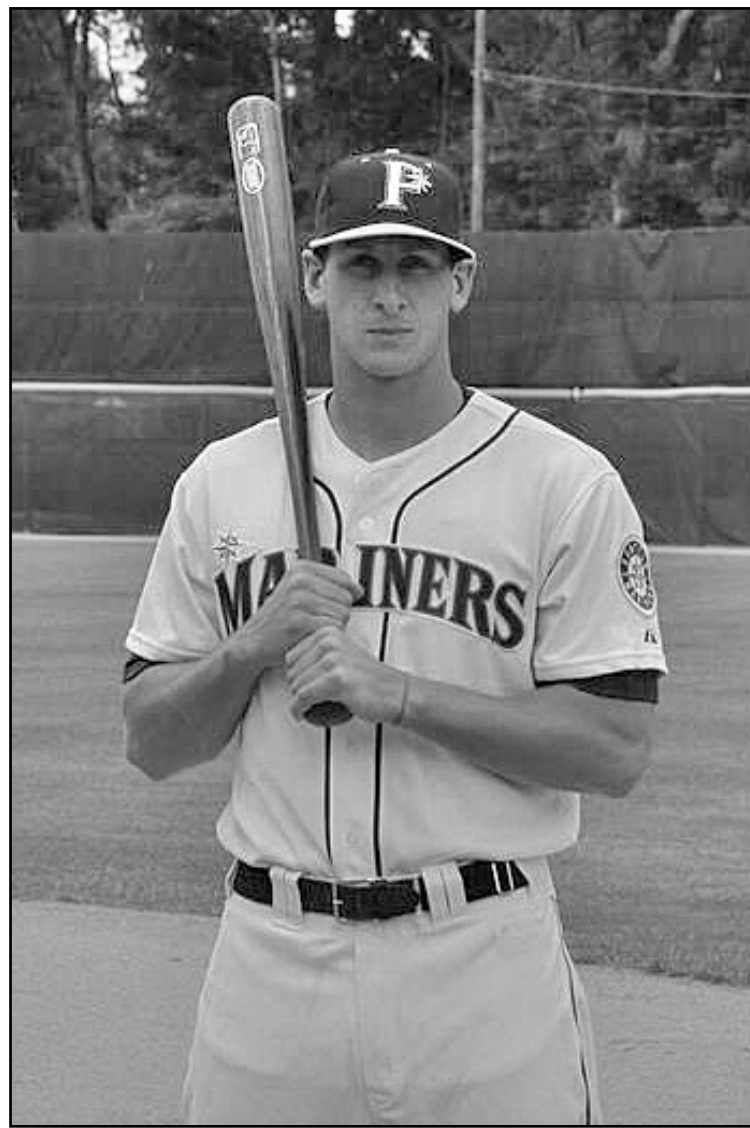


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Vinnie Catricala grew up in the Pocket area, playing baseball for Jesuit High School. Now he's making a name for himself in the big leagues.

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Fairytale Town to celebrate 50th anniversary Aug. 29

Fundraising event to include 1950s-themed attractions, all-you-can-eat ice cream

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For a place that is five decades old, Fairytale Town sure has kept its youthful luster.

Fairytale Town, a historic Land Park landmark cherished by many people of all ages, will celebrate a major milestone Aug. 29 as the popular children's park turns 50 years old.

Fountain of youth

One individual who has many memories about the creation and early years of the non-profit Fairytale Town, which is located on city property at 3901 Land Park Drive in William Land Park, is longtime Fairytale Town board member Shirley Plant.

Plant said that the road to the creation of the nursery rhymes and fairytale-themed Fairytale Town with its live animals such as turtles, piglets, rabbits, a Shetland pony, a donkey and a cow and small play sets began "more or less through Clarence Breuner."

"(Breuner) wanted to do something for the children of Sacramento and particularly to associate them with farm animals and other things and sort of give them information that they might not otherwise have," Plant said. "(Breuner) asked Helen Mering (who was working public relations for Breuner at Breuner's furniture store in Sacramento) to seek out some projects. She researched some children's parks – and there were several around in areas surrounding Sacramento – and she suggested that that was the way to go."

Plant added that Breuner anonymously gave Mering \$3,000 for the purpose of seeing that the then-projected \$50,000 project was initiated.

Mering then presented the idea to the Sacramento Junior League, who took on the project.

Among the members of the project's investigating committee was Plant, who said that she spent much time in the community determining what the feasibility of the project would be and what mission and future it would have in Sacramento.



Land Park News File Photo/Lance Armstrong
Young children stand outside the main gate of Fairytale Town, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Aug. 29.

"In due course, we settled all those questions and we went forward with it and got the anonymous funding from Breuner," Plant recalled.

A major step toward the creation of Fairytale Town occurred on Sept. 30,

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50 years: Youth lives on at park

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1955, when the Junior League presented a proposal for a fairytale-themed children's park, similar to Children's Fairyland in Oakland and Pixie Woods in Stockton, be built in Sacramento.

Although much of the excitement of such parks at the time were stirred by the 1955 opening of Disneyland, these pair of parks actually predate Walt Disney's famous adventure land.

During the council meeting, council-member Frank Seymour said, "I think (the children's park proposal) is a splendid idea. I have watched with considerable interest the development of similar projects in other cities and have hoped some organization would take hold of the idea here."

The proposal, which was outlined and presented by Junior League Chairperson Beth Grebitus, proved to be a success as the council agreed to give the project "full consideration."

Grebitus was later named president of the Fairytale Town community corporation board, which first met at the Hotel Senator on April 12, 1956.

With the formation of this corporation, the Junior League withdrew from participation in the project.

City supports village

In an effort to secure additional public funding, a miniature model reproduction of the then-future Fairytale Town was created and displayed during the 1957 State Fair inside the Counties Building on the former Stockton Boulevard fairgrounds.

Included in the display were Cinderella's pumpkin coach, the Three Little Pigs, Farmer Brown's barn, King Arthur's castle, Hiawatha's teepee and a pirate ship. Overall, a children's theater and 16 play sets – most of which were designed by Georgianna Else – depicting nursery rhymes and fairytale landmarks and characters were scheduled to be completed prior to the park's opening.

The following year, The Sacramento Bee reported that about \$60,000 had been raised for the construction of Fairytale Town on a two and a half-acre site at William Land Park.

Leading this drive was Marge Reid, who had replaced Grebitus, who had resigned from her position as president of the Fairytale Town community corporation board.

Fundraising continued until the time of the park's opening and beyond, as Fairytale Town opened on Aug. 29, 1959, despite needing about \$10,000 dollars to meet its \$75,000 goal for completion. The total cost of the project, however, eventually reached \$107,000.

The park was officially opened following a ceremony, in which Reid handed a golden key to Mayor Clarence Azevedo, who officially opened Fairytale Town by walking across the moat bridge with local 3-year-old, Theresa Anne Michaels.

The following day, The Bee reported that within the first hour of the playland's opening, more than 400 adults and children had "steamed across the magic moat to enter the make-believe world."

For fun and family

Since this opening day when 5,692 children visited Fairytale Town, thousands upon thousands of children have arrived at this children's park, where countless fond memories have been born as many dreams have become a reality.

Plant estimates that at least 12 million children have visited Fairytale Town since its opening and added that it is enjoyable to see earlier generations of people return to the park as adults.

"We're on our fourth generation of children coming to the park and it's nice to see their parents and grandparents, who remember when they ran the crooked mile," Plant said.

Although many sets of Fairytale Town have remained virtually the same, the children's park has undergone various changes since its early years.

Among these changes are the additions of the Old Man in the Shoe slide in 1968, a roof addition to King Arthur's Castle in the early 1980s, the Safe and Super Halloween weekend in 1986, Jack and the Beanstalk in 1997, the renovation of Sherwood Forest in 2003 and the yellow brick road leading



Photo courtesy of Fairytale Town

One of the original play sets constructed at Fairytale Town was King Arthur's castle.

to the stone archway at the entrance to the playland during the past two years.

And of course, one of the major landmark additions to the children's park was the placement of Humpty Dumpty atop the archway in 1962.

Fairytale Town Executive Director Kathy Fleming – who said that she prefers the title, "Fairy Godmother" – said that although the Humpty Dumpty of Fairytale Town never had a great fall, he has been stolen several times, but fortunately has made his way back home each time.

50 years young

In honor of Humpty Dumpty, Fairytale Town will present another Aug. 29 event, Humpty Dumpty's Birthday Party, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thinking back on the history of Fairytale Town, Fleming said that reaching the half-century mark at this "magical land for the kids" is a great achievement.

"It's really quite an accomplishment that we have made it this long," Fleming said. "But what's nice is it's also very much the same place that it was 50 years ago. And we invite everybody in Sacramento and beyond to come to Fairytale Town to help make our 50th anniversary the most magical anniversary it could be and to celebrate a community treasure."

Fairytale Town in East Sac?

Original site was East Portal Park

Junior League Chairperson Beth Grebitus originally announced that a site for the proposed children's park had been selected at East Portal Park at 51st and M streets in East Sacramento.

Only four days following the announcement of the proposed site, residents living near the park began gathering signatures in opposition of the playland's potential location.

These residents cited that increased traffic, lack of parking and additional noise caused by the children's park would be detrimental to the neighborhood.

During the following two days, the East Portal Park Association was formed and more than 500 signatures of those opposing the proposed site were gathered.

Less than a month later, the city council parks and recreation committees recommended that Fairytale Town be located at William Land Park.

The recommendation led to the council's decision to accept the proposal.

- Lance Armstrong

Celebrate Fairytale Town at 50

In honor of the park's 1959 opening, a fundraising event, called Crystal Rockin' Royal 50th Anniversary Bash!, will present themes of the 1950s with live music by the Tune-Ups, a female barbershop quartet performance, a vintage car display presented by the California Automobile Museum (formerly Towe Auto Museum), dancing, hula hoop and yo-yo demonstrations, an Elvis impersonator appearance and all-you-can eat Crystal ice cream.

Guests are encouraged to wear 1950s-themed costumes such as rolled up jeans, poodle skirts and leather jackets, if the weather is not too hot.

Advance tickets for the Aug. 29 event, which will be held from 5 to 9 p.m., are available for \$19.59/adults, \$5/children, ages 3-12 and free/children, ages 2 and younger. Day of event ticket prices will be sold for \$25/adults and \$10/children, ages 3-12.

The event will present an opportunity for many people to reminisce about their memories of Fairytale Town, while observing new visitors as they create their own first-time memories.

- Lance Armstrong

New superintendent opens up to The Land Park News

By ELIZABETH VALENTE
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Sacramento City Unified School District's new superintendent Jonathan Raymond.

Sacramento City Unified School District's new superintendent, Jonathan Raymond, says he feels energized after his four-day visit to Sacramento last week. During his brief visit, the 48-year-old former chief accountability officer from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina was introduced to staff and community groups along with city Mayor Kevin Johnson and state Sen. Darrell Steinberg.

Raymond, who was chosen for the position in late July, reported for his first day on the job on Friday, August 21. He will lead a district that serves 48,132 Kindergarten-through-12th graders. Land Park News writer Elizabeth Valente had an opportunity to catch up with the new superintendent for a one-on-one interview to find out what his plans are for the district schools.

Q: Along with visiting the various schools, staff, teachers, and students, you also plan to spend your first 100 days meeting community

groups discussing plans for the urban district. Who exactly and why?

A: I plan to meet up with members from the Latino, African-American, and Asian/Pacific Islander community. It's important that we understand the diverse tapestry of our community; its diverse culture, language, history and ideas. If we are tasked with the responsibility of educating our children then we need to be engaging in all of our communities. I also plan to meet with government and non-profit businesses. I have a non-profit

background and these agencies have the expertise and leverage as part of the community. Instead of trying to replicate what they are doing, we need to develop a relationship so we can leverage their strength and expertise.

Q: With your MBA degree and law background, do you plan to run the school district as a corporate business?

A: It's about educating all children and that work takes place in schools and in classrooms. So our job is to build the support and capacity so that there is excellent student learning and teaching in all of our schools. But, we also have to remember we are a half billion-dollar business. We need to run efficiently and effectively and we need to be held accountable for educating our children. We are "the public school district."

Q: Is one of your goals to bring in more students into the district and if so, how? What are other goals you plan to implement in the school district?

A: I want to see our schools grow and be the beacon of excellence. Sacramento has a rich community and group of

parents and community members that are hungry to be engaged. The city has an energy and passion for educating all their children and it is a wealth that I tend to tap into and we as a school district we'll be engaged with. I support merit pay for teachers, charter schools, and I hope to strengthen the Multiple Pathways initiative. It (Multiple Pathways) is set up to help address the high school dropout crisis because a diploma is a critical step towards college and careers.

Q: What does it mean to have "an engaging presence with the community?"

A: I am going to be available, stay engaged, ask for the public's advice, input and listen. It's being genuine, transparent, not being afraid to take risks for kids and letting them know that we are here to work together. We don't individually have all the answers, but there's power in working together.

Q: Coming from a North Carolina school public school district, do you see similarities between the two urban districts?

A: They are both diverse districts that have seen success, have great potential, and they both are facing many challenges. But there are a lot of differences. Sacramento School District has a lot of empty desks we need to fill. Charlotte is growing and building schools.

Q: The SCUSD Board of Trustees has signed you to a four-year contract for an annual salary of \$245,000. Do you plan to live in the district and send your three children to the public district schools?

A: Yes, my wife and I will send our kids to the public district schools. For the time being only two of the kids will be going, our youngest is only two. I understand I am the first superintendent to do this in 20 years. We have not found a home yet, but during our first few days in Sacramento my wife did look at homes in the East Sacramento and Land Park neighborhoods. She came away with a feeling that this is a really special community and we both look forward to raising our three children here and getting to know the people.



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Admission is free and you can sample unique foods from around the world including Filipino pancit, lumpia, and chicken adobo as well as German bratwursts, Irish stew, scones, and soda bread. Also available for tasting is Italian rigatoni, sausages, and pasta Alfredo along with Mexican tacos and burritos, Greek cuisine grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, snow cones and a variety of desserts including make your own waffle cakes.

Continuous live music and entertainment is featured throughout the day on the Main Stage. There are carnival style games where you win tickets in exchange for prizes along with a bounce house, cake spin, book booth, wine spin and a Country Store featuring new and handmade crafts and gifts. This

year's raffle features a 32-inch LCD HDTV along with cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200.

Money raised goes toward the St. Anthony Parish Memorial Center Fund that has supported a youth basketball league for more than 400 area children, dances and games for middle school youth, and community dinners for persons of all ages.



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Posted by Snowflake

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Officer Michelle

Stopping for jaywalkers

Recently, Sac PD was conducting a plainclothes operation to catch motorists who don't stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. My question is regarding jaywalkers. If a pedestrian enters the street between intersections, outside of a crosswalk, are motorists required to stop? In other words, do pedestrians always have right of way in any and all circumstances?
Posted by drivelocity

Dear drivelocity

You ask a question that many motorists probably wonder about. Obviously, drivers should always avoid hitting anyone in the roadway regardless of whether they are in the crosswalk or not. If a pedestrian is in a crosswalk, drivers are supposed to stop. Technically speaking, a driver isn't required to yield the right of way for a pedestrian who is jaywalking (not in a crosswalk) however, back to common sense, a driver should avoid hitting a pedestrian.

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1945: The end of the war, the changing of the guard

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Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part special story series on writer Art German's experiences at the end of World War II. Read part two Sept. 10 in The Land Park News.

Whenever August rolls around I always remember what happened that month in 1945. It was the time when our brand-new atom bombs fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and World War II, at long last, would shortly be coming to an end. And so, here and now, we've observed the 64th anniversary of the birth of the atomic age.

I was 20 years old in 1945, and the first news of the attack on a Japanese city named Hiroshima on Aug. 6 that I received via radio at Camp Shelby, Miss., meant very little to me. Neither did my buddies in Co. C of the 379th Infantry Regiment, 95th Division know what to make of the first reports that an "atomic bomb" had been dropped and there had been tremendous damage. "Oh well!" was the prevailing sentiment in the barracks, just another kind of bomb. So what's the big deal?

At that moment, our situation at Camp Shelby was not something to make us look toward the future with any kind of good cheer. The 95th division had been in combat in Europe from the fall months of 1944 until shortly before V-E Day in May 1945, when the war in Europe had finally come to an end.

But the war in the Pacific was grinding on, with Japan still fighting for every inch of ground on the blood-spattered island of Okinawa and elsewhere in the Pacific en route to what was ex-

pected to be a final showdown on the Japanese mainland. As we trained at Camp Shelby for the expected amphibious invasion, there was plenty of apprehension about what would lie ahead.

Band of brothers

It was back on September 1943, that I had been drafted into the Army and dispatched to Fort Benning, Ga., for basic training. There, in my barracks, I met a fellow resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., named Don Garfein, and we immediately began what became a lifelong friendship. Don was the funniest guy I've ever known. His joie de vivre never waned, no matter how miserable things sometimes were.

We were together at Benning and later at Fort Jackson, S.C. where we had been assigned to the 87th Division for further training before going overseas as replacements and winding up with the 95th Division in November of 1944.

We were assigned to different regiments within the 95th Division and didn't see each other again until after the European war was over in May of 1945. I was assigned to a mortar squad attached to a rifle company and spent my part of the war lugging a 42-pound weapon around to support the riflemen and machine gunners in battlegrounds ranging from Metz in eastern France to the Saar valley in Germany, and later north to the Rhineland and Ruhr fighting.

I came through unwounded, but Don, a rifleman, was hit by fire in eastern France, and spent several months recovering in Britain before returning to his outfit near the end of the war. By June of 1945, we were on the

same troop train, heading for the French port of Le Havre and a ship that would take us back to the states.

Back in Brooklyn, Don and I spent much of a joyful 30-day furlough winding down from the European war. Then it was on to Camp Shelby where it was understood that we would be training for the amphibious assault on the Japanese main island of Honshu. We did spend several week-end passes together enjoying fun times in New Orleans including a day at the beach at Lake Pontchartrain in southern Louisiana, devastated many years later by Hurricane Katrina.

Atomic fallout

On Aug. 6, we were in camp on the day Hiroshima was nuked, still totally in the dark about the significance of a so-called atomic attack. Three days later, there was news that the Soviet Union had entered the war against Japan, sending its troops barreling into Manchuria, or Manchukuo as the mainland province had been renamed by the Japanese after it been torn away from Chinese control in the 1930s. With the Red Army on our side, I figured, maybe the war would soon be over after all. I shrugged when later I heard that we'd dropped a second a-bomb Aug. 9, this one on Nagasaki.

But events moved swiftly after that. Less than a week later, on Aug. 15, the Japanese announced they were giving up. On Sept. 2, the Japanese aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo signed the official surrender. It was all over.

Or was it?

Later that week, we got word that while there would no longer be an amphibious assault on Ja-



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Don Garfein, left, and Art German met while in boot camp during World War II.

pan, we were still destined to leave the U.S. once more and go across the Pacific as part of an army of occupation that the U.S. would need in the newly conquered nation for an indefinite period.

This did not go well with most of us. And something had to be done.

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Early Pocket area Portuguese families have rich legacy

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Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series about early Pocket area Portuguese families.

Although the Pocket area was a much different place in its early years, its Portuguese roots are certainly not forgotten today. And as the landscape has changed from farmlands to residential housing developments, supermarkets, coffee shops and other modern features, such early Pocket area Portuguese family names as Lewis, Souza, Tash and Seamas remain a noticeable part of the community.

Many people in the community recognize early Pocket area Portuguese names through many street names and local parks.

One of the most noticeable of these examples is the 3.38-acre Lewis Park at 6570 Park Riviera Way (the former Riverside Road).

Lewis Park

The Lewis family established itself in the area with the 1874 arrival of Francisco J. (Luiz) Lewis, Sr.

Settling in the area at the age of 19, it is assumed that he worked as a farmhand in the Pocket area until earning enough money to purchase a 200-acre ranch, which was located near the Dutra Ranch.

Lewis continued to purchase additional acreage in the area and eventually owned a total of 636 acres in

the Pocket area, as well as a 160-acre ranch at Florin and Bradshaw roads.

To benefit the Portuguese culture in the area, Lewis donated a portion of one of his ranches, from the Sacramento River levee to the old Riverside Road/present Pocket Road.

The land was donated for the purpose of continuing the A.A.D.E.S. (a Portuguese abbreviation, which is translated in English as "Association of the Azoreans of the Divine Holy Spirit") Lodge, the St. Mary Church and the Portuguese Hall on today's Pocket Road.

Pocket area historian Dolores (Silva) Greenslate said that the Lewis family grew to become one of the Pocket area's largest Portuguese families.

"There are so many people in the Pocket who have originated from the Lewis family, including the Dutra and Rosa families," Greenslate said. "Of the Portuguese families whose descendants were either born or settled in the Pocket, a great many of us are cousins either by blood or marriage through the branches of the pioneering Francisco J. (Luiz) Lewis, Sr. family."

Alongside the Lewis pear orchard and just north of the Dutra Ranch was the 15-acre Pocket area ranch of Antone Machado Souza. Antone also had a 17-acre ranch by the nearby canal.

The Souza name, which is memorialized through the Pocket's Souza Circle, honors Antone Souza and his family.



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Emanuel A. "Babe" Seamas is shown on his Grangers Dairy in this c. 1920s photograph.

Antone, who also helped farm the Lewis ranch, married Faial, Azores islands, Portugal native, Florinda Correia.

Together they had four children, one of whom, Mary Souza, married Francisco J. Lewis' son, Manuel Lewis.

On Tash Court

The name Tash also dates back to the early years of the Pocket area, beginning with the arrival of Joe Tash (originally Jose Texeira).

Known by those close to him during his latter years as "Old Man Tash," Joe Tash was the longtime patriarch of the Tash family.

Born in Santo Amaro, Sao Jorge in the Azores islands in 1844, Tash left his native land for America at the age of 18 and soon afterward made his way to the Pocket area.

Initially working in the area as a farm laborer, Tash eventually purchased his own Pocket area ranch.

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The 37-acre ranch was located near the Garcia Ranch and about a quarter-mile east of today's Portuguese Hall.

After marrying the Azores islands-born Lucinda or "Lucie," Tash and his wife had nine children.

During the spring months, Joe Tash, who operated a small dairy and farmed fruits and vegetables on his Pocket area property, traveled to Sacramento to sell his produce off his wagon to merchants of the area.

Greenslate, 84, who was raised in the Pocket area, said that one of her earliest memories was visiting the Tash Ranch and seeing Joe Tash, who passed away at the age of 90 in 1934.

"I was very young, but I still vividly recall seeing (Joe Tash)," Greenslate said. "He was a tall man and he had a long, white beard. A photo of him (owned by the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society) feeding chickens on his ranch confirms my memory. He has a pipe in his mouth in the photo though and I don't remembering him ever having a pipe."

Today, the Tash name is recognized through Tash

Court, which is located near the Pocket Canal Parkway and Rush River Drive.

To Seamas Avenue

The Seamas family name, which is most recognized by the dominate, modern Pocket area landmark Seamas Avenue, first became a part of the Pocket area with the arrival of Manuel and Roselina (Silveira) Seamas in 1878.

Manuel, who was born Manuel Simas Sebastiao in Pico in the Azores islands in 1847, came to America at the age of 17.

After working in New England and on whaling ships in various places, he made his way to San Francisco in 1868.

Manuel, who found work in West Sacramento as a harvester and worked briefly as a miner, met and married the then-17-year-old Roselina. The couple wedded at the old, large, brick St. Rose's Church at 7th and K streets in Sacramento on Oct. 28, 1877.

Together, they had four children, Emanuel A., who was commonly referred to as "Babe," Leonora, Mae and

Anna, who married Manuel Lewis.

First owning property in the Pocket area in 1883, Manuel was well known for his Grangers Dairy, which he established on his ranch on Riverside Road in 1896.

In 1917, Manuel retired from his dairy and gave the business to his son, "Babe," who operated the dairy until 1940, when it was sold to the Crystal Cream and Butter Co.

As the patriarch of the Seamas family of the Pocket area, Manuel lived a long and prosperous life, living until the age of 96 and outliving Roselina, who passed away two years earlier in 1942.

The tradition lives on

Greenslate said that she is very appreciative of the Portuguese pioneering families of the Pocket area and their many accomplishments.

"If it were not for the presence and accomplishments of the Portuguese pioneering families, there would not be the present recognitions of our rich culture," Greenslate said.



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Francisco J. (Luiz) Lewis, Sr. is shown with his first wife, Mary Florence Rose Lewis, and two unidentified children in this historic photograph.

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Unlike local farmers' markets, vendor offered front door service

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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For many locals, the warm summer months in Sacramento conjure up a variety of memories. And among these memories are thoughts of the city's longstanding produce vending tradition.

Being that the Sacramento Valley has a rich history in agricultural production, it connectively also has a long-standing tradition of providing farm fresh produce to its local residents.

Certainly, many locals are familiar with the year-round availability of a wide variety of local produce at Sacramento area Certified Farmers' Markets.

Among these markets are the large and popular 8th

and W streets market under the freeway, open 8 a.m. to noon every Sunday, the Fremont Park market at 16th and P streets, open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday, and the Cesar Chavez Plaza market, open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday.

Currently, there are 10 Certified Farmers' Markets located within downtown Sacramento and its outlying areas, including Elk Grove and Citrus Heights.

Market forces

The history of these markets date back to 1980, when the 8th and W streets market, which is adjacent to Southside Park, was first opened to the public.

Although the younger generations of Sacramentans have no memory of farmers'

markets prior to these markets, such vending began about 80 years ago or more in Sacramento.

The establishment of a free public market with vegetables and other farm produce was contemplated in Sacramento as early as 1919.

It was in November of this year that the Federated Trades Council of Sacramento sent a letter to the city commission requesting that the city establish such a market.

The letter asked, "This step be taken at once as a means of combating the high cost of living."

The city eventually opened a free, public farmers' market on the city block bounded by 8th, 9th, S and T streets, where small farmers sold their products and paid the city a small fee for rental spaces.

Certified Farmers' Markets coordinator Dan Best said that an earlier market may have been located at 10th Street and Capitol Avenue.

Other farmers' markets were opened at various times and locations, including markets on the city block bounded by Alhambra Boulevard and 30th, R and S streets and the Sacramento Farmers' Market or Market Island at the 5th and Y (now Broadway) streets.

Enter Tony Zito

Around the same time that the 8th and T streets mar-



Photo courtesy of Teresa (Zito) Stewart
Tony Zito stands alongside his wife Laura at his 90th birthday party in 1988.

ket opened, an East Sacramento resident, named Tony Zito, began operating a produce business with a different approach than the standard public farmers' markets.

Zito, who had previously worked at the Southern Pacific shops on I Street, where he was making \$21 per week,

decided to venture into what he hoped would be a more lucrative endeavor.

Purchasing a 1920 Ford truck with \$200 that he borrowed from his older brother Joseph, Zito began buying local produce and selling the goods directly off the truck to residents in the McKinley Park, Land Park and Colonial Heights areas.

Zito, who lived at 5409 M St. with his wife Laura and daughters Teresa and Alvera, soon became a regular in these areas and was well respected by his customers.

In his own words, Zito in the 1960s recalled how his reliability was also appreciated.

"Residents could count on me arriving three times a week; of course the days were 12 to 14 hours long and I worked six days a week," Zito said.

As the success of his produce business venture increased, Zito, who often bought his produce from wholesalers on North B Street, purchased

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Produce: Zito spreads success

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a new 1926 Dodge truck, which he continued to use on his routes for many years.

A notable customer with-in these routes was J.J. Jacobs, who lived in today's Fabulous Forties neighborhood and owned the local Cadillac dealership.

Good things grow

In 1943, while living at 1115 Rodeo Way in East Sacramento, Zito began to grow his own fruits and vegetables, thus no longer relying on wholesalers for his produce.

In his garden, Zito grew raspberries, corn, potatoes and other fruits and vegetables.

In addition to his family, who was helpful with chores, including picking raspberries, Zito also had another important assistant, his Belgian Mare, Daisy, who would pull his plow through his field.

Zito's former property, which is now known as Zito Terrace, was also used for raising chickens for eggs.

After a very successful career as a neighborhood produce vendor, Zito retired from this business in 1948.

But his next business venture was very much like his first, as during the late 1940s, Zito sold produce in the Public Market building at 1230 J St., where the Sheraton Grand Hotel is now located.

With the success of this business, Zito was able to save enough money to purchase a bar, called Portola Café, which was located at 304 K St. in today's Old Sacramento area.

But unlike today, the old West End of the city, as it was referred to at the time, was a much different place and its skid row environment took a toll on Zito, who was known for his gentle-natured demeanor.

After dealing with his fair share of undesirable behavior and language and losing about 20 pounds, Zito sold the business less than two years later.

Soon afterward in 1952, he purchased a bar and restaurant, called the Echo Club at 2119 Fulton Ave., where a Starbucks is now located.

This business proved to be a much better fit for Zito, as he operated the club for the following seven years.

Husband, father, farmer

In 1960, Zito spent one of his most memorable vacations of his life in Europe with his wife, during which time he visited members of his family, who he had not seen since leaving his hometown of Piana degli Albanesi in Sicily, Italy in 1923.

The 5-foot, 10-inch-tall, slim, curly-haired Zito was born in the small, mountain village, which is located 15 miles south of Palermo, on Aug. 16, 1898.

Ship records show that Zito boarded the Dante Alighieri and took a 12-day voyage, arriving at Ellis Island on Dec. 13, 1923.

About a week later, Zito, who at the time did not speak English, headed by train to Sacramento, where he reunited with his two brothers and two sisters.

While attending a wedding in Sacramento, Zito met his future wife, Laura (Orlando), who he married in San Francisco on July 22, 1928.

The wedding dinner was held at the La Rosa Italian Restaurant at 806 L St., where Frank Fat's Restaurant is now located, and the reception was held at the Turn Verein Hall at 3349 J St. in East Sacramento.



Photo courtesy of Teresa (Zito) Stewart
Tony Zito stands next to his produce truck in about 1928. Zito was well known in the East Sacramento, Land Park and Colonial Heights areas for delivering and selling produce directly off his truck to residents in these areas from the 1920s through the 1940s.

Zito, who passed away on July 13, 1990, is remembered for his dedication to his produce career and other businesses, as well as his involvement as a member of the Dante Club, the Marsala Club and the Italian War Veterans Club. He was also known as a champion bocce ball player at East Portal Park.

Remembering her father very fondly, Teresa (Zito) Stewart, who resides in the Arden-Carmichael area, said that her father was a very special person.

"He had a great sense of humor, was generous and a very classy dresser," Stewart said. "Last, but not least, he never lost his European charm, which he used to his advantage. The twinkle in his blue eyes said it all."

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Attractions: Sunday, August 2

Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30

Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00

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Attractions: Saturday, August 8

Jugglers, Dave and Caleb Sohigian, Pony Express Plaza, 11:00-2:00

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30

1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Sunday, August 9

Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30

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Attractions: Saturday, August 15

Variety Show, Eagle Theatre, 1:00-3:00

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30

1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Sunday, August 16

Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30

Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00

1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Saturday, August 22

Jugglers, Dan Holzman, Atlantis Park, 11:00-2:00

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30

19th Century Dancing, Eagle Theatre, 12:00-3:00

1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Sunday, August 23

Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30

Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00

1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

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AUGUST

Free pole walking clinics

Organized by Cure Arthritis Now, free pole walking clinics will be hosted Thursdays, August 13 and 27, at the Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St. Interested people need to call the group directly for times and specific locations, to pre-register and reserve the walking poles for the clinics. For more information, call 208-8700.

Summer Concert Series

Parkside Community Church, 5700 S. Land Park Dr., will host area musicians to present Seven Summer Sundays + One Concert Series. The series funds the work and mission of Parkside Community Church. Suggested donations for each concert are: \$10 per person; \$30 per family; and a "Season Special" of \$65 per person for all eight concerts. Tickets may be purchased at the church office between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the door, or by phone at 421-0492. The concerts are the Sequential Sundays at 7 p.m. through to August 30. For more info, call 391-3317.

California State Library Show

National travelling exhibit "Louis Braille: Celebrating 200 Years of Braille." Born the same year as Abe Lincoln and Charles Darwin, Braille invented a tactile alphabet that shattered barriers for vision-impaired read-

ers. Starts Sept. 1, continues through Sept. 25. Held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 25. Closed Labor Day. Free. Lobby, Library & Courts Bldg, 2, 900 N Street, (916) 654-0640.

AUGUST 27

FOL Meeting

Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the library meeting and membership drive to support the new library at Dude, Where's My Yogurt, 7485 Rush River Dr., at 6:30 PM. Public invited to attend.

AUGUST 28

Jewelry Extravaganza

The Sacramento Discovery Shop presents its 2009 Jewelry Extravaganza, beginning Friday, August 28. For sale will be antique, vintage, and contemporary necklaces, bracelets, rings and earrings, many created in 14 and 18 karat gold and sterling with fine gems, including diamonds, sapphires, rubies, emeralds and opals. Costume and designer jewelry will also be featured, highlighted by two sterling Los Castillos pins, one designed by the noted artist, Jorge (Chato) Castillo. Come on Friday at 10 a.m. for the best selection. The Sacramento Discovery Shop is a specialty resale store known for its selection of quality merchandise. Donations of new and gently used merchandise are accepted at 2744 Marconi Avenue, near Fulton Avenue, Monday through Friday from 10 to 6; Saturday 10 to 5; Sunday noon to 5. Prospective volunteers are always welcome. One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly to help support American Cancer Society's commitment to research, education, advocacy and patient services. For more information, call 484-0227.

Open House Shabbat

Congregation B'nai Israel, the largest Reform congregation in the Sacramento Valley, invites you to our Open House on Friday, August 28. We'll be providing a light nosh at 6 p.m., with services starting at 6:30. The service will be followed by light refreshments and the

chance to talk to members of the clergy, the board of trustees, and the congregation. Congregation B'nai Israel is located at 3600 Riverside Blvd in Sacramento. All are welcome. Please feel free to call us at 446-4861 or send an email to inquiry@bnais.com for additional information. Our Web site is www.bnais.com.

AUGUST 29

SummerFest

SummerFest Beer, Wine & Art Festival is back for its Second Annual fundraising event benefiting the Alzheimer's Association's Sacramento Memory Walk. Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's national, annual, signature fundraising event, raising more than \$220 million since 1989 for research, programs and services. Located along the scenic Sacramento River in Miller Park on Saturday from 1-5 p.m., this event will bring our community together for a beautiful summer afternoon and a worthy cause! The SummerFest Silent Art Auction will feature many of Sacramento's local artists, as well as items such as weekend getaways, limousine packages, signed collectors items, and more.

SPCA Bowl-a-thon

The Bobbie Wortell Memorial Education Fund is sponsoring a Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, August 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to benefit the Sacramento SPCA's Camp Kindness and other humane education programs. The event will take place at Mardi Gras Lanes, 4800 Madison Avenue, Sacramento. Bowling times are 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and include two games of bowling and shoe rental. The cost is \$25 per adult, \$12.50 for those under 18. All proceeds benefit education programs at the SPCA. For additional information, call (916) 813-7272 or visit www.bobbiewortell.com.

Arden Manor clean-up

On August the 29th, Code Enforcement working with Supervisor Peters Office will be conducting a neighborhood clean-up in the Arden Manor area. The boundaries are Arden, Watt, Fulton, and Northrup. It involves over 2000 parcels. The neighborhood has received flyers that will allow them to bring the items they wish to dispose of to one of the 3 bin sites. The three sites are Thomas Edison Elementary, Crabtree Park, and Winterstein School.

SEPTEMBER

Free pole walking clinics

Organized by Cure Arthritis Now, free pole walking clinics will be hosted Wednesday (in the evening), Sept. 16, Thursdays, Sept. 10 and 24, and Friday, Sept. 18, at the Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St. There will be an additional clinic Saturday, Sept. 12, on Scripps Drive. Interested people need to call the group directly for times and specific locations, to pre-register and reserve the walking poles for the clinics. For more information, call 208-8700.

Straw into Gold

The Hart Senior Center will once again host the "Straw Into Gold" poetry writing workshop for Seniors. Led by Julia Connor, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2005-2009, this workshop offers an outstanding opportunity for seniors to hone their writing skills in a creative, spontaneous environment. The workshop will be held Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00, September 3 through November 12. Registration is required, but there is no cost for this workshop. Please contact the Hart Senior Center at (916) 808-5462 for more information.

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SEPTEMBER 2

MENA Annual Membership Meeting
McKinley East Sac Neighborhood Association invites all members and interested residents of East Sac to join us for our annual meeting. MENA is a neighborhood organization that supports ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in East Sac. The event will be held at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Wednesday, September 2 at 7 p.m. Info: 447-1722 and www.eastsac.org.

SEPTEMBER 3

Latino Dance and Culture Group

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8:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3. For more information, call Barbara Alarcon 400-4514.

SEPTEMBER 4

Organic Gardening

The Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County will meet at the Carmichael Park Administration Building, Room 1, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, at 10 a.m. The program will be on "Organics - The Why and How" by Jack Hertel, Master Gardener and owner of Foothill Organic Growers. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

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Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter #5, will meet on Sept. 5, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and presentation on "Awake the Humor in Your Life" by Cindy Sample, Writer and Lecturer. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

SEPTEMBER 6

Elks Soccer Shoot

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SEPTEMBER 7

McKinley pool open

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SEPTEMBER 9

Health fair

The YMCA will host a Senior Health Fair. We are offering our 8th annual Health Fair Sept. 9, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This event is free to the public and to our YMCA members. We have 50 agencies coming that will have information relating to housing, nutrition, legal and safety issues. Our agencies include but not limited to Social Security, Natural Food Coop, Mercy Hospital and Canine Companions. The Agency for Hearing will have their van here to provide free hearing tests, there will be blood pressure checks and flexibility test also provided. The YMCA is located at 2021 W Street, the corner of 21st and W Street.

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