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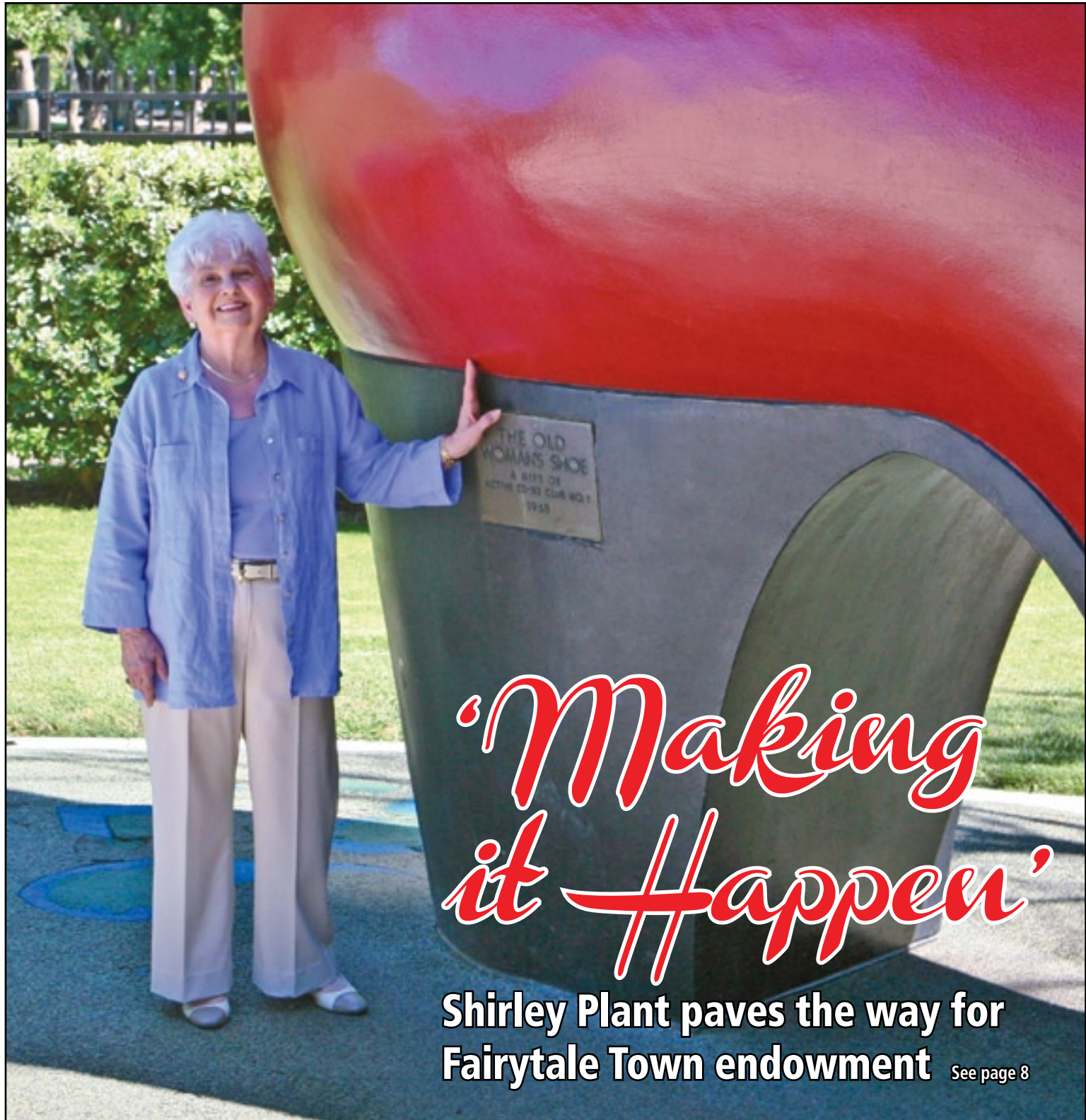
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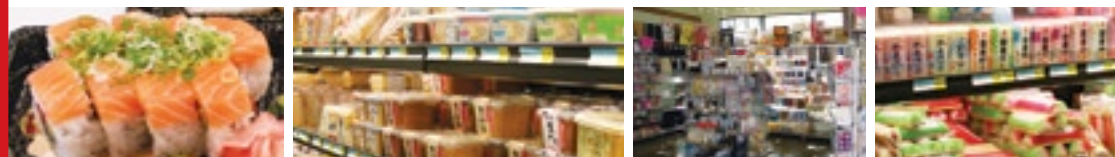
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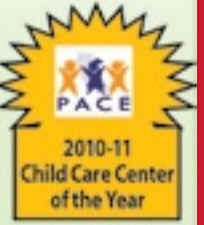
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New Salvation Army child development center opens

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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In continuing its efforts to meet human needs without discrimination, The Salvation Army recently opened its new child development center at the southwest corner of Broadway and Alhambra Boulevard.

The \$3 million, 14,000-square-foot, two-story, Oak Park area facility replaced a 2,400-square-foot modular building that had housed The Salvation Army's day care center at the site for the past 24 years. Prior to October 1986, the organization's day care services had been provided in downtown Sacramento.

Funds for the structure were raised through a diligent, three-year capital campaign and ground was broken for the center last September.

The campaign was led by John Frisch and Diane Mizell, co-chairs for the campaign and other projects of the organization.



The event included a ribbon cutting to officially open The Salvation Army's new child development center at the southwest corner of Broadway and Alhambra Boulevard. The ribbon was made of paper and included colored hand prints of children.

Photo courtesy, The Salvation Army

In celebration of the new facility, about 100 people attended a grand opening event, which featured a short program, a tour of the facility and refresh-

ments prepared by food crews of The Salvation Army's shelter on North B Street.

The event, which was held in triple-digit temperatures on Wednesday, June 22, was commenced with an introduction and opening prayer by Maj. Tedd Lowcock, who serves as co-pastor of the Sacramento Citadel Corps of The Salvation Army, along with his wife, Maj. Cindy Lowcock.

During the program, Tedd Lowcock introduced the event's emcee, Maj. Doug Riley, who expressed his gratification with the new center, which is six times larger than the old education building, which was demolished to provide space for the present center.

"It's hard to believe that it was just last September when we gathered here with shovels in hand to break ground for this amazing new center," Riley said. "When looking at this beautiful new building, it's even harder to imagine the old temporary, modular building that stood on these grounds for more than 20 years. Remember what it

'This (program) is vital for parents... to go back to school, go for job interviews or even working, for them to have a safe environment for their children to be at while they're away from them.'

-David Bentley, The Salvation Army

looked like? Small, single-story, well maintained by our staff, but a bit tired and woefully out of date for the needs of our children. Now look at what an amazing environment these children will have to learn and grow. And this is just the outside of the building."

The program, which concluded with a ribbon cutting and a closing prayer by Cindy Lowcock, also included brief speeches by Frisch, Mizell, Panorea Audis from Supervisor Phil Serna's office, Councilmembers Jay Schenirer and Kevin McCarty, and Keith Hart, who represented Mayor Kevin Johnson's office.

The event was additionally highlighted by music played by a brass

band and the presence of a group of children who would be attending the center.

As a show of appreciation to the donors who helped make the construction of the building possible, the children sang a song as part of the program.

David G. Bentley, director of business services for The Salvation Army's Del Oro Division, said that one of the highlights in the efforts to have a new child development center constructed at the Alhambra Boulevard site was the accomplishment of acquiring financial assistance in a down economy.

"We started this capital campaign in 2008, when the economy took a

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Salvation Army: Funds for facility were raised through diligent, three-year campaign

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nose dive," said Bentley, who organized the day's program. "It was a very difficult time to raise money. As (people) look at this building, they are just in awe that we got this thing done, and the children who will be utilizing this facility will have a first-class building for learning opportunities."

Bentley, who has dedicated 27 years of service to The Salvation Army, added that the completed structure is "absolutely vital" for many local, financially struggling parents and their families.

"These are low income families who utilize this program and in this economy, this (program) is vital for parents who are either single parents or what have you, to go back to school, go for job interviews or even working, for them to have a safe environment for their children to be at while they're away from them," Bentley said. "Then with our after school program, schools are cutting left and right, and we're hoping that we can fill the gap for those children for computer lab, music programs, media programs. We really feel strongly that we have to reach out, especially to that Oak Park community."

Due to the much greater size of the new center, children, ages 3 to 5, will be able to receive age specific care and instruction.

The center's day care service, which is licensed through the state of California for 75 children, is provided on the first floor of the building, and is divided into three separate rooms that are designed for 25 children per room. Each room is designated for a specific age of a child.

In the previous structure, children met together in a single room.

The upstairs portion of the building is mainly the site of an after school program for chil-



This building, which provided many preschool, childcare, after school and parent education programs during its 24 years of use, was replaced by the Alhambra Boulevard campus' new child development center. Photo courtesy, The Salvation Army

dren, ages 6 to 12. The program provides assistance with homework and presents the children with a safe after school environment.

Future plans for the center, which is open weekdays from 6:45 a.m. to 7 p.m., is to add music education programs, a media room and possibly a game room.

The drive to add music education programs to the center is headed by Sonja Stires, the director of programs for the Alhambra Boulevard campus.

Having such programs, Bentley explained, is very beneficial for children who attend schools that no longer have funding to provide similar programs.

The Salvation Army's Alhambra campus is also home to a community center, a gymnasium with basketball leagues, and a chapel with a congregation of about 175 people who attend services on a weekly basis.

Bentley, who was involved in all stages of the project from its planning and construction to the building's dedication, said that the new child development center was without question, a great investment for the community.

"A building of this size and of this quality, I believe will stand the test of time and be around, and our programs will serve our community for as long as we are around," Bentley said.

'It's not about the building. It's about the relationships and the opportunities we're creating.'

**-Major Doug Riley,
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And Riley emphasized, "It's not about the building. It's about the relationships and the opportunities we're creating."

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Know your neighbor

Land Park resident Shirley Plant receives 'Make It Happen' award

By SALLY KING
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Long-time Land Park resident Shirley Plant is the recipient of the 2011 "Make It Happen Award." The award is sponsored by the Melena and Enlow A. Ose Endowment for the Arts of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

Plant, who will be 85 in October, received a \$15,000 grant from Ose to build an endowment fund for Fairytale Town. Plant said she has been involved in Fairytale Town since its inception. Fairytale Town has over 25 play sets laid out on 2.5 acres in Land Park across from the zoo.

"It is a cultural experience for children," Plant said. "There is the opportunity to see farm animals, enjoy music and theatre, and experience life through a fairytale."

Plant said many children would not have these experiences if it

wasn't for Fairytale Town and that is why it means so much to her.

Fairytale Town's executive director, Kathy Fleming, said Plant is creative and good at articulating her ideas.

"She is the little engine that could," Fleming said. "She is good at involving people and wants to make it the best it can be."

Plant was raised in Pasadena and taught school for a short while. She met her husband while attending UC Berkeley. They moved to Sacramento in 1949 and raised four sons.

Plant and her husband became members of the Sacramento Junior League.

Plant said the League received an anonymous donation of \$3,000 and members wanted to use it by doing something for children. After a League member visited a park similar to Fairytale Town in



Land Park News photo, Sally King

Land Park resident Shirley Plant was presented with the 'Make It Happen' award from the Ose Endowment for the Arts of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. The \$15,000 grant that comes with the award will be used to build an endowment for Fairytale Town.

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Plant: \$15,000 grant will build foundation of Fairytale Town endowment

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Oakland, Plant said the idea was born.

"With a lot of blood, sweat and tears, we undertook the project," Plant said. "We had to convince the city to give up some of the land from the municipal golf course."

Friends of Fairytale Town, Inc. formed in May 1956. Fairytale Town opened in August of 1958. Plant said Fairytale Town was gifted to Sacramento. Fleming said the city owns and maintains the property and the 'Friends' board oversees the operations. In October 1997, Fairytale Town became a board-run, non-profit organization.

To celebrate 50 years of operation, Fairytale Town added a 'yellow brick road' in front of the park, where a person can buy a personalized brick. Plant was the inspiration behind the idea. She said she saw it as a way for the park to

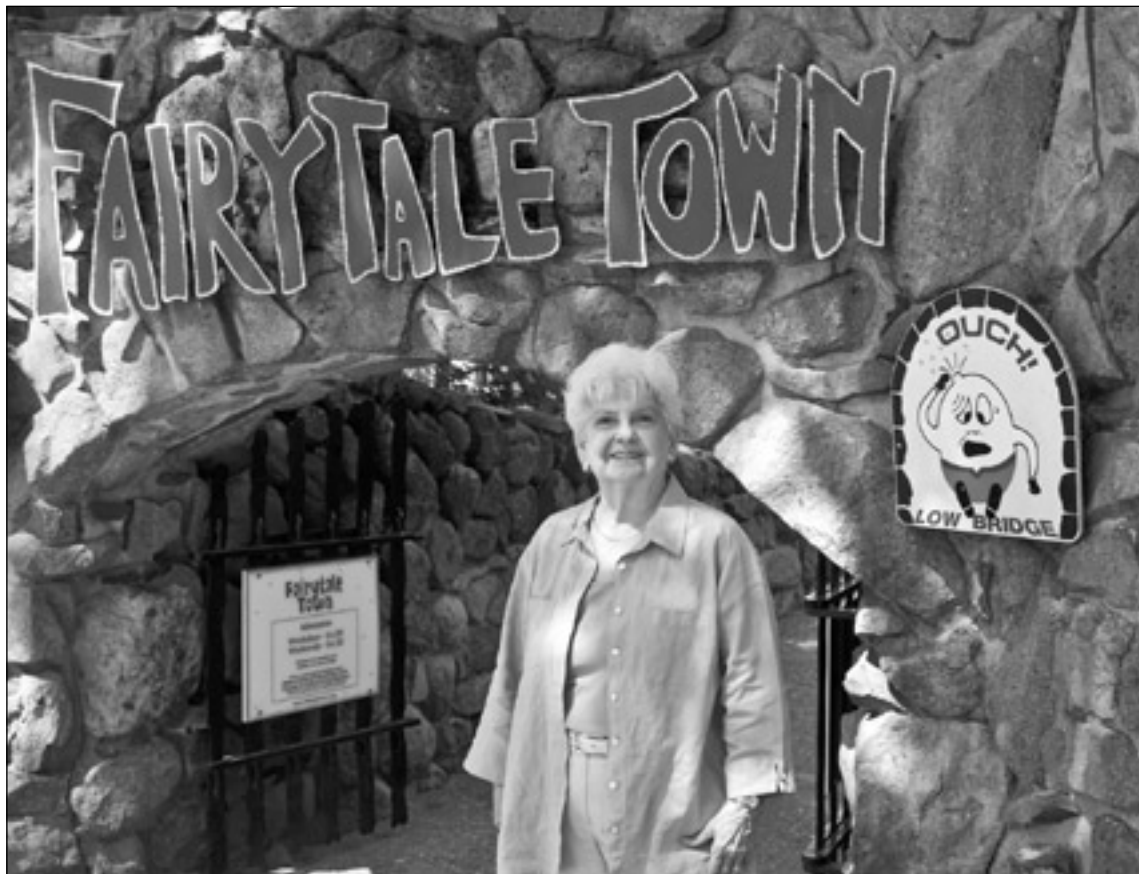
raise funds for improvements and for the public to commemorate and honor loved ones.

"Three generations of children have enjoyed Fairytale Town," Plant said. "Fairytale Town has an unusually rich environment and I am proud of it."

Plant said there are no other places in Sacramento where children can see an egg hatch or be the guy on the crooked mile.

"Fairytale Town brings generations together through fairytales," Plant said. "It creates continuity for our society as a culture."

Plant says Fairytale town is unique in that it serves many purposes. She said it brings the beginnings of literature to our children and feels honored to be recognized as the recipient of the Ose award.



Fairytale Town is "a cultural experience for children," according to Land Park resident Shirley Plant. "There is the opportunity to see farm animals, enjoy music and theatre, and experience life through a fairytale." Land Park News photo, Sally King

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Girl Scout Troop 762 raising funds for Japanese relief

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So far, the six girls of Troop 762 (Francesca Heidig, Olivia Peters, Kiley Poletti, Natalie Tobin, Emily Wes and Cameron Williams) have raised \$400 toward their effort to raise awareness and funds to address natural disasters throughout the world. They hope to raise a total of \$1,000 this year.

The \$400 was raised by having an exciting Parent's Night Out for children in the Land Park community. They played games, make crafts (including origami cranes to send to Japan),

danced and watched a movie. About sixty children attended.

The girls presented their first \$400 check to Joseph Symkowskyk of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for their Japan Relief Fund. CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. It works to alleviate suffering and to provide assistance to people in need in nearly 100 countries without regard to race, religion or nationality.

Troop 762 is continuing its effort to raise funds to support the injured and homeless in Japan. They intend to hold a car wash summer in the parking lot of Holy Spirit Church on Land Park Drive. For more information, contact Francesca Heidig at (916) 392-3172.



Photo courtesy, Girl Scout Troop 762
Girl Scout Troop 762 is working to raise \$1,000 to help relieve the suffering in Japan after the devastation of Japan's recent earthquakes and tsunami last March. Here, they present their first check to Joseph Symkowskyk of Catholic Relief Services.

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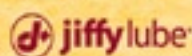
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Have a brain-freezing good time with delicious all-you-can-eat ice cream, all-you-can-drink soft drinks, popsicles, live entertainment and face painting. Additional food and raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

Zoo volunteers are prepared to scoop nearly 1,000 gallons of ice cream in 10 different flavors at this one-of-a-kind ice cream extravaganza. See what flavor awaits as you stroll past the flamingos, lions, tigers and giraffes.

Presale tickets for this popular fundraiser are \$17 for general admission and \$13 for children (ages 2-11); children one and under are free. Or purchase your tickets at the door the day of the event; \$20 for adults; \$15 children (ages 2-11). Tickets are available at the Zoo, online at www.sac-zoo.org or at (916) 808-5888.

Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to over 450 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of over 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in Sacramento's William Land Park, the Zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society.

This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation. The zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$11; children ages 2-11 are \$7 and children ages one and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park.

Hitchcock: a film discussion series

Special to Land Park News

Tired of the big budget summer blockbusters?

Try a little time travel instead, with a new Hitchcock film discussion series at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

Participants will discuss some of Alfred Hitchcock's greatest films

this summer, so fire up your DVD player and join in the fun. Last month, the group discussed "Rear Window" (1954).

This month, on July 19, the topic will be the 1958 film, "Vertigo." On Aug. 16, the film will be "North By Northwest" (1959). The group meets

in the library on the dates mentioned from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

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Dads celebrate Father's Day with the 'padres' at Raley Field

Story by **SUSAN LAIRD**
Land Park News editor

Photos by **STEPHEN CROWLEY**
Land Park News photographer

In "Field of Dreams" there is an iconic scene at the conclusion of the film where the main character (played by Kevin Costner) reaches the end of his journey...and the whole purpose of it was to re-connect with his father by playing "catch."

On Father's Day, June 19, dads were invited onto the playing field at Raley Field to connect and play catch with another type of "father" – Bishop Jaime Soto and other priests from the Diocese of Sacramento. Even Father Joe Ternullo, chaplain at St. Francis High School, was present to shake hands with River Cats Mascot Dinger.

The "Father to Father" catch was held prior to the 1 p.m. game versus the Fresno Grizzlies, with Bishop Soto blessing all the dads on the field. He later threw out the first pitch of the game.

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Former Sacramento mayor had interesting local history

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Various locally renowned people have established their homes in the Riverside-Pocket area at different times during the history of this historical community, and for their involvement in the South Sacramento area. And among these notable residents was former Mayor Clarence L. Azevedo.

Clarence, who was born in Mountain View, Calif. on Oct. 21, 1909, was the son of John Lawrence Azevedo and Rosa Agnes Silva Balcao Azevedo.

John Lawrence immigrated to Sacramento from the Azores Islands with his brother Frank in the early 1890s.

In 1893, the two brothers constructed a house on the old Jackson Road, five miles east of Sacramento in the town of Perkins, and a few years later, they engaged in winemaking.

Frank later established a farm in Natomas and John Lawrence farmed in Mountain View.

In addition to farming, John Lawrence was able to occasionally provide Portuguese interpreting for the courts through his knowledge of Portuguese and Latin, which he acquired while studying for the priesthood in the Azores Islands.

While residing in Mountain View, John Lawrence met and married Rosa Agnes and together they had three children, who were born in Mountain View.

The Azevedo family eventually sold their Mountain View ranch and purchased a summer resort in Calistoga, Calif.

It was there that the family moved into a 14-room house, rented out cabins to tourists and made wine for the government.

With the establishment of Prohibition, the Azevedos lost the majority of their income and moved back to the Sacramento area, where the couple had their fourth child and John Lawrence went to work for his brother in Natomas.

John Lawrence later worked at Manlove Station, east of Perkins, where he managed the McGillivray Ranch.

On Jan. 10, 1920, John Lawrence became a victim of influenza and, as a result, died at the age of 58 on June 6 of the same year. And Rosa Agnes died nearly 17 years later at the age of 52.

Following his father's death, when he was 10 years old, Clarence, who was the oldest of his siblings, worked at a grocery store in Brighton, near Perkins.

At the store, he worked after school for 10 cents per hour from 4 to 7

p.m., then he returned to his home in Brighton to milk his family's cow and sell quarts of milk by horseback.

After his long day of school and work, Clarence would spend time on his homework by the light of a kerosene lantern.

When Clarence was 14 years old, he spent an entire month operating the aforementioned grocery store, as well as its associated gas station while the business's owner was on vacation.

And while he was still working at the grocery store in 1923, Clarence, who was then attending Sacramento High School, purchased a used Ford touring car for \$180.

Clarence turned his vehicle into a means of making money, as his car became a sort of school bus for out of town students.

In being well aware that the county assisted out of town students by paying them \$5 per month to attend high school, Clarence filled his car each day with six other out of town students and then collected his passengers' \$5 per month payments.

During the summers, Clarence earned 25 cents per hour performing cultivating and irrigation work at the nearby Rooney hop fields.

When he was 18 years old, Clarence applied to work at a Safeway grocery store one afternoon.

Because his desire to work and earn money was so strong, Clarence claimed that he was 21 years old on his application.

Furthermore, he showed up the following morning, without waiting for someone from the store to call him, just in case a store employee had quit their position and created a job opening.

Clarence's persistency paid off, as he was hired to work at the Safeway store at 2430 J St. His first job at the store was peeling onions.

With his work ethic and drive, Clarence, who eventually worked for Safeway for 16 years, graduated to the order department following an incident in which he took a \$132 grocery order from a Sloughhouse farmer.

At a pay rate of \$22.50 per week, Clarence worked from 7 a.m. until whatever hour his work was completed each night.

Being that he lived in a city that was fanatical about baseball, it should come as no surprise that Clarence showed a great interest in baseball.

In addition to his dedication to Safeway, Clarence, beginning when he was 15 years old, played 15 years of semi-pro baseball as a catcher for teams in Perkins and Florin.

Although Clarence participated in this popular sport with such notable players as Joe Marty and Stan Hack,



Photo courtesy, PHCS
Former Riverside-Pocket area resident, Clarence L. Azevedo, served as the mayor of Sacramento from 1956 to 1959.

Clarence admitted that he was "not in their league."

While he was still 18, Clarence married 16-year-old Alice Banks and the couple had one child, Phyllis Jean.

During the early part of his marriage, Clarence was living with his family in Stockton, where he worked at a Safeway for 10 months.

After transferring back to Sacramento, Clarence successfully managed various Safeway stores.

In about 1940, Clarence, who was then residing at 831 El Dorado Way in East Sacramento, became the manager of a new Safeway store at 2900 Freeport Blvd.

The only other person working at the store at the time was a butcher, named George Zarzana, who resided with his wife, Mary, at 1906 P St.

Within its first sixth months, the store grew from a first week's total of \$315 to the highest volume Safeway store in Northern California, and employed seven clerks.

Azevedo also set up a training course for new employees, and he earned \$5 for each employee hired and trained.

Safeway's upper management was so pleased with the quality and effectiveness of Clarence's work that he was presented with the opportunity to become the supervisor of 27 Siskiyou County-based stores.

Apparently Clarence did not accept the job, since Alice was well established in the capital city with her own business, the California Apparel dress shop at 2925 35th St. in Oak Park. She had opened the store on Aug. 17, 1935 with \$750 of Clarence's Safeway bonus money.

Clarence left Safeway on July 10, 1943 to assist Alice with California Apparel, which at various times had stores in other locations in the Sacramento area, Roseville and Stockton.

Recurrent vandalism forced the Azevedos to close the last of their Oak Park stores – there were three such stores at different times – at 2930 35th St. in 1952.

In the same year, the Azevedos sold the remainder of their stores and began to operate a very large California Apparel store in the Fruitridge Shopping Center. This store, which was entirely managed by Clarence and earned \$2.7 million in its last full year, continued to operate until April 28, 1986.

During the time that he was managing the Fruitridge store, Clarence became involved in politics and was appointed to the city council in 1953 to complete the term of Roy Nielson, who had been elected to the state assembly.

In 1956, Clarence began serving in the first of his two terms as mayor, a position he held until 1959.

It was also during this era that Clarence was a member of the executive committee of Solons, Inc. – the organization which purchased the Sacramento Solons minor league baseball team in 1959 – and the head of a committee designed to study the feasibility of financing the fairgrounds at Cal Expo.

In his latter years of his life, Clarence, who passed away at the age of 91 on Feb. 14, 2001, two years following the death of Alice, resided on 43rd Avenue, just off of South Land Park Drive.

Land Park Pacific All Stars win District 7 Championship

Land Park News staff

The Land Park Pacific All Stars 9-10 girls softball team beat Consumnes 2 - 1, to win the District 7 Championship last week.

Both teams featured incredible pitching and defense in the 7-inning game. The game was tied, 1 - 1, after the first inning. The game remained scoreless until the bottom of the 7th inning, when Kealani Burke singled - and then proceeded to steal second and third base. Cecelia Sidley walked and then Jessica Hennelly hit a single up the middle to drive in Burke for the winning run.

Hennelly was named Offensive MVP for her three singles in four at-bats - including scoring the team's first run and the winning run.

Ginger Harris was named Defensive MVP for two great innings as catcher, for five shut-out innings as pitcher - including seven strikeouts - for fielding two bunts for throw-outs at first and for catching two pop flies.

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By MARC MALONEY
Land Park News writer

Turtles and tortoises and terrapins, oh my! The shelled, slow-footed Chelonians will serve as the stars of the annual Turtlerama event put on by the membership of the Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club. This year's event will take place from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Belle Cooledge Library, located at South Land Park Drive and Fruitridge Road. The free event will include live turtles and tortoises, educational displays, and turtle adoption opportunities.

Felice Rood, founder and president of the Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club, is the driving force for the annual event, which marks its thirtieth anniversary this year.

"I created it back in 1981 after rescuing turtles in the area before that," she said recently by phone. "The people who'd bring rescue turtles to me encouraged me to start a club, and now here it is, 30 years later."

As the organizer of a successful event that has

lasted for three decades, Rood said she knows what works and has no problem with trying to keep the event's vibe the same year after year.

"We'll have all kinds of educational information provided by our club members, we'll have tons of displays, and all the animals will be outside," she said. "It's always taken place right there at the Belle Cooledge Library. We never change things; everything stays the same because it's so popular the way it is."

A sense of permanence is also one of the things that Rood most appreciates about turtles and tortoises.

"I like that prehistoric look they have to them," she said with a chuckle. "I used to live in Dayton, Ohio, and my kids started bringing home box turtles all the time. Then one day, they walked in with this gigantic tortoise and my heart just started to sing and it hasn't stopped singing since then."

One such gigantic Greek Tortoise, known as "Jim the Jerk" (it's an affectionate nickname, Rood swears), will be one of



Valley Community Newspapers file photo
Turtles swimming outside of the newly renovated Belle Cooledge Library. Did you get fooled? The turtle in the foreground is made of stone.

the show's featured attractions. The cranky old male just last year helped to father quintuplets after a lifetime of less than amorous behavior around plenty of females.

Rood dedicates herself to educating people about turtles and proper turtle ownership, emphasizing that owing a tortoise or turtle is a long-term commitment.

"Not all people know or realize that, and so they get something little for a pet and then they're caught off-guard when it grows into something huge," she said. "That's when they have to call me."

Another point Rood stresses is that pet turtles need natural habitats.

"I always say aquariums are for fish and artificial light is for plants," she said, the tension in her voice evident as she recalled cases she has seen where a turtle's growth was limited to the point

of deformity by being kept in an undersized glass tank.

Rood expects the show to draw a good crowd to Belle Cooledge Library; she said mails about 850 newsletters four times a year to the membership of the Sacramento Turtle and Tortoise Club, with mailers going as far away as New York, Florida, and even the United Kingdom.

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Land Park News photographer

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The parade had a little bit of everything – and it was bigger than ever. All in all, at the final count, 71 entries participated in this year's parade.

"This was probably one of the most phenomenal parades we've ever had, simply because the community came together in a way that was wonderful to see," said Linda Pohl co-chair of the event. "There was a lot to see; it was a wonderful fun day. And it was very, very positive."

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