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Do you support accountability in the classroom?

Yes, I absolutely support accountability throughout the school district. In fact, under my leadership on the board, we have established policies and practices to increase accountability at all levels from the work of the superintendent to the results expected in the classroom. This is unprecedented in our school district and a model, that when fully implemented, will greatly benefit students as well as a responsible means of ensuring that we are efficiently using our district funding.

What is your background and experience and why should you continue on in this position?

I came to the board 4 years ago as a parent who was disenchanted with the school district. I believed then, as I do now, that I possess the right set of skills to maximize the potential of the school district. I was instrumental in the hiring of a new superintendent, the creation of policies and practices for the district centered around results, and the saving of critical programs in our schools such as the arts, music, theatre, and libraries.

My background is in working with at-risk youth who have struggled with all adversities imaginable, and finding ways for youth to overcome the challenges that they face through their own perseverance and strength. In many ways, this is exactly what we must do as a school district-- we must overcome the adversity of these times without giving in to short sighted fads or quick fixes. We have to find lasting results that truly assist our students and our communities--- that requires all of us working together.

Continuity of leadership is necessary for the success of the Sacramento City Unified School District. We need board members who can be steadfast in their willingness and ability to create positive outcomes in difficult times. I feel that I've been just such a board member - and many of our local elected officials and organizations believe that I've been an effective leader in an unmatched time of difficult budget cuts and necessary concessions.



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Swan tours focus on migratory waterfowl in Sacramento Valley

By SUSAN LAIRD
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Every winter, millions of creatures migrate through California. Monarch butterflies are returning to Carmel. Hummingbirds are headed for Mexico. And waterfowl, including the tundra swan, are heading for their favorite winter habitats in Baja California.

Tundra swans are the most common swan in North America. The bird is completely white, although the head and neck can appear rusty, due to contact with ferrous minerals in marsh soils where the birds feed. They have black legs and a black bill that usually has a yellow spot at the base.

Tundra swans are strong fliers and fly either in a straight line or in a classic "V" formation. These birds prefer habitats that include marshy lakes, bays and tundra – especially locations in Canada where

tree growth is hindered by low temperatures and short growing seasons.

The birds mate for life, producing their young in the spring. It is not uncommon for cygnets – young swans – to do their first migration south with their parents. Tundra swans have a long lifespan, and few predators outside of man. A tundra swan can live as long as 20 years or more.

California's Department of Fish and Game is offering an opportunity to view these amazing creatures as they make their journey south, starting in November and running through the migratory season's end in February. Members of the public are invited to register for a naturalist-led swan tour of Marysville's rice and waterfowl area.

Co-hosted by local rice farmers and land owners, these tours will focus on finding tundra

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Swans: Private lands will open for tours

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swans, as this tract is one of the best locations for seeing swans in California.

"We'll be scouting for the sheets of white – namely the swans – and other assorted waterfowl," said Bruce Forman, naturalist for the Department of Fish and Game. "It's also a special treat to see a bald eagle, as this is also bald eagle habitat."

Ducks, geese, cranes, shorebirds, white pelicans, herons, egrets and raptors are also commonly seen in this area, known as District 10. The area contains 23,000 acres of rice fields and restored habitat not normally open to the public.

"Part of the experience will be learning about the importance of rice farming as critical habitat for many kinds of waterfowl," Forman said.

Tours will be held on the second and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m.–11 a.m., November through February. These are driving tours along a short route with very little walking required.

Pre-registration is required on the department's website, www.dfg.ca.gov/regions/2/SwanTours.

Up to 30 people may register for each tour. The tours are free, but registrants are encour-



Photo courtesy of Ashok Khosla, www.seeingbirds.com
Tundra swans migrate south from Canada through the Sacramento Valley during the months of November through February. These graceful birds can flock in numbers so great that they can appear "as a sea of white." The California Department of Fish and Game is offering tours to view these creatures as they migrate south.

aged to make a donation online to the California Wildlife Foundation to support the program.

The swan tours are part of DFG's wildlife viewing services program, which includes similar outdoors opportunities at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, Yolo Basin Wildlife Area, Isenberg Crane Reserve and North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve. For more information about the swan tours, call (916) 358-2852.

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Know your neighbor

Brownie's Lounge celebrates 25th year in South Land Park

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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For many people in the South Land Park area, Brownie's Lounge in the South Hills Shopping Center holds a special place in their heart. And a big part of the experience that makes Brownie's such a unique place is the business's owner, Clair "Brownie" Brown.

Far from a silent business owner, Brown arrives at the bar each day to greet his many customers and even provide work in the kitchen.

Well known among his customers, especially his longtime regulars, as the often gruff man who keeps the place interesting with a wide variety of remarks that often slip past a "G" rating, Brown is nonetheless well respected as the captain of his figurative ship, which is Brownie's Lounge.

When approached last week regarding their thoughts about Brown, several of his customers and business staff appeared as if they had been expecting the inquiry and had arranged a "pat answer" for the reporter that was scheduled to make a visit to the bar.

Basically echoing the words of others interviewed for this article, Brownie's employee Bob Bach, for instance, said, "(Brown) can be grumpy at times, but he's got a heart of gold. He really likes people."

And that is much of the secret to the success of Brown, whose gruff charac-

ter has both earned him respect and, in fact, endeared him to his customers.

Certainly, there would have to be some blueprint for success for a man who has been in the bar business for more than a half-century.

With the absence of balloons, confetti and any other recognition, a milestone in a segment of Brown's career as a bar owner was recently reached as almost a footnote, despite its magnitude.

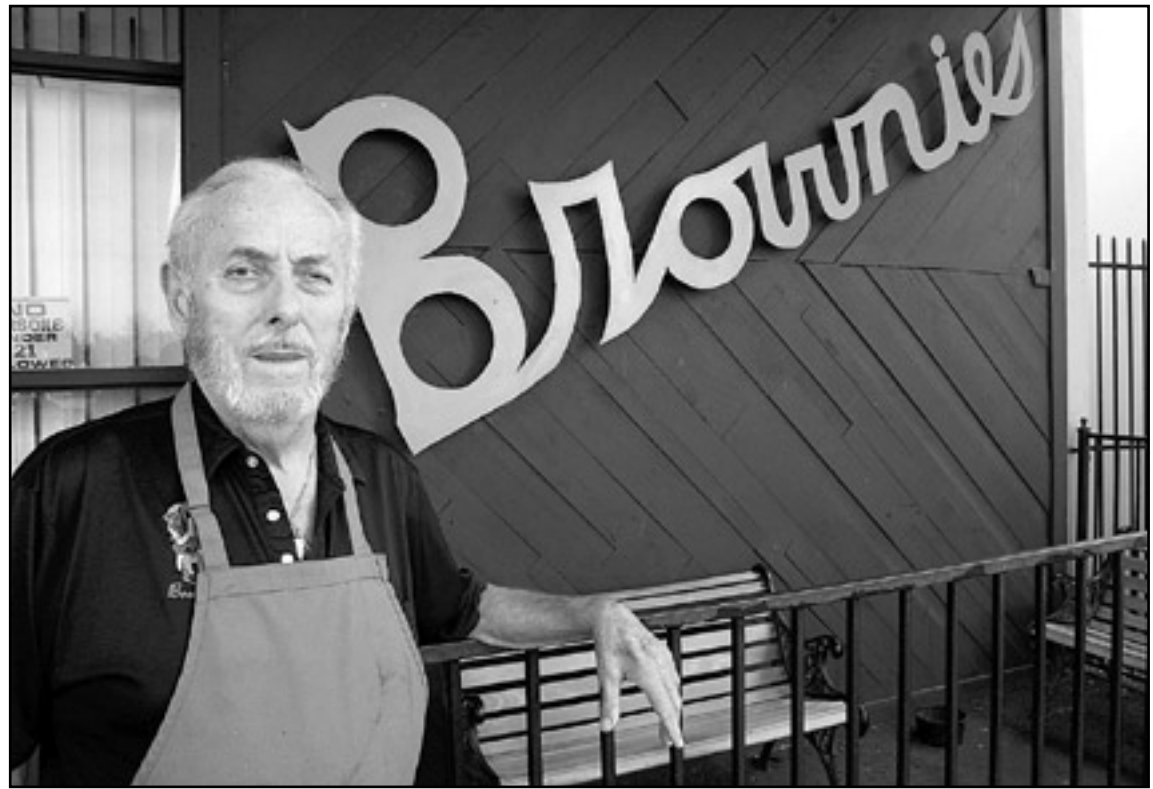
It has been 25 years since Brown relocated his former bar, Gas Lamp at 4450 24th St., near Hughes Stadium, to its current site at 5858 South Land Park Drive. This move also included a change to the bar's current name.

In discussing this milestone, Brown said that this achievement is simply the result of a man who continues to do what he loves.

Love of the business

Brown is quick to provide documentation of the fact that he has loved his career in the bar business for a very long time.

While holding a piece of paper in hand as documentary evidence, Brown said, "Here's an article that *The Sacramento Union* did on me (in 1983). In the old Gas Lamp, I had 25 burglaries and armed robberies and I was fired at three times in 20 years. Evidently, I was meant to be here, because they didn't get me. I was shot at through my hair one time, then once over my left shoul-



Land Park News photo, Lance Armstrong

Clair "Brownie" Brown is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his business's relocation to South Land Park.

der into the wall and then once a bullet hit my back pant leg, but it didn't hit the flesh."

Brown, who purchased the Gas Lamp bar in 1966, demonstrated his love for his business more than a quarter century ago when he exclaimed to a *Union* reporter, "No punk's gonna make me shut down what I love."

With a background that includes being a target in a shooting gallery, Brown should perhaps have a license to be a bit grumpy at times.

Furthermore, with this background and the fact that he continues to operate his business at the age of 77, no one should doubt Brown's passion for the bar business.

Brownie's bartender Candace Duda said that Brown's passion for his bar is best demonstrated in his interaction with his customers.

"(Brown) has a good heart, he's a hard worker and he always goes over and sits and

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Applying to college is like another extracurricular activity

By MARILYN VAN LÖBEN SELS
Land Park News columnist

By now, high school seniors are fully aware that CSU, UC, The Common App and other colleges have posted their applications for Fall 2011.

As one student aptly commented, "Applying to college is like having another extracurricular activity." By planning ahead, students can make the process go much more smoothly and efficiently.

After deciding on a college list, the most important task is to make a timeline for each college, the type of appli-

cation it requires, potential scholarship opportunities, and all due dates. For the Common App and many other non-state schools, students need to note additional requirements such as teacher recommendations, art and athletic supplements as well as the secondary school, midyear and final reports completed by their high school counselor.

Some colleges even invite students to submit additional recommendations, and all of these application parts need to be coordinated and completed on schedule.

By using a special calendar or plotting all of this information on an Ex-

*Application hints
make the job easier*

cel spreadsheet, students can really see their job in its entirety, break it down into parts, and get each task done on time.

To make the application process smoother, students can work ahead and organize information for easy input. They will need the following information:

+ A copy of their high school transcript so they can record their grades;

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Brownies: Business owner has been in bar business for more than a half a century

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talks with the customers," Duda said. "He just loves to entertain people."

Irish heritage

And one of Brown's favorite ways to entertain people is through Brownie's annual St. Patrick's Day event, which includes corned beef and cabbage and live musical entertainment.

Proceeds from this event, with the exception of the bar's earnings, are traditionally presented to a charity of Brown's choice.

Two years ago, for instance, the event raised funds for the medical expenses of Hayden Gomez, a local boy, who was fighting a battle against leukemia.

Brown's Irish connection extends well beyond hosting St. Patrick's Day gatherings at his bar, as he was born in Yuba City to his Irish-American mother, Hazel Estelle (Drennen) Brown, and his father Leo Brown, who worked in the turkey processing industry.

Furthermore, Brown participated in the Honorable Guild of St. Patrick's Day Mummers' annual parade on J and K streets from about 1958 to the last year of the parade in about 1997.

Brown also marched in a St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland with the same St. Patrick's Day guild in 1977. The event was attended by about 500,000 people.

It was also during 1977 that the Honorable Guild of St. Patrick's Day Mummers recognized Brown as the "Irishman of the Year."

A plaque representing this honor hangs on a wall just inside the front door of Brownie's.

Customers of Brownie's do not have to wait until March 17 to have a dominant reminder of Brown's heritage. The bar itself has a very Irish theme, as many of its features are decorated in green – the symbolic color of St. Patrick's Day.

Good eats

Additionally, serving corned beef and cabbage is a year-round tradition at Brownie's.

A sign on the front of the business reads: "World famous corned beef and cabbage, Thursdays."

In addition to this weekly menu item, which is offered for \$9.75, every Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Brownie's serves lunches, which include other specials such as sausage and kraut (\$8.50) and ribs (\$11.25) on Wednesdays and seafood (prices vary) on Fridays.

Well known around the local neighborhood for its quality food that is cooked on the premises, Brownie's also serves such items as rib eye steak (\$11.75), prawn cocktail (\$10.75), cheeseburger (\$7.75), chef salad (\$8.50) and several kinds of sandwiches.

Brown, who began his career in the bar business in about 1955 at The Stables, a pizza and beer business at 4563 Freeport Blvd., was a student in his 20s at Sacramento Junior College (now Sacramento City College) when he began working in the bar industry.

In about 1958, he took a job at The Captain's Table, a cocktail lounge at 4350 Riverside Blvd., in



Brownie's bartender Candace Duda serves a drink to one of her customers, South Land Park resident Steve Borchert.

the area where Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar is now located.

About three years later, Brown was working at the Gas Lamp for the business's owner, Bob Burns.

Due to his ever-expanding love for the business, Brown purchased the Gas Lamp, becoming the establishment's third owner. Brown said that the business was originally owned by Tony Sertich and opened its doors

for the first time on Thanksgiving Day 1955.

With his longevity in the bar industry, Brown said that he believes that no bar in the city has been owned and operated by one owner for a longer period of time than his bar.

But to play it safe, Brown added, "Well, not to offend anyone, my place is, for sure, the oldest single-owner, Irish-owned bar in the city."

At an age when many people would have already called it quits, Brown said that after his many years working in the bar industry, he has no plans for retirement.

"I like what I do," Brown said. "It's an easy thing, it's a nice thing and I've always liked it. So, it's a pleasure to continue doing what I'm doing."

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Crocker Art Museum expansion now open

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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A new era in the history of Sacramento's famed Crocker Art Museum began Oct. 10, as the museum held a free, public opening celebration of its \$100 million, 125,000-square-foot expansion.

The event, which was held at the 216 O St. museum from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., allowed guests of the gathering to view the interior of the new expansion, which was designed by Gwathmey Siegel and Associates Architects.

Attractions included: the Sacramento Youth Jazz Band, the West Coast's largest art car show, Kalanjali: Dance of India, Kennelly Irish Dance, Capital Roots and a laser show grand finale.

The Crocker Art Museum was founded in 1885. The long-awaited expansion, which tripled the size of the museum, features a series of special exhibits in its new galleries. These exhibits include works by the renowned Sacramento artist, Wayne Thiebaud.

Also on display are master drawings from the museum's "pioneering collection" and a display of promised gifts to the museum such as French Barbizon paintings, Tang Dynasty sculpture, American impressionism and contemporary California art.

The opening of the museum expansion marked some 10 years since planning began and a little more than three years since the groundbreaking for the state-of-the-art expansion, which was considered a necessity for the museum for many years.



The new entrance to the Crocker Art Museum is at street level. Visitors can enter the first floor at no charge, where they can enjoy dining in the museum's café, shop in the museum store or attend a lecture. The museum collections are on the second and third floors.

In addition to the Crocker's new galleries for displaying temporary and permanent collections, the expansion includes a 260-seat, multi-purpose auditorium for films, concerts and lectures, the Bobbin and Patrick Mulvaney-operated Crocker Café with free Wi-Fi, a courtyard and a museum store.

Lial Jones, the museum's director, emphasized that although much focus has been placed on the construction of the expansion and the grand opening festivities, the open-

ing of Crocker's much-anticipated addition certainly marks only the beginning of the new Crocker's offerings.

"The whole idea of (the public opening celebration) is that's what starts people coming here and continuing to come (to the museum)," said Jones, who was instrumental in launching the \$100 million capital campaign to support the expansion.

The Crocker will offer plenty of attractions to keep the public con-

tinuously interested in visiting the museum. These offerings include various educational and community programs and a wide range of temporary exhibits.

The Crocker Art Museum is open to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information about the Crocker Art Museum, visit www.newcrocker.org.



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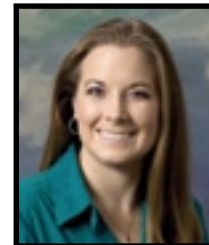


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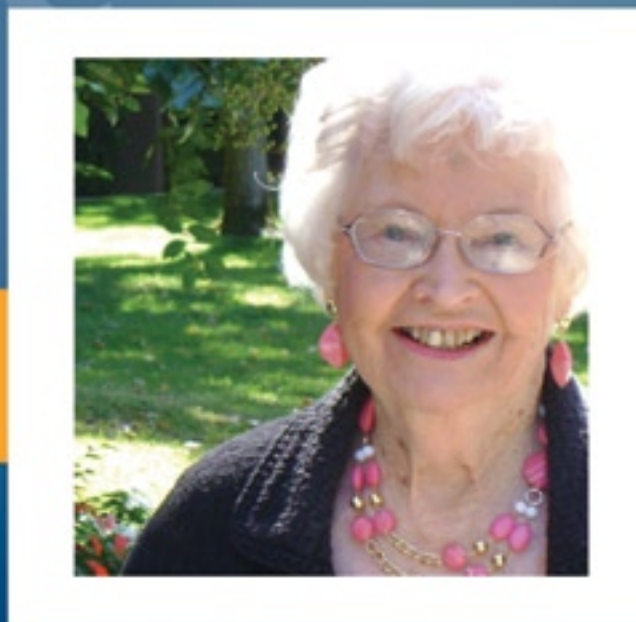
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Tale of 'The Silver Tooth of Marty's Youth'



By **MARTY RELLES**
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About the time I reached twelve years of age, I had an accident while swimming at Glen Hall Pool. I dove too deeply into the shallow end of the pool and struck my face on the bottom.

As a result of the collision, I chipped my upper front tooth almost half off. A few days later I visited our family dentist. He put a silver cap on the damaged tooth and told me, "Since your teeth are still growing Marty, I can't repair this damage until they have finished growing."

So, that was that. The cap remained on the tooth until I reached 17 years of age.

I damaged my teeth even worse a year later, when I fell into a concrete porch while playing on Janey Way. That accident knocked my other front upper tooth completely out. So, in addition to the silver cap, I had a gap in my front teeth.

This damage to my teeth had an effect on me. One day, a boy looked at me and asked, "Where did you get that silver tooth?"

I responded, "What's it to you?"

Fearing repercussions, he said nothing more, but having the silver tooth definitely embarrassed me. Over the next several years, I rarely smiled, and then, only with my mouth closed: a kind of Mona Lisa smile.

My friends were great, they never taunted me about this. Others were not so kind.

Later, when I attended Sacramento High, I participated actively in athletics, grew up, and soon forgot about the silver tooth. However, people always thought me a very serious person, as I rarely smiled. My high school graduation picture reflects this serious demeanor.

In 1964, the summer after I graduated from high school, I went to the dentist for a routine checkup.

As he examined my teeth, he said, "Your teeth have fully matured now Marty. It's time to put in a bridge where your two front teeth have been damaged."

So, over the next few months, I saw the dentist several times. He made a plaster of Paris impression of my teeth and from that constructed a bridge to fill the gap between the teeth. Finally, he installed the bridge in my mouth.

After he put my new front teeth in and had adjusted them to fit properly, he said, "Nurse, take Marty over to the big mirror and show him his new teeth."

When I looked into the mirror and smiled, a feeling of joy came over me which I can hardly explain.

For the first time in five years, my teeth looked straight and white and beautiful. After that, I smiled often.

People sometimes say to me, "You sure smile a lot." And I do. My mother always said that a smile doesn't cost one cent, yet sometimes it can bring joy to other people. Now the silver tooth of my youth is just another not very happy Janey Way memory.

Colleges

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SAT/ACT scores (Parents may want to be on hand, since these can easily get out of hand if a teen decides to apply to additional colleges at the last minute by simply clicking on additional buttons and then hitting "send." Sticker shock could ensue).

This list seems long, but it will really expedite the application process and keep stress levels down to a manageable level. After students send in their applications, they should check their email every day and respond to college's messages as soon as they pop into their inbox. At the recent CSU Counselors Conference, campus representatives asked us to tell students to be sure to read to the bottom of each page and to make the time to reply to each request promptly.

At times during the application process, students can get bogged down. One student said, "No one will even read my application." Admissions offices actually read each application carefully and at least twice. In some cases, when readers are not in

agreement over an applicant, a third person reads the application, and the three make a recommendation.

Senior year is definitely busy and applying to colleges does take a lot of time, but getting organized before begin-

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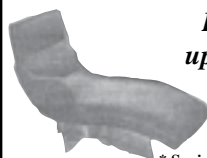
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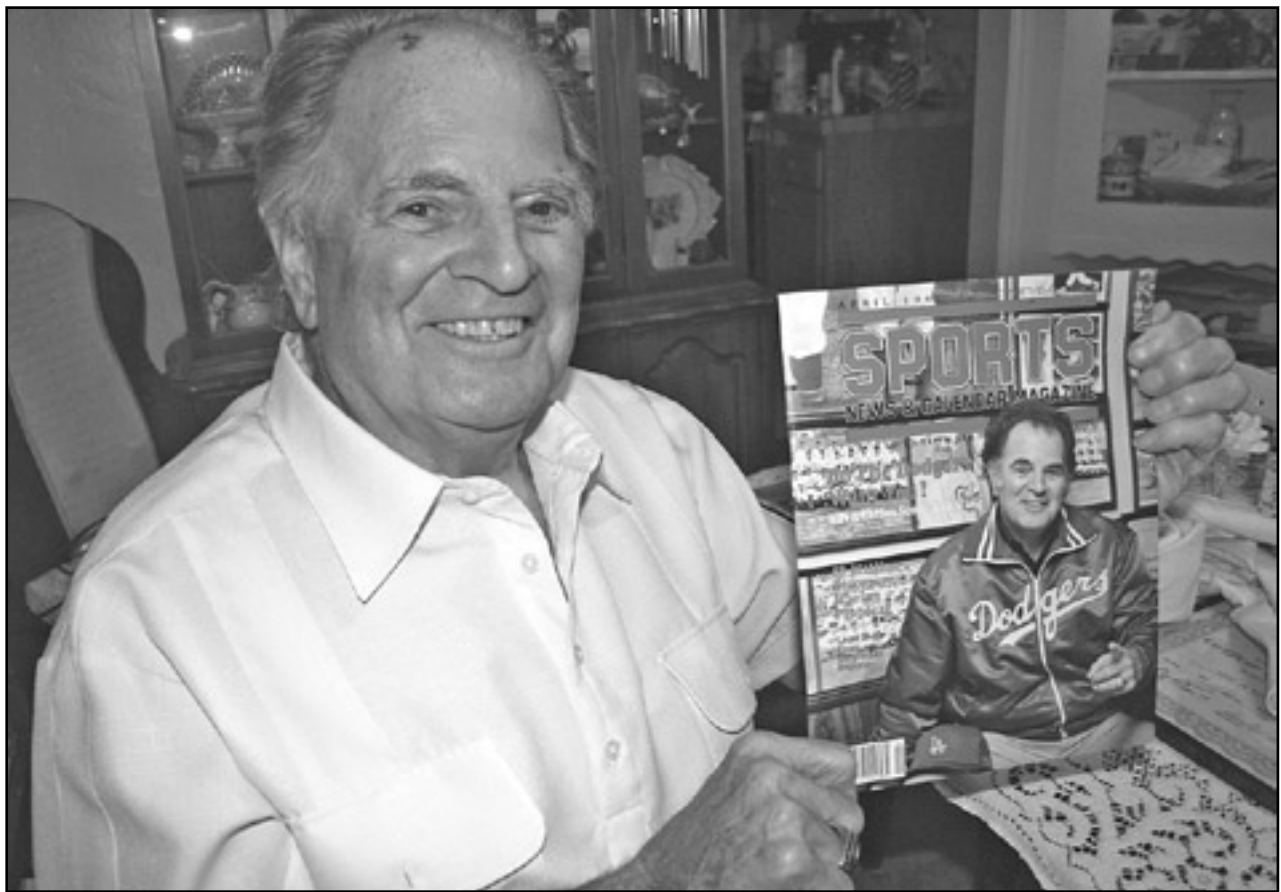
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Ron King, who was a catcher during his baseball playing days, is shown in this c.1945 photograph.



Pocket News photo, Lance Armstrong

Former Major League Baseball scout Ron King shows of a copy of a 1982 magazine with his photograph on the cover.

Sacramento's Ron King reminisces about lifelong love for baseball

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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When it comes to the topic of sports history in the capital city, despite what many loyal Sacramento Kings fans may say, baseball is king.

And somewhat ironically, one of the renowned people in local hardball lore is a man with the last name of King.

Ron King, known as "Ronnie" by many of his closest friends, grew up at 309 W St., near Southside Park, as

the only child of Manuel and Anna King.

When he was about eight years old, Ron, 82, who presently resides in Sacramento with his wife Betty, began playing baseball.

It was at this time, during the 1930s, that Ron plant-

ed his roots toward becoming a notable figure in the city's professional baseball history.

Born to play ball

Baseball was very much a large part of his life at a very young age, Ron explained.

"I used to carry a catcher's glove with me all the time in case somebody wanted to play catch," he recalled.

He picked up a baseball job in 1937, when he became em-

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King: 'Every time I woke up in the morning, I looked up at the sky and said, 'Thanks''

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ployed at Cardinal Field – home field of the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League – at Broadway and Riverside Boulevard.

Working at the stadium presented Ron with the opportunity to meet professional players. And for Ron, this was an experience that was the equivalent of a motion picture fanatic meeting Hollywood movie stars.

The CB years

After gaining experience playing on city league baseball teams during his childhood, Ron played baseball for Christian Brothers High School.

Evidence of Ron's love for baseball can be seen on a page of a 1946 edition of his high school newspaper, *The Talon*, which includes a write-up with the following words: "Do you want to know anything about baseball? Ask Ronnie King."

In 1946, the year that he graduated from the school, Ron was named as one of the 12 players of *The Sacramento Union's* All-City Team.

The minor leagues

Following his time at Christian Brothers, Ron began to live out his dream, as he signed with the Cleveland Indians organization and played with its Bakersfield farm club in the California League in 1946 and 1947 and then in Billings, Mont. in the Pioneer League in 1948.

In 1949, Ron played in Dayton, Ohio and was part of a pennant winning team in the Double A Central League.

In 1954, Ron came home to play in familiar territory, as he became a member of the Sacramento Solons. But his time playing for his hometown team was short-lived.

Team manager

In 1955 and 1956, Ron was a player-coach for the Salem Senators of the Northwest League.

Since minor league managers at the time were also required to be players, unless they owned the team they were managing, both Ron's playing and managing career came to an end during a play-off game in 1956, when he severely injured his back.

But true to the well-known line, "When one door closes, another opens," a new door opened for Ron when he was contacted by Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates, who offered him a job as a baseball scout.

Talent scout

Ron said that becoming a scout was one of the best decisions he made during his many years in baseball.

While working for the Pirates from 1960 to 1974, Ron scouted the following notable players from Sacramento: Bob Oliver, Jim Nelson, Greg "Duke" Sims, Rod Scurry, Rich Standart, among others.

Commenting that different scouts have different methods of scouting players, Ron said that as a scout, he placed great emphasis on a player's speed.

"Speed was the big thing," Ron said. "Power became second and then the arm became third, except with the catcher, shortstop and the right fielder."

During a time when the Pirates wanted Ron to relocate back East, he instead took a scouting job with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1974.

While maintaining his Sacramento home base with the Dodgers until 1987, Ron scouted various players, including Steve Sax, R.J. Reynolds and Rudy Law.

Sax was one of Ron's biggest recruits, as he was drafted into the Dodgers organization in 1978, won the National League Rookie of the Year award and was a five-time All-Star in 14 seasons.

Following his time with the Dodgers, Ron worked for three years as a national cross checker for the Philadelphia Phillies before taking a job as a national supervisor in his second stint with the Pirates.

Ron, whose best friend in baseball was Pittsburgh Pirates legend Willie Stargell, is also known for scouting many other notable players, including Max Venable, Rich Rodas, Matt Whisenat, Brian Clark, Joel Adams and certainly one of his favorites, the All-Star catcher, Jason Kendall.

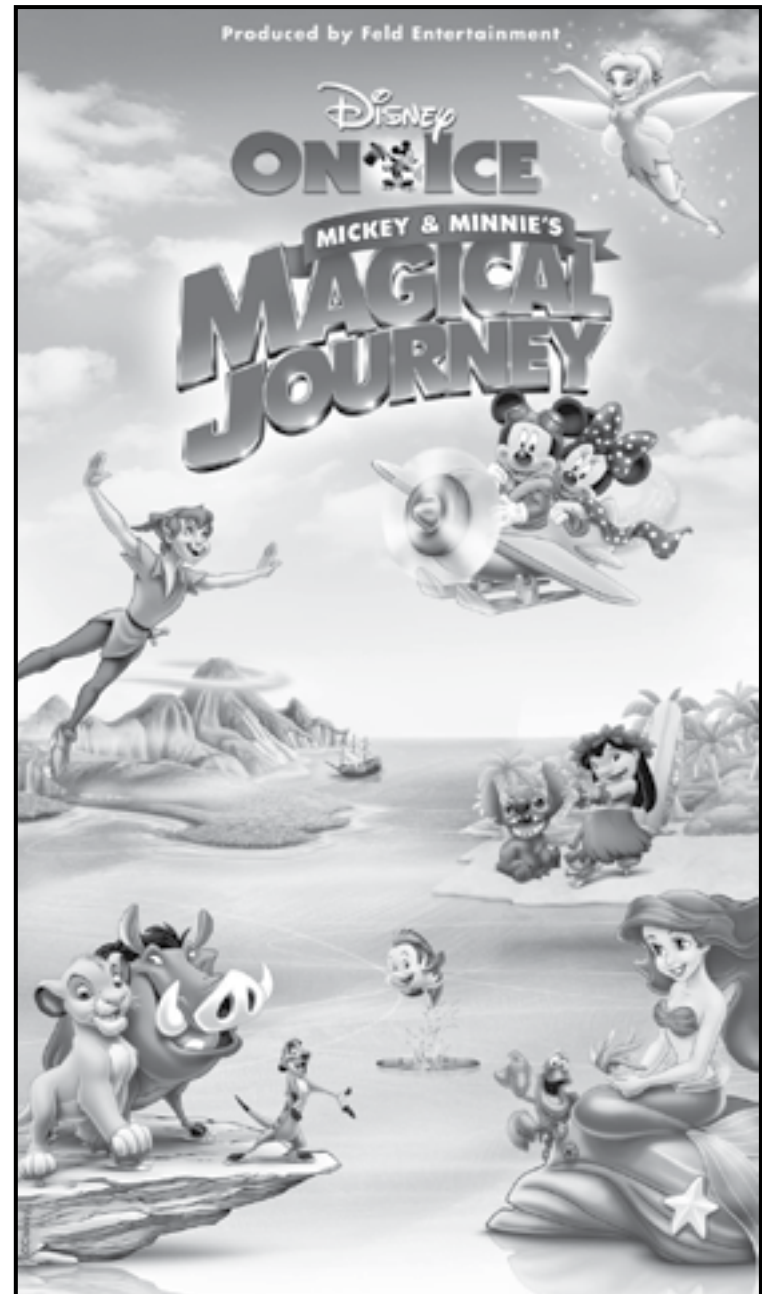
One of the proudest moments in Ron's baseball career,

which ended in 2000, came in 1997, when he was named the West Coast Scout of the Year by Major League Baseball.

Now in his retirement years, Ron still enjoys watching professional baseball games and serves as president of the Southside Improvement Club. He reads mystery books and enjoys reminiscing

about his many years working in baseball.

"I got to do everything I wanted to do," Ron said. "Every time I woke up in the morning, I looked up at the sky and said, 'Thanks.' When you get to do what you want to do all the time, you're pretty lucky. So, (being employed in baseball) was a dream come true."



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Annual Fall Festival

Oct. 16: Come join our "Harmony in Helping Hands" at the Annual Fall Festival to benefit the Shriner's Special Children. Admission free. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch avail. \$20/person. 1:15 p.m. fashion show. Other attractions include: boutique, baked goods, jams and jellies, book nook, jewelry and formals, more. Menzaleh Temple No. 16 Daughters of the Nile, Ben Ali Activities Bldg., 3262 Marysville Blvd., Sac (916) 455-9401

Toastmasters

Oct. 14, 21, 28: Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people

with Toastmaster club Los Oradores. Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores de la organizacion de Toastmasters. Thursdays/Jueves, 6:45 p.m. 2118 K St., Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232, teri.bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Rotary Club of Point West

Oct. 15, 22, 29: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

Oct. 15, 22, 29: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

Cemetery Garden tour

Oct. 16: "What's Blooming in the Cemetery Garden" tour. Stroll through the beautiful and peaceful gardens at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery to learn what's blooming. 10 a.m. Free, but donations gratefully accepted. Cemetery main gate, Broadway & 10th St. Parking available across the street. (916) 448-0811

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Sudoku answers

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4	7	3	2	5	6	1	8	9
9	1	5	3	7	8	4	2	6
2	6	8	1	4	9	7	3	5
6	2	1	5	8	3	9	7	4
8	4	9	7	6	1	3	5	2
5	3	7	9	2	4	6	1	8
3	9	2	4	1	5	8	6	7
7	8	4	6	3	2	5	9	1
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CALENDAR

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College letters of recommendation, interviews

Oct. 16: Applying for college means putting your best foot forward both in person, and on paper. In this workshop parents and students will learn how admissions offices use

letters of recommendations and interviews. Learn how to ask and who to ask for recommendations. Find out how to make it easy for the writer to recommend you. If an interview is a requirement for your application, discover who might be interviewing you, what they might ask, and how you can best prepare. The program will be presented by Marilyn

van Loben Sels, a certified college counselor. Free workshop. 10 a.m. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

Emergency Preparedness Self-Reliance Fair

Oct. 16: Learn how to prepare yourself and your family for natural and man-made disasters. Interactive exhibits, kids' activities, affordable food, rescue vehicles. Free. All welcome. Translators available. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 7401 – 24th St., Sac. (916) 429-7701

e-Waste recycling

Oct. 16: Get rid of your old televisions, computers, laptops, cell phones, printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines, ink cartridges, stereos, VCRs, DVD players, cable boxes, video game consoles and household batteries. Please, no microwave ovens, kitchen electronics or light fixtures. Free. Benefits JFK High PACE and MLK K-8. 9 a.m.–p.m. JFK High parking lot, 6715 Gloria Dr., Sac. Todd Thompson (916) 392-2885 todanddivanna@sbcglobal.net

Flower arranging with roses

Oct. 16: Learn and practice flower arranging using old garden roses with "R is for Rose" author Carolyn Parker. 10 a.m. The seminar will be held at the Sacramento Marina (2710 Ramp Way) at the west end of Broadway. Lunch included. Registration fee \$65. OCCC members \$45. Registration Forms at www.cemeteryrose.org or at www.oldcitycemetery.com (916) 448-0811

Food Addicts Anonymous

Oct. 16, 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Urban Farm Stand

Oct. 16, 23, 30: Soil Born Farms' newest urban agricultural project, a farm stand featuring seasonal, local and organic fruits and vegetables. Saturdays through Nov. 20 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. www.soilborn.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Oct. 17, 24, 31: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast

Oct. 17, 24, 31: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.–11 a.m., every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

Jesuit High School open house

Oct. 17: (All boys). Prospective students and their families are invited to tour the Jesuit High School campus, speak with administrators, teachers, students and their parents about all the opportunities Jesuit has to offer and to sign up for the Jan. 22 placement test and a Shadow Day. 12 noon–3 p.m. Jesuit High School, 1200 Jacob Lane, Carmichael. (916) 482-6060 ext. 227

Newcomer's Buffet

Oct. 18, Nov. 15: All widows, widowers invited to The Widowed Persons Assn. of CA no-host "Newcomers" buffet. 5:30 p.m. Meets third Mondays. Plaza Hof Brau, 2500 Watt Ave. (corner El Camino). (916) 972-9722.

Senior peer counseling training

Oct. 16: Senior Peer Counseling, a non-profit outreach program that matches volunteer visitors with lonely and isolated seniors, is offering a five week volunteer training. 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. The volunteers visit a senior for about an hour per week, to help with everyday tasks or just to socialize. Dinner is included at each week's training session. (916) 855-5444

Beginning bridge lessons

Oct. 19 – Dec. 7: Learn party bridge procedures with the Greenhaven Community Bridge Group. Lessons on evaluating hands, bidding, card play and coaching, keeping score, partner support strategies. Become more comfortable and confident in playing bridge socially. Meet new people; bring a spouse, friend or neighbor. All are welcome. \$10 for materials. 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Greenhaven Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 475 Florin Rd. (across from Kennedy High School). Dale or Barbara, (916) 424-3925

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Oct. 18, 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Exploring CA private colleges

Oct. 20: A smaller school may be a better fit for some students and they might want to consider a private school. Many little-known private schools are real gems, and many are more affordable than you think. Discover the types of private schools, their costs/financial aid packages, their degree of difficulty to be admitted and how best to research your options. College admissions advisor Joan Adams will present. 6:30 p.m. Registration required. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Ave., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

How to research family history

Oct. 20: The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will host Lynn G. Brown, presenting up-to-date information on immigration and naturalization. The INS no longer exists. Learn who and what have replaced them and how it can affect and improve your efforts to uncover records. Guests welcome. Free. 1 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 S. Land Park Dr, Sac.

Meet the author

Oct. 20: Teens and adults are invited to meet author Dave Eggers who will discuss his writings. Eggers, is the author of numerous books, including the memoir, "A Heart-breaking Work of Staggering Genius," a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize; and the novel "What Is the What," a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction. In 2009, the National Book Foundation awarded him the Literarian Award for Outstanding Service to the American Literary Community. Free. 7:30 p.m. Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

'Jazz Up Your Life' concert

Oct. 21: The Sacramento City College Jazz Band will present its premier fall concert, playing everything from swing and Latin to funky jazz. Free. 7 p.m. SCC Student Center, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Ron Knable (916) 558-2515

Identity theft prevention

Oct. 22: Robert Lane, a veteran money manager with Ironstone Bank and himself a victim of identity theft, will present steps you can take to prevent identity theft and what you can do if you are a victim. Free. 3 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

Harvest festival

Oct. 22: Enjoy crafts, food, games and entertainment at the Harvest Festival hosted by Matsuyama Elementary School. Free admission. 4 p.m.–7 p.m. 7680 Windbridge Dr., Sac. (916) 433-5535

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Faces and Places
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