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JANEY WAY MEMORIES:
Folsom Lake boating with uncle Bill



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Around 1960, my uncle Bill Tuttle purchased a beautiful, mahogany Chris Craft speedboat. Soon after, he invited all the extended Relles-Petta family to a picnic on Folsom Lake to see and ride in the new boat.

One bright Sunday morning in early summer, my whole family jumped into our 1957 Chevy station wagon and headed out to Folsom Lake. This dates back to before the completion of the Highway 50 freeway. Back then, to get to Folsom Lake, we first rode out Folsom Boulevard to the old town of Folsom. From there, we took the old Folsom bridge across the American River, and then proceeded around the lake to Douglas Boulevard. There, we turned right, and drove into Granite Bay State Park.

Once in the park, we disembarked in the parking lot and headed down to the beach where we saw the whole family settled in around a group of picnic tables. We brought our fried chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, cookies and sodas down to where the family had settled in. Then, all the kids ran down to the lake to swim, while our parents organized a picnic.

Not long after we arrived, Uncle Bill rode up in the handsome new boat and anchored near the end of the beach. Then all the family gathered around the boat, admiring its shiny mahogany hull and tucked vinyl seats.

Later, Bill took each family member for a ride around the lake. I remember getting in the boat, putting on a life jacket, and then speeding out to the middle of the lake. Once there, Bill anchored the boat, and let us jump into the lake. Two things about that stick out in my mind — (1) how cold the water was and (2) how crystal clear it was.

It seemed you could see all the way down to the bottom of the lake. Eventually, we returned to dry land and resumed swimming and picnicking with our family. What a great day that was. We ate, drank sodas and played all day with our cousins. To a child, what could be more fun?

Toward the end of the day, uncle Bill took my father and my uncles Ross and Vito out again in the boat. Not long after, the boat sped by the beach towing a water skier. It was my father. I am sure this was the first time he ever tried water-skiing, but there he was, skiing like a veteran. I was proud of my dad as this reminded me of what a good athlete he was.

At the end of the day, exhausted and happy, we jumped into the car and headed back to Sacramento. Several other times that summer, we went on other family excursions to Folsom Lake.

Eventually, uncle Bill sold his boat, and our days of boating on Folsom Lake came to an end. Now those days are just another nautical, Janey Way Memory.

Fond memories of the Alhambra Theatre's gardens

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Photo courtesy, The Lance Armstrong Collection
The Moorish-style Alhambra Theatre was one of East Sacramento's most cherished landmarks.

Anyone who remembers the Alhambra Theatre, one of Sacramento's all-time most notable landmarks, also recalls its rich gardens.

The \$1 million Alhambra Theatre and its gardens became a part of the area's landscape in 1927.

Moorish landscape design

The theater's gardens were designed by landscape artist A.A. Nyberg.

And through the assistance of Frederick N. Evans, the city parks superintendent who provided advice on the project, Nyberg was in charge of planting the gardens.

In previewing the new gardens in 1927, The Sacramento Bee described these grounds as being "reminiscent of the famous gardens in the original Alhambra in Spain."

Additionally, The Bee noted that "Sacramentans will linger long in their strolls through the beautiful gardens of the new Alhambra Theatre," which "visitors declare to be the most unique setting for any motion picture house in the United States."

Unusual setting

The Alhambra's gardens were unlike any other approach to a theater in Sacramento. The city's other theaters at the time lined their particular streets and did not provide the real estate for such gardens.

In its aforementioned preview of the gardens, The Bee described the theater grounds as also having cream-colored high walls with blue-glazed tile, other handmade tile in Moorish design, plots of lawn and marble benches hidden among shrubs and foliage.

Now a parking lot

It may be surprising news to many locals, but nearly 40 years have passed since a Safeway grocery store and its accompanying parking lot replaced the old theater and its gardens.

But time certainly does not erase the fond memories of the theater and its loss to development that occurred with the failure to save the cherished structure from the wrecking ball.

Loss of the Alhambra

Despite efforts made by the Save the Alhambra Theatre Committee, on April 17, 1973, a \$1.5 million bond issue failed to attain two-thirds of the votes, which was an amount necessary for saving the theater.

In addition to the loss of the theater was the loss of the Alhambra's gardens, which were by no means a small side note of the theater.

Many locals today are quick to express their disappointment regarding the absence of the theater.

But also drawing much sadness is the topic of the elimination of the theater's gardens.

Garden walk memories

A simple review of some of the main features of the Alhambra's gardens can present essential ingredients for a joyful, yet sorrowful ride down memory lane for those who had the opportunity to visit these grounds, which were replaced by the grocery store's parking lot.

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Outlaws are wanted for a night of revelry at Fairytale Town's annual Moonlight Costume Ball: Men in Tights, which will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3.

This year's "Robin Hood-themed" fundraiser is for ages 21 and up and features a giant dance floor, costume contests, music by Celtic rock band Tempest and a performance by the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience.

Proceeds from the event will support the renovation of Fairytale Town's Sherwood Forest play set.

Since forming in 1988, Tempest has won rave reviews for their musical hybrid of high-energy folk rock with Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other world music elements. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, the act has released 15 critically acclaimed albums and played more than 2,000 gigs.

A performance by the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience will follow the concert. Founded in 2008 by Jay Siren, the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience has evolved into a dance academy, retail boutique and series of live entertainment and cabaret events throughout the greater Sacramento area and beyond.

The evening continues with dancing as DJ Matt from Extreme Productions spins top hits. A red carpet photo op and no-host food and beverages will be available throughout the evening.

Costumes are required, and contests will be held with prizes for the following categories: Raddest Robin (best overall), Fairest Maiden (best female), Sinister Sheriff (best male),



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King and Queen of the Outlaws (best couple) and Merriest Men and Women (best group).

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. Valid ID's must be presented for admission to the event. Tickets are available for purchase at www.fairytaletown.org or the Fairytale Town box office.

For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

McClatchy: Remembering 75 years of sports history

By JIM COOMBS
 Special to The Land Park News
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When McClatchy opened its doors in September 1937, Sacramento was truly a small town.

Sutterville Road was the southern end of Sacramento, the Land Park Zoo had opened 10 years earlier in 1927, Sacramento Junior College had just moved from Sacramento to High to its new site on Freeport Boulevard and the Sacramento Metro Airport sat among the fields of rural Sacramento.

In 1937, Land Park began to take shape, and the Land Park Plunge on Riverside was the place to swim. Holy Spirit Church wasn't built until 1940.

It would be 10 years before Hollywood Park and Vic's Ice Cream would open, and 30 years before Greenhaven was begun.

The Solons played at Edmonds Field where Target is today, and a three-bedroom home on Teneighth Way would cost the new owner \$11,000.

As the second public high school in Sacramento, McClatchy was built for \$800,000 in 1937 as part of Franklin Roosevelt's Public Works Administration.

The style was classicized modern and was named after the editor of the Sacramento Bee, C. K. McClatchy. The first principal was Sam Pepper, a great sports fan, who truly bled "McClatchy red" for 25 years.

Notable graduates include Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, Congressmen Bob Matsui and Xavier Becerra and judges Ron Tochterman, Morrison England, Art Scotland, and Tani Cantil-Sakauye as well as author Joan Didion.

McClatchy sports

As a new high school, it took about three years before the sports teams could compete with the powerful Sacramento High School Dragons who had dominated the valley for the previous 30 years.

But by the end of 1949, McClatchy High School and its great athletes would replace the Dragons as one of the truly great athletic high schools in California.

Thirteen Hall of Fame athletes and two coaches led the surge with baseball and track being the two strongest, while football and basketball peaked at the end of the decade.

Four outstanding coaches led the Lions: George Bican* (football), Chauncey Wilson (basketball) Cliff Perry (baseball), and Jack Mauger* (track).

Some of the early great athletes included Larry Manuiian (Sacramento Smokies fame), Bob Libee, Ted Latona, Bob and Gene Geremia, Ted Forbes, Ernie Maskovitch, Burt Bonomi, Jack Burgess, Nick and George Stathos and golfer Billy Ogden, Jr.

Norm Greenslate*, a major league prospect in baseball, would head off to fight in World War II after being named all-city in 1941-42.

George Vernatchi, former long-time principal at Rio Linda High School was the first pitcher to beat Sac High 8-3 in 1942.

He talks about sitting in the library the day after the game, when the librarian, a notorious Dragon fan, came up to him and in an accusing tone, said, "Are you George Vernatchi? Mr. Pepper wants to see you immediately!"

All the way down to the office, Vernatchi kept thinking, what did I do now? When he got there, Pepper



Photo courtesy of Jim Coombs

Darwin Farnsworth carries the "pig skin."

shook his hand, and said, "Congratulations, George. You are the first pitcher to ever beat the Dragons. Great job!"

The following year Vernatchi would pitch McClatchy's first no hitter and lead the Lions to the championship game where he lost in 12 innings to Christian Brothers 1-0.

Early 40s football

Perhaps the greatest athlete of the early 40s was Fred Wristen, who excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track.

He scored a touchdown in McClatchy's first victory over Sacramento by a score of 13-6 in 1939. Wristen went on to star in football at Nevada Reno and was all-conference.

George Bican arrived at McClatchy in 1943 as football coach and led the Lions to their first undefeated season in 1944.

The Lions were led by running back Roy Sules*. Ed Sprague, Darwin Farnsworth, Wes Busch, Don Aldrich,

Charles Anderson and Ernie Johnson were other outstanding players.

In 1945, McClatchy again went undefeated in the north before losing to Modesto for the title. 1946 would be another strong year building to 1947 when McClatchy beat an undefeated Sacramento team on Thanksgiving Day 35-14 for the title.

Led by Del Rasmussen*, John Pappa*, Curtis Rowland, Leon King, Tony Geremia*, Vern Sampson*, Tiger Orr and Bill Burns*, the 1947 football team is considered one of McClatchy's greatest teams ever.

McClatchy baseball

When Cliff Perry arrived as baseball coach in 1946, McClatchy would begin a 10-year period of excellence topped off with 80 wins over four seasons, 1950-53.

In 1947, the Lions won 18 of 24, and the 1948 team led by Roger Os-

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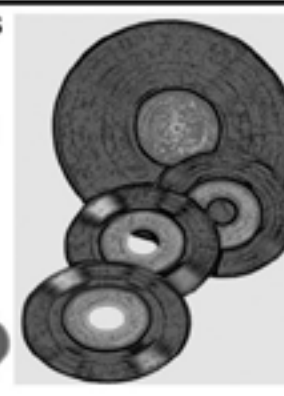
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McClatchy: Mid-term graduates hurt basketball standings

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enbaugh*, Jim Westlake and Ray Nieto, beat Sac High 3-2 for the title.

Osenbaugh, the valedictorian, would go on to play at Stanford in 1951-52 and then with Westlake on the Sacramento Solons.

The decade ended when the 1949 baseball team led by Tony Stathos, Bud Farley, George Timme and Earl Rose had to share the Sac-Joaquin section title with the Dragons.

McClatchy basketball

Basketball in the 1940's was dominated by the defensive style of coach Chauncey Wilson.

In 1942, the team beat arch rivals Sacramento 21-16. Pete Peletta* would lead the area in scoring in 1945 as the champion Lions went 16-1.

The Lions were on their way to another great season in 1946 ending the first half with their sixth straight win over the Dragons 44-32.

However, top scorer Peletta graduated at mid-term and McClatchy ended up in second place.

Peletta would go on to coach at University of San Francisco and take the Dons to four consecutive NCAA appearances.

The 1948-49 teams were also hurt by mid-term graduation, but the scoring and rebounding of Al Ricci* led the Lions over Sac.

Track and field

Track exploded during the 1940s under coach Jack Mauger, who started at McClatchy in 1937 when it opened.



This photo, c. 1939, shows McClatchy High School with Model-T cars out front.

Photo courtesy of Jim Coombs

He held the world record for left-handed pole vaulters for 26 years. The Lions started their remarkable run of victory years in 1943 with a conference title and second place at the Davis Picnic.

From 1943 thru 1949, the Lions were undefeated in dual meet competition and won the Sac Joaquin section title every year. During that period, they won the Lodi and Modesto Relays, the West Coast Relays in Fresno and the Davis Picnic.

Dick Balfour, whose 13-foot pole vault made him the best in California, and John Pappa* in the sprints, led the 1947 and 1948 teams to section titles and victories at the Modesto Relays.

The seven-year dual meet win streak was stopped in 1949 when the Lions lost a meet to El Cerrito.

Outstanding track athletes included Lou Montfort, Jerry Perich and Ed Casey in the pole vault, Bob Innis in the 110 hurdles, Ed Sprague in the 100m, Ray Schultz in the long jump, Ron Keskeys in the 200m, Nick Doudnik and Glenn Kingsley in the shot put, and Ray Biaggi Rudy Manriquez and Al Baeta in the distances.

John Pappa*, who went on to an outstanding coaching career, was unbeatable in the sprints.

"Jack Mauger was and remains truly the Dean of Track and Field in Sacramento," said Al Baeta, former runner and one of the great track coaches in the Sacramento area. "Not only did

he have success at the varsity level but with B and C teams as well. Statistically, he is the winningest coach of all time in Sacramento."

The 1940s became the foundation for the 1950s and many more league championships in all four major sports.

The top 50 athletes and five teams from 1938 to 1962 will be recognized as part of McClatchy's 75th anniversary celebration held on September 20 at the Riverside Elks Club.

All McClatchy graduates are invited to attend and be part of the tall tales about their excellence as students/athletes at McClatchy.

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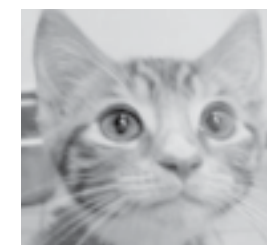
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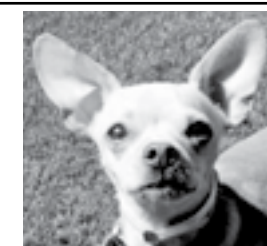
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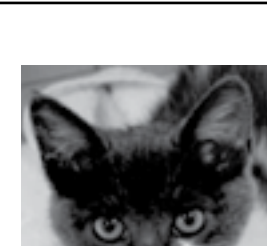
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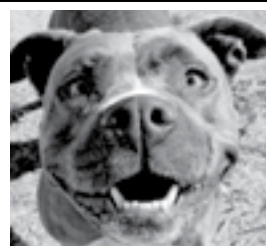
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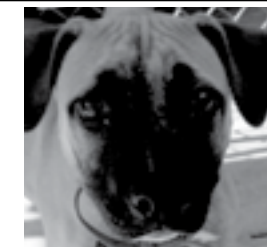
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Spare the water, save the money

By SALLY KING
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About 60 percent of the world's population does not have access to fresh drinking water. By making simple changes, everyone can make a big impact on water consumption.

This concept was conveyed at a water conservation workshop presented by the city of Sacramento Department of Utilities Water Conservation Office on July 14 at 2260 Glen Ellen Circle.

Vincent Smelser, water conservation specialist for the city of Sacramento, began the morning by explaining the city ordinances in effect to save water. Smelser let folks know there are many ways to save on their water bill. He pointed out enforcement comes in the form of citations and fines can get up to \$500.

Water use around the home

Smelser suggested when washing the car, use a shut-off nozzle. Running hoses are no longer allowed, he said.

Another way to save on water is sweeping the patio or sidewalk instead of hosing it down.

Smelser said per city ordinance, the only time water is allowed for cleaning a sidewalk is if there is an unsanitary event, but to be careful not to wash animal excrement or chemicals into the gutter, that also constitutes a fine.

When to water

Watering is allowed between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. For spring through fall, odd number addresses water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Even number addresses water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

During winter, (when daylight saving time ends) folks are allowed to wa-



Photo by Sally King
David Campbell, designer of the city of Sacramento's water efficient demonstration garden, offers water saving tips.

ter only one day a week, either Saturday or Sunday.

Use the right gear

Smelser said often times improperly functioning sprinklers waste a lot of water.

Another water waster are older toilets. The city has a rebate program up to \$100 for toilets installed prior to

1992. The city also offers free showerheads and aerators for the sink.

On average a person saves 25 gallons of water the first 10 minutes of their shower using a water saving showerhead, he said.

"The courthouse on Bicentennial Circle saved 300,000 gallons of water

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a year just by replacing the aerators," Smelser said. "Just by using a water efficient toilet, one can save 12,000 gallons of water a year."

City services

The city of Sacramento makes water-wise house calls for folks within city limits. A trained water conservation specialist will visit the home or office to identify potential water savings both inside the home and outside. If needed, the city will analyze and make suggestions on how to improve the soil, keeping water costs down.

Smelser said the city is able to identify leaks through smart meter technology. The water department is able to tell by looking at a residential water bill online where the leaks are located. Consumer's now have the option of looking at their bill online to see where their water is being used most frequently.

Watering methods

Smelser demonstrated various methods used for watering; spray, hose and drip. The city provides information on the best watering system for different types of landscapes. Smelser said to keep sprinklers in good repair. There are proper designs to keep sprinkler heads from break-

ing. Pop ups should be even with the ground. A good timer is essential to saving water.

"Seventy percent of water goes to landscaping in the summer, and switches to bathrooms in winter" Smelser said. "27 to a 1,000 gallons of water per irrigation is used for a typical landscape."

A water-efficient yard

David Campbell, Siegfried Engineering and designer of the city of Sacramento's water efficient demonstration garden, gave a presentation discussing drought tolerant plants, shrubs and grasses used for landscaping. He also discussed efficient ways to design yards and water saving irrigation systems.

Campbell, a licensed landscape architect, said when designing a landscape around saving water, there are specific things to think about.

The function and design of outdoor landscaping, turf alternatives and how efficiently the water is delivered are important in designing a water saving landscape.

"When thinking about what your yard is used for, turf is not the only answer," Campbell said. "Grass is the cheapest, but not the most water efficient way to landscape a yard."

Landscapes may include gardens, a place to escape to, or a place to attract birds and butterflies. Campbell said often yards are used for screening or buffering the home from busy streets and noise.

Types of plants

Campbell discussed a variety of plants, ornamental grasses, shrubs and groundcovers that are drought tolerant. He said some landscapes change throughout the year with the seasons and some folks enjoy seeing their landscape change.

There are many types of grasses that do not need constant mowing, watering, aerating, or fertilizing. He said ornamental grasses are not meant for foot traffic.

"A group called WUCOS (Water Use Classification of Landscape Species) now has empirical data on how much water certain types of landscapes use," Campbell said. "The information can be accessed online through the University of California Extension."

The irrigation system

Campbell explained there are different types of conversions kits people can use to update and improve their irrigation system. In general, overhead sprays are 30 to 55 percent efficient, ro-



Photo by Sally King
Vincent Smelser, water conservation specialist, answers questions about saving water.

tators and rotors are 65 to 75 percent efficient, bubbles and micro sprays are 80 to 85 percent efficient and drip is 85 to 90 percent efficient.

All who came to the meeting left with buckets full of free goodies to improve water use in the home and information on how to conserve water with an efficient landscape.

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Land Park resident launches campaign to attract Whole Foods Market

By ELIZABETH VALENTE
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Earlier this year, Land Park resident Whitney Roberts decided to put up a Facebook page devoted to Sacramento Whole Foods fans who would like to see a store in the planned project area of Curtis Park Village.

"We are a neighborhood of people who value healthy eating options, and we're willing to pay for them," Roberts said. "We are using social media because people are too busy to go into the stores and fill out comment cards. It's much easier to click a button and know that you're heard."

The proposed project is at the abandoned Western Pacific rail yards off of Sutterville Road, behind Sacramento City College via a traffic roundabout at Donner Way and 24th Street.

The property is owned by Paul Petrovich of Petrovich Development Company, Sacramento's largest retail developer.

While Whole Foods has made no formal announcement that it plans on moving into the area, Roberts says the high-end, natural foods retailer at Curtis Park Village would be an ideal fit.

"It's centrally located, easily accessible from two freeways, near a college campus, nestled in an affluent neigh-

borhood and nowhere near another one of their locations," she said.

In the last few months, the "Bring Whole Foods to Land Park" Facebook page has collected nearly 300 "likes" from people stating that they "strongly want a Whole Foods Market."

Even some city leaders are using their own social media profiles to support the cause.

"It's a great area," said Joseph Devlin, spokesman for District 5 Councilman Jay Schenirer. "Who wouldn't want to move in to Curtis Park Village? Whole Foods would be a welcome addition to the neighborhood."

District 4 Councilman Rob Fong was one of the first city leaders to post



Photo by Elizabeth Valente
Austin Blanchard supports having a Whole Foods in Curtis Park Village.

his support on Facebook. He was also one of the "yes" votes for Curtis Park Village, a mixed-use urban infill project with retail spaces and housing.

"Councilman Fong believes the vision put forward by Petro-

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Whole Foods: Social media site has nearly 300 'Likes'

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vich Development will add many amenities and residential options to Curtis Park and other surrounding neighborhoods," said Lisa Nava, spokeswoman for Fong. "Whole Foods would be a wonderful addition."

The question that remains is whether Whole Foods is right for an area that is already served by two similar markets offering high-end, organic products — Taylor's Market, which is celebrating 50 years of doing business in Land Park, and newcomer Sunflower Farmers Market in South Land Park.

"Whole Foods, as far as I'm concerned, is a high-end grocery store," said Curtis Park resident Robert Palmatier. "If you bring a Whole Foods Market here to Curtis Park, it's like placing a Super Wal-Mart smack in the middle of a small hometown with mom-and-pop stores. It'll take everything away."

Courtney Clendenin disagrees. She and her sister Jaime Silva own The Sandwich Spot on 18th Street in Land Park, just a couple of blocks from the proposed area.

"We've just celebrated our third year at this location and we welcome the new business and new cus-

tomers that Whole Foods would bring," Clendenin said.

Terri Shettle, Executive Director of the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association, declined to comment only to say, "We have not taken a position on the issue regarding bringing a Whole Foods Market to the area."

Whole Foods Market announces new store openings with its quarterly financial earnings and, for now, has not announced plans for Curtis Park. The next Sacramento-area Whole Foods is set to open in October in Davis.

"Whole Foods Market appreciates the interest and excitement that our current and potential customers have around a store in the Curtis/Land Park area," said Jennifer Marples, Whole Foods Market spokeswoman.

Whole Foods Market currently has locations at 4315 Arden Way in Sacramento, 1001 Galleria Blvd. in Roseville and 270 Palladio Drive in Folsom.

Trace L. Johnson, Vice President of Leasing for Patrivoch Development Company, did not return phone calls seeking comment about the latest developments on Curtis Park Village as of press time.

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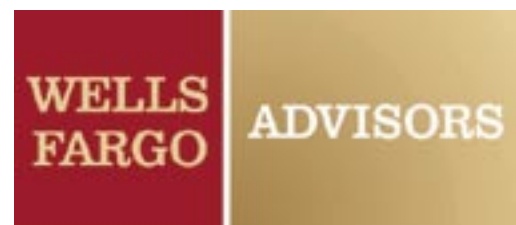
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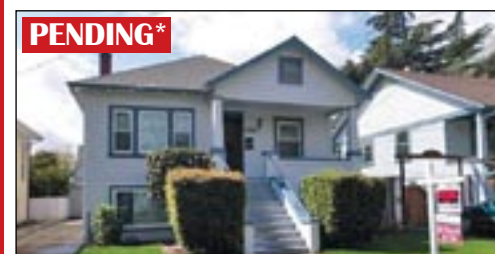


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Sacramento Tree Foundation aims to improve communities

By CORRIE PELC
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This year, the Sacramento Tree Foundation is celebrating 30 years of planting and educating in the Sacramento region.

According to Ray Tretheway, executive director of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, their mission is to build healthy and livable communities by building the best urban forest in the nation.

"So it's equal community building, equal economic prosperity, and equal healthy environment," he said.

Out on a limb

According to Meredith King, education/volunteer coordinator of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, the group aims to plant, protect and educate community members about the importance and benefits of trees in the community, and to do so look

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Photo by Jerry McIntire and courtesy Sacramento Tree Foundation.

Sac Tree: The importance and benefits of trees in the community

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to engage people in one of four ways – planting, volunteering, educating or joining as a member.

King said that can be through the Sacramento Shade Tree Program, which provides free shade trees to SMUD customers.

"(It's) easy, it's one phone call," she said. "We have a forester come out to their property, take a look at how much space they have, soil type, and then help the homeowner choose the tree that is best for them and they get to plant them on the property."

Tretheway said the Shade Tree Program has been in existence since 1990 and through SMUD customers more than 5,000 shade trees have been planted purposefully for summer shading.

"That program is pretty strong and it serves about 7,000 SMUD customers a year," he said. "I think it's arguably the largest urban tree planting partnership in the world."

Then when an entire neighborhood wants to put in more trees, King said the foundation offers their NeighborWoods program that provides free trees to

an entire neighborhood that wishes to increase their tree canopy.

"We're always looking for neighborhoods to really engage as a group and as a neighborhood say, 'We're going to make a focused effort to increase our canopy and take care of it with best practices,'" she said.

Leaf it to them

For plantings in civic areas – such as schools, parks and open spaces – the foundation relies on an average of 3,000 volunteers helping out every year.

During the summer season, King said volunteers can help with tree care and maintenance, including mulching, watering and stewardship. Then during the fall and winter season, which runs from October through March, volunteers are needed to help with plantings.

To find out about upcoming volunteer events, King advises volunteers to visit www.sactree.com, to visit the events calendar and sign up online.

"All they have to do on the day of the event is show up with closed-toe shoes and a

water bottle and we provide all the training, all the materials and tools and they get to have a huge impact in a local place," she said.

Being green

When it comes to education, King said the foundation offers a number of free classes, from selecting the right tree to proper planting techniques to caring for the tree. Again, King advises visiting www.sactree.com for the most up-to-date list of classes.

For volunteers that would like to take on a larger leadership role, Tretheway said the foundation offers classes that allow them to become Community Planting Leaders (CPL).

"We have so many plantings that oftentimes we run out of staff, so we can train volunteers to go out and they literally run the planting by teaching the volunteers, coordinating the shovels, stakes, ties and trees, and working with the local sponsor," he said.

And for those that wish to help out the Sacramento Tree Foundation but do not have time to commit, King said they can help by becoming a member. She said the www.sactree.com

has a full list of all the different membership levels available.

Branching out

So what does the Sacramento Tree Foundation have in store for the next 30 years?

Tretheway said the foundation has recently launched an effort to plant 5 million trees in the greater Sacramento region by 2025. He said right now the region's tree canopy is at 17 percent, and a good tree canopy should be at 35 percent.

"We're just carrying on a long tradition and attempting to initiate the second legacy so we can green not only Sacramento, but the entire region," Tretheway said. "We're working with the development community, business community and local government, just trying to lift the importance of our trees in people's minds and decision making."

According to King, those that wish to help can visit www.5milliontrees.com and pledge online how many trees they plan to plant to help reach the 5 million goal.

"It's going to take more than just our staff in reaching that goal, so our hope is to engage the community again through planting, volunteering and becoming more educated about trees to reach that goal," she said.

Additionally, Tretheway says the foundation will continue to help raise the tree literacy of everyone in Sacramento to make sure they understand the importance of planting and maintaining trees in the community.

"We just need to bring it up a notch or two so we can continue to be a City of Trees only second to Paris, France," he said. "And if we don't do it, I think we're going to have healthier places to live. I think this is one of the best opportunities to help lift up your neighborhood or community or city or county."

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Store's roots date back to late 1940s

Taylor's Market to celebrate 50th anniversary in Land Park

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It was 50 years ago this August that the business opened at 2900 Freepoint Blvd.

Land Park's cherished specialty grocery store, Taylor's Market, is celebrating a very special anniversary.

Land Park roots
The roots of the store pre-date its Land Park location, as original owner Roy Taylor had previously operated

Roy Taylor's Market at 3101 33rd St. at 6th Avenue in Oak Park.

At that address, the Lynn & O'Neil grocery store began operating at the site in 1911 and was replaced at the same location by Roy Taylor's Market in the late 1940s.

Taylor, who resided with his wife Bernice at 893 Perkins Way in Land Park, relocated his Oak Park business to Land Park in 1962, and shortened the store's name to Taylor's Market.

The store's present Freepoint Boulevard building had become available following the closure of a Safeway grocery store that had opened at the site in 1940.

In establishing this now-classic Land Park business, Roy Taylor leased part of the building to Ed Schell for the operation of his meat market, Bird & Schell Meats.

This lease was arranged upon a simple handshake.

Grand opening

The grand opening of Taylor's Market in Land Park was held on Aug. 11, 1962.

With the opening of the Freepoint Boulevard market, some of Taylor's former Oak Park customers traveled to shop at his Land Park store.

Since its inception, the popularity of this neighborhood store has continued to increase.

And in a world where a person often passes through a business as just another face in the crowd, Taylor's Market remains as a sort of time capsule where people are continuously referred to by name by Taylor's ownership and staff.

In 1987, Taylor decided to retire and he negotiated a sale price for the business with Schell.

Soon afterward, Taylor sold his market to Ed Schell, Ed's son, Kevin Schell, and Dan Johnson, who had worked at the store since 1983.

Following this transfer of ownership, the market was remodeled and upgrades were made to its grocery offerings.

A new store

Initially, Kevin operated the grocery side of the store and Dan ran the meat department.

Ed Schell, 87, has continued to work in his trade as a meat



Photo courtesy of Ed and Colleen Schell
Roy Taylor (left) and Ed Schell were business partners at Taylor's Market for 25 years. Taylor operated the grocery side of the business, while Schell operated the meat market.

cutter, despite attempting to retire from the meat department at Taylor's in 1996. He can still be seen working at the market for about five hours every Saturday, beginning around 6 a.m.

"As long as I feel good and they want me, and I can do some good, I'll be here," Ed Schnell said.

Ed's wife, Colleen, who worked at the Land Park store as a bookkeeper, was able to make a full departure with her retirement from the shop in 1996.

Altogether, Ed, who resides with Colleen in the Pocket area, has been working in the grocery and meat business for more than six decades.

And most importantly, this work is a labor of love for Ed. He can often be seen with a smile on his face as he socializes with customers and works with some butchers who are less than half his age.

Transfer of ownership

In 2007, Ed and Kevin Schell sold their interests in Taylor's Market to Dan and his wife, Kathleen.

One of the most recent major additions at Taylor's Market is its on-site Taylor's Kitchen, which is a restaurant featuring a seasonal menu, wines and desserts.

Certainly, it is not difficult to locate people to speak engagingly about Taylor's Market, whether they are connected with the store as employees or as customers.

Ed, for instance, is quick to acknowledge Taylor's current anniversary in Land Park and the presence of many loyal customers at the store.

"I think it's a big achievement to be in business for that long and every year seems to get better," he said. "And it's nice to see the people year after year who have been loyal customers and to watch their families grow up."

Pocket area resident Jessica Reed, a cashier at Taylor's for the past three years, describes the store as a "home away from home where everybody knows your name."

And when it comes to Taylor's offerings, Reed is quite knowledgeable.

"We are a specialty market and we have an amazing selection of wines and beer, and we do carry the infamous Pliny the Elder, which is a very supple, cult-following beer," Reed said. "We have great, fresh local produce. We have a big emphasis on local, sustainable products. We have (some) nice organic things and the best meat in Sacramento that you can buy, hands down. The best meat, the best seafood. We're proud of what we sell here and we stand behind what we sell."

Happy customers

Sacramento resident Manny Mulé said he likes shopping at Taylor's Market.

"It's very simple," Mulé said. "I do weight training,

Taylor's: Land Park market is known for its quality produce, meats, wines

so I usual cook my meals on Saturdays for the week and it's probably the only place where I can find produce that will last that long. (The produce) is very fresh. Everything is all local. The butcher shop is really good at taking care of you. (Taylor's is) really good at (selecting) local produce, local, grass-fed, healthy cows. That's why I come here. And the price is right."

Autumn Lumibao, who recently moved to Sacramento from San Antonio, Tex. to attend the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law, said that the existence of Taylor's Market in Land Park was influential in her decision to become a resident of the area.

"(Taylor's Market) is a big draw for me," Lumibao said. "Between the two - this little shopping area and the light rail - it's the perfect location. I like (Taylor's). It seems like they have taken the time to pick their items carefully. There's a wine selection with (wines) that I have never even seen, so that's pretty cool. I noticed that (with) their meat selection, they are trying really hard to be more conscious of how their meat is produced. That's admirable to me."

Anniversary gala dinner

In celebration of Taylor's 50 years in Land Park, an anniversary gala dinner will be held at Taylor's Kitchen on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. The event is a benefit for the Sacramento Children's Home.

For additional information regarding Taylor's Market and its anniversary dinner, call (916) 443-6881 or visit www.taylor'smarket.com. The telephone number for Taylor's Kitchen is (916) 443-5154.



Photo courtesy of Taylor's Market
Taylor's Market butchers work behind the counter in this October 1987 photograph.

Alice Schnaidt, a 36-year resident of the Land Park area, was also quick to compliment Taylor's Market.

"Growing up in New York and having Zabar's, this is almost like having Zabar's (in Land Park), as far as the customer service, the gourmet food options and the specialty food items," Schnaidt said. "The customer service

is superb, and you go in there and you know that you are going to get quality (food). If you want quality, that's where you go here. And if you want something special, they're willing to work with you to see if they can get it for you."

Schnaidt, who shops at Taylor's at least once a week, added that

she believes that Taylor's long-time operation in Land Park is "a testament to their business model."

"They knew what they had to do to stay open and solvent and they do that," Schnaidt said. "Happy birthday, Taylor's, and here's to 50 more years."

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Local youth artists 'step up' to be counted the State Fair

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For the last 158 years, Californians have proudly celebrated the talent and bounty of this great land at the annual California State Fair.

Whether in good times or tough ones, somehow the good folks of the Golden State manage to "step up" and show why there is always hope for the future.

Case in point: A number of Sacramento County's youth artists — those in middle school and high school — submitted art work for the Youth Art & Design Expo.

And the young people "faired" very well.

In fact, there were some 840 entries from Sacramento County's young people that were judged good enough to win ribbons for first, second and third places, plus honorable mention. Not every entry was awarded a ribbon, so honorable mentions from this juried show are a significant accomplishment.

Private sponsors also stepped up to make additional awards available.

The titles of the submitted works are lively and imaginative — and seeing the creativity and talent of this younger generation is a great encouragement to fairgoers, as well as fun entertainment.

Here are a few of the schools in the Valley Community Newspa-

pers readership area that are represented at this year's fair:

Sam Brannan Middle School

Erinn Wong won a second place ribbon for "My Memory of Grandma Po Gee Lo" (Scrapbooks & Collections).

Christian Brothers High School

Morgan Gable won a second place ribbon for "Moon and Sun" (Wood items) and an honorable mention for "Cabin Sweet Cabin" (Any Other Craft or Hobby).

Julia Grajeda won the Best of Class trophy and a first place ribbon for her "Travel Backpack"

in the Any Other Sewing Project category. She won two additional first place ribbons for "Plaid Sweatshirt" (Single Clothing Item) and "Pretty Pink Pillow" (Any Other Sewing Project). Julie also won a red ribbon for "Tie-Dye Tote Bag" (Any Other Sewing Project) and a third place ribbon for "Purple Skirt" (Single Clothing Item).

Crocker Riverside Elementary

Annabelle Long won a first place ribbon for her watercolor painting, "Hungry," and an honorable mention for her painting, "Awe."

Genevieve Didion Elementary

Derek Yuan won a first place ribbon for "Pacific Fair" (Mixed Media), second place ribbons for "Sunset On The Shore" (Watercolor) and "After Snow"

(Pastel & Charcoal). He received honorable mentions for his Pastel & Charcoal entries, "What A Blossom!" and "Enjoy The Vacation, Enjoy The Life!"

Evan Yuan won a first place ribbon for his Mixed Media entry, "Three Pals."

John F. Kennedy High School

Kelly Peng received honorable mentions for her Pastel & Charcoal entries, "Chinese Orchid" and "Spring Bird."

Briana Santiago won a first place ribbon for "No Two Alike" (Mixed Media).

Casey Wong won a third place ribbon for her 3D Sculpture entry, "Scenic Lantern" and received an honorable mention for "Bride Of Hope" (Wood Items).

Matsuyama Elementary

Gabriela Ham won two third place ribbons for "Cherry Blossom Hills" (Mixed Media) and "Spring Fountain" (3D Sculpture). She received an honorable mention for "Easter Bunny" (Paintings).

Lauren Ham won second place for "A Day In Fruit Garden" (Pastel & Charcoal). She received honorable mentions for "Rose And Butterflies" (Watercolor) and "My Neighbor's Dog" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Janice Ng won a first place ribbon for "Myths of Dragon" (Mixed Media) and a third place ribbon for "Birds' Paradise" (Pen, Pencil & Printmaking).

C.K. McClatchy High School

Maxwell Bauer's photography was well received at the fair. Maxwell won first place for "Primary Houses," a third place ribbon for "A Modern Concert" and an honorable mention for "Rows."

Sierra Brown won a blue ribbon for "Spirals of Smoke" (Photography) and a second place ribbon for "A Cat Always Nose" (Photography). Sierra received honorable mentions for "Another Day on the Farm" (Photography) and "Jack the Rabbit" and "Overflowing" (both 3D Sculpture).

Mira Loma High School

Sarah Liu received honorable mentions for "Two Orchids in Bloom" and "Hibiscus With Leaves," both in the Pastel & Charcoal category.

Saint Francis High School

Always a powerhouse in the world of the arts, the Troubadours proved that they continue to have "the right stuff" at the State Fair. Art is just a one semester requirement at St. Francis, but over 80 percent of the student body take additional art classes.

Tessie Berghoff won third place for "The Dark Rose" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Katie Chappelle won third place for her untitled work in Photography.

Jessica Cosca won second place for "I'm Thirsty" (Photography).

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Youth art: State Fair a venue for county 'bragging rights'

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Megan Daly won first place for "Synesthesia" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Morgan Finegan won second place for "Tears" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Megan Foy received an honorable mention for "Maya" (Paintings).

Jessica Gutierrez won third place for "Flora" and received an honorable mention for "Laconsentida" (both Photography).

Grace Hollingsworth won first place for "Angel" (Photography).

Clarissa James won third place for "Above Bunny Falls" (Paintings).

Jinyan Li received an honorable mention for "Blessed Mother" (Paintings).

Victoria Ogorodnikov received an honorable mention for "Spence In The Kitchen" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Bianca Quiroz received an honorable mention for "True Beauty & Snow Queen" (Digitally Manipulated Photography).

Gabriella Riegos won second place for "Tomassy" (Digitally Manipulated Photography).

Melanie Rogers-Mantel received honorable mentions for "Venice In Blue" (Paintings) and "Self Portrait" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Natalia Smith won third place for "Tiger" (Pen, Pencil & Printmaking).

Kenall Spector received an honorable mention for "The White Moon" (Digitally Manipulated Photography).

Danielle Villaluna won first place for "A Bus In London" (Pastel & Charcoal) and received an honorable mention for "Gypsy" (Mixed Media).

Sydney Wall won a third place ribbon for her "Self Portrait" (Photography).

Frances Wiese won a third place ribbon for "Native To The Sun" (Mixed Media).

Shalom School

Oliver Black won first place for his 3D Sculpture entry, "Folding Cup."

Daniel Levine won third place for "Hamburger" (3D Sculpture).

Zoe Osorio received an honorable mention for "Blooming" (3D Sculpture).

Sutter Middle School

Benjamin Bauer won a third place ribbon for "Tic-Tac-Toe" and an honorable mention for "Patterns" (both Photography).

Santana Garcia won two third place ribbons for "Puddle of Youth" and "You Make Beautiful Things" (both Photography).

Santana also received an honorable mention for "Nature's Heart" (Photography).



The Youth Art & Design Expo at the California State Fair has a number of impressive entries this year, with many from Sacramento County students.

Caitlin McLaughlin won third place for "Beautiful Treasures" and received an honorable mention for "Unique" (both Pen, Pencil & Printmaking).

Aaron Won won first place for "Escape" and received honorable mentions for "Mysterious Garden" and "Reflection" (all Watercolor).

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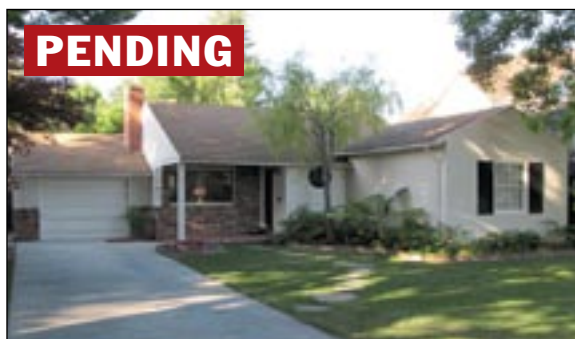


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Fantastic Teneighth Way location in the heart of Land Park! Lovely 3 bedroom home with the quality and character you would expect. Refinished hardwood floors, living room fireplace, ¼ basement and central heat and air conditioning. Attached 2-car tandem garage. Wow!! \$399,500 PENDING

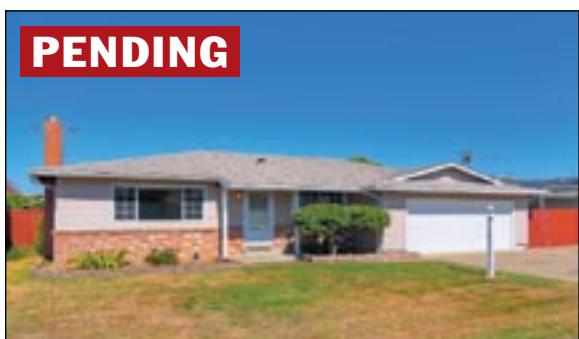
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SPACIOUS HOLLYWOOD PARK

Great opportunity to own a spacious comfortable home in Hollywood Park! Three bedrooms and two full bathrooms with hardwood floors under the carpet in most of the house. Large kitchen, living room fireplace, central heat and air conditioning, enclosed patio, indoor laundry. Large private yard. \$220,000 PENDING

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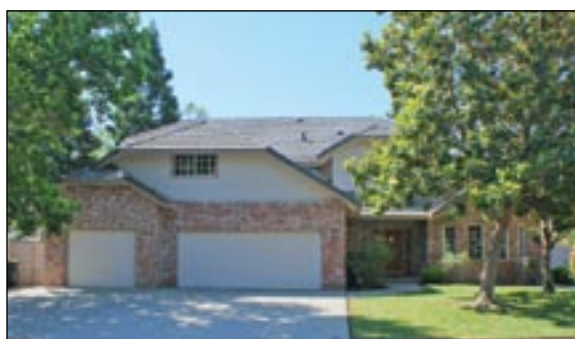


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CORUM VILLAGE IN SLP

Ready and waiting for you a delightful 4 bedroom 2 bath home with all fresh interior paint, new lighting, refinished hardwood floors and new carpet! 1600 square feet; 2-car attached garage. Enjoy this quiet street in Corum Village. Welcome home! \$175,000

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CUSTOM POCKET HOME

Located in Dutra Bend and backing to the Sacramento River this is a gorgeous home. Two story 4 bedrooms plus oversized bonus room and office, 3 full baths. Upgrades include refinished cabinets, newer microwave, and tile bathroom floors. Oversized 3-car garage, covered patio. \$515,000

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LAKE GREENHAVEN

Spectacular waterfront property with sandy beach; single story 4 bedroom 3 bath home with beautiful views from the master bedroom. Spacious great room and backyard, and paddle boat on 65 acres of Lake! Picnic at the private 1 acre park. \$498,000

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