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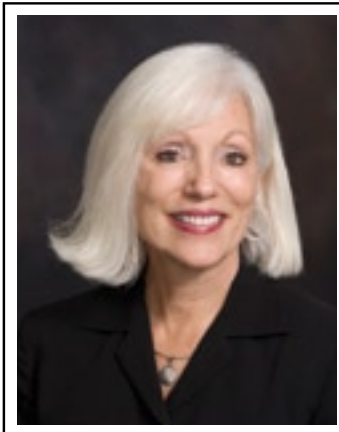
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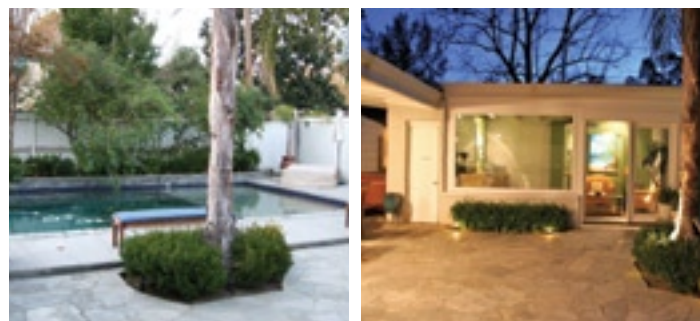
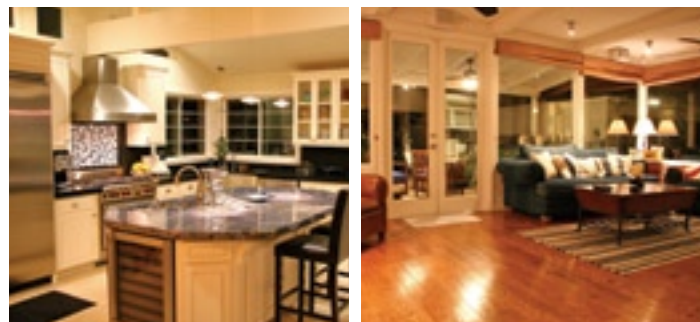
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Local toy drive supports California military families

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It's that time of year again, when local residents have an opportunity to help California military families.

Toys for the Troops' Kids delivers donated gifts to the children of American military personnel who are deployed away from home at Christmastime or whose military parent has been killed in action since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. In their 2008 effort, they shipped 15,000 toys to the families of 18 military commands in California and Nevada. Children of deployed members of the Air Force, Army, Marine and Naval bases, and deployed National Guard units received several toys each.

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

Their motivation is summed up in a statement available at their Web site, www.toysforthetroopskids.org.

"While we experience great successes, no matter how much we may grow, we are always mindful of the individual children and military families who struggle emotionally, and perhaps financially, at Christmastime, with a parent away from home," according to the post. "Our gifts to these families are our small way of saying thanks for those sacrifices. On behalf of those families, we thank all who have helped us serve those kids."

Donation sites

Toys for the Troops' Kids will have many "satellite" collection points, thanks to the

great support of the Sacramento community and region, and its wonderful people who make Toys for the Troops' Kids a success. Their main donation sites will operate from Dec. 5 to Dec. 22, 2009, at Sunrise Festival Shopping Center (located at Greenback Lane and Sunrise Boulevard in Citrus Heights) and Lake Crest Village Shopping Center (located at Florin Road and Greenhaven Drive in Sacramento).

The story behind the toys

In November of 2003, the CRVA Veterans' Club in Sacramento sought a way to acknowledge the dedication and service of parents serving in uniform. Many of these military personnel are sacrificing everything, while being separated from their families during the Holidays. The beneficiaries of this first annual Toy Drive were the families at Travis Air Force Base and the California National Guard. The goal was to provide two toys per child of every military parent deployed overseas.

The first effort in 2003 was a booming success; all requests from both Travis AFB and the California National Guard were fulfilled.

Based on the overwhelming response and the volume of toys collected in 2003, Toys for the Troops' Kids was born, expanded the scope for Christmas 2004 and added the families of Beale AFB to the list of beneficiaries. Again, the Toy Drive far exceeded ex-

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Community meeting reveals the future of Executive Airport

By EARL ROGERS
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Pilots know that careful flight planning will get them where they're going safely and without violating the regulations. The same holds true for airport planners. After the flurry of a threatened closure of Executive Airport that began more than three years ago, Sacramento County took-off for a new destination. The airport planners have taken the time, done the studies, followed the regulations, and involved the public in an effort to create a new master plan that will define the future of the airport.

The most recent Community Meeting was held at Pony Express Elementary School on Nov. 18, where specialist from consulting firms gave an audience of local residents an update on the master plan and noise ordinance.

Interestingly, some people still have lingering concerns about prospects for other than airport uses of the land, as evidenced during the Q&A period when a questioner asked, "What do you see is the future of the airport? Are you talking decades?"

Glen Rickelton, a county planner, answered, "That's why we have a 20-year horizon, a near term which is 5 years, an interim term of 10 to 15 years and a final horizon of 20 years. The FAA will look at 20 years. That does not equate to the viability of the airport. We don't see it going away. We see this facility as a general aviation airport into the foreseeable future."

Those remarks, coming from a county official, were reassuring to the questioner, but the city still owns the land. No one can predict for certain what the foreseeable future holds for the city of Sacramento. Vigilance is no doubt a good thing for those who support the continued existence of the airport.

What is new in the Executive Airport Master Plan?

The multiple alternatives (eight altogether) presented at the March 2009 Commu-

nity Meeting have been summarized into a single Conceptual Development Plan with these main features:

- + Retain the same basic operation of the airport as it exists today.
- + Close the north/south runway (16/34) when it is scheduled for resurfacing in the future. This saves money and will free-up land for other airport uses.
- + Construct parallel taxiways on both sides of the remaining two runways in the future, when the time is right.
- + Focus on landside development, in other words on facilities both on and off the airport. A goal is to make the airport as financially self-supporting as possible. Of particular interest is a strip of land along Freeport near the airport's south boundary suggested for non-aviation facilities.
- + Improve the safety area at the southwest end of the main runway, and extend a runway protection zone to the northeast for Visual Flight Rule (VFR) arrivals per FAA Standards.

Aircraft noise and the county noise ordinance

In 1994, the Sacramento County Supervisors adopted a noise ordinance that specifies a take-off noise limit for departing airplanes. This noise limit can be factored into a computer model that will predict a Community Noise Equivalent Level and plot noise contours in the vicinity of the airport. Noise contours exceeding the CNEL must be contained within the airport boundaries. In other words, loud airplane noise should not spill over into the community.

The problem is that not everyone uses the same model, nor do noise restrictions apply equally to all types of aircraft. Some aircraft might be excluded that otherwise would be able use Executive Airport with no increase in noise level.

Steve Alverson, a consultant specializing in noise, reminded the audience, "We have certain requirements that we need to follow based on the



Entrance to the Sacramento Executive Airport. The airport's planners have issued their new master plan for the facility.

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Federal Aviation Regulations. The first is that there is a noise model we are required to use called the Integrated Noise Model. We are also required, as part of the process, to use the annual average day, so we look at the entire year's operations and put them into

the model in such a way that it assumes that all those operations, averaged by 365, occur in a single average day. That's the way the FAA and the state want us to look at aircraft noise exposure."

He also emphasizes that the old ordinance is based

on noisier aircraft. A new ordinance should take into account the quieter aircraft in the General Aviation (GA) aircraft fleet.

In summary, if the study team is to recommend a new

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Local seniors to bring burlesque back to Sacramento

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Recently sitting around a table at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 67 Hall in Sacramento, a group of mostly senior women was vibrantly, yet quite seriously discussing the details of an upcoming event at the building.

No, the topic at hand was not a retirement party, a crab feed, a used book fair or a bingo night. But instead, discussions at this meeting were in vast contrast to many discussions that one might imagine hearing at such a gathering.

The purpose of the meeting, which was the second of its kind, was to discuss the group's efforts to bring back burlesque to Sacramento.

For those who need a quick crash course in Burlesque 101, burlesque is by definition – compliments of the Random House Dictionary – a “humorous and provocative stage show, featuring slapstick humor, comic skits, bawdy songs, striptease acts and a scantily-clad female chorus.”



Photo courtesy of Patty Russell
Patty Russell was a burlesque dancer from the 1950s to the early 1970s.



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong
Sacramento resident Patty Russell shows off a photograph of herself taken during her heyday as a burlesque dancer.

This art form, which in America dates back to the early 19th century, served as an entertainment staple for many decades before its decline in the late 1960s.

Acting out

Providing a background of how 10 people came to unite at the VFW Hall with plans to present a Feb. 14 burlesque show at the hall, former professional burlesque

dancer and Sacramento resident Patty Russell explained that bringing burlesque back to Sacramento has been a personal dream that is fast becoming a reality.

“The dream to revive burlesque came up about 15 years ago,” said Russell, who was known on stage during her dancing years from the late 1950s to the early 1970s as Patty O’Farrell. “I started to realize that the young-

er people did not know the word ‘burlesque.’ All they know is what’s going on now (in today’s strip clubs) with the pole dancing, lap dancing, whatever. Well, no, that isn’t burlesque. Burlesque is an art and it’s where you can have a couple come in and watch you and the women enjoy it just as much as the men. There’s nothing nasty about it or anything.”

When asked how she became a burlesque dancer, Russell, 74, explained that while working for the Pacific Bell telephone company in St. Louis in the late 1950s, she had a career changing idea.

“All of a sudden, I just got a thing that I wanted to dance,” Russell said.

Fortunately for Russell, she discovered an agent, named Mike Riaff, who was willing to assist her in fulfilling her then-newfound dream.

After reviewing the possibilities of a career in dancing for Russell, Riaff told her that the only thing she qualified for was burlesque.

In hearing this, Russell asked, “What’s burlesque?”

Learning that it was a dance performance act that involved strip tease, Russell said that she told the agent, “Well, as long as I can dance doing it, that’s okay, as long as I dance.”

Russell performed her first burlesque show at the age of 22 in a small theater in Louisville, Ky.

Russell, who spent many years as a burlesque dancer in various U.S. venues, including such Sacramento area venues as The Road House at 4205 W. Capitol Ave., The Driftwood at 3308 C St. and Roeder’s Gourmet restaurant (formerly The Red Rose and later Neptune’s Table) at 5990 South Land Park Drive, said that she never lost her affinity for the art of burlesque.

Her passion was later fueled through her friendship with Merle Cale, who grew up in East Sacramento.

Cale, a 1933 graduate of Sacramento High School and the president of women’s auxiliary of the VFW Post 67, attracted the attention of Russell due to her extreme love for dancing.

Putting on a show

Defying her age, Cale, 94, plans to bring her many years of dancing experience to the event, as she will perform dances in a seductive, glittering dress.

Cale, whose aunt Leona Henning was a burlesque dancer at the now-closed Roxie Theatre at 912 9th

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Committee members engage in a discussion about the group's Feb. 14 event.



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The local committee dedicated to bringing burlesque back to the capital city gathers outside the VFW Post 67 Hall in Sacramento following the group's second meeting.

Senior ladies: Event to revive interest in this by-gone form of entertainment

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St. in Sacramento, said that she has a strong passion for entertaining.

"I've always wanted to be on the stage," Cale said. "I got married on the stage at the California Theatre (in Oak Park) in 1935, but I didn't perform there."

Other members of the committee for the upcoming event include: Pocket area resident Jan Wilson, the event's producer; East Sacramento area resident Malenda Smith, who will sing at the event; Carl Cloud – who may serve as the event's emcee – and his wife Kathy Cloud of the North Highlands area; Natomas resident Jerry Youngblood, a former Arthur Murray's dance instructor; south Sacramento resident Joanne Menebrocker, who will dance in the event; Elk Grove resident Pebblez Percy, an assistant to the producer; and Free-

port/Land Park area resident Mike Samuels.

Wilson recruited Samuels for the project after she learned that he was a former drummer for the band, Little Ronnie and the Chromatics. The band performed during burlesque shows at The Driftwood during the late 1960s and may have even played while Russell was dancing.

Wilson said that she has grown to appreciate the importance of presenting this event.

"What started as an opportunity to fulfill one woman's dream has blossomed into not only a chance to raise money for veterans, but also to revive an interest in this by-gone form of entertainment."

Seniors take the stage

The event, which will be held at the VFW Hall at 2784 Stockton Blvd. on

Valentine's Day at 2 p.m. and will be open to guests 18 years old and older, will feature various musical acts and professional burlesque dancing, raffle prizes and 50-cent beers.

Following the event, the committee will meet to discuss the possibility of taking the show on the road and presenting it to other California cities.

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Know your neighbor

Time does not erase cherished Tower Records memories

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Few businesses established in Land Park have made such an impact on the local community than Tower Records, which operated in the area at the southeast corner of 16th Street and Broadway, where Tower's owner Russ Solomon opened a similar store, R5 Records, in June 2007.

Beginning his original record business, Tower Record Mart, in 1941 in the back of his father's drug store – where Tower Café is now located in the Tower Theatre building – Solomon used a small part of the store to offer 78 rpm records for sale.

The literal birth of Tower Records began in 1960, when the store was no longer called Tower Record Mart and the business opened its Watt and El Camino avenues store, near Sam's Hof Brau.

Solomon's original record store relocated from the drug store site in 1965 into the present-day R5 site, in a building, which originally housed an automotive repair shop and later a very early Safeway grocery store.

Tower of success

The success of Tower Records was apparent during its early years, as it opened other locations, including a San Francisco store, near Fisherman's Wharf, in 1968.

Tower became an international chain, as it expanded overseas in 1979, when it opened a store in Tokyo.

The business eventually expanded to include 113 U.S. stores and about 170 company-owned stores worldwide.

Tower experienced many years of success before eventually falling on hard times, filing for bankruptcy and closing all its U.S. locations in 2006.

But for those who remember Tower's 16th Street and Broadway, Land Park sites at the intersection where the business planted its roots on its way to international success, memories of this local institution have certainly not faded away.

Recollecting records

Sacramento resident Penny Kastanis recalls visiting Tower Record Mart during the 1940s and 1950s.

"I started going there in the late 1940s, during the big band era



Tower Records, shown in this 2005 photograph, was a Sacramento institution at the corner of 16th Street and Broadway for nearly a half-century.

when people were listening to Tommy Dorsey and Harry James and there were singers like Helen Forrest and of course, Frank Sinatra," Kastanis said. "I went there when I was 12 years old with my parents. It was a real outing for me to go to the Tower (Theatre) and go to a movie

and go next door afterwards and listen to the records."

During this time, the record store featured listening booths, where customers could listen to records to determine whether they wanted to pur-

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Tower Records: The store provided multigenerational memories for many local families

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chase the music that they had heard on the discs.

Kastanis, whose father owned a restaurant on Broadway, recalled how the drug store's record section continued to increase.

"I remember the bins and bins of records and I remember the drug store part kept on getting smaller," said Kastanis, who still owns records, which she purchased at the record mart. "The record bins kept on getting more and more as time went on."

Music memories

Former Sacramento Police Department Officer Steve Reed reminisced about listening to records in the Tower Records' listening booths during his teenage years in the 1960s.

"We would go over to Tower Records and put the big headphones on and listen to records in their listening booths. By about 11 or 12 at night, you weren't getting tired when you were a kid, so we would be over there real late listening to all The Beach Boys and the Dave Clark Five and The Beatles (records) and all that stuff. I was a really big Beatles fan in those days."

Minor King, who grew up in North Sacramento and attended Grant Union High School, said that although Tower Records was not the first Sacramento area record store that he frequented, he has fairly early memories of the business nonetheless.

"Since I lived in the north area, the first record store that I started going to was Al's Records in Del Paso Heights," King said. "But then I started coming to Tower Records by 1975, when I bought my first record album there. It was Al Green's 'Let's Stay Together.' Back then, I also listened to Smokey Robinson, some of the early music by James Brown, the O'Jays and music like that. They call that the oldies now, but I still listen to it, because it's what I grew up with and it's what I still love to listen to."

Of course, with the many years that Tower Records made recorded music available for Sacramentans, the store provided multigenerational memories for many local families.

Standing outside the Java Lounge coffee shop about a block away from the old Tower Records site on Broadway, Sean Gargovich, a 1984 graduate of Kennedy High School, recently took a moment to speak about his family memories of Tower Records.

"My first memories of Tower Records are actually my memories of my dad's memories," Sean said. "My dad (Les Gargovich) had been going there since he was a kid. I always remember him telling me how he went there when (Tower) was still part of a pharmacy. He went in there and played records. He said that it was the first place around where you could actually go in and listen to records before you actually bought them."

Personally, Sean remembers shopping at Tower Records as early as 1980.

"I remember that (Tower) was a local business that grew from here and I remember going there a lot on holidays since they were open on Christmas and everything," Sean said. "I didn't actually buy records or (cassette) tapes any place else except Tower, unless I was buying them used. When I was younger, I just listened to metal, but I grew into all kinds of stuff, besides country. The first album I ever bought was actual-

ly on tape and it was the Queen album (The Game) that had the song, "Another One Bites the Dust" on it. That was before I got fully into genres and all that. I just loved that single. I was just a kid in like the fourth grade living in South Sacramento at the time."

Sean, who later worked at the Tower warehouse in West Sacramento, said that he appreciated the business's willingness to hire employees with a wide variety of appearances.

"That's the thing about Tower; they employed a lot of people who couldn't get jobs other places, because they looked certain ways with piercing and fully tattooed and pink hair or whatever, Sean said. "There were metalheads, hippies and all types of people working there. That was part of the sad thing about losing (Tower) is a lot of people like that couldn't get jobs anymore."

When asked to summarize his memories of Tower Records, Sean said, "I can't really sum it all up, but it's sad that (Tower Records) is gone and it was a great thing while it was here."

A Tower tradition

Stockton resident Randy Ortega, who has frequently attended films at the Tower Theatre since 1984, said that for many years it was a tradi-



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong
Mark Alling purchased his first record album at Tower Records at 16th Street and Broadway in about 1975 when he was 8 years old. Now the site is R5 Records.

tion of his to catch a movie at the theater, browse albums at Tower Records and look at books at Tower Books.

Reminiscing about Tower Records, Ortega said, "I really liked Tower Records, because I could always find records there that I couldn't find in Stockton. They always had a good selection of music and the employees were knowledgeable."

Sacramento native Mark Alling, who now lives in Crested Butte, Colo., shared his memories about Tower Records during his recent visit to the capital city to attend his 25th Kennedy High School reunion.

"I bought my first record there when I was 8 years old. I hate to admit it, but it was the Bay City Rollers. That was in about 1975. I think I was in the third grade (at Bear Flag Elementary School) and I brought it home and played it on my little Sears record player. I do miss Tower, but I'm glad (Solomon) opened that store, R5. (Tower's absence) is interesting, because I've been in Tower Records in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Los Angeles and all over the place, so to have it gone is a really big deal. Tower was definitely a true Sacramento success story."



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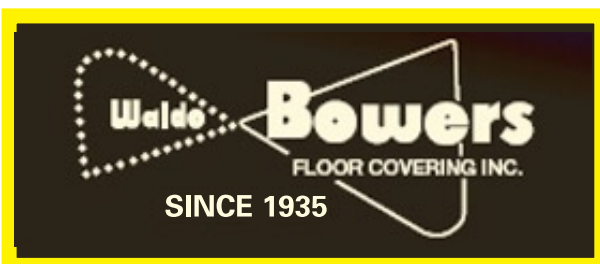
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Signorotti now soars with the 'eagles'



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Pictured here are Signorotti (handling a shovel) and some of the volunteers he led on Oct. 11. Let me know if you need any other details.

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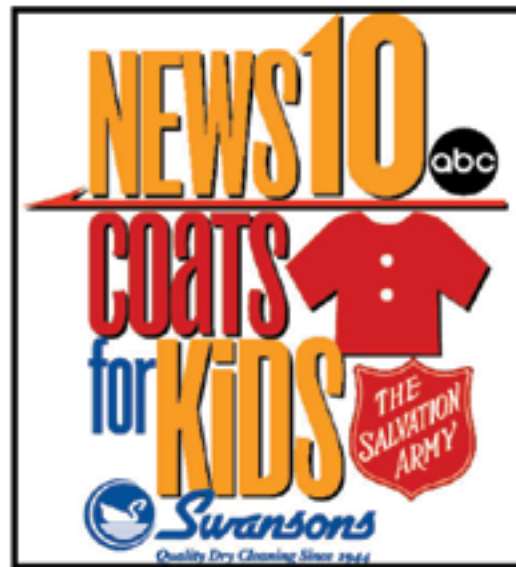
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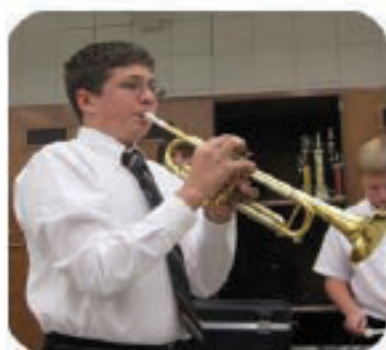
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The Limelight bar, café, card room has deep roots in Alhambra District

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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For about a half-century, The Limelight bar and café has served as a sort of one-stop shop for meeting friends, hanging out, enjoying adult beverages and grabbing a bite to eat.

But although this historic business at 1014 Alhambra Blvd. has certainly maintained some traditions, it has also made a variety of improvements throughout the years, from making changes and additions to its food offerings to undergoing remodeling alterations such as adding a card room in 1977 and expanding the business with a covered patio annex.

East Sacramento resident Mark Wright, a regular of The Limelight, recently described the business as “a great place to socialize that is conveniently located and has friendly bartenders who are fun to talk to.”

One of a kind

In addition to its full bar with many barstools and a room full of tables and chairs, The Limelight may come as a surprise to newcomers who encounter a full menu of food items that are prepared in an on-site kitchen by a veteran professional chef.

Barbara Mikacich, whose husband Pete Mikacich has been the sole owner of The Limelight since about 1980, said that one should not expect to see any white table clothes on the establishment's tables, but added that business's food is far from typical bar food.

Barbara, a 1951 graduate of McClatchy High School who owned Andiamo Restaurant and Bar, which was located in the old Rosemount Grill building at 3145 Folsom Blvd., recruited veteran chef Ron “Speedy” Gonzales to work in The Limelight's kitchen, thus bringing with him his many years of kitchen experience.

Gonzales said that his experience in the kitchen has been a successful, 20-year adventure that began at a popular hotel in New York.

“I began working in a kitchen at (New York's Omni Berkshire Hotel) at 52nd (Street) and 5th (Avenue) when Saturday Night Live was really happening and Eddie Murphy

and John Belushi and other (SNL) cast members would come in there,” Gonzales said. “I started as a dishwasher and eventually became a sous chef. I later worked as a night chef at Fulton's (Prime Rib) in Old Sacramento and at the Radisson (Hotel in Sacramento) as a line cook.”

In the cards

When asked to share the best comment he ever heard about his food at The Limelight, Gonzales said, “One lady told me that (The Limelight's) food is the best little secret in Sacramento. But what really helps make our food so good is that Barbara insists upon having the highest quality ingredients.”

The Limelight's food menu is certainly not the biggest secret in the city – a fact that is evident by the large crowds that arrive for the business's weekend brunches.

Among the food items prepared daily in The Limelight's kitchen are: New York steaks, pork chops, lasagna, ravioli, Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches, pizzas, salads and appetizers such as calamari strips, fried zucchini planks, potato skins, nachos, hot wings and garlic fries.

When it comes to playing cards, perhaps no one has played cards longer at The Limelight or perhaps in the city, for that matter, than Sacramento native Theodore Pantages.

With Pantages' love for playing cards, it was not so ironic that Pantages, 86, happened to be playing cards at The Limelight when the East Sacramento News paid a visit to the business earlier this month.

Pantages, who began playing cards in Sacramento when he was 14 years old, describes himself as an avid card player at The Limelight.

“I come here to play cards every chance I get,” said Pantages, who is no stranger to gambling environments, since he made a career working in the California horseracing industry. “This is a pretty darn good, neighborhood card room. There's nothing sophisticated about it, so you can just come as you are, which is convenient for many people. I would say that close to 100 percent of the people who come to play cards



The Limelight at 1014 Alhambra Blvd. has been a part of the East Sacramento/midtown community since 1960. The business is known for its popular bar, café and card room.

(at The Limelight) enjoy their time here.”

Pocket area resident “Big Al” Bledsoe, a security guard at The Limelight who oversees many card games, said that Pantages has company when it comes to the trivia of who might have tallied more years of card playing in Sacramento, noting that the 92-year-old Sacramento card playing veteran John Stockton is also a regular at The Limelight's card room.

The idea to add a card room to The Limelight's offerings was certainly not an inexperienced gamble of sorts for the business, considering that Pete Mikacich, a 1951 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, began co-owning card rooms in Sacramento while he was still in his 20s.

The first of these card rooms – none of which are still in operation – was Leone's Place, which was located at 217 L St., followed by the Gold Nugget at 316 K St. and 1021 6th St., then the Equipoise Club Room at 1126 7th St. and lastly, Georgian's Restaurant and Card Club at 1901 J St.

The Limelight card room has expanded from its initial three tables to its current nine tables, which includes seven hold'em tables and a pair of newly-added blackjack tables.

Staying in the limelight

Prior to Pete Mikacich's ownership of The Limelight, the

business was solely operated by Harold Olson for 17 years.

Pete briefly co-owned The Limelight with Olson before buying out Olson's share of the business.

Olson had established The Limelight in 1960 upon the closure of Juark's Restaurant, which had a short-term existence from 1958 to 1959.

Prior to the opening of Juark's, one of the area's most successful businesses, Alhambra Italian Restaurant and Café, served many locals, including those opting to enjoy a quality meal prior to catching a show at the luxurious Alhambra Theatre, which was located directly across the street. The theater continued to operate into the early years of The Limelight.

The restaurant, which opened in 1936, was very authentic, as it was owned by an Italian man, named Arturo Puccinelli, who lived with his wife Delphina at 1111 33rd St. and later at 5525 J St.

While living at his J Street residence, Arturo briefly shared ownership of the restaurant with Orazio Puccinelli, who lived at 5547 J St.

For sometime during the 1940s and perhaps longer, the restaurant, which included a banquet room, was under the management of Julius Giammattei, who lived at 3321 Serra Way, off 34th Street, in East Sacramento.

Pantages described the Italian restaurant as a “magnificent place with great food” and booths with individual privacy curtains.

The restaurant also included a popular bar, which Teri Ousley, a manager at The Limelight, said was the occasional recipient of a neighborhood childhood prank.

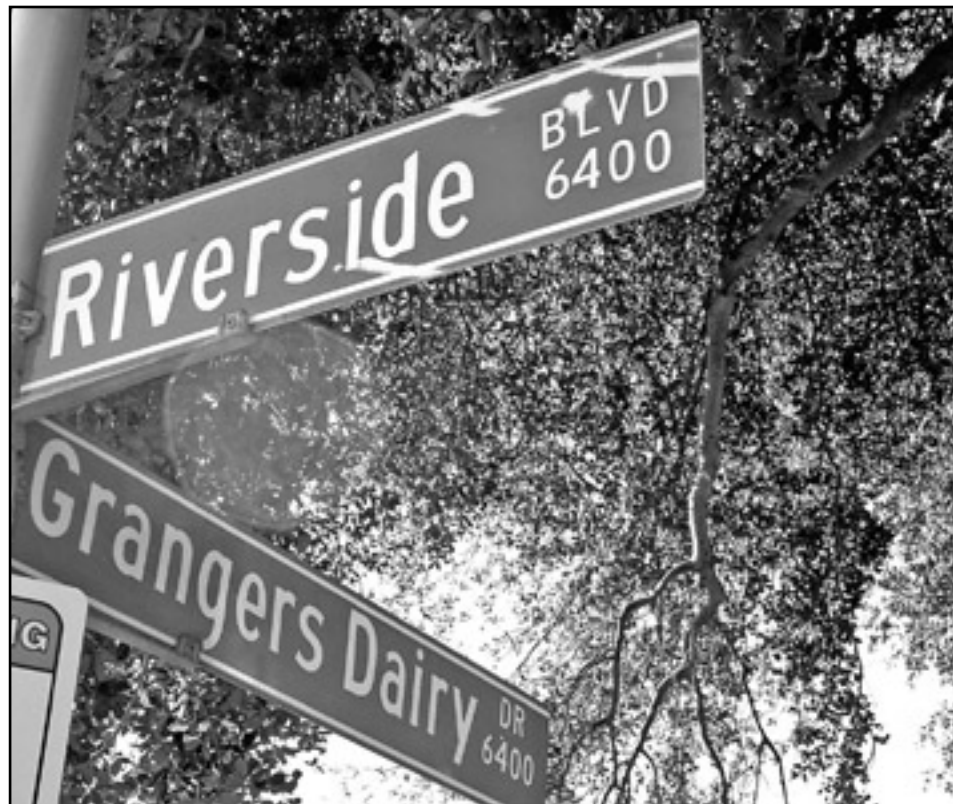
“We used to go to the Saturday morning cartoons at the Alhambra Theatre and while we were in the area, we would open up the bar's door, yell inside and run away,” Ousley said. “It was just one of the silly ways we kept entertained as children back then.”

The history of the 1014 Alhambra Blvd. building also includes an auto repair shop, which began operation at the site in 1926. The shop shared the address with the Italian restaurant in 1936 and 1937 – the first two years of the restaurant.

Barbara said that she hopes that more people continue to discover The Limelight, which she describes as a “friendly, comfortable place with great food and a nice bar, café and card room.”

The Limelight is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., with the exception of the card room, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 a.m.

For additional information about The Limelight, call (916) 446-2208 or visit the Web site www.limelightcardroom.com.



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Grangers Dairy Drive at Riverside Boulevard pays tribute to the Pocket dairy, which was operated by the Seamas family from 1896 to 1940.



Photo courtesy of PHCS
The Seamas Dairy cattle had plenty of room to roam, as shown in this c. 1930s photograph.

Pocket's Grangers Dairy is story of local pioneers

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Sacramento was certainly a much different place in the late 19th century, as the city's number of commercial dairies was about equal to the number of carpenters and builders and the number of restaurants.

With this information in mind, it should not be surprising to discover that the even more rural Pocket area, which at the time was just seven miles south of city limits, also included its own commercial dairy, known as the Grangers Dairy.

Furthermore, considering the Pocket's rich Portuguese roots, which were planted back around the days of the Gold Rush, it should also not be surprising to learn that this dairy was a Portuguese-owned and operated business.

The Portuguese family who owned this very successful business for 44 years was the Seamas family.

The Seamas connection

Many local residents are familiar with the name Seamas, since upon a recommendation from Portuguese members of the community, the city named a Pocket area street, Seamas Avenue. The street was given its name as a tribute to Emanuel "Babe" Seamas, the last owner of the dairy.

Although Seamas Avenue, Grangers Dairy Drive, just to the west of the Elks Lodge No. 6 building at

6446 Riverside Blvd., and a housing development in the north Pocket area, called Grangers Dairy, are the lone physical reminders of the dairy's existence in the area, in its day, the dairy was a very noticeable part of the community.

The road to the creation of Grangers Dairy began with the emigration of Manuel Simas Sebastiao to America. Manuel's name was later changed to Manuel Seamas.

At the age of 17, Manuel, a native of Pico Island in the Azores islands of Portugal, traveled for a month on a ship, which arrived in Boston in August 1865.

Soon finding employment in the New England area, Manuel initially worked for \$7 per month before having his pay increased to \$15 per month just three months later.

Determined to make his way to California, Manuel, while working a later job on a whaling ship, abandoned his position on the ship and boarded a steamer in Panama that was routed for the Golden State.

Manuel, who worked on the steamer in exchange for his stay on the ship, arrived in San Francisco in 1868.

Although Manuel desired to head to Sacramento, he was met with the dilemma of not having \$5 for the fare to board a Sacramento-bound vessel.

Fortunately for Manuel, he encountered one of his friends from his homeland, who assisted him in

hiding in a trunk on a boat headed to Sacramento.

Manuel eventually found work in West Sacramento as a harvester, but his time there was met with a tragic experience as he cut off one of his fingers, spent two weeks in a hospital and later caught malaria.

With plans to return to his employment as a whaler, Manuel was instead convinced to become a miner in Pilot Hill in El Dorado County.

Moving from Pilot Hill to Sierra City, near Truckee, in Sierra County about three years later, Manuel spent two more years mining for \$50 per month.

Manuel's decision to stay in California resulted in his marriage to the Azorean-born Roselina Silveira. The couple was married at St. Rose's Church at 7th and K streets on Oct. 28, 1877.

Away to the Pocket

Initially living together in Sierra County, Manuel and Roselina moved to the Pocket area in 1878.

In 1896, Manuel established his dairy and had a house built for his family on the old Riverside Road – now Riverside Boulevard.

Since the location of the historic road was slightly altered as a result of later development, the former location of the road ran in front of the Seamas' ornate Victorian house, which was located at the postal address of Route 8, Box 925 in the approximate location of the Elks lodge building.

Manuel, who with his wife had four children – Babe, Anna, Leonora and Mae – operated his dairy for about 21 years.

During the early years of the 27.7-acre Grangers Dairy, milk was delivered to customers in the Land Park area via Manuel's horse-drawn delivery wagon, which read on its sides, Grangers Dairy, M. Seamas. The name "Seamas" was intentionally misspelled "Seamas" in hopes that non-Portuguese people would phonetically pronounce the name accurately.

Manuel delivered to the nearby Land Park area, since most people living in the Pocket at the time did not have a need for such deliveries, as residents of the Pocket generally owned their own milking cows.

The dairy experienced a substantial setback in the winter of 1904, when a large flood washed through the dairy and other parts of the Pocket. The dairy recovered from the incident, however, and continued its operation.

With his father's retirement from the dairy at the age of 70, Babe began operating the business in 1917.

Twenty-three years later, Babe decided to retire from the business himself and sold the dairy to the Crystal Cream and Butter Co.

The dairy's property and house, however, stayed in the Seamas family for many years thereafter.

Although few details are known regarding the daily operations of the dairy, several photos on file with

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the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society present a valuable visual representation of the dairy.

Among these photos, which range in age from the early 1900s to the 1930s, are photos of Manuel, Roselina, Babe and Anna Seamas, the family's Victorian house and the dairy's cattle, barns and milk preparation and bottling house.

During an interview conducted by Pocket historian Dolores (Silva) Greenslate with the now-late Clarence Nevis in the early 1980s, Nevis, who was a neighbor of the Seamas, indicated that he believed that the milk preparation and bottling house may have been sentimentally constructed in the likeness of Manuel's former Azorean home.

Being that the structure was made of stone, it served as an ideal place for keeping the milk cool.

In the background of the only photograph of the preparation and bottling house, a small road separating this building from the barns can be seen.

Although it is not evident in the photograph, this road, Greenslate explained, led directly to Riverside

Road, thus providing a simple beginning for the milk deliveries.

Although she never visited the dairy, Greenslate, who grew up in the Pocket, said that she remembers seeing the dairy from Riverside Road and added that the Seamas house was the most impressive house in the Pocket.

"Nothing compared to that house in the Pocket," Greenslate said. "It was just a beautiful place and a pleasant sight along Riverside Road."

Greenslate added that although she remembers seeing the Seamas family at Portuguese gatherings at the Portuguese hall, the family generally mingled with a more affluent crowd.

"(The Seamas) mostly socialized with the people who were more wealthy like in those pictures there (of social gatherings at their home)," Greenslate said. "I don't recognize any of those people (in the photographs). Those were business people or others who were more in the wealthy group. I do remember talking to Babe Seamas and his wife and my mother and Babe were good friends. He was a very nice and pleasant man."



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Manuel and Roselina Seamas are shown together on the Seamas ranch during Manuel's 90th birthday gathering on Oct. 9, 1937.

What remains of Grangers Dairy

With nearly 70 years removed from the closure of the Grangers Dairy, the only artifact in the city's archives from the dairy is a half-pint milk bottle with a chipped neck that was donated by Nevis on Oct. 2, 1982.

Despite the absence of many artifacts and landmarks identifying the old

dairy, Greenslate said that she has plenty of memories and pride regarding the Seamas family and their house and dairy.

"The Grangers Dairy is a part of history that I will never forget, because it was an early day Pocket business and because of the grandeur of that house," Greenslate said. "Other than the brickyard (that was located near to-

day's Greenhaven Lake), the dairy was the most recognizable business in the Pocket. The Seamas family was also memorable in that they were socially inclined and that they could afford big parties. We weren't envious of them though. We were proud of them as representatives of the Azores that they were able to come here (to America) and become so successful."

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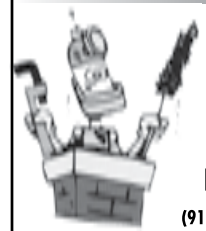
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NOVEMBER 27

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Fairytale Town gives thanks to the Sacramento community by conducting a canned food drive on Friday, November 27, 2009 (the day after Thanksgiving) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participating families will receive Free Admission to Fairytale Town in exchange for donating canned and packaged goods. All donations will benefit Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services' Holiday Spirit of Giving Food Drive.

NOVEMBER 29

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

Christmas services

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 95816.

Alzheimer's Support group

Are you looking for someone to talk to – someone who understands what it is like to deal with Alzheimer's disease? Join an Alzheimer's Support group hosted by Carmichael Oaks Senior Living. Ongoing sessions provide families and caregivers guidance and training to assist them in caring for a person with the disease. Our program will offer tips, resources, and the ability to connect with fellow caregivers. The free event starts at 6 p.m. at Carmichael Oaks Senior Living, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd. Information: Refreshments served. RSVP at 944-2323. For more information, visit www.carmichaeloaks.com.

DECEMBER 2

Casa Christmas event

Coming again to the Casa, a talented group of City College students performing Vocals and "Last-Minute Christmas," is December 2. Seatings are at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The meal will consist of Chicken Sotona with a mixed green salad or Mediter-

ranean chicken salad. Dessert is a Double Chocolate Mocha Cake. First-come-first-served group reservations. One contact person, one check. Cancellations are 10 days prior to lunch. Food selection and pre-payment required. For reservations, call (916) 452-2809. Tickets at \$20 per person.

Stroke Signs, Symptoms and Prevention

Methodist Hospital of Sacramento will present information on the signs and symptoms of stroke. Learn about stroke prevention tips from Methodist Hospital doctors, nurses and dietitians. Blood pressure screenings and body fat and BMI testing will also be available. For more information, please contact Erin MacEneaney at 423-6198. The event runs from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center of Elk Grove, 8830 Sharkey Avenue, Elk Grove.

DECEMBER 3

Latino Dance and Culture Group

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

DECEMBER 4

Organic Gardening

On December 4, 2009, 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. for a Holiday potluck. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

DECEMBER 5

Jensen Garden Workday Volunteers

The Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden work days one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ex23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

Pruning Clinic

The Historic Rose Garden in the Historic City Cemetery will present Pruning Clinics on December 5 from 10-11:00 a.m. Enter at the Cemetery Main Gate to learn why pruning roses is important and how pruning should be done. Both heritage roses and modern roses will be discussed. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. For information, call (916) 443-2146.

Advent Faire

To begin preparations for the Christmas Holidays, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, invites everyone to the Advent Faire, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Make It and Take It" Christmas crafts are featured. There are gifts and decorations (including Christmas green arrangements and decorated Christmas houses) to make with the assistance of Santa's helpers and an opportunity to win a unique quilt fashioned by Northminster's quilters. There are craft activities for all ages. All crafts are free. To make this event complete, a light lunch will be offered. Bring your friends and family. For more information, call 487-5192 or visit northminsteronline.org.

Book Sale

To help holiday shoppers looking to save money as well as the library, the Friends of the Sac-

ramento Public Library are sponsoring a Pre-Holiday Warehouse Sale. Public sale hours will be noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 12. Friends' members only are invited to shop from 9 am to noon on Saturday, December 5, and prospective members may join at the door for \$15. The sale will be held in the Friends' warehouse, at the rear of their Book Den store, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, between Power Inn Road and Florin-Perkins Road just south of 14th Avenue. More than 100,000 paperback and hard-bound books, audio books, videos, and other materials will be available at prices ranging from \$.50 to \$2.00. The Book Den store at the same site will be open during the Warehouse Sale. At the Book Den shoppers select from individually priced better books, including collectibles, and other materials, with most books priced at \$3 to \$10. The Book Den is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm, but during this special sale it will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds, after expenses, benefit the Sacramento Public Library. For more information call the Book Den at 916-731-8493 or email fspl@att.net.

DECEMBER 5-6

Holiday Open House and Studio Sale

15th annual Holiday Open House and Studio Sale at Schumacher Ceramics in Clarksburg on December 5th & 6th from 11am-5pm. Bob and Sonya Schumacher will have new ceramic pieces for all those on your gift-giving list. We will have new work from our returning potters and artists featured in the gallery, and paintings by Patris. On Saturday we will have jazz by Guitarbari of Davis, and on Sunday we will have the preview release of the DVD by Sonya Schumacher entitled: "Clay Conversations" 36530 Riverview Drive, Clarksburg, CA; Call for directions, (916) 744-1062.

DECEMBER 6

McKinley Song Circle

McKinley Children's Song Circle with the Shadchasers will perform for free Dec. 6 at 3-4:30 p.m. in the Clunie Clubhouse, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Families welcome. Brand new songbooks for singers available. For more information and directions, call 531-4110. The Shadchasers is a local folk group of 10 members playing Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Malvina Reynolds, Raffi, and other singable family music suitable for children's activities. We sing and dance, and encourage families to sing together whenever they can. Now we have a new songbook with about 60 songs to share with our group.

Christmas Crèche

Come experience the wonder of Christ's birth depicted in hundreds of nativities from around the world. The Third Annual Elk Grove Nativity, or "Christmas Crèche," will be held Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 6. Friday Dec. 4 the event is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday the event will be open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The diverse collection represents many countries and cultures and each of the crèche's are crafted from a variety of materials. This year, organizers plan to display more than 400 nativities from around the world. In addition to the grand variety of nativities, local talent will perform. This Christmas Crèche is open to everyone throughout the Sacramento area. The Third Annual Elk Grove Nativity will be held at the Bruceville Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 9910 Bruceville Rd. in Elk Grove. For more information, please visit the website at elkgrovenativity.org. The Nativity Open House is free of charge.

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DECEMBER 9

Root Cellar

Sacramento Genealogical Society General Membership meeting 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Citrus Heights Community Clubhouse 6921 Sylan Road, Citrus Heights. Program to be determined plus holiday festivities. Free. Visitors welcome. Contact Sammie Hudgens at (916) 481-4830 or www.rootcellar.org.

DECEMBER 10

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "Computer Technology in Today's Automobiles." 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.

California Citizens for Health Freedom, Sacramento Chapter

The California Citizens for Health Freedom, Sacramento Chapter will meet on December 10, 2009, at the SMUD Auditorium (the old SMUD Building) on 6201 S Street, Sacramento. A free lecture, "Bring Health and Happiness - Getting a New Start for 2010" presented by Chaplain Tom Kopko, M.A., B.A. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

DECEMBER 11

"Beginning a Business" seminar

Twin Rivers Adult School will offer a free seminar "Business Concepts for Entrepreneurs." Thinking about starting your own business? Need to jump start your existing business? Considering a virtual online business? This presentation will highlight business structures and operational planning, accounting with Quick Books, and promotional materials development. Join us on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., and again at 6:00 p.m. for this and other information as presented in our new Business Concepts course. SCORE counselors are scheduled to be on-site to answer questions regarding SBA loans and other related resources.

This seminar will be held at Twin Rivers Adult School, 3220 Winona Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. For more information, call David at (916) 996-7554 or email bt4a@live.com.

DECEMBER 11-12

Galena Street East Holiday Tapestry

Galena Street East, a dynamic group of young performers specializing in music and dance, will perform their 37th Annual Holiday Tapestry production, "Wishes". Voted the "Best of Sacramento" in 2008, this lively, entertaining performing ensemble has captivated audiences for over 36 years with their diverse repertoire of music and dances that also includes traditional folk dances from many countries, including Hungary, Ireland, Korea, and the United States. This is a fabulous event for families as our young ambassadors, ages 5-19, dazzle audiences with their fabulous costumes, song, and dance. Shows are Friday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The performances are at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium; 6879 14th Ave. Tickets are \$15/general admission; \$12/children, students, & seniors; \$10/groups of 10 or more. For more information, call (916) 731-4090; www.galenastreeteast.org.

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Executive Airport: Noise levels may improve

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noise ordinance, it will use a noise model acceptable to the state, the county, and the FAA. It will also forecast the future mix of aircraft in the GA fleet (both props and jets). A new noise ordinance will not favor one type of aircraft over another; it will be easy to monitor, easy to enforce, and easy to understand.

How will new data fed into a noise model affect the surrounding community? The noise consultant believes that noise levels will improve [get quieter] over time as aviation technology continues to improve. He even suggests that a noise ordinance might some day not be needed, though we're not at that point yet.

Local noise concerns

By now, local residents have probably accepted the annual average daily aircraft noise, more or less. However, a single noisy airplane or helicopter flying over someone's home can ratchet-up a person's anger a few decibels. Several members of the audience spoke about aircraft noise that stifles conversation in their backyard. Small aircraft seem to be getting louder. Can violators be identified and prosecuted? Well, no pilot has ever been arrested over a noise complaint, but yes, the county will investigate, if the noise complaint comes with date, time and approximate location. Call (916) 874-0800. It was noted that military, law enforcement, and emergency flights are exempted from the noise ordinance. The county has a Web site www.sacairports.org where one can learn about airport noise. Just go to the left hand column and click on "noise." In addition, an interesting Web site www.sacramentotracks.com tracks all of the aircraft in the area on any given day. If you know the date and time of a troublesome, noisy aircraft, this Web site will let you follow the offending airplane as it



Land Park News Photo/Earl Rogers

Mark McFarland of Barnard Dunkelberg & Co. Airport Consultants references a slide while discussing the Executive Airport Master Plan Nov. 18 at a community meeting.

moves across a map of the area and in some cases give you the aircraft number, type, altitude and destination.

Master plan schedule

According to Mark McFarland of the consulting firm Barnard Dunkelberg & Company, all the components of the Executive Airport Master Plan, including noise studies and recommendations, will be available to review with the public next spring. The document will be called the Draft Final Report. Expect another community meeting around February 2010.

To learn more about the Executive Airport Master Plan online, use this link: http://www.sacairports.org/exec/planning/master_plan.html and click on "working paper3."



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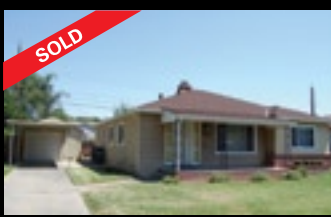
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