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# Chinese Community Church celebrates 27th annual Fall Food Festival

Land Park News photos  
By LINDA POHL

A delightful and delicious time was had by all who attended the 27th annual Fall Food Festival hosted by the Chinese Community Church on Oct. 16.

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## October is 'Breast Cancer Awareness Month' Sacramento's 'Albie Aware' provides needed help to breast cancer victims

By CINDY LOVE  
Executive director, Albie Aware, Inc.  
Land Park News guest columnist

I have a favorite picture in my office of my husband, Jack, dressed up like a cowboy when he was five years old. His demeanor is very serious. He appears to be ready to take on any upcoming cowboy situation. Several years ago our son, Bryan, who also happens to adore this picture, used it for a sales brochure with the slogan, "There's a new Sheriff in town."

The little boy in this picture inspires me. He is a reminder that, though you may be small, you can do big things.

Albie Aware, while not exactly the new sheriff, is a local breast cancer foundation serving women and men in this community. Albie Aware (sounds like "I'll be Aware") was created in memory of Albie Carson who lost her battle with breast cancer on July 4, 2002. Our focus is a little different than the big, national breast cancer organizations.

Our mission is to save more lives and empower people with breast cancer through awareness, education and

support. We help provide direct services such as mammograms, MRIs, PET and PEM scans to people who do not have insurance, or who need assistance in covering their co-pays. We also help with medication and treatment co-pays. But that's not all.

Albie Aware reaches out to under served and low income people by teaching the importance of early-detection and screening, patients' rights to those who do have cancer, and the importance of counseling and emotional support during and after treatment. When people are diagnosed with breast cancer, they often find their world turned upside down. We attempt to inform them of their available community resources.

Our foundation is just over six years old and last year we met our goal of serving and reaching out to 1,000 women. Yet we are just beginning. The gap between the need for – and the availability of – breast cancer services is wider than ever. To date, our foundation has been solely funded by our fundraising efforts and donations. Our community par-



Photo courtesy  
The late Albie Carson. Albie Aware is a local breast cancer foundation that was founded in memory of Albie, a Sacramento resident who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2002. The organization served over 1,000 women last year.

tners and collaborations are critically important to our future success. If you have available resources that you would like to share, or if you would like to participate in one of our many fundraisers, we welcome you. Our website is www.albieaware.org, or you can call me at (916)927-1592.

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# California Automobile Museum hires new curator

Special to Land Park News

The California Automobile Museum announced the recent hiring of Nathan Smith as museum curator on Oct. 14.

Smith joins the California Automobile Museum as curator with a bachelor of arts in historic preservation and German from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., and a master of arts in museum studies from The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

"The Museum has a great foundation in automotive history, and an amazing corps of volunteers," Smith said. "I'm excited to build on the work they do every day and to share their passion for automotive history, and to connect that history to other significant developments in our culture over the past two hundred or so years."

In the course of his studies, Smith completed internships at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, the National Building Museum, and the Petersen Automotive Museum.

One of a long line of car aficionados, his great-great grandfather was a Mitchell, Oakland, and Hudson dealer beginning in 1915 and his grandfather is a recent past president of the Society of Automotive Historians. Smith comes from a long line of educators and considers himself an educator first and foremost. He looks forward to sharing his passion for history with the community.

Smith learned to drive in an El Camino and is known to spend his spare time exploring new areas behind the wheel of his '65 Corvair.



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# Zombies, superheroes, princesses and pirates invited to visit tall ship in Old Sac

Special to Land Park News

If you spy a snarling pirate captain in a tri-corn hat roaming the deck of the tall ship Hawaiian Chieftain, that's probably because his mom or dad brought him down to visit on Halloween. The top-sail ketch, now berthed at Old Sacramento, is inviting all youthful zombies, inspiring superheroes, glamorous princesses, and piratical minions to drop by for tricks or treats from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. The crew will be dressed up in their 18th-century garb enhanced with a bit of All Hallows Eve fun. Admission is free.

For kids and parents unable to visit in the evening, the ship will be open for walk-on tours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 31. Costumes are encouraged. Hawaiian Chieftain is also taking group reservations for a three-hour educational sailing experience from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Group leaders interested in the program should call (800) 200-5239. Information is also posted at [www.historicalseaport.org](http://www.historicalseaport.org).

The Hawaiian Chieftain has brought its living history educational programs to Sacramento for more than a decade. In each of the one-hour and three-hour educational pro-



Photo courtesy  
The Hawaiian Chieftain will offer Halloween trick-or-treating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. The tall ship is in Old Sacramento through Dec. 14.

grams, students work a number of stations set up aboard that discuss navigation, map-reading, elements of oceanography, and how 18th century mariners explored the California coast and inland waters. Launched in Hawaii in 1988, the steel-hulled vessel is 103 feet, nine inches long and 22 feet wide. Her main mast rises 75 feet off the water. She is now based in Aberdeen, Wash., and she sails to more than 40 ports a year on the west coast.

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# Jesuit High: 'Tower Stories: A 9/11 Project' explores doubt and faith

MELISSA CRONIN-BROWN  
Land Park News writer

Jesuit High School will debut its upcoming production of "Tower Stories: A 9/11 Project" on Nov. 4. The unique play is a "documentary theater" piece based on research, transcripts, and other sources about Sept. 11.

"This piece tells the story of that day in a fragmentary way from the moments before the planes hit the Twin Towers to the aftermath as people struggled to deal with what happened," explained Jesuit play director Ed Traftone. "We're focusing on doubt and faith, and what happens to people when the worst occurs."

Jesuit High, which is the Sacramento area's all-male Catholic high school, boasts a student body that hails from throughout the region. Likewise, the actors in the play are from throughout the area. It is anticipated that audience members from all age groups will come from Sacramento and the surrounding area.

Reactions from the audience may be varied. Audience members may remember the tragedy of 9/11 or have been affected by it...or may have only been little children when it happened nine

years ago. Members of the public still have opinions about 9/11 in general because it truly gave an impact on every American, whether it is spoken about openly about it or not. The impact was greater for those who knew someone who personally experienced the tragedies in New York and Pennsylvania. Others may feel sympathetic, even if they do not have any close connections to the event.

Characters in the play include everyone from people on the street to members of the international and religious communities and rescue workers.

The play is intended to provoke thought. Questions that the director and actors wish the audience to consider include: What do you believe in times of tragedy? How are those beliefs challenged? Do they change? How do events like Sept. 11 change our individual thinking, as well as our concern for the world's safety?

"Everyone tells the story together," Traftone said. "There really aren't any leads. It's about a group coming together."

"Tower Stories: A 9/11 Project" opens Nov. 4 and runs through Nov. 13. Evening performances at 7:30 p.m. are Nov. 4-6 and Nov.



The emotional and spiritual impact of the events of Sept. 11, 2001 are explored in Jesuit High School's production of "Tower Stories: A 9/11 Project," which runs Nov. 4-13. Photo courtesy

11-13. There will be a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Nov. 14. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission. To purchase tickets, visit the business office on campus. Jesuit High School is located at 1200 Jacob Lane in Carmichael.

The Black Box Theater where the play will be performed is located at 900 Gordon Lane (off Fair Oaks Boulevard) in Carmichael. For more information, call (916) 482-6060.

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# Sacramento resident sails into adventure with each Pacific Cup

By MARC MALONEY  
Land Park News writer

Sailing long distances on the Pacific Ocean, Michael Caplan says, is “hours of boredom punctuated by moments of sheer terror.”

The boredom, Caplan said, includes spending hours on watch in some of the remotest spots on the globe, complete with hallucinations and some conversation with yourself, seeing one’s life compartmentalized into only periods of light and periods of darkness, and repeated meals of the same tired pasta dishes and preserved canned banality.

At the other end of the seagoing spectrum are the otherworldly, sailors-only occurrences and interactions that the landlocked will never experience: eyeball-to-eyeball meetings with whales, endless seascapes seemingly meant solely for the viewing pleasure of those lucky few on board to view them at that particular moment and latitude, and occasional moments of mortal terror.

Caplan, a Sacramento realtor and a member of the Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade, recently completed his sixth Pacific Cup, a yacht race that takes competitors 2,070 miles from San Francisco to the Kaneohe Yacht Club on the windward side of Oahu, Hawaii. Fifty-six boats participated in the 2010 event, the race’s sixteenth running.

The Pacific Cup, Caplan explained, is a race primarily for amateur crews, unlike the Trans-Pacific Race, which is held in odd-numbered years and draws professional racers.

“In the Trans-Pac, the more money you have, the better your chances to win,” he said. “The Pacific Cup is an amateur race, run usually with older boats and amateur crews, and there is an enormous recidivist rate. It really gets in your blood.”

## A ‘water-oriented’ upbringing in paradise

Sailing got into Caplan’s blood early; his family moved to Hawaii from Sacramento when he was just four.

“My whole recreational perspective was water-oriented. I learned to surf before I learned to swim,” he recalled. “I started sailing when I was 12; one of my teenage jobs was sailing in Hawaii. The ocean became my comfort zone.”

Caplan returned to the mainland for college and resettled in Sacramento. As soon as he felt he had the discretionary time he needed to be able to do so, he resumed sailing, first on San Francisco Bay, then on the Pacific Ocean. He entered his first Pacific Cup in 1990 and competed in the 2000, 2002, 2004, 2008, and 2010 races. Over the years,

Caplan has helped oversee and supervise the race in a variety of roles, including once serving as race commodore, a post he recalls as being “a great deal of fun and very time-consuming.”

## How the race was run

A veteran Pacific Ocean sailor, Caplan knows well the sea and its capriciousness. During one race, his boat went from upright to capsized in the blink of an eye.

“One moment, it was five-foot seas and a 25-knot breeze, and then around 3 a.m., a squall hit us. The winds went from 25 miles per hour to 55, and we went from upright and controlled to on our ear with the boat on its side,” he said. “We went from tranquility to utter chaos in seconds.”

Handling the challenges of the rapidly-changing seascape is the true test of a sailor’s abilities, Caplan maintains.

“Usually during a race, there’s a middle ground,” he said. “You’re on the edge, and anything can happen at any time, but you’re managing it well. You’re completely focused on this 30- to 50-foot long piece of flotation.”

This year’s race, Caplan said, was marked by poor sailing conditions, and the conditions influence how fast each race is run. During this summer’s race, Caplan and his

shipmates aboard the *Whistler V* took 16 days to complete the nearly 2,100-mile course; the boat he was on during the 2004 race finished in just 11 days.

“The conditions really were about as bad as you could imagine this year,” Caplan said. “The weather was either calm or unfavorable. Our boat performed pretty poorly, and this race was just slow; even the fastest boats performed below capacity.”

## All hands on deck (and in the galley)

Participating in six Pacific Cup races has given Caplan insight into how to assemble a crew for a race. The main trait he looks for in prospective crew members is reliability.

“Each person on that boat depends totally on every other person and their ability to perform,” said Caplan. “And it’s true what they say, a quiet boat is the most efficient boat.”

Caplan also looks for people who are experienced ocean sailors, and possessing additional desirable skills like the ability to cook or prior medical training or experience, helps one’s resumé. For the record, family ties hold no sway when Caplan is gathering his crew.

“My son-in-law is the only member of my family that I deem reliable

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# Caplan: Adventurer has made eye contact with whales, seen Rembrandt-style sunsets

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enough for this," he said. "I hope that just he and I can go sailing one of these days."

For safety's sake, each boat in the Pacific Cup is required to carry certain amounts of potable water, provisions, anchors, feet of chain, and the like. Expecting the trip from San Francisco to Hawaii to take between 12 and 14 days, Caplan prefers to take provisions for 16 to 18 days, just to be safe. Caplan also supplements the provisions by fishing from the boat; during this year's Pacific Cup, he caught and prepared four mahi-mahi. Even with the occasional fresh catch, meals and accommodations aboard the boat grow tiresome quickly, Caplan admits.

"There is no shower, no comfortable way to sleep, so you basically race all day, eat, crash, and wait until you're called for your next watch," he said. "As far as food, we have each crew member bring in his or her favorite dish frozen, and we eat those first. Then we get into the fortified protein shakes, pasta, Vienna sausages, Spam, that sort of thing."

## The things you see at sea

Asked about his most memorable moments and sights on a boat, Caplan recalls seeing living "Rembrandt paintings" stretch out before him at sunset, scenes so beautiful that exhausted crew members would interrupt their hard-earned naps to take them in.

He remembers feeling like his "whole soul had been sucked up into the Milky Way" one night under the stars. He tells of flying fish and flying squid inexplicably landing with a plop on the deck of the boat and of birds lighting on one of the ropes or rails and hitchhiking for days. Perhaps most stirring are the encounters with whales.

"They make eye contact with you, and you're looking at them and they're looking back at you, and you can't help but wonder, 'What the hell is this animal thinking?'"

Unfortunately, Caplan also has seen how human thoughtlessness is impacting the oceans.

"I've observed a lot of trash in the open ocean: ropes, parts of fishing nets, and of course plastic bottles and other plastic things," he said. "It's really discouraging and disheartening. The nets and ropes are the most disheartening objects, since they can trap fish, dolphins, and turtles."

Caplan credits his Hawaiian upbringing for his fondness for the ocean and its inhabitants.

"The ocean has always been dear to me; chalk it up to being raised on an island in the middle of the Pacific," he said. "Spending time 'out there' just strengthens the commitment to preserving our natural resources. I think that most of us that sail feel similarly."



Photo courtesy Sacramento resident Michael Caplan loves to sail the Pacific Ocean from San Francisco to Hawaii. His voyages have involved encounters with flying fish, squid and whales.

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# 'Hero of the Hudson' comes to town to kick off 'Sacramento Ready'

By SUSAN LAIRD  
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Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, III joined Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson at City Hall to kick off "Sacramento Ready," a citizen education and emergency preparedness initiative.

The retired American airline transport pilot who is best known for landing US Airways Flight 1549 – after both engines had been disabled – in the Hudson River off Manhattan, New York City last year, is also a safety expert and accident investigator.

With the modesty and gentle humor for which he is known, the "Hero of the Hudson" spoke to the assembled emergency preparedness groups from organizations including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, local law enforcement and disaster relief groups.

"I'm often asked how I felt, being thrust into the limelight," he said. "Actually, it was a lack of thrust on my part that put me here."

Sullenberger discussed the events of January 15, 2009 – when his Airbus

A320 struck a flock of birds, disabling both engines and creating an emergency situation that required landing the crippled airplane in the freezing waters of the Hudson River. Amazingly, there were no fatalities.

"I served in the Air Force, but I never saw combat," he said. "I always wondered if I'd be able to rise to the occasion should I ever be placed in an emergency situation."

He gave credit to the preparedness training both he and his crew had received over a lifetime for "The Miracle on the Hudson." He spoke of having to force himself to be calm, to compartmentalize all training and experience and to focus on the task at hand – while depending on and trusting his team in an extreme situation.

"Jeff Skiles was my co-pilot, but he more than that. He is a fully qualified pilot," Sullenberger said. "One of the things he did was start to automatically call out altitude and air speed. He assisted me in raising the nose for the landing. Our flight attendants, Donna, Doreen and Sheila had little time to prepare every-one, but they did so. Patrick Carton, the

air traffic controller, kept giving me the information I needed as I needed it."

After landing the crippled aircraft, both Sullenberger and Skiles turned to each other and said, "Well, that wasn't as bad as I'd thought."

Another key to survival was the immediate action of "first responders" in New York and New Jersey.

"Since 9/11, these groups had practiced many different scenarios," Sullenberger said. "Many of the emergency responding agencies had already conducted drills. In three minutes and 55 seconds, the first boat arrived."

Sacramento Ready is a sustained preparedness campaign that will guide residents to become prepared before, during and after an emergency or disaster.

"In Sacramento, there is a sense of civic duty," Sullenberger said. "I commend you for that. None of us know what tomorrow may bring. Avoid complacency. I never knew what two minutes, 28 seconds of my career might change everything. Each of us has that responsibility to remain vigilant."

"Sacramento is the second most 'at-risk' community behind New Or-



Land Park News photo, Stephen Crowley  
Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson presents Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger with the Key to the City of Sacramento. Sullenberger was in town with his family to help the mayor kick off a new citizen education and emergency preparedness initiative.

leans," Johnson said. "With Sacramento Ready, we have a chance to really set ourselves apart. If we don't do our part (to become prepared for an emergency), we won't step up when the situation arises."

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## Janey Way Memories



## Hoops at St. Mary's School



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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*Boom, boom, boom, boom.*

I remember that sound as if it were yesterday: the sound of Dave Jurin bouncing his basket ball down the street. Soon it bounced right up to my house.

"Marty, let's go down and play basketball at St. Mary's," Dave said, and off we went to the school.

The baskets at St. Mary's did not reach the regulation height of ten feet. They stood only nine feet high. Better for us, as we had not reached our full height yet.

Nor were the courts regulation length. No matter, we usually played half court ball anyway: one-on-one to a score of 22 points. You had to win by four points or the game continued. Dave and I were equal in size and skill so we played very competitive games.

Soon, other kids arrived and awaited their turn to play.

The winner of the first game played the next in line and so on. The loser sat out.

Dan Petrocchi often saw us and came over from his house on M Street. Don Agostinelli usually came over the fence from his N Street home as soon as he heard us playing. Jim Ducray played with us, as did Lou Viani.

If a total of four people showed up, we played two-on-two, half court basketball. If six showed up, we began playing a full court basket ball game.

We played basketball at St. Mary's almost year around. We didn't play in the rain or if it got real cold. Otherwise, we played daily, after school, before it got dark. As we had no coaching, we taught ourselves the "ins and outs" of competitive basket ball: dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. Later I utilized these skills in Catholic Youth Organization basketball. I did not play basketball in high school. I chose football instead, but the completion at St. Mary's was as intense as any organized competition.

When I grew taller, I learned to dunk the basketball on the 9-foot rims at St. Mary's. What a thrill that was to dunk the ball like Wilt Chamberlain did on television. I usually just did it in practice, but a few times I did it in actual games, to the "oohs" and "aahs" of my fellow competitors.

Sadly, I never could dunk the ball on a regulation 10-foot basket, but at St. Mary's I strutted my stuff.

We all did.

Dave had a smooth 10-foot jump shot. Dan drove hard to the basket to slam in lay-ups. Don dribbled practically through our legs to drive the hoop and score. We had some epic games.

I drove by St. Mary's School the other day, heading toward our family home on Janey Way. The baskets still stand exactly where we played 50 years ago. A new generation of children now play there.

I can still hear the sounds of the ball, the squeak of the shoes and the thump of bodies banging into one another. Another exhilarating Janey Way memory.

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- **Carl Westphal, Principal, Crocker Riverside Elementary**

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I directed her son in numerous productions at Sacramento High School's VAPAC program and the VAPAC Charter School. He was an award winning drummer and successful, well-rounded person. So, Ellyne has seen first-hand, as a parent, how students grow through the arts. They grow wings and are contributors wherever they land.

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# St. Francis High not afraid to lead with 'Willy Wonka: The Musical'

By SUSAN LAIRD  
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St. Francis High School brings innovation to the fore once more, with its production of "Willy Wonka: The Musical" that will open on Nov. 3 and runs through Nov. 13.

The all-girls Catholic high school, which has developed a national reputation for excellence in the arts, draws students from the entire region: Sacramento, El Dorado Hills, Auburn, Woodland, even Fairfield. It regularly enlists boys to try out for male roles in its performing arts productions. In a pursuit of faith, excellence, leadership and service, the school seems to be stepping out to try something rather daring this season.

The school is performing a musical in the fall.

While this may not seem rather remarkable on the surface, this flies

in the face of conventional wisdom. Most of the other high schools in the region do their high school plays in the fall, and their musicals in the spring.

One of the reasons for this is so the judges for the Ellys can view all of the plays in each category, evaluate performances and cast ballots.

St. Francis has garnered its fair share of Ellys in past years. By switching its schedule, it runs the risk of being forgotten in the running with judges. However, the school is taking the view that there is more to life than awards. It's about doing the right thing for students, the audience and the work itself.

"Performing a musical in the fall, instead of the spring gives us more time to rehearse, as a musical needs extra time for the music and choreography," said Cheryl Watson, performing arts department chair at St. Francis. "There is less conflict



Photo courtesy

WILLY WONKA: THE MUSICAL is St. Francis High School's stunningly unusual offering for fall entertainment. The production is expected to sell out. Left to right, C.K. McClatchy senior Jake Murphy (Willy Wonka), St. Francis freshman Julia Rehwald (Charlie) and McClatchy senior Niles Swinney (Grandpa Joe).

with other events and concerts that happen in the spring. Musicals tend to be larger casts and with less events, there are fewer conflicts. We also have more time to build the set and props."

According to Watson, St. Francis "never chooses a play or musical with regard to Elly judges. Shows are chosen for the value they provide to our students, production staff, St. Francis community and gener-

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It's a daring and refreshing move. Whether such *chutzpah* will be appreciated by members of SARTA

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# Wonka: Outreach shows to local schools sold out

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remains to be seen. It will be a grand experiment.

With an eye to producing a quality musical, this year's offering by St. Francis should be outstanding.

"Willy Wonka: The Musical" will be familiar to audiences who enjoyed the classic film "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971). There are several familiar songs, and there are new favorites.

In the play, a young boy named Charlie Bucket becomes one of several youngsters competing to win a year's supply of chocolate. What Charlie, his Grandpa Joe and the others do not realize is that Wonka is seeking an heir to his chocolate empire. A tour of the chocolate factory is laced with delicious temptations

designed to test the characters of all.

The St. Francis production features four young men in lead roles. Jake Murphy, a senior at C.K. McClatchy High School, plays the title role of Willy Wonka. Grandpa Joe is played by Niles Swinney, also a senior at McClatchy. The roles of Mr. Bucket and Mr. Salt are played by Matt Pritchard and Cameron Tapella, both seniors at Jesuit High School.

Charlie Bucket is played by Julia Rehwald, a freshman at St. Francis.

"It's fun and the whole cast gets along," Rehwald said. "Rehearsals are fun and it's a great cast. I was nervous at first being a freshman but not any more."

"I am doing the show with my brother who goes to Jesuit and it's really fun sharing this with him," said freshman Stephanie Maro, who is in the ensemble. "It's fun to watch him onstage having a great time in something new."

Over 100 young people are working on the production, and over 120 students auditioned for the 50 roles in the musical. The musical will feature flying effects and a full student orchestra.

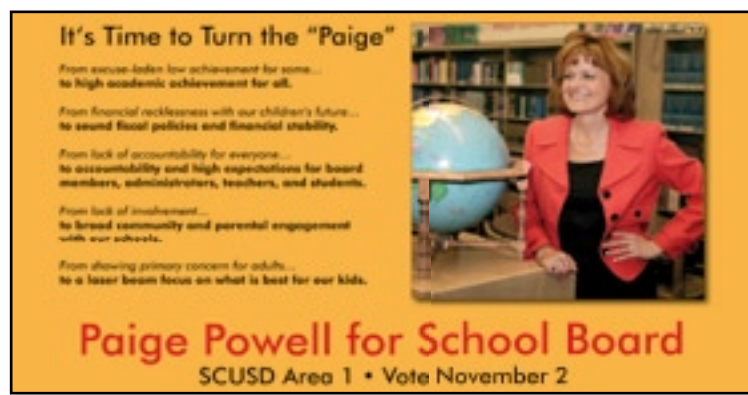
Two outreach shows to local elementary and middle school students have sold out. Over 1,000 students and teachers will attend.

"The interest in the outreach was phenomenal," Watson said.

It will be interesting to see how this production fares in the memories of Elly judges when nominations are posted next fall. Until then, however, be prepared enjoy one of the most spectacular offerings of the fall. After all, this production was planned with quality for the audience in mind.

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Chris Rodrigues, daytime manager at Giovanni's Pizzeria, prepares three large pizzas for hungry customers.



A "Pizza Rustica" is lovingly placed into the oven to bake to delicious perfection by John Ruffaine, the "Giovanni" of Giovanni's Pizza.

Land Park News photos, Tom Paniagua

## 'That's-a Italian' – Authentic New York flavor at Giovanni's Pizzeria

By SUSAN LAIRD  
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When displaced New Yorkers walk through the door of Giovanni's Old World New York Pizzeria in East Sacramento for the first time, it is not uncommon for them to stop dead in their tracks, inhale deeply and then reach in their pockets for their cell phones.

"Mom, I've found pizza." This reaction does not surprise John Ruffaine, co-owner of Giovanni's, in the least. It is something he has come to expect, and to reflect upon with pride as a native of Bedside, Brooklyn himself.

"I've had people literally cry at my counter because they were so happy," he said. "They walk in the door, and they know they've found a taste of home. They can tell just from the smell."

The sign on the building says "New York" pizza, and that is what John prepares for his customers every day. He is committed to providing Sacramento's pizza lovers with the "real deal."

"This is real Italian pepperoni," he said as he prepared a pizza pie. "And this is real mozzarella from New York. We don't throw dough here – we stretch it. Those guys who throw dough around aren't authentic. Nobody in New York or Italy does that."

John so enjoys making pizzas that customers sometimes laughingly accuse him of not wanting to hand it over to

them. He seems to work with a perpetual smile on his face as he crafts each pizza. He is passionate about producing a pizza that is as New York as possible. He was taught by those in the know, in the Italian neighborhoods of New York. The recipes are Old World Italian.

"I made my first pizza when I was eight years old," he said. "I was helping my mom in the kitchen. Old time Italians taught me, if you made a mistake you got more than just a payment – if you know what I mean."

John with his wife, Jenny, and Carlo and Allison Grifone founded Giovanni's in 2001.

"We're two Italian American families, and our families are from Salerno, Sicily and Calabria," he said. "A lot of what's on our menu is in-

spired from Southern Italy – it's actually what they use in their pizza. We don't use any enhancers. What you are getting is genuine flavor and texture. We use only the finest ingredients. If it's not made from scratch, it's imported from Italy or New York."

Sizes are larger than what most Sacramento residents are used to seeing. A large at Giovanni's is a generous 16 inches across – a good value for a hungry family.

A standard Pizza Pie is made with Giovanni's tomato sauce, mozzarella, extra virgin olive oil and spices (Large, \$17.95). The Little Italy is generously topped with meatballs, ricotta, garlic and spices (\$11.95 for small, up to \$24.75 for large).

Specialty pizzas are featured every three weeks.

"The specials focus on different regions of Italy," John said. "Those are true Neapolitan pizzas."

Customers can't get enough – they are tremendously loyal.

"My mother is from New York and I've been out there lots of times. This is the closest thing around here to a real New York pizza," said Tony Brown, Sacramento resident and loyal customer. "Not to mention, I like the customer service. John treats you real well."

The pizzeria is large and spacious – intended for families and community gatherings.

"This is where baseball teams come after the game," John said. "It's where families gather. It's where a kid can get his first job and bring his

first date. And I've seen that happen a lot in the last nine years."

"Giovanni" is Italian for John. His name, quite literally, is on the building. He is also known for his support of local schools and charities. Many a Giovanni's pizza has raised funds for a worthy cause.

"There's a lot of action behind what I do," John said. "My name is on the building. I care about this business and the community. We help everyone in the community. Those kids are the future."

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# Congregation B'nai Israel has roots dating back to the Gold Rush

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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For more than a half a century, Congregation B'nai Israel has had a temple in Land Park that has been a very important place for the local Jewish community. The site, however, is only part of the rich history of the congregation's presence in Sacramento.

The roots of Congregation B'nai Israel, in fact, date back to the great Gold Rush of California.

During this time in history, Jewish immigrants arrived in Sacramento mainly from Germany and Poland. Others arrived from Russia, England and France.

Of these early Jewish immigrants, Moses Hyman, who resided at 56 Front St., is recognized as the first Jewish leader in Sacramento.

Congregation B'nai Israel was established in 1852 as an outgrowth from the Hebrew Benevolent Society, which was founded by Jewish pioneers during the later months of 1850.

Services of the congregation were held in private homes in the capital city until June 1852, when a building was purchased from the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

The prefabricated building, which was located at 7th and L streets, was shipped around Cape Horn from Baltimore to San Francisco in 1849.

The building, which was then brought to Sacramento and consecrated in September 1852, became the first synagogue west of the Mississippi.

Unfortunately for the congregation, the original synagogue was burned down during a great fire, which also destroyed many other buildings in the area.

Following the fire, under Rabbi Z. Newstadter, a congregation met at a temporary temple on 5th Street.

By 1864, a new temple on 6th Street, between J and K streets, was consecrated and used for services and other gatherings for the following 40 years.

In about 1880, the congregation shifted from Orthodox Judaism to Reform Judaism.

A new, two-story synagogue with an upstairs sanctuary, a social hall, stage and kitchen, was constructed and opened on 15th Street, between N and O streets, in about 1904.

The history of the Jewish synagogue in the capital city includes many notable Sacramentans.



The 15th Street synagogue at 1421 15th St. served the congregation from 1904 to 1954.

Photo courtesy of Congregation B'nai Israel

Among the more notable people who were members of the congregation were David Lubin and Harris Weinstock.

Many present day Sacramentans are familiar with the names Weinstock and Lubin due to the longtime existence of the department store, Weinstock-Lubin and Co.,

which was located at 11th and K streets. Other locations of the store, which was later known as Weinstock's, were located in the greater Sacramento area.

The name David Lubin has also been memorialized through the David Lubin Elementary School at 3535 M

St. in East Sacramento. The school, which had the previous address 3700 K St., opened in about the mid-1920s.

In addition to his connection to the Weinstock-Lubin store, Lubin is also re-

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# B'Nai Israel: Notable congregation members included David Lubin, Harris Weinstock

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ognized as the founder of the International Institute of Agriculture.

Weinstock, who was Lubin's half-brother, was the co-founder of the Sutter Club, the Unitarian and Economic clubs of San Francisco and the Commonwealth Club of California.

Additionally, the temple's records show that Weinstock, who occupied the temple's pulpit when no rabbi was present, was responsible for bringing Rabbi Joseph L. Levy to Sacramento.

Levy was recognized as the "bright light of Judaism" and was invited to speak at a variety of temple and civic functions.

Other notable people who were members of the congregation were Isador Cohen, August Heilbron, Albert Elkus and Lewis Gerstle.

Following World War II, the Jewish community of Sacramento expanded immensely.

It was also during this time that the 15th Street synagogue was showing its age.

A joke about the building at the time was that the structure was held together with baling wire.

During the late 1940s, property was purchased for a \$250,000 synagogue at the site of the old Riverside Baths, a public swimming pool on Riverside Boulevard and 11th Avenue.

Heading the drive to collect funds for the new temple was the congregation's president, Dalton Feldstein.

So important was Feldstein's assistance with the project to have the synagogue constructed that the structure

became known as "the house that Dalton built."

The cornerstone for the Riverside synagogue was laid on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1953 at 11 a.m.

Attending the event were representatives of Gov. Goodwin J. Knight and Congressman John E. Moss, Jr., who placed items in the cornerstone.

Following the cornerstone laying ceremony, public tours of the new building were led by leaders of the congregation.

On Friday, April 2, 1954, the then-recently completed synagogue was dedicated, as more than 1,000 Sacramento Jews, as well as Christians and others, gathered for the event.

*The Sacramento Bee* reported that the dedication ceremony presented "a spirit of brotherhood among all faiths and all men."

During the dedication ceremony, Rabbi Irving I. Hausman read a prayer and introduced Feldstein, who he described as the "propelling force" behind the new synagogue.

In his dedicatory address, Feldstein said, "This is the first time in my life that I have had the honor and pleasure of dedicating a house of worship. The problems and the trials that went into bringing (the synagogue) into being are as nothing tonight."

In the early 1960s, a religious school building, which was later named in memory of Bennett "Buddy" Kandel, was added to the temple grounds.

The synagogue's records show that from about the mid-1940s until 1985, mem-



Land Park News photo, Lance Armstrong

The Opper Courtyard, an outdoor sanctuary named after Sy and Estelle Opper, was dedicated in April 1998.

bership in the congregation grew from about 200 individuals to about 700 families.

It was also in 1985 that a groundbreaking was held for a chapel, a library and an office building.

Another feature of the temple site is the Opper Courtyard, an outdoor sanctuary named after Sy and Estelle Opper and dedicated in April 1998 to Sophia Dubowsky for her devotion to her family and the Jewish community.

On June 18, 1998, a firebomb destroyed the temple's library, but through much support, funds were raised for the reconstruction of the building.

The trauma and destruction caused by the incident aroused the sympathies of many Jewish and non-Jewish people in the community.

Following the bombing, Rabbi Mona Alfi commented about this tragedy.

"Ironically, I think that much more will come out of the bombing than any harm that was inflicted upon us," Alfi said. "I think we're going to come across as a stronger congregation (and) a more involved congregation."

The congregation's ability to persevere and overcome this dark incident in the synagogue's history is a fine example of the outlook of its members.

In a 1999 documentary about the history of the synagogue, it was mentioned that the true spirit of Congregation B'nai Israel is not in its buildings, but instead in the soul of its members.

Working to serve the spiritual needs of its members and

guests, weekly services are led by Rabbi Alfi on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Today, Congregation B'nai Israel, which is recognized as the city's oldest Jewish congregation, continues to honor its traditions of heritage while "creating a Jewish experience that is relevant to today's society."

For additional information regarding Congregation B'nai Israel, call (916) 446-4861 or visit [www.bnais.com](http://www.bnais.com).

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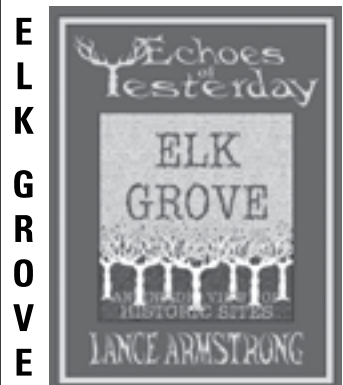
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## OCTOBER

### 'Wayne Thiebaud: Homecoming'

**Through Nov. 28:** Exhibit of Sacramento's most famous artist, Wayne Thiebaud, as he begins his 90th year. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### Beginning bridge lessons

**Through 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

### 'Tomorrow's Legacies'

**Through Jan. 9:** "Tomorrow's Legacies: Gifts Celebrating the Next 125 Years." Exhibit celebrating the Crocker Art Museum's 125th anniversary and 125,000 square foot expansion. 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### 'A Pioneering Collection'

**Through Feb. 6:** "A Pioneering Collection: Master Drawings from the Crocker Art Museum." The finest early collection of European drawings in the U.S. Works by Dürer, Fra Bartolommeo, van Dyck, Fragonard and Ingres. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### 'The Vase and Beyond'

**Through Feb. 6:** "The Vase and Beyond: The Sidney Swidler Collection of the Contemporary Vessel." Comprised of some 800 vessels by 300 artists, this collection showcases the wide-ranging, innovative practice of contemporary ceramic artists with a gorgeous array of forms, techniques and glazes. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum

### Big Band Dance

**Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Dance to the rhythms of the Big Band era. Every Thurs. \$5 admission. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 972-0336

### Food Addicts Anonymous

**Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25:** 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

### Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

**Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain - this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danae Horn (503) 319-4247

### Rotary Club of East Sacramento

**Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

### Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

**Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25:** Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

### Toastmasters

**Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25:** 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

### Lantern cemetery tour

**Oct. 29, 30:** Get into the "spirit" of the season. Costumed docents tell the stories of historic and notable cemetery residents by lantern light as you venture further into the shadows of the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery. Bring your imagination and a flashlight. \$30, tickets must be purchased in advanced. Tours commence at 6 p.m., 8 p.m., and 10 p.m. Cemetery main gate, Broadway & 10th St. Parking available across the street. Visit www.oldcitycemetery.com for information on purchasing tickets. (916) 448-0811

### Rotary Club of Point West

**Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26:** 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. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26:** 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

### Car wash fundraiser

**Oct. 30:** Get your dirty vehicle sparkling clean at this car wash fundraiser for the John F. Kennedy High School Marching Band. \$5. 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Kennedy High School parking lot, 6715 Gloria Dr. Sac. (916) 433-5200

### Food Addicts Anonymous

**Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27:** 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.

### Free SAT practice test

**Oct. 30:** High school students can prepare for college admission by practicing with the real SAT test given under real test conditions, for free. Kaplan Test Prep staff will administer the SAT practice test at 12 noon, at Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave., Carmichael. There will be a follow-up session on Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. for SAT test results and valuable test-taking tips. Registration is required at the library branch, online at www.saclibrary.org, or by calling (916) 264-2920

### Harvest festival

**Oct. 30:** Mini bazaar with home goods, crafts, gifts, raffle, food, sit-down dinner, more. Free admission to bazaar. Reservations necessary for dinner, \$10 adults, \$5 children, under 5 - free. 3 p.m. First Christian Church, 3901 Folsom Blvd., Sac. (916) 362-6164

### Urban Farm Stand

**Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20:** 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

### Women's heart health

**Oct. 30:** Dr. Maxine Barrish-Wreden will discuss risks, symptoms and prevention of heart disease. Hosted by Sacramento AAUW. 10 a.m. Arden Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave., Sac. (916) 972-7298

### Co-Dependents Anonymous

**Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28:** 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. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28:** 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

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### Harvest festival

Oct. 31: Come enjoy the Harvest Festival at Riverside Wesleyan Church. Free to the community. All are welcome. 6 p.m.–8:30 p.m. 6449 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 391-9845

## NOVEMBER

### Co-Dependents Anonymous

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 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.

### Hatha yoga

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.–4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916) 808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

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Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

### Tai Chi & Chi Keung

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

### Toastmasters

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Kassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Jan (916) 284-4236, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

### Basic English language class

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Non-native English speakers can improve English language proficiency. Free. Every Tues. Practice reading, writing, listening and speaking English with others in the class. Through Dec. 14. 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

### Big Band Dance

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### History book club

Nov. 2: The Carmichael Library History Book Club mixes fact and fiction for a clearer picture of world history. This month's book is "The Skystone" by Jack Whyte. Bring a snack to share. First Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave., Carmichael. (916) 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org

### Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

### Rotary Club of Carmichael

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m. Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

### Wine social

Nov. 2: Enjoy a wine social featuring Colibri Ridge Winery during hors d'oeuvres, followed by lunch (choice of Turkey Bearnaise with mixed green salad or Asian Chicken Salad with dried cranberries) and dessert Pumpkin Almond Squares. Reservations a must. \$20. 11:30 a.m. Benefits Sacramento Children's Home. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. (916) 452-2809

### Family music program

Nov. 3, 10, 17: Children, ages 3 to 7, are invited to join neighborhood favorite Mr. Cooper for 30 minutes of music time. Entire family welcome. 4 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 S. Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

### Senior Wednesday Club

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinochle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. Meets Wednesdays. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Judi (916) 247-6020

### Tea and Talk Book Club

Nov. 3: Adults, bring a tea cup, sip tea and discuss this month's featured book, "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Free. 10 a.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org

### Toastmasters

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon–1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

### Veterans' benefits seminar

Nov. 3: "Veterans: Get the Benefits You Deserve." Learn valuable tips and hints about veterans' benefits from Dept. of Consumer Affairs information experts. Sponsored by Take Charge California @ Your Library. Free. 12 noon. West Meeting Room, Central Library, 828 I St., Sac. (916) 264-2920

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### Disabled American Veterans

Nov. 4, Dec. 2: Ray Clark Chapter No. 35 of the Disabled American Veterans. First Thursdays, 7 p.m., Veterans' Memorial Building, Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., (corner Fair Oaks Blvd. & Sue Palm Dr). All disabled veterans invited to attend. (916) 635-7608

### 'Fashions from Past & Present'

Nov. 4: Enjoy Rhonda Barrett's vintage collection compared with Draper's and Damon's fashions of today during lunch (choice of Turkey Bearnaise with mixed green salad or Asian Chicken Salad with dried cranberries) and dessert Pumpkin Almond Squares. Reservations a must. \$20. Two seating times: 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Benefits Sacramento Children's Home. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. (916) 452-2809

### Kiwanis Club of East Sac-Midtown

Nov. 4: Want to make a difference? Are you interested in serving your community? Come for an introduction to Kiwanis, a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. All welcome. 5:30 p.m. Kiwanis Family House, 2875 50th St., Sac. George MacMurphey (916) 483-9883 or Cynthia Clark (916) 362-5132

### Fashion Night Out

Nov. 5: Be the first to choose from thousands of fabulous designer pieces at unbelievable prices. Enjoy wine and cheese as you shop. Benefiting Maryhouse, the women's and children's day shelter program of Loaves & Fishes. Admission \$40. 3 p.m.–8 p.m. U.S. Bank Tower, 621 Capitol Mall, 25th floor, Sac. (916) 446-4931

### Organic gardening

Nov. 5: Taylor Lewis of Windmill Nursery will present "Companion Planting: Encouraging Beneficial Insects and Reduce Disease." 10 a.m. Hosted by the Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County. Carmichael Park Administration Bldg., Room 1, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. (916) 635-6724

### Sandhill Crane Festival

Nov. 5–7: Sign up for tours to see these amazing birds that fly from as far away as Siberia and Alaska to winter in the Central Valley. Tour fees range from \$3 to \$35. Free activities also planned. Hutchins St. Square, Lodi. (800) 581-6150 www.cranefestival.com

### Arts & crafts fair

Nov. 6: "My Favorite Things: a very special Holiday Arts and Crafts Faire, 5th annual. Offering distinctive hand made things you love at fantastic prices. Plan to eat at our delightful Copper Kettle Café. Free admission. Easy parking. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2140 Mission Ave. (between Arden and Eastern), Carmichael. (916) 488-3550.

### Bariatric Surgery Informational Seminar

Nov. 6, Dec. 4: Learn all about what bariatric surgery is and is not. 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Bruceville Terrace Multipurpose Room, 8151 Bruceville Rd., Sac. Rondi Crowley (916) 423.5909.

### Fine art & craft show

Nov. 6: Enjoy holiday shopping and support local artisans at the 5th annual St. Mary Fine Art & Craft Show. One-of-a-kind items, wearable art, specialty food, glass, metalwork, jewelry, more. Free admission. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. St. Mary School, 1351 – 58th St., Sac. (916) 452-1100, artshow@saintmaryschool.com

# Sudoku answers

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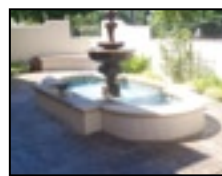
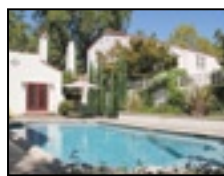
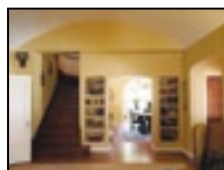
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Faces and places  
**Harvest  
 time fun**

Land Park News  
 photos by DANNY KAM

As the weather turns cooler and leaves turn to russet and gold, so too do little folks and their families turn to all things pumpkin. These families enjoyed a weekend at the Bastiao Farms Goblin Gardens Pumpkin Patch on El Centro Road in Sacramento.

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