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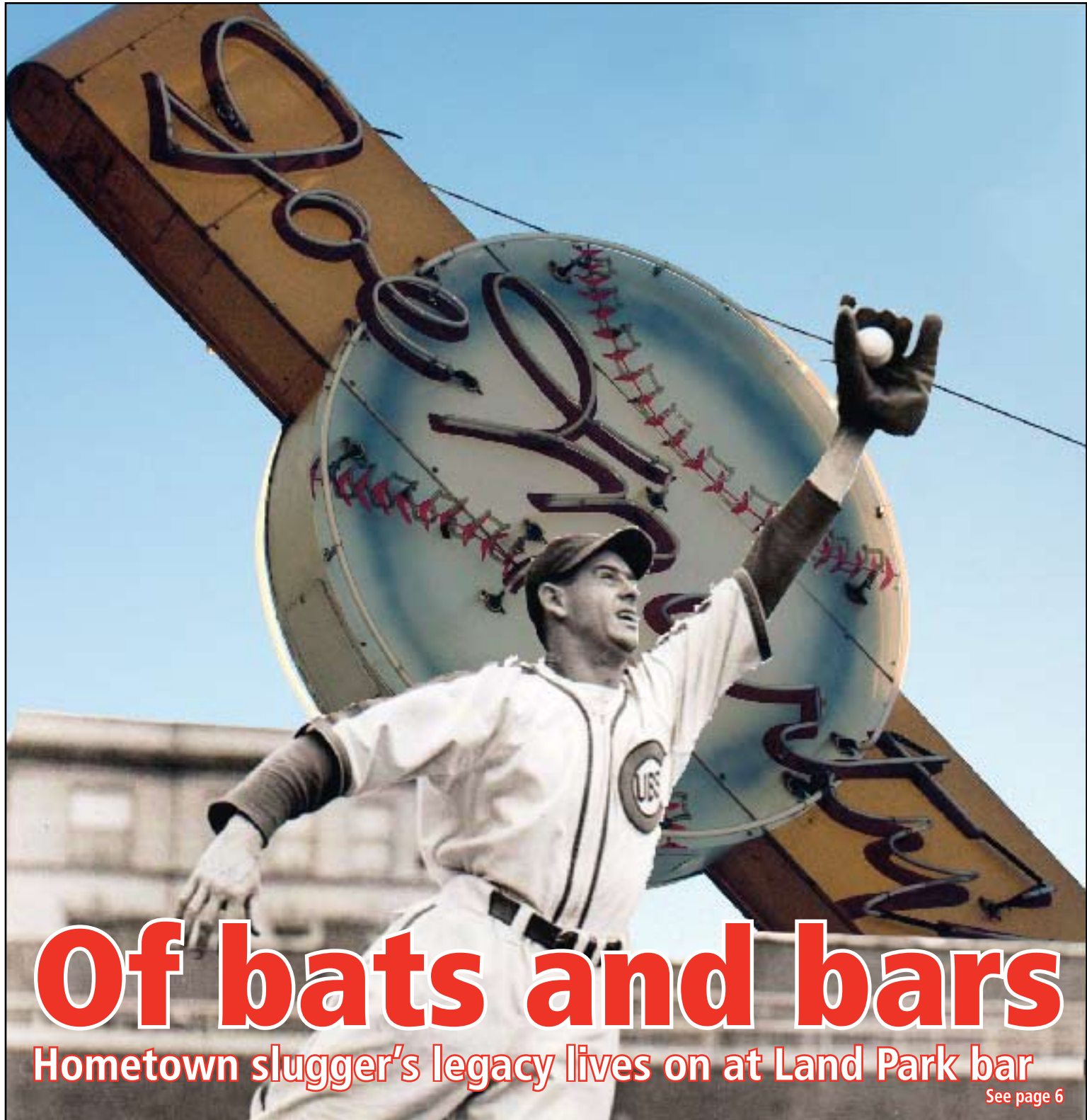
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Warmly welcoming the holidays

With Halloween over, eyes move to gift-getting and holiday shopping

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It seems to get here earlier and earlier each year – heralded by omnipresent muzak versions of seasonal songs, Christmas isn't just "coming to town," it's running us over. Not long after Halloween ends, the catalogues come out, the wish lists are made, the on-line shopping begins and the long foot race to Christmas morning begins with the first of what often becomes many expensive steps. And, for those of us caught in this whirlwind, the gift-getting, tree-buying, secret-Santa-shopping season can make for more pressure than pleasure.

So, here's the fix: planning.



The Land Park News staff, in an attempt to help our fellow Sacramento area residents avoid the confu-

"From all of us on this side of the page, let me issue an early Happy Holidays."

sion caused by lists of lame and tired gift ideas, has issued our own Holiday Gift Guide – a little over one month before Christmas and but a few weeks before holiday gift-getting begins in full fire.

So, dear readers, take this gift guide and let it help you identify those things that might bring joy to another. Moreover, when spending and shopping, keep in mind the reason why you and thousands of others venture out into cold winter nights: an obligation of love. And that feeling can bring warmth to even the chilliest night.

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Mike Gilson: A True Janey Way Hero



By **MARTY RELLES**
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Because so many children lived on Janey Way, other kids often came there to play. Mike Gilson was one of those kids. He was one of those larger than life people you meet. He stood a strapping six feet tall at 12 years of age. Mike came often to Janey Way to play football, basketball, ping-pong at the Relles house or to just hang out. He had an outgoing personality and liked to tell jokes and tall stories.

In school, Mike achieved average grades. He and I shared the same teacher at St. Mary's School, Mother Carmela, the Sister Superior of the Catholic grammar school. She was a tough, but excellent teacher. Mike and her had a challenging relationship. She expected quiet and discipline in her class; Mike liked to talk. One day, Mike was talking and she walked down the row to his desk and told him, "Mr. Gilson, you are a tall boy, but if I have to, I will climb up on a desk to smack you." That seemed to quiet Mike down for a while.

When we graduated from St. Mary's, Mike and I transferred to Christian Brothers High School. We were in different home-room classes there, so I saw him a lot less. After two years at Christian Brothers, we both transferred to Sacramento High School in the 11th grade. We played junior varsity football together at Sac that year. Our team had six wins and two losses. We had a great time. Mike had matured by then and did better in school.

In senior year, Mike began to talk about joining the military after graduation. His older brother had done that and stayed in as a career soldier. I didn't know whether to take Mike seriously about that. Like many young people, he sometimes changed his mind at the drop of a hat. Also, the Viet Nam War began to heat up about that time, and the whole idea sounded a little dangerous to me.

After graduation, Mike, true to his word, went down to the military recruiting office and joined the U. S. Marines. He went off to training in late 1964, and then returned in the summer of 1965 on leave. We had fun when he came home that summer. We went down to the American River to swim, drink beer and chase girls. We sat out on our front lawn on Janey Way, smoking and joking and just having a wonderful time. When his leave ended, Mike returned to his Marine base where he received orders for Viet Nam. I never saw Mike again after that summer.

Mike had served in Viet Nam eleven months and was nearing the end of his tour. His platoon left camp on a routine mission. He walked the point that day at the head of the group. A rifle shot rang out and Mike went down. After a brief fire fight, his squad members ran to his aid. Too late. Mike had been killed instantly. He was only 20 years old. He did his job. He served his country. He died in battle.

We all attended his funeral. He was the first of our gang to die. He received full military honors. I remember the Marine captain handing the flag to his grief-stricken mother.

In 2002, I visited our nation's capitol with my wife. She went on behalf of her company to attend a meeting. I had retired by then and went as a tourist. I saw all the sights, including the Viet Nam War Memorial. It was a somber moment. I found Mike's name on the wall and scratched upon it with paper to make an impression. I have since lost that paper, but I will never lose my memories of Mike.

In light of Veterans Day, I am reminded of how much Mike Gilson gave to our country. Like many young men, he died so others could live. He is a true Janey Way hero.

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Their goal in the 2009 effort is to increase distributions by collecting 20,000 toys.

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Joe Marty is a Sacramento baseball legend

Hometown homerun hero leaves legacy in Land Park bar

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Two neon signs are attached to the Tower Theatre building, which opened on Land Park Drive 71 years ago this month. In addition to the original Tower Records sign that rests above the Tower Café, a secondary sign pays tribute to a man, named Joe Marty.

Many people are familiar with the longevity of the theater and the international success that Tower Records achieved, but what is to be made of the neon sign with the large baseball image at its center and the fancy signature-like name, "Joe Marty's?"

Many younger generation people are quick to point out their trivial knowledge about the site at 15th and Broadway, explaining that the place was a popular bar just a few years ago.

Although this information is certainly correct, a mention of the name Joe Marty to

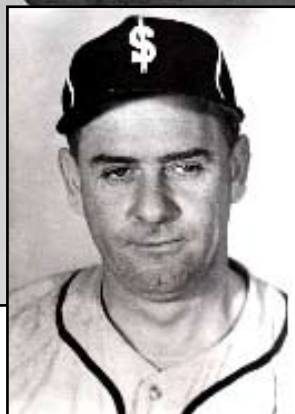
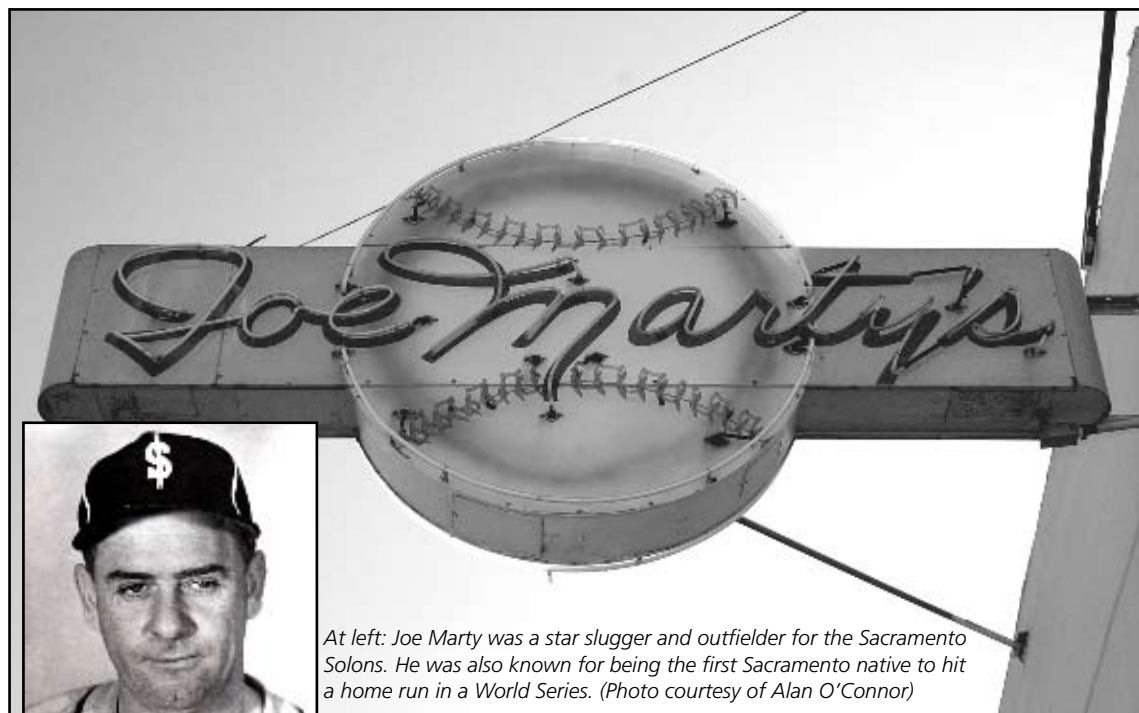
a Sacramento resident a half-century-old or older generally gets a much different response.

Sure such a person might refer to the bar, which suffered from the effects of a fire on June 25, 2005 and never reopened, but many longtime residents of the city know the name Joe Marty as much more than a name associated with a now-defunct Land Park watering hole.

Instead, they also know that the name belongs to one of the most famous athletes to ever don a sports uniform in Sacramento.

Joe Marty at the plate

A Sacramento native and product of Christian Brothers High School's sports program during the late 1920s and early 1930s, Marty, who was born Joseph Anton Marty on Sept. 1, 1913, received a three-sport scholarship in baseball, football and basketball from St. Mary's College



At left: Joe Marty was a star slugger and outfielder for the Sacramento Solons. He was also known for being the first Sacramento native to hit a home run in a World Series. (Photo courtesy of Alan O'Connor)

Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong

Above: This neon sign hangs above the now defunct Joe Marty's bar at 1500 Broadway. The sign's image of a baseball represents the business's original owner Joe Marty's long-time involvement with the sport.

of California, where he studied and played sports in 1932 and 1933.

Representing the bar's neon sign baseball image quite well,

Marty, who grew up at 522 M St., was best known for his success in baseball.

In 1934, the San Francisco Seals, a Double-A mi-

nor league baseball team of the Pacific Coast League, acquired the rights to the then-20-year-old Marty.

Marty did not disappoint the Seals organization. To the contrary, he improved each of his three seasons with the team.

Far from an average team, the Seals won the 1935 league title and also included such baseball greats as Joe DiMaggio and Lefty O'Doul.

As a testament to Marty's stellar defensive skills, during the championship season, Marty became the team's center fielder due to his fleet-footed ability to cover so much territory of the outfield in a short amount of time. This move forced DiMaggio to play the less desirable right field.

Marty's third season with the Seals was so successful that he attracted the attention of Major League Baseball teams through such statistics as a league best .359 batting average, 215 hits and 17 home runs.

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Marty's: '(Joe Marty's) was a place to meet friends and have a beer'

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Seals to play for MLB's Chicago Cubs.

His April 22, 1937 debut with the Cubs marked the beginning of Marty's five successful years in the majors.

After a positive first MLB season in which he had a .290 batting average and 84 hits in 88 games, Marty was involved in an outstanding 1938 season and post-season, which elevated his status among the most successful baseball players to come out of the very rich baseball city of Sacramento.

During a July 1, 1938 regular season road game against the Cincinnati Reds, Marty became the first Cubs player to hit a home run in a night game.

His home run firsts continued in the post-season, as Marty hit a home run out of Yankee Stadium during a 5-2 loss to the eventual world champion New York Yankees on Oct. 8, 1938.

The blast marked the first time that a Sacramento native hit a home run in a World Series game.

Sacramento's slugger

In his book about great players in local baseball history from 1886 to 1976, "Gold on the Diamond," Sacramento baseball historian Alan O'Connor calls attention to the fact that this home run was not Marty's only World Series feat.

Highlighting that Marty had a .500 batting average in the series, O'Connor emphasized that with this average, Marty exceeded the series' batting successes of Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig, Tommy Heinrich and Joe Gordon.

After splitting the 1939 season between playing for the Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies, Marty played two more years with Philadelphia before serving as a supply sergeant in the Army during World War II.

O'Connor notes in his book that in August 1945, Marty observed the Enola Gay B-29 bomber as it departed with its atomic bomb

from Tinian Island for Hiroshima, Japan.

After returning from the war, Marty, who had compiled a .261 MLB batting average, signed on with the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League at the age of 32 in 1946.

The Solons were very much connected to Land Park, since the team played its home games in its stadium at the southeast corner of Broadway and Riverside Boulevard.

Marty enjoyed success as a Solons player for seven seasons, including the 1950 season when he served as a player-manager.

In speaking about Marty's place in Sacramento baseball history, O'Connor said, "In my opinion, I think Joe Marty is arguably the best baseball player to come out of Sacramento."

In understanding the importance of Marty's baseball accomplishments in high school and beyond, Christian Brothers High has memorialized Marty through its current baseball field, which bears his name.

O'Connor said that despite Marty's many accomplishments on the baseball diamonds, he had a problem with alcohol, thus leaving a lingering question as to what his potential on the field might have been without this addiction.

"(Marty) had all the (baseball) tools," O'Connor said. "Joe's problem, of course, was he got into drinking early. I've been told by (former Sacramento Union Sports Editor) Bill Conlin, etc. that (Marty) was a better player than Joe DiMaggio, but he corrupted his talent through alcohol."

Ironically or not, Marty became involved in the bar business.

From baseball to bar

After operating a bar at 731 J St. shortly after the war, Marty opened his 15th Street and Broadway bar in 1953 and for about 30

years following his retirement from baseball, Marty could be seen tending bar at Joe Marty's.

O'Connor fondly remembered visiting Joe Marty's, which was connected to another business, El Chico restaurant, which was locally famous for its pizza.

"Joe Marty's had two sides to it, connected by a doorway," O'Connor said. "On the west was the bar and on the east was El Chico. Growing up as a kid in the 1950s, my dad took me to get pizza at El Chico and introduced me to Joe Marty. He had a reputation as a grumpy, old guy, but

he was nice to me. I remember the bar as a dark, musty, smoky place with lots of baseball pictures on the wall. My high school friends and I often had pizza in El Chico in the 1960s and I would peek into the bar to see if Joe was tending bar and he usually was."

Sacramento resident Jack Crouse also shared his memories about Marty and his bar in the Tower Theatre building.

"Everybody knew Joe Marty the baseball player and he also had his place Joe Marty's," Crouse said. "It was kind of a sports bar, a sports hang out. It was a well organized place

that was clean and you felt safe in there. It was a place to meet friends and have a beer. We'd say, 'I'll meet you over at Marty's.'"

Although Marty, who passed away in Sacramento on Oct. 4, 1984, and his old business at 15th Street and Broadway, which was operated by a few other owners in its latter years, are no longer around, Marty nonetheless left behind many fine memories.

And in the name of Sacramento history and the city's longstanding baseball tradition, the name Joe Marty should forever be remembered.

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Mick Martin revels in music memories

Sacramentans, others celebrate Woodstock's 40th anniversary at West Fest

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It has been 40 years since the legendary Woodstock festival drew about 400,000 people to a 600-acre farm in Bethel, N.Y. and despite this passage of time, a West Coast anniversary event held Oct. 25 proved that the music and energy of the event has far from faded.

With thousands of people, including many who traveled from Sacramento, flocking to Speedway Meadow in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the spirit of this celebrated Aug. 15-18, 1969 festival and its era was very much alive.

Certainly helping to add much intrigue and distinction to this free admission, Oct. 25 event were performances by original Woodstock musicians such as Barry "The Fish" Melton of Country Joe and the Fish and members of the Jefferson Airplane, as well as other notable musicians of the era, including John York of The Byrds, Lester Chambers of the Chambers Brothers, David and Linda La Flamme and Mitchell Holman of It's a Beautiful Day, Lydia Pense of Cold Blood and Terry Hag-

gerty of the Sons of Champlin.

Also taking the stage was original Woodstock co-producer Artie Kornfeld, Ray Manzarek of The Doors, the original cast of the rock musical, "Hair," beat poet Michael McClure and David Hilliard of the Black Panther Party.

Also adding to the many attractions, guitarist Leon Hendrix, the brother of the late Woodstock great Jimi Hendrix, was also present to assist in leading an attempt to break the Guinness world record for largest guitar ensemble. Unfortunately for the participating guitarists, who played Jimi's song, "Purple Haze," the effort fell short.

Another original Woodstock performer, guitar virtuoso, Harvey "The Snake" Mandel, who performed at the 1969 event with the band, Canned Heat, drew much applause for his performance at West Fest.

The Sacramento connection

Alongside Mandel, playing his trusty harmonica, was a musician who many Sacramento music scene followers know quite well: Mick Martin.

Martin, who is best known locally for his band Mick Martin and the Blues Rockers and his Capital Public Radio program, "Mick Martin's Blues Party," said that he has been fortunate to play music with Mandel in recent years.

Martin, an Antelope resident who spent many years living in East Sacramento, said that during a session, Mandel, who has also performed with Charlie Musselwhite, the Rolling Stones and John Mayall, turned to him and said, "We're playing Woodstock (in Golden Gate Park)."

"Harvey is a man of few words," Martin said. "(Responding to Mandel), I said, 'Great, that sounds good to me. I'll be glad to do that.'"

Martin, who described playing on the West Fest stage as being a part of living history, said that playing the Woodstock anniversary show was a very big opportunity for him.

"I would say that Woodstock in a rock sense ranks right up there with having played jazz at Carnegie Hall with (blues guitarist) Jimmie Smith and (jazz saxophonist) Grover Washington, Jr. and my tours of Europe playing with members of The Yard-



Mick Martin (far left) stands alongside his bandmates following his Oct. 25 performance at Golden Gate Park. Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong

birds, The Kinks and The Rolling Stones, as part of a special Christmas show at the Eel Pie Club (in London)," Martin said.

Being a part of a Woodstock anniversary, Martin explained, was in a way a fulfillment of one of his childhood dreams.

"Even though I wasn't able to go to Woodstock - I wasn't even at (the famous 1967) Monterey Pop (Festival) - I wanted to go, but I was just shy of being old enough of my parents letting me go," Martin said.

But being a part of this Woodstock celebration was

something that Martin refused to miss, especially because of his admiration for Mandel's music.

"Harvey Mandel was one of the pioneers in the music business," Martin said. "He came out from Chicago with Charlie Musselwhite. But once he went out on his own, he was the first artist to use percussion - conga drums - and that's where Santana got the idea. So, Harvey has been an innovator in the music business for a very long time. He invented the finger tapping method of guitar play-

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West Fest: 'This event means peace, love, compassion and understanding'

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ing that a lot of people credit to Joe Satriani. Harvey is one of the true innovators when it comes to guitar playing and anyone who really knows guitar knows that he was one of the most important artists in the Bay Area."

Martin, who has been performing professionally in Sacramento since the late 1960s, added that playing before the largest audience he has ever performed in front of was also a very memorable experience.

"There were just so many people out there, but I made myself look up at the crowd," Martin said. "It was an incredible experience (performing at West Fest). I think it's the most beautiful thing I've ever experienced in my life. This event is 40 years in the making and we have multiple generations here who understand how to be together, enjoy being together and enjoy the music and try to make a better world."

And with the success of his long career in Sacramento, Martin said that he was not short on local fans who traveled to see him at the event.

"A lot of people came here to see me," Martin. "Even the hippie girls who used to follow my band Joshua in 1969 were right down in front."

Sacto to SF to Woodstock

In addition to Martin, the capital city was also represented on stage by Sacramento na-

tive trumpeter Cynthia Robinson of Sly and the Family Stone, who performed a 15-minute set with saxophonist Jerry Martini, who was also a member of Sly Stone's renowned band.

Also attending the event was Bill Just, who until about two years ago was a longtime resident of East Sacramento.

Although he admits that he almost exclusively listens to reggae, Just said that he saw his fair share of rock shows during the 1960s in both Sacramento and San Francisco.

"This kind of music is fun to be around, so that's what I'm kind of here for, but I'm a reggae man, a reggae specialist," Just said. "I definitely went to a lot of shows down here (in San Francisco), including ones at the Fillmore (Auditorium) and I went to an acid test (concert) at Muir Beach with Creedence Clearwater Revival before they were really big. And in Sacramento, I went to a memorable show (with Pink Floyd) at the Sound Factory (at 1217 Alhambra Boulevard)."

Explaining the reasoning behind holding a Woodstock anniversary event on the West Coast, Alan Moore of Musicians and Fine Artists for World Peace said that the gathering represented a full circle of events.

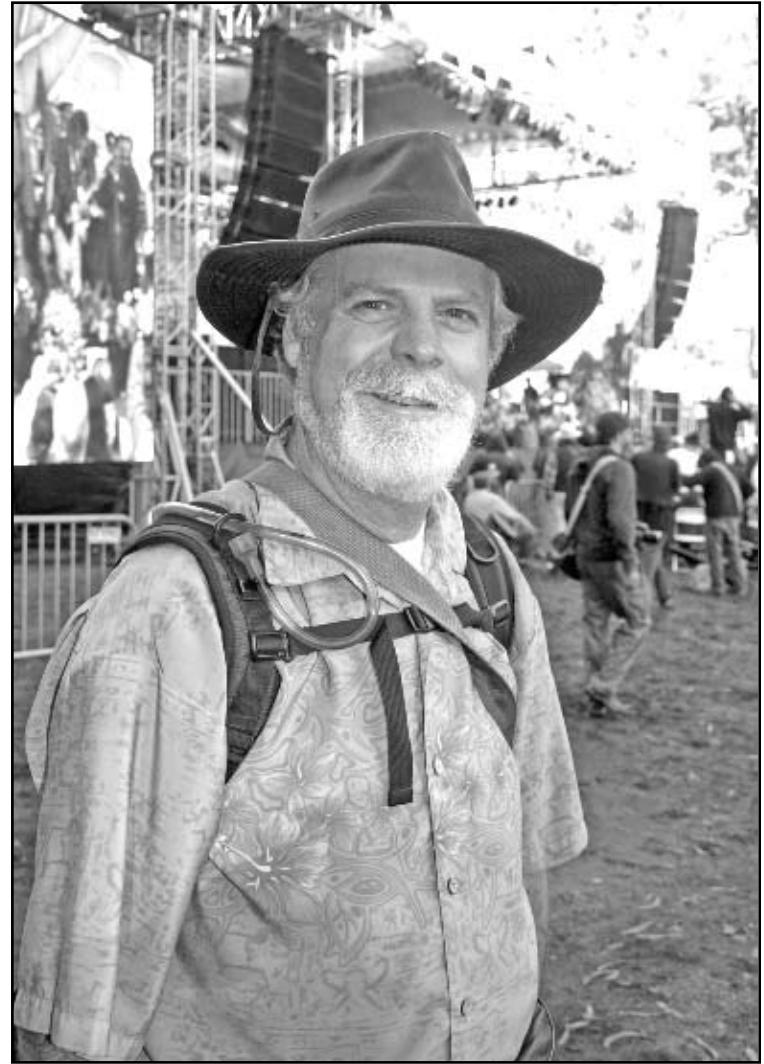
"When (MFAWP) went to (West Fest promoter) Boots Hughston and asked him to

put on a Woodstock anniversary show, he said, 'Woodstock? That's an East Coast thing,'" Moore said. "We reminded him that Allen Cohen and Michael Bowen - who were both friends of his - were involved with the first (Human) Be-In (free concert on Jan. 14, 1967) and the Summer of Love. So, what happened in San Francisco culminated with the Woodstock gathering in 1969. If it wasn't for what happened out here, who knows if there would have been a Woodstock. In that context, the 40th anniversary was at home here."

Mark Richardson, who lives in the Pocket area of Sacramento and was attending West Fest, said that he was one of the many attendees of the Human Be-In.

Pointing at a nearby sports field with birds on it, Richardson said, "That's where it was held. I was a cross country runner and I knew the park well. I just happened to come across the event. I had no clue what was going on. I just remember the big group of people. I think the (Grateful) Dead played there, plus they had some poets and speakers."

Richardson, who said that he has been "tapped into the rock music scene" for many years, added that he was also a part of the Rock Medicine program, which was founded in 1973 to provide medical assistance at rock concerts.



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong
Pocket area resident Mark Richardson was among those who traveled from the Sacramento area for the event.

Hughston, who put forth much effort to provide the public with a free, positive and enjoyable experience at West Fest, explained the overall philosophy of the event.

"Nobody got paid to do this (event)," Hughston said. "This event means peace, love, com-

passion and understanding. We're here because we want these principals to come back in our society."

Moore said that with the success of this year's West Fest, he anticipates that a similar Woodstock anniversary will be held on the West Coast in the future.

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The meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or other considerations should be made through Project Manager George Munson at (916) 874-0787, no later than five working days prior to the meeting. To review documents for this meeting please visit www.sacairports.org and click on "Executive Airport" and select "Master Plan."

From the grassroots on up

Local resident group pioneers incredible effort to save 140 felines

By **SUSAN LAIRD**
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His yellow eyes following a cluster of moving feathers, the sleek, black cat crouches, patiently. Suddenly, he leaps up, his young paws grasping wildly for the elusive prize. Toby lands on the floor, alert and contemplating his next move, as the "fishing pole" of bird feathers "flies" over to a nearby group of cats. It's playtime with humans on a feline adoption day, and this group of young cats is having a wonderful time.

Toby is one of the lucky ones. He will live to chase another kitty toy, to rub up against a human's legs, to purr his love of life on a human lap.

It almost wasn't so.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of a dedicated group of local citizens, community groups, regional shelters and an area pet resort, a group of 140 felines will all be adopted out to loving homes, instead of facing the death sentence of "euthanasia" – translated from the Latin: "good death" – at a county animal shelter.

The large cat colony was the result of a pair of well meaning pet owners who failed to spay and neuter their original pets, and who then took on stray cats as well. A few cats became a few dozen cats in

short time, and eventually 140 felines in just a couple years. When the economy took a downturn, the family found itself unable to continue to support what had become an overwhelming situation... They appealed to the media for help find homes for the cats, but results were poor.

It looked like the county would have to step in, with a "Final Solution" that no one wanted. That's when Friends of the Sacramento City Shelter Animals, Inc. stepped in to try to rescue not a few animals, but the entire colony. It was a bold, courageous move that had never been attempted before on so large a scale.

"These are some of the friendliest, most beautiful cats," said Dia Goode, cofounder of Friends of the Sacramento City Shelter Animals, Inc. "When we heard about them, we went over to the house to assess the situation. The cats would come right over to you. To kill them would be so unjust. We couldn't just stand there. We had to do something."

"It was overwhelming," said Ellen Nakata-Harper, an East Sacramento resident and Friends volunteer. "Seeing so many eyes looking at you. The majority were so friendly. The others, cautious, but eventually warming up to us. They knew we were there to help. And they were all healthy. The pre-



Photo courtesy Dia Goode

These cats were rescued by local Sacramento area residents after county officials informed the public that the pets would be euthanized.

vious owners obviously took good care of them, aside from their failure to spay and neuter."

"It was a truly bizarre situation," said Moira Monahan, a Friend volunteer who lives in Land Park. "The smell of the cats at the house was overwhelming. But you got used to it each time you came to rescue a few more cats. I work on the spay/neuter and foster care projects. The cats range in age from six months to about two or

three years of age. There really aren't any old ones or really young ones, which is unusual."

The Friends put out a plea for help to local and regional "no kill" shelters and rescue groups. The Tahoe Truckee Humane Society took four black cats, adopted them out and took four more. Pets Unlimited in San Francisco took six cats. Tri Valley in the

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Bay Area took 14 cats. San Francisco Animal Control took five felines, the Sacramento ASPCA took seven kitties and Best Friends in Utah took a number of cats as well.

Local rescue groups stepped forward to help, including Happy Tails, Cats About Town and Field Haven in Lincoln. A great many individuals gave freely of their time, making numerous trips to the Meadowview area home to remove cats, transport them to vet appointments, shelters, fostering and more.

"The plan was: we (the Friends) pulled the cats out, took them to the Sacramento SPCA for spaying, neutering, testing for leukemia and feline AIDS, and had them vaccinated and micro chipped," Goode said. "Others devoted time to making sure the cats were socialized. This way, every animal in the colony would be adoptable, and there would be absolutely no need to kill any of them."

"They make wonderful, beautiful pets. Don't write them off."

The Friends employed two rescue strategies: one group of cats was altered, processed and sent out to other groups, the other was altered, processed and sheltered at the Wag Hotel in West Sacramento.

"If it wasn't for Wag and the SPCA, we couldn't have done this," Goode said. "It wouldn't have worked. The SPCA was phenomenal...they rearranged entire schedules to spay and neuter the cats... Wag is equally amazing. They have housed them in their special 'cat condos' for weeks,

hosted adoption events at their facility and supported this effort all the way. It's a beautiful facility and we highly recommend them to anyone who needs to board their pet."

An additional concern – and one of the reasons the Friends moved to take action so quickly – was the large number of black cats.

"There are tabbies, calicoes, seal points, tortoiseshell cats...and a large number of beautiful black cats," Goode said. "What

many people are not aware of is that there is a bias in county shelters nationwide against black cats and dogs. They believe that these animals are unadoptable, simply because of the color of their fur. These animals are often killed immediately, and never make it to the public for adoption. We want to show everyone that – not only can a large population of animals be adopted out – it is also unnecessary to kill black cats and

dogs. They make wonderful, beautiful pets. Don't write them off."

The amazing effort of this united group of animal lovers and organizations is bearing fruit: of the original 140 kitties, there are just 22 who still need homes.

"These aren't cats that were 'passed over,'" Goode said. "These are simply the last ones to come out of the house. They are just as sweet and friendly as the first ones to be rescued."

Upcoming adoption day: November 15

There is one more adoption day planned at the Wag Hotel in West Sacramento. Those interested in adopting a cat are encouraged to visit the pet resort on Nov. 15 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Each cat has already been altered, had all its vaccinations and has been micro chipped. The price for adoption is a bargain: \$30 for one cat, \$40 for a pair. If, for any reason, an adoption doesn't "work out," the Friends of the Sacramento City Shelter Animals, Inc. will accept animals back. The purpose is to find homes where both felines and families can thrive. The Wag Hotel is located at 1759 Enterprise Blvd. in West Sacramento, just off Highway 50.

For more information about the Friends of the Sacramento City Shelter Animals, Inc., or to make a donation to support their animal rescue efforts, visit www.sacctyshelter.com.

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Mayor Johnson gives city update at Sacramento State

By ART GERMAN
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An ebullient Mayor Kevin Johnson told a capacity audience of more than 300 at Sacramento State University at the end of last month that he's working full tilt to build "a bigger and better" Sacramento and that his current proposal for a strong mayor government organization is at the heart of his plans for the city's future.

Johnson was the Oct. 23 speaker at the weekly forum sponsored by the Renaissance Society, a learning-in-retirement program based at the university.

When the one-hour session was over, Johnson received a standing ovation from the overflow crowd. At the outset, staff had to put several dozen temporary seats on stage and at the rear of the Hinde Auditorium in the Student Union to accommodate the audience.

Harriette Work, last year's Renaissance Society president, introduced Johnson. She noted that the mayor - who first achieved prominence as an NBA basketball star - had grown up in Sacramento and has devoted his years in the capital city to public service.

In his talk, Johnson listed major issues that he said are currently facing Sacramento, including where to relocate the Kings' current Arco Arena basketball home; restoring the K Street mall as a vibrant downtown hub; increasing the powers of the mayor; how to handle the city's recent approval of more than 30 home building sites in Natomas; and how to provide shelter for Sacramento's homeless.

Johnson said he's been inspired over the years by a number of prominent role models with whom he's come in contact. Among them have been John Wooden, the legendary long-time UCLA basketball coach, who recently turned 99 years of age;

the late Sen. Ted Kennedy; and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Johnson noted that he's a Democrat, but found Thomas' support of charter schools to be inspiring, though Thomas is a Republican and a conservative. Before he was elected Sacramento's mayor last year, Johnson founded St. Hope Academy, which has taken over the old Sacramento High public school and has improved student performance as a non-profit charter school.

Johnson said Kennedy, Thomas and Wooden, in different ways, have urged him to become part of the community, to vote, to make a difference, and eventually to give back to the community.

"I learned that you have to be open minded to different ideas," he added.

Among current issues now facing the city of Sacramento, Johnson gave first place to his current proposal, due to go before voters next year, to replace the current council-city manager style of municipal management with a strong mayor system. This would permit Johnson, as mayor, to make many of the day-to-day decisions that are now made by the city manager.

"We currently have a population of 470, 000," he said. "In the U.S., cities of that size mostly have a strong mayor system. It enables the mayor to make important decisions quickly, and at the same time be accountable for them."

He said new decisions also are needed to deal with the stagnation along the K Street mall, including re-opening the thoroughfare to auto traffic.

"Sacramento will never be a world class city," he said, "if it has a downtown that looks as it does now." He noted that one closed store on K Street displays a sign that says, "... Coming Soon"

"The sign has been there four years," Johnson added. "It (the new store) is not coming."



Phyllis Mills, Renaissance Society member and retired dean of the CSUS School of Health and Human Services, meets with Mayor Kevin Johnson last month at the weekly forum sponsored by the Renaissance Society.

He said he is concerned that large stores have been locating outside Sacramento because there is a lack of suitable space near downtown, such as Ikea, which has opened, along with several other major companies, in West Sacramento. Stores opening in West Sacramento - in Yolo County - represent a substantial tax loss to Sacramento city and county.

The long-pending issue of where to build a new Sacramento Kings basketball arena also has profound implications, Johnson said. The site should be within the city, he added, "and I do not believe it should be at Cal Expo. It would not be in the best interests of the city to have it there. Instead, the rail yard (adjacent to downtown) is a real possibility."

He said that within the next three months he will present a plan to keep the Kings in Sacramento.

"We do not want to lose them," he said.

Johnson said that plans are being finalized to provide shelter for 150 homeless persons and to deal with the city's recent granting of building permits for more than 30 Natomas homes on sites that lack adequate flood protection.

In the Natomas case, the mayor said an audit is needed to see if something illegal occurred. "We can't penalize the residents for mistakes the city makes," he said.

At the meeting's close, Renaissance members flocked around the mayor, mostly to shake his hand. Among those who moved on to the stage were Phyllis Mills, a Greenhaven-Pocket area resident who is retired dean of the CSUS School of Health and Human Services; and Mel Bisgay of East Sacramento, a retired aeronautics executive who has been active during recent years as a legislative advocate for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Both agreed that Johnson gave a "great" presentation.

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 Special to The Land Park News

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Well over 80 percent of Buyers today spend three to six months "window shopping on-line" before actually entering the market place. In our current market, Buyers also need to consider which part of the market segment they will be involved in: price, neighborhood, or function (a home with RV storage for example); and educate themselves about current market conditions in the segment that affects them. But keep in mind that what is true today may not be true when you are ready to buy – you will need to get updated. For example, just 6 months ago, buyers were avoiding short sales; but over the past few months short sale transactions are beginning to increase dramatically.

Buyers should also learn the differences between Bank Owned listings (REOs), "Short Sales" and traditional owner sellers and how these types of sellers can affect their plans. Get good advice. Work with a seasoned agent who can explain how the buying process and transaction time frame may differ with each of these types of sales and what is happening in the marketplace today.

Getting Professional Help

Knowledge and experience in your trade or business are important, right? Likewise, since Real Estate transactions are complex and mistakes can be costly, it makes sense to entrust perhaps the largest financial transaction of your life to someone who is well trained and experienced.

Buyers should use their own representative so that their interests are protected. Work with a Realtor who will be willing to educate you and spend time understanding your needs before you ever get in a car and start looking. Plus, the agent you pick should offer you access to a powerful, easy to use search tool to help you educate yourself about terminology and availability.

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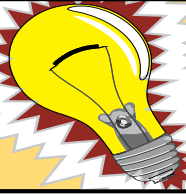
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Attention: Clock ticking on \$8,000 homebuyer tax credit

(NAPSI) – First-time homebuyers and those who haven't owned a home in the past three years are running out of time to cash in on the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit. The deadline is November 30. If you don't close on your home by then, you'll miss out on one of the major buyer opportunities in the current housing market.

Today's tighter credit market means the days of settling on a home in two weeks are gone. Lenders are paying closer attention than ever to a borrower's financial information. In many cases, appraisals are also taking longer and things like home inspections and title searches take time. So there may be no time to waste.

"Homeownership is an investment in your future, and the temporary \$8,000 tax credit can help many of today's buyers start building that future," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors. "However, buyers should be realistic about the time it could take between beginning the home search and actually closing on the deal. Anyone who's serious about taking advantage

of this tremendous opportunity should start the ball rolling soon."

In some cases, buyers are able to receive the tax credit immediately through short-term bridge loans and either increase their down payment or supplement their closing costs. A Realtor can tell you if the bridge loan process is available to you.

Not a first-time homebuyer? Not a problem. Current market conditions have created a wealth of advantages for all of today's buyers, including:

• **Lots of choices** – More homes on the market means buyers can negotiate better prices and terms.

• **Low interest rates** – Mortgage interest rates remain historically low, making

borrowing more affordable for potential homebuyers.

• **Affordability** – Home prices are more affordable now than they have been in decades, according to NAR's Housing Affordability Index.

These conditions, however, are temporary. Recent housing statistics and trends show signs that the market may have already hit bottom. Prices in many areas have stabilized and are rising again.

"Today's buyers are staying well within their budget and realizing this is an incredible opportunity to own a home of their own," said Yun. "There's never been a better time for people to start building their future through homeownership."



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Hints for homeowners: Five Home-Buying Tips

(NAPSI) – Purchasing a home can be the most important financial decision a person makes. That's why it is important to understand the process of buying a home and to evaluate your budget and credit score.

Here are some tips to help you navigate the home-buying process:

1. Save for your down payment. Zero down payment mortgages are rarely available, so it's important that you save ahead of time. The more money you put down on the house, the lower your mortgage payment will be. And if you make a down payment of at least 20 percent of the home's worth, you can avoid having to pay Private Mortgage Insurance. PMI is an additional cost built into your mortgage that protects the mortgage lender in the event of a default. There are a variety of programs that can assist first-time homebuyers or low- to moderate-income families. Check with the Federal Housing Administration or

the state's housing authorities for more information.

2. Shop for a mortgage before you shop for a home. Most real estate professionals recommend that you obtain a credit pre-approval before you begin looking for a home. Getting preapproved generally means you receive a loan commitment from your mortgage company before you have found a home, based on a review of your credit and finances. Credit requirements are more stringent than they've been in years past, so you should review your credit report, find out what your credit score is and immediately contact the credit reporting bureaus to correct any errors. You will want your credit report to be accurate and your credit score to be as high as possible.

Having your credit application preapproved shows sellers that you're a qualified buyer and helps you establish a realistic price range. You can access an online tutorial

on credit from the GMAC Financial Services' financial literacy program, SmartEdge, that can help you understand how credit affects your loan options, what affects your credit score and how to get on the right track.

3. Become familiar with all mortgage-related terms. The SmartEdge Web site also offers a real estate and home-financing glossary, which defines important home-buying terms such as Annual Percentage Rate (called APR) and escrow. Knowing certain terminology can help you better understand and converse with a real estate agent or a loan officer.

4. Ask for a Comparative Market Analysis before you make a purchase offer. The best way to avoid offering too much for a home is to ask for a written CMA, which your real estate professional should be able to provide. This will show recent sales

prices of comparable neighborhood homes and the asking price of nearby homes. The CMA can be shown to the seller when you make your offer. This may justify your purchase offer and show the seller why your offer is reasonable.

5. Decide what conditions (also known as contingencies) you want to place on buying the house. Your purchase may be made contingent on obtaining financing, a building inspector's satisfactory report or selling your present home. Real estate contracts today already include many of these standard contingencies.

In addition to offering mortgage information, the SmartEdge program teaches consumers how to establish good credit, manage a budget and evaluate financing options. You can visit the SmartEdge Web site at www.SmartEdgebyGMAC.com or call (800) 766-GMAC for more mortgage information.

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Youth in Philanthropy Award goes to local woman

Land Park's Haley Anthonisen honored for charity work

By CELIA GREEN
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The world for many 20-year-old girls consists of iPhones, shopping and FaceBook. For Haley Anthonisen, the world is so much more – it's about giving back. And as a result, Anthonisen was recognized as the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

"She makes amazing, beautiful purses, and she gives a portion of the proceeds to us," said Amber Stott, Director of Community Partnerships at Women's Empowerment, a non-profit organization that benefits homeless women and children in Sacramento. "There are a lot of students who do community service, often as a school requirement, but it's rare to see a young person who's earned her own money and donate it to a charity."

"A few years ago my dad was cleaning out his closet and had a bunch of neckties. I held onto them, and a few months later, I just made them into a bag. I got such good feedback, I decided to make more," said Anthonisen.

And so began her business, Haley Corina Handbags, but by that time Anthonisen was already an experienced philanthropist.

"In high school, I started going on missions with my church, West-

minster Presbyterian. For four summers, we went to Indian reservations: Big Pine, Los Angeles, Anaheim and Pendleton, Ore.," she said. "We built a deck, we patched a roof. This woman used to put tarps on her roof. Our help changed her life."

Her interest in Women's Empowerment began while a student at Sacramento's Country Day High School, helping out with a Christmas stocking drive.

"Some day, I could become less fortunate and not have all the luxuries I have now- a home, parents, my sisters. This is for women who haven't had the best luck in their lives," said Anthonisen.

Anthonisen grew up in Land Park and is now a junior at the University of Redlands.

"It's such an amazing school. College has given me the opportunity to volunteer even more," she said.

Aside from carrying a full load of sixteen class credits, Anthonisen is a member of Alpha Theta Phi sorority, for which she serves as the community service chair. One of Anthonisen's fundraisers was Collect-a-Million, a day spent collecting pull tabs from soda cans. More than 6 million tabs were collected, and the proceeds benefitted the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House.

At her job as the Student Director of Community Services, Anthonisen organizes a monthly Coffee for a



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Haley Anthonisen, pictured third from the left, was recognized as the Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Cause, a free event where students are invited to enjoy coffee or tea and listen to campus musicians. The venue allows campus clubs and organizations to promote educational events, social awareness and community gatherings.

Anthonisen's sense of giving is something she has been raised with.

"My parents (Carson Anthonisen and Roberta Neidigh) have always been in touch with our community. They are both very driven people.

They make me understand how important volunteering is," she said.

As for the future, Anthonisen said, "I definitely want to keep running my business, and giving a portion of the proceeds to charity. In ten years, I might be working on an organic farm... or working for a design firm... or working for a non-profit organization." Regardless of what she does, Amber Stott nailed it when she said, "Haley's going to make a difference in this world."

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On Saturday, Oct. 17, Kennedy High School hosted a drive-thru donation drop-off in conjunction with the continuing KCRA 3 Kids Can Food Drive. The collection total from the Saturday event came to 3,913 food items.

The committee behind the can drive offered thanks to the drive-thru volunteers: Ms. Alexander, Max Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshihara, Nikki Yoshihara, and Kennedy students Kelli Miyata, Cristina Pedroncelli, Angela Pedroncelli, Mark Matney, Andrea Ortega, and Chan Trinh for taking time out of their Saturday to help from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The group was also very appreciative of Food Source grocery store, which donated 3,432 canned goods; the Malt-o-Meal company with its donation of 438 bags and boxes of cereal and oatmeal; and to Kennedy High School students and members of the community who came out to donate to the cause.

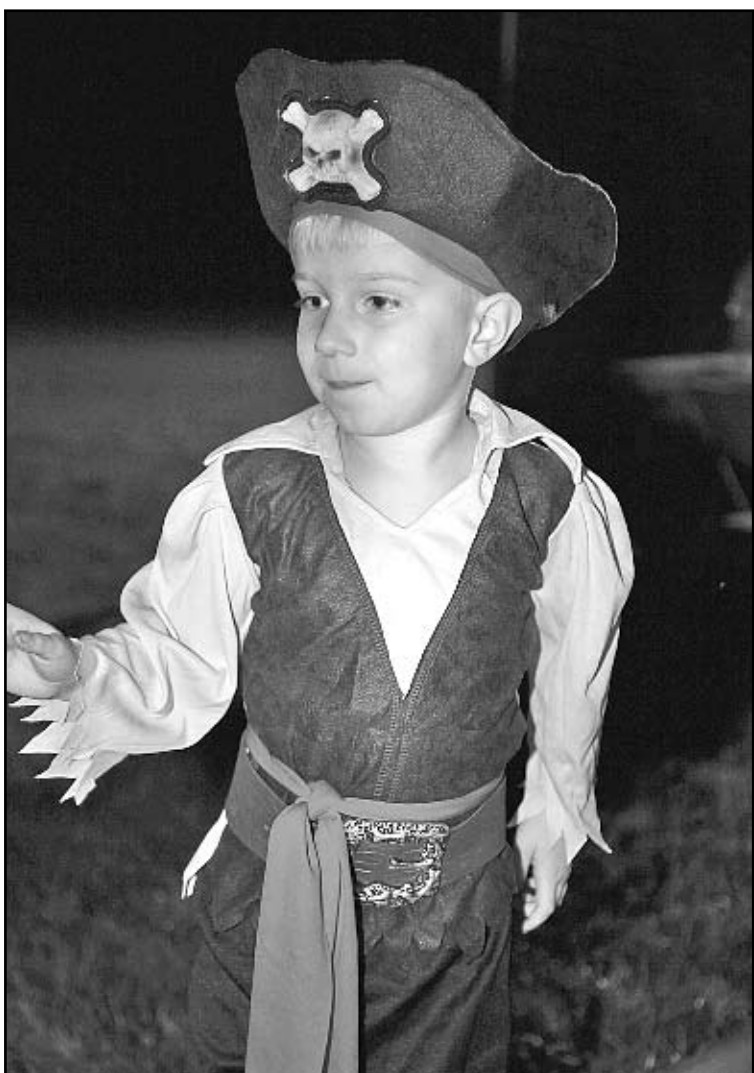
The generosity of these people and organizations is going directly to the SSIP Emergency Food Closet, which helps 4,500 people each month by supplying food.

Although the drive-thru is over, Kennedy will continue to accept donations in the front office up to November 20.



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Kelli Miyata, Melanie Yoshihara and Max Evans assist Oct. 17 in the Kennedy High School can drive drop-off event. The donations went to support the KCRA 3 Kids Can Food Drive.



Faces and places **Family Harvest Fair**

Riverside Wesleyan Church held their annual Family Harvest Fair Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The church, located at 6449 Riverside Blvd., hosts the annu-

al event as a safe and free evening for the entire community. In addition to the free food, games, candy and bounce house, the church also held a pumpkin-carving contest.

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'Treasures, Curiosities & Secrets' tells stories of the Crockers

By SUSAN LAIRD
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During the post-Civil War years, right up to the turn of the last century, Sacramento was an ambitious player in the so-called "Gilded Age."

This was the American era of common men "making it" large in the fields of coal, oil, railroads, hotels, gold, industry and commerce. Names such as Vanderbilt, Rockefeller and Carnegie were nationally known – as were the California names of Stanford, Hopkins and Crocker, to name a few. The era was dubbed "The Gilded Age" by Mark Twain as a pejorative: to gild something is to put gold over a baser metal. It is less worthy than something that is completely gold – a "Golden Age."

Nonetheless, these were fascinating times. Those families who grew to possess tremendous influence were called "robber barons" by some, admired and envied by others. This group also possessed a sense of "noblesse oblige" – a belief fostered by Andrew Carnegie that the wealthy should develop philanthropies to benefit society at large.

The Crockers in Sacramento were classic leaders of their age. In a new exhibit opening on Nov. 6, visitors to the Crocker Art Museum will have the opportunity to glimpse into the rarified atmosphere in which these people lived.

"Treasures, Curiosities & Secrets: The Crockers and the Gilded Age" will bring the unique Crocker family stories to light.

More than 75 objects will be on display to tell the story of California's pre-

mier early art patrons, Edwin Bryant and Margaret Crocker, and the era in which they lived. The exhibit also encompasses the lives and mementos of their children, including the notorious Aimée Crocker, who became an international social success, receiving widespread press for her dramatic costumes, travels to the Far East, extensive tattoos and five controversial marriages, twice to Russian nobility.

Edwin Bryant and Margaret Crocker settled in Sacramento in 1852 and worked as merchants until Edwin was appointed to the California Supreme Court in 1863. Seven months later, Edwin left the bench to serve as legal counsel for the Central Pacific Railroad Company, which ultimately made him a millionaire.

With their newfound wealth, the Crockers became deeply concerned with bringing culture to California. A paralytic stroke in June 1869 forced Edwin to retire but allowed him and his family to pursue other interests, including commissioning an art gallery building and embarking on a Grand Tour to Europe. Overseas for the next three years, the Crockers purchased more than 700 paintings and 1,300 drawings that became the core of their museum. Following their return, Edwin and Margaret actively commissioned new works by California artists.

The museum is an appropriate venue to tell the lesser-known stories and showcase the family's breathtaking jewelry, dramatic gowns, china, furniture, personal letters, paintings and photo-

graphs. It is a story of philanthropy, eccentricity and high style.

The family's opulent gallery building, completed in 1872, showcased their collection and allowed them to entertain splendidly in a world in which social duty was combined with breathtaking display of the finest jewelry, fashions, personal mementos, furnishings and silver. Today, the gallery building is considered one of the finest examples of Victorian Italianate architecture in the United States.

In May 1885, Margaret Crocker presented the art gallery building, the grounds and the E. B. Crocker Collection "in trust for the public" to the public-private partnership of the City of Sacramento and the California Museum Association, now the Crocker Art Museum Association.

The Crocker Art Museum was founded in 1885 and continues as the leading art institution for the California Capital Region and Central Valley.

"With the expansion nearing completion, the Museum is preparing to enter a new era in its history," said Scott A. Shields, associate director and chief curator. "The Crocker will also celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2010. At this pivotal time, it seemed appropriate to look at our history and the Crocker family's legacy in Sacramento."

"Treasures, Curiosities & Secrets: The Crockers and the Gilded Age" runs through May 9, 2010. The Crocker Art Museum is located at 216 O Street in downtown Sacramento. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4



Photo courtesy of the California History Section, California State Library

Aimée Crocker was known for her flamboyant lifestyle and sense of high fashion. Seen here in this photo circa 1901-1902, she shocked the nation with her scandalous Far Eastern travels, tattoos and multiple marriages.

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Legacy and tradition live on at historic St. Francis High

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Editor's Note: This story is the second part of a two-part story series on St. Francis High School. To read the entire story, visit www.valcomnews.com.

A fixture of Sacramento

With the fear of overcrowding caused by increased enrollment at St. Francis High, the 1956 opening of Bishop Armstrong High School at 4315 Sacramento Blvd. – now Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard – alleviated this problem, as juniors and seniors from St. Francis, St. Joseph and Christian Brothers high schools formed Bishop Armstrong's first student body.

This arrangement, which included each school maintaining its own ninth and tenth grades, continued until 1964, when Christian Brothers High purchased Bishop Armstrong High to create a four-year boys' high school.

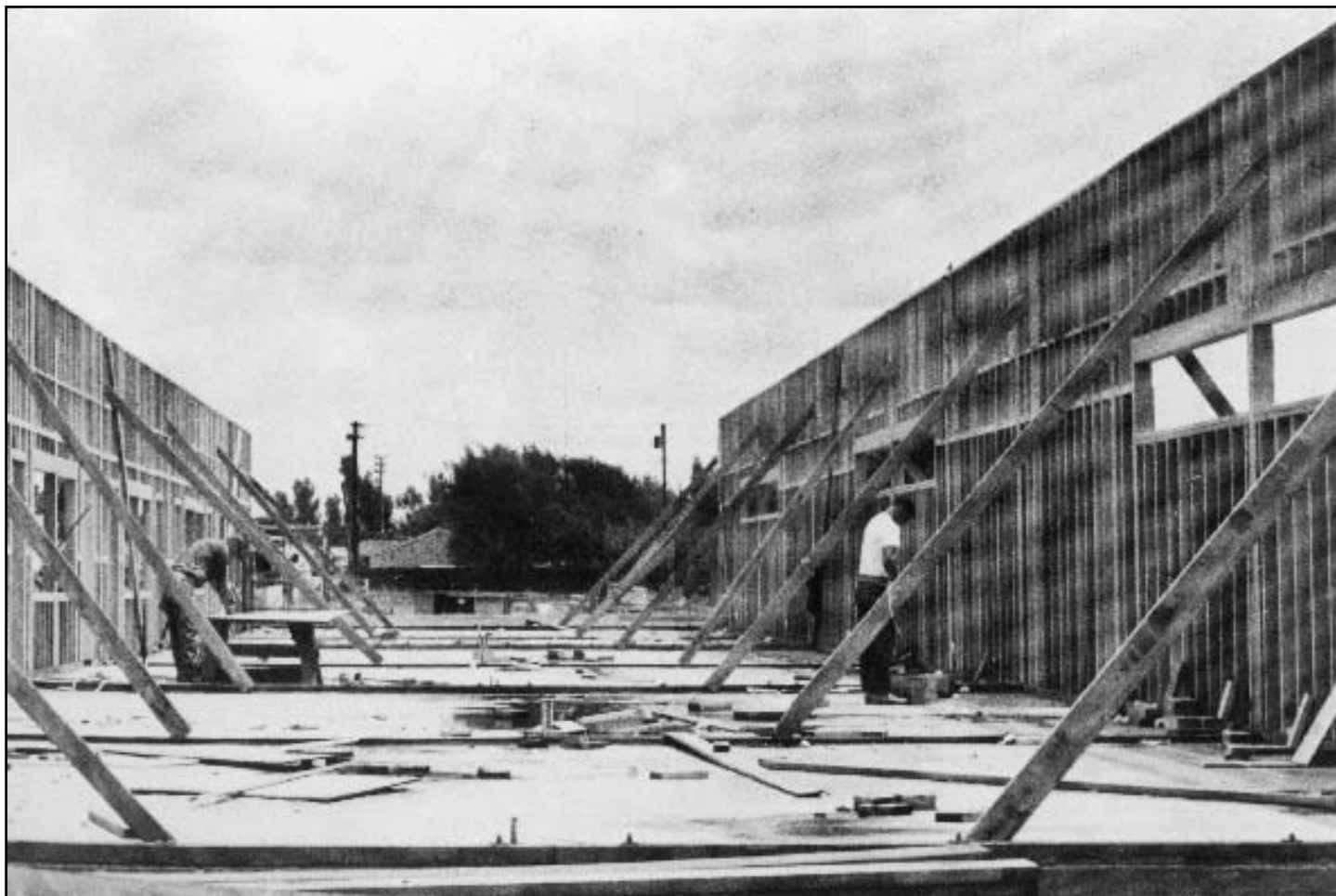
It was also in this year that St. Francis High opened with 520 sophomore, junior and senior students at its current location, which originally had the address of 6051 M St., since the school's former administration office faced M Street. The freshman class of 1964 remained at 25th and K streets before transferring to the M Street campus the following year.

The landscape of the current St. Francis campus has evolved throughout the years with its greatest changes coming with the completion of the first phase of its campus expansion in 2004. This particular effort resulted in the school's new performing arts complex, a 500-seat theater, a dance studio, a library resource center, a gymnasium and fitness center and six enhanced science laboratories.

Another later addition to the school was the construction of its Serra Court, which was named after Father Junipero Serra and includes a large outdoor stage and picnic-type tables.

Well aware of her school's focus as a college preparatory school, Kia Shebert, a junior who plans to study forensic psychology in college, said that little time passed during her time at St. Francis before she was asked to provide her goals for college.

"I think it was the second week of my freshman year that I was pulled into my counselor's office and was



The current site of St. Francis High School is shown under construction in this c. 1963 photograph.

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asked, 'What colleges are you looking at?' I was like, 'I just got here. I'm still trying to find the bathroom.' But they're definitely a college prep school, so the way you line up your courses here reflects what you're going to do in college," she said.

Another St. Francis student, freshman Ashley Rose said that she has high ambitions to be an actress and is receiving quality experience through her current role in the school's upcoming production of "The Taming of the Shrew."

In addition to the school's academic strides, St. Francis also focuses on excellence in athletics.

In discussing the success of St. Francis' athletic program, which includes many league titles, several Northern California titles, three state titles and the 2005-06 Cal-Hi Sports State Girls' School of the Year award, Athletic Director and former St. Francis three-sport athlete Kolleen McNamee notes three important variables accounting for the program's prosperity.

"I think a lot of things contribute to the success of the program," McNamee said. "We have a lot of coaches who know the game, but also know how to coach young women.

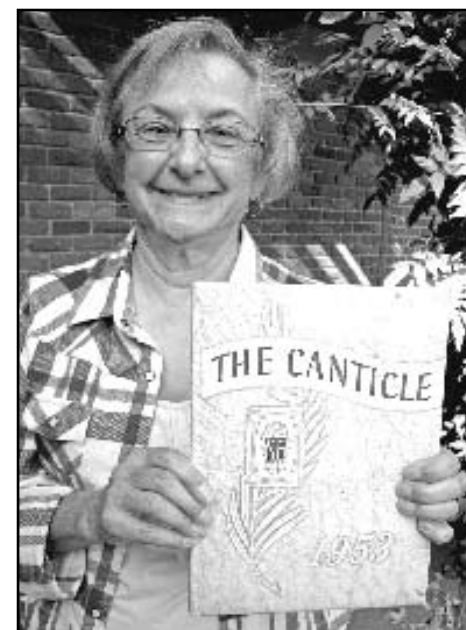
We have athletes who are really focused, work hard and really want to represent their school. I think those are really important things. We're also emphasizing our Pursuing Victory with Honor program with our coaches, athletes and our parents to make sure that we treat our opponents with respect and that we represent the school the way it should be represented. All these things tie in together to make this a successful program."

Chris Chappelle, whose daughter Katie is a freshman at the school, said that she appreciates the fact that St. Francis is internally considered a community unto itself.

School and spirit

"St. Francis is a very friendly, welcoming community and everybody is there for the same reason," Chris said. "I like that (Katie) is so comfortable there and that academics and faith are number one. Everything else kind of comes as a bonus."

In reviewing the history of St. Francis High, which is currently educating 1,137 students, including about 75 students who transferred from the now-closed Loretto High School, the school's Director of Communications Ingrid Niles said that St. Francis High



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong
Patricia (Merz) Shebert of the Class of 1953 shows off her 1953 yearbook. St. Francis High's yearbook, "The Canticle," was first printed in 1952.

is very proud of its quality educational traditions.

"St. Francis High School is very proud of its nearly 70-year history of faith-based education with a strong emphasis on excellence in academics, the arts and athletics and providing a well-rounded education for the young women of the greater Sacramento area," Niles said.

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NOVEMBER

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NOVEMBER 12

"Hats and Wraps for the Holidays"

Held Nov. 12 at Casa Restaurant (2760 Sutterville Rd.), the "Hats and Wraps for the Holidays" is a special event supporting the Sacramento Children's Home. The event presents Carol Culp and Drin Welker and Casa's Mary Weaver, who have created hats and wraps that are both attractive and functional. Seatings are at 11:15 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Main entries are a Chicken in Filo with mixed green salad or a chipotle caesar salad with chicken. Dessert is chocolate torte with raspberry coulis. For more information, call 452-2809.

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on November 12, from 1-3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA. Microsoft rep Jeffrey Aziz will provide an introduction to Windows 7, Microsoft's next Windows operating system. A problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

NOVEMBER 13

Jewelry Sale

The Senior Center at Sierra 2 and Cure Arthritis Now host the first annual jewelry sale on Friday, November 13, from 11 to 2 pm at Sierra 2 (2791 24th St). We are asking for community support to make this event a success. Help by donating costume or other jewelry to the sale. (We accept broken bits and beads for sale to crafters.) Apply to participate as a jewelry vendor at this event. Questions? Call the Senior Center at 455 6339 or Cure Arthritis Now at 208 8700. Looking forward to seeing you at the event!

NOVEMBER 14

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Fe Galley art reception

Kris A Johnson will be the guest artist for November. She will join Mental Artist Stephen Lyman and Fused Glass Artist Sheena Wolfe for our November 14 Second Saturday reception from 5-9 p.m. There will be an art demonstration at 7:30 p.m. Fe Gallery is located at 1100 65th Street (north of Folsom Blvd., corner of 65th and Elvas), East Sacramento. For more information about the artists and the gallery visit www.FeGallery.com or call, (916) 456-4455. Daytime gallery hours are currently from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. The current show will run throughout November.

Indian Classical fusion

The Sacramento City College Music Department will present the Nada Brahma Music Ensemble in an evening of Indian Classical Fusion improvisation on the following evening in Sacramento: 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, Sacramento Yoga Center, Room 6 in the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St. Admission for each evening is \$5-\$20 (sliding scale). For more information, contact Rob Knable, SCC Music Department Chair at 558-2515.

Holiday Boutique

Parkside's annual Holiday Boutique will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 9-4pm and Sunday, November 15 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Unique hand-crafted gift items will be available for purchase including ceramics, hand-turned wooden items, soaps, hand-crocheted baby blankets, jewelry, ribbon bows and wreaths and Parkside's very own cookbook. Parkside Community Church is located at 5700 S. Land Park Dr. at the corner of 35th Avenue and S. Land Park Drive in Sacramento. For more information, please call 916-421-0492 or visit www.parksideucc.org.

NOVEMBER 14-15

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Sacramento Center for Textile Arts' annual Sale and Fashion Show will be November

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Alternative Christmas Market

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NOVEMBER 17

Memory screenings

Primrose Living with Memory Loss to hold free memory screenings as national event stresses importance of proper detection. Individuals concerned about memory problems can take advantage of free screenings as part of National Memory Screening Day, a national initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) to promote proper detection of Alzheimer's disease and related illnesses, and successful aging. Event held Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Primrose, 7707 Rush River Dr. For more information, call 392-3510.

NOVEMBER 18

Genealogical association meeting

The regular meeting of the Genealogical Association of Sacramento will be held on November 18 (the third wed of November) at 1 p.m. It will be held in the Belle Cooledge Library at 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento. Our speaker will be Carol Byers. She will help us break down the "brick walls." Carol is a noted Genealogist and a member of our association. She specializes in German genealogy. She also is helpful in solving your research computer problems. Please join our association and participate in "Breaking down your brick walls." Questions call Melanie Howard at (916) 383-1221.

At Blue Moon Gallery

The gallery is holding a special event: "Of Travelers, Cats & Kings," works for Harpsichord performed by Alex Ives. The event is Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. Donations to benefit CSUS Baroque Ensemble, 2353 Albatross Way. For more information, call 920-2444.

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NOVEMBER 24

EGA meeting

Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2009, SMUD

Building, 6301 S Street. Melissa Dunajski will speak on various needlework sites on the internet. Visitors welcome. For more information, call (916)961-3558.

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Messiah Sing-Along

It's a holiday tradition: Messiah Sing-Along is presented by the Camellia Symphony and Camerata California at the Faith Presbyterian Church, 625 Florin Road on Sunday, Nov. 29. The event will start at 3 p.m. with a Holiday Sale. The Messiah Sing-Along will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15. 10 and under are free. To purchase tickets, call (916) 929-6655 or visit www.camelliasymphony.org.

DECEMBER

Faith Presbyterian Church at 625 Florin Road welcomes you to its Christmas Services: Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26 – Sunday Services, held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Dec. 2, 9 and 16 (Wednesday) Advent Dinner at 6 p.m., followed by worship at 6:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 1

Great Books Discussion

Local book group will discuss articles in the book "Keeping Things Whole: Readings in Environmental Science" at our 1st Tuesday of the month meetings at 1p.m. For December 1: "The Biosphere" by Vladimir I. Vernadsky. Free. Info: 808-5462. Ethel Hart Center 915 27th Street Sacramento to 95816.

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The Trap is a Greenhaven-Pocket area original

Historic Pocket bar is the region's oldest commercial business

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For those traveling along Riverside Boulevard in the Greenhaven-Pocket area, a peculiar sight approaches at 43rd Avenue, as amidst an otherwise modern surrounding, an extremely old, wooden building sits as a relic of the past.

Early residents of the area once commonly referred to the place as Pimentel's Saloon, while most who know the building know it as The Trap – a popular dive bar that its patrons say has the friendliness of that famous Boston bar, where everyone knows your name.

But by whatever name it has been called, one thing is for certain; this structure

is certainly a Greenhaven-Pocket area original.

Building a better Trap

Estimated by some to be built in the 1860s but at least before 1885, the building, like most other early historic sites of the area, was associated with the Portuguese.

Originally, however, the building, which stood on the property of Anna Leonora Garcia (later Pimentel), was owned by an Italian man who operated a bar and grocery store out of the place.

The business changed hands in 1912, when Anna purchased the place to give her son, Tony Pimentel, a place to work.

At the time, the building, which now sits on the northeast corner of Riverside Boulevard and 43rd Avenue, was located in about the center of the area between the sharp "S" turn of Riverside Boulevard and 43rd Avenue.

Tony opened up the Ingleside Inn bar and grocery store in the building with his non-Portuguese brother-in-law, Ernest Alvin Savoie.

Savoie operated the bar part of the business, while Tony managed the grocery store, since Tony was only 19 years old and one needed to be 21 years old to operate a bar.

Despite its misleading name, the business was not a place designated for offering overnight accommodations for guests.

Eventually, the name of the business was changed to Pimentel's Ingleside Café and was unofficially known by many locals as the aforementioned Pimentel's Saloon.

At the time, Portuguese farmers of the area mainly visited the bar, which included tables and chairs for relaxing with beverages and playing cards.

Since the building also sold groceries, it included two entrances, so that women and children did not have to walk through the bar to access the grocery store.

The building was moved to its current location in 1924, at which time the grocery business was abandoned, the bar was relocated to the grocery area and the seating area was ex-



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Owner Rich Crudo and bartender Kimberly Hinkle stand in front of the popular Greenhaven-Pocket bar, The Trap.

panded and used for Saturday night dances.

The building was later altered again when a bedding space and a kitchenette was added to the structure.

Eventually purchasing his partner's share of the business, Tony later owned the bar with his wife, Maggie Valine Pimentel. Maggie, however, was not involved in the operation of the business.

Opting to concentrate on farming on his 15-acre ranch, Tony sold the business in 1930.

Considering that the years of Prohibition in the United States lasted from 1920 to 1933, when asked to explain the bar's operation during these years, Pocket historian Dolores (Silva) Greenslate said that Prohibition had little affect on the bar.

"(The bar) was way out here in the Greenhaven-Pocket area with all the farmers and no inspectors came around here," Greenslate said. "They had bigger fish to catch, plus this was just a beer and wine bar. (Inspectors) were more concerned about people bootlegging whiskey and things like that. They did shut down the (Portuguese-owned) Silveira Brothers Winery in the north area. And not to say that the bar didn't serve any

hard liquor; they probably had a jug of whiskey that they just didn't keep out in the open."

Greenslate, who remembers Pimentel's Saloon and went to school with Tony and Maggie's daughters, Catherine and Geraldine, said that she recalls Tony as being an average looking, serious, business-minded man of about 5 feet, 9 inches tall.

Sacramento resident Wayne Willie, who grew up on Land Park Drive and met Tony many years ago at the Doubleplay Café at 5620 Riverside Blvd., described Tony as a "delightful man," who was a good fisherman, who enjoyed fishing for striped bass on the Sacramento River.

A Trap in time


Since Tony's ownership of the bar, the business has changed proprietors several times, including in 1985, when the bar was purchased by a pair of relatives from an old Pocket Portuguese family, Manuel and Ernie Simas.

Hermann Lorenz, who grew up in the Land Park area, recalls riding his bike out to the bar in the 1940s.


"I would ride my bike there as a kid and it wasn't really so much a bar, as it

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The Trap: 'There's a whole hodgepodge of people you meet coming in here'

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was more like a tavern," Lorenz said. "You could go in there and get a Coke and there would be the fisherman, farmers and construction workers in there drinking beer. But I never remember women being in there."

Lorenz said that he later enjoyed going to the bar to watch San Francisco 49ers and Oakland Raiders games that had been blacked out on most local television sets during the 1960s and 1970s.

"They had a blackout of every home game in the National Football League within 100 miles, so The Trap would have a flourishing business on Sundays," Lorenz said. "The locals would come watch the local football games that were picked up through the place's 100-foot television antennae, since there were no television antennae restrictions that existed here."

The Trap today

Today, The Trap, which received its name from Eileen Strange, who leased the bar in 1964 and invited her friends to visit "the trap" that she acquired, is certainly a very unusual place that people find interesting for both its age and its very original looking interior.

Sure, there are the usual sights of a wooden bar, barstools and pool tables, but after the obvious bar surroundings, that is when things get a bit different than the average bar.

Although the business's patrons find the place to have a comfortable atmosphere, that same atmosphere includes taxidermy of a wolverine preparing to feast on a bird, the head of a wart hog, a squirrel, a turtle and a hawk, the skull of a steer, antelope horns, rusted animal traps, an antique barbed wire display and an old sawed-off shotgun that was said to be found in a nearby river.

But these unusual surroundings are part of the draw of this beer and wine-only bar, which until about

three months ago only carried a few basic label beers such as Budweiser and Bud Light and several wines.

Bartender Kimberly Hinkle, a 1976 graduate of Kennedy High School, has since added a refrigerator full of 38 different types of ale.

Hinkle, who is the girlfriend of the current owner of The Trap, Rich Crudo, began working at the bar while one of the business's former owners, Rich's late wife, Kathi Crudo was still at the helm. Kathi operated the bar from 1984 to 2003.

Other bartenders in more recent years have included Butch Cartwright, David Collins, Dennis Dodd, Debbie Dykes, Jerry Glasco, Art Marin, Joe Ramirez and Shane Turner.

Rich, who grew up on Franklin Boulevard and 35th Avenue and has four children and 13 grandchildren, said that the bar has had a few celebrity sightings throughout the years.

Among these celebrities were Jack Tatum and Lester Hayes of the Oakland Raiders and Scot Pollard of the Sacramento Kings.

But besides rare celebrity appearances, the bar is generally visited by a well-rounded selection of local residents, explained ret. Sacramento Police officer Bill Yeager, a patron at The Trap for more than 30 years.

"There's a whole hodgepodge of people you meet coming in here," Yeager said. "There's attorneys, doctors, street people, you meet all kinds of people here. And

they're all pretty nice. It's just a nice place."

A bar for all time

Although the historic bar building has obviously seen better days, Crudo said that his business is set to receive some much needed upgrades due to a \$19,650 grant that was presented to The Trap by Sacramento Heritage, Inc. on Nov. 1, 2008.

"(The grant) will help us to repair the roof and get the building back the way it used to be," Rich said. "We're one of about 1,100 (sites) in the Sacramento area that have been desig-

nated a Sacramento historical landmark."

Although most regulars of The Trap are delighted that the place is scheduled to receive a makeover, they also hope to see this famous local watering hole retain the unique appearance that so many people have grown to love.

The Trap, which attracts large crowds for Monday Night Football and on Sundays when Hinkle prepares her homemade menudo, is open daily from noon to 2 a.m.

For additional information regarding this business, call (916) 395-2614.



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