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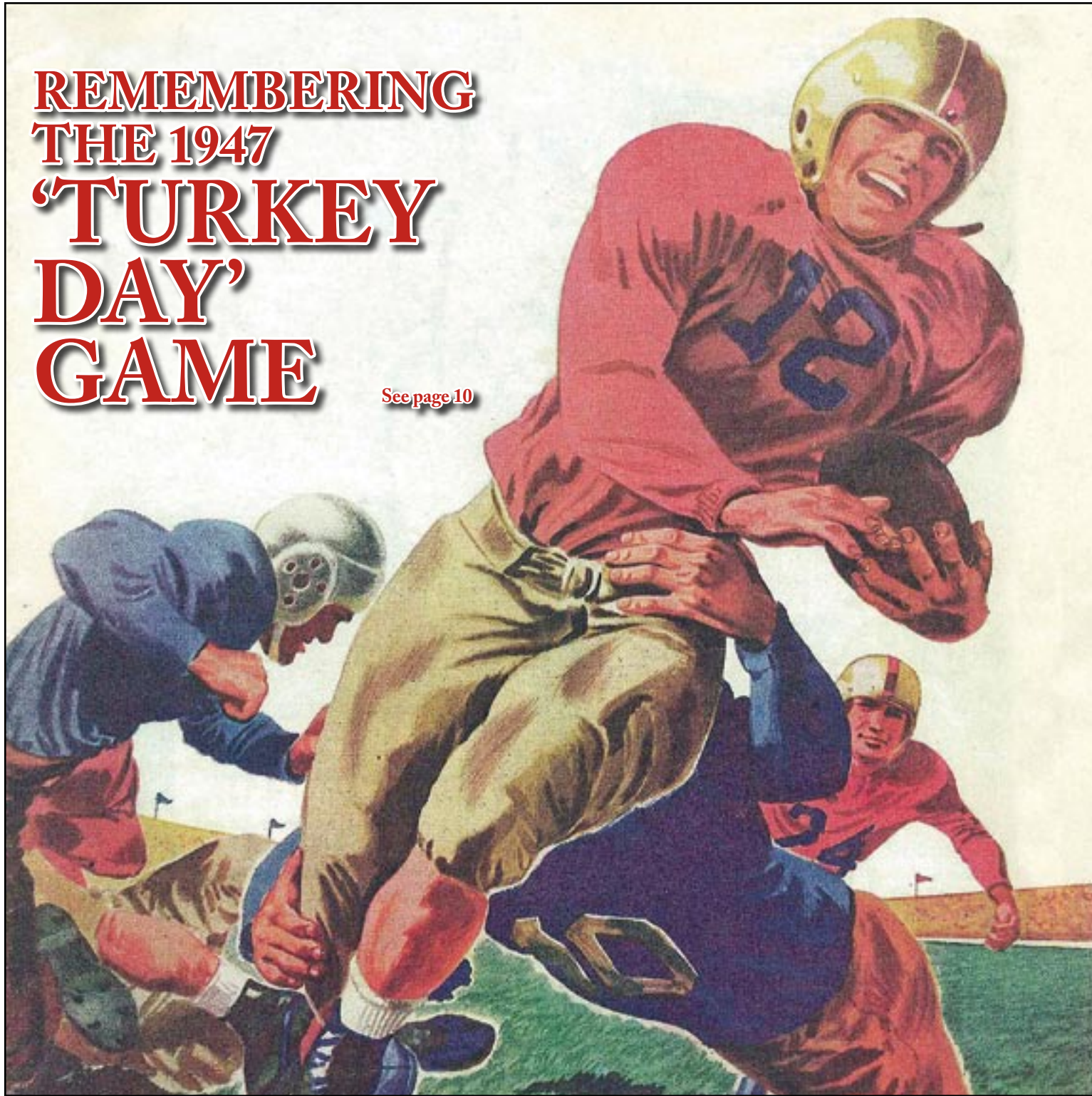


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Golfers enjoy their string putting contest and ice cream social

Special to Land Park News

Golfers participating in the California Eagles Golf Program competed in a 9-Hole string putting contest on Tuesday, August 7, at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. The golfers had to putt under and around several hazards and obstacles, trying to achieve the lowest number of putt strokes to win a new putter. After completing all nine holes of putting, the golfers enjoyed ice cream donated by Vic's Ice Cream.

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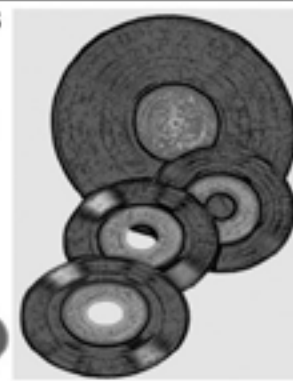
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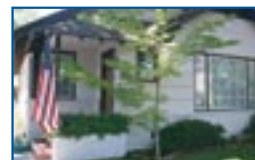


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American River floods created many challenges in capital city

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Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series about the history of the American River in relation to the area of Sacramento today.

Many non-native people were attracted to the American River and its surrounding areas during the 19th century.

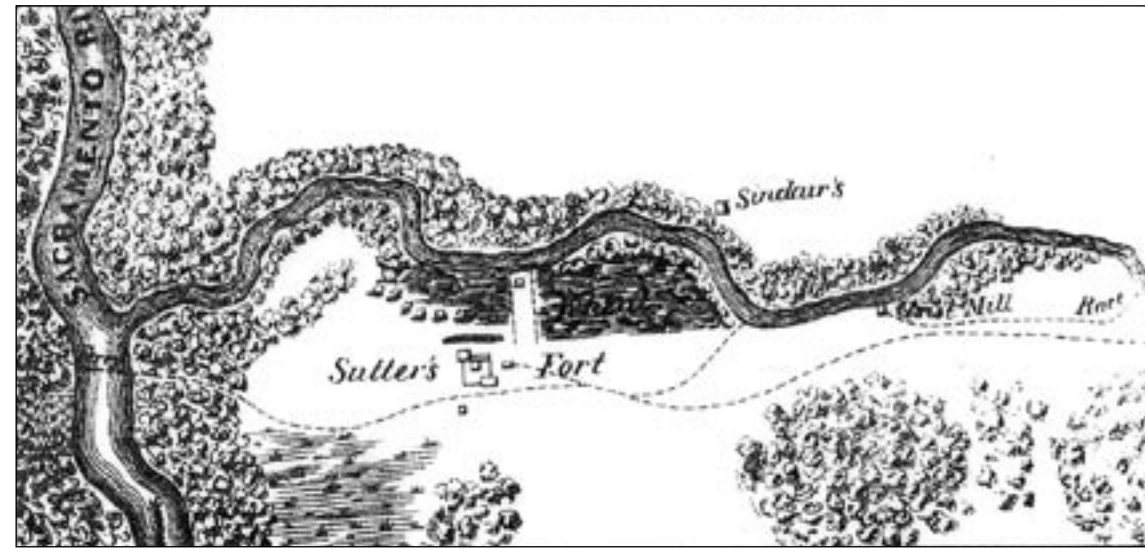
The dynamic fur-bearing and hide-producing animal population combined with the rich, fertile soil encouraged the earliest of these people to attempt to build permanent, non-

Indian settlements along the banks of the American River.

The first person to accomplish this was the Swiss-German adventurer and entrepreneur Captain Johann Augustus Sutter, who became known to his Mexican hosts as Juan Sutter and who is known today as John Sutter.

Sutter had come to the banks of the American River through a circuitous route that included stops in New York City, Westport (now Kansas City, Mo.), Santa Fe, Mexico (present day New Mexico) and overland across the Rocky Mountains.

He then traveled by ship to the Sandwich Islands (to-



This 1848, pre-Sacramento City map shows the early route of the American River between Sutter's Fort and John Sinclair's land grant.

day's Hawaiian Islands), Fort Sitka in Russian Alaska, Yerba Buena (later renamed San Francisco), Monterey and finally up the American River to what became known as Sutter's Landing at present day 28th and C streets.

Sutter in Sacramento

Sutter, who arrived at this latter mentioned site in mid-August 1839, was able to acquire a nearly 50,000-acre land grant from the Mexican government.

The grant included the mouth of the American River and a large portion of the lower Sacramento Valley.

The Mexican government of California freely gave this land because of its belief that Sutter could not successfully subjugate and control the large native population.

Since Gabriel Moraga became the first non-Indian to visit the American River in 1806, many non-Indians attempted or dreamt

of establishing a permanent presence in the Sacramento Valley.

In each case, the native population repelled the invaders and drove them back to the coast.

However, Sutter, with a landing force of two German sailors, 10 Hawaiians (two of whom were women), and possibly an English bulldog, was able to make peace with the local natives and build the American River's first permanent settlement.

The first settlement

The settlement, which Sutter named Nueva Helvetia (New Switzerland and commonly known as New Helvetia), began as a small trading post that incorporated these local natives into the day-to-day business and agriculture.

The trading post grew into a fort – which would become known as Sutter's Fort – and an agricultural and manufacturing complex that attracted

entrepreneurs, opportunists, a few miscreants and simple settlers from throughout the world.

The community burgeoned and with it grew the importance and value of the American River.

Sutter's first non-Indian neighbor was Scotland native John Sinclair, the representative of Eliab Grimes, a businessman from the Sandwich Islands who received a land grant from Sutter across the American River from New Helvetia.

Sinclair was followed by William Leidesdorff, who acquired a land grant east of New Helvetia and south of the American River. This grant included the present day cities of Rancho Cordova and Folsom.

Leidesdorff was the son of a Dutch trader and a West Indian Creole and he was probably the first person of African descent to be a property owner in California.

Following these two men, many others rushed to Sutter's settlement. Among these people was James Marshall, a carpenter from New Jersey.

Discovery of gold

Marshall contracted with Sutter to build a sawmill on the American River that would satisfy the lumber needs of the growing community.

The famous conclusion of this sawmill was the discovery of gold on the south fork of the American in the

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native village of Colluma – present day Coloma.

At this point, as historian J. S. Holliday wrote, "The World Rushed In."

The Gold Rush led to the founding of Sacramento – the original name of Sacramento – and radical changes in the purpose and course of the American River.

This influx of humanity and the quest to leave no stone unturned in the search for gold altered the powerful mountain stream that meandered through the valley to its confluence with the Sacramento River.

Near this confluence, in an area that was once abundant with trees and shrubs, a commercial center rapidly grew.

However, when a city is built where two major rivers come together, flooding is inevitable.

Sacramento floods

The new metropolis, which would soon become the capital of the new state of California, flooded in each of its first few years of existence.

But the indomitable spirit of the citizens of the new city could not be broken. They constructed levees that they hoped would hold back the powerful waters of the river. But these rudimentary earthworks were no match for the force of the American.

The most significant flood in the history of the capital city came in the winter of 1861-62. At that time, the rains began to fall and they continued nearly unabated for more than a month.

Around 8 a.m. on Dec. 9, 1861, the river broke through the levee at Smith's Gardens in the area of today's River Park.

The water coursed down Burns Slough and inundated the eastern part of the city, all the way to the railroad levee in the south.

The 'Secret City'

The flooding was so intense that merchants and residents from Front Street

to 12th Street and from the American River to the R Street levee reacted by raising their buildings as much as 14 feet, or constructing an additional story to these structures.

These modifications are what created the famed underground of Sacramento.

This flooding also led to outcries about the poor conditions of the levee system and the need to alter the course of the American River.

The immediate step was to force the river north, near Rabel's Tannery at 28th Street, in order to direct the water away from the city.

The larger step was the engineering endeavor that would take the big bend out of the west end of the river, near its confluence with the Sacramento River. This project began in 1864 and was completed four years later.

As a result of this rechanneling, the American River met with the Sacramento River one mile further north than it did when Sutter established his settlement.

But even these dramatic engineering feats were not sufficient to guarantee the safe control of the river.

The river continued to flood on a regular basis and heavy rains combined with spring snow melt made localized inundations a regular occurrence.

The next major flood occurred in February 1878, when almost the entire city was once again covered with water. This event prompted citizens to call upon the government to create meaningful, regional flood control.

The first comprehensive flood control plan was introduced in 1880.

The plan, which was designed by California's first state engineer William Ham-



This 1920s artist enhanced view of McKinley Park features the park's pond, which is a remnant of the historic Burns Slough. Photo courtesy of the Lance Armstrong Collection

mond Hall (1846-1934), was an integrated course of action for the entire Sacramento Valley that included a system of levees, weirs and bypass channels in an attempt to protect existing population centers.

With at least some control over the river, its power could be managed for the good of the citizenry.

In 1895, Sacramento staged its elaborate Grand Electric Carnival in celebration of the new Folsom Powerhouse, which carried electricity 22 miles from Folsom to Sacramento.

At the time, this event was considered an amazing distance for the transmission of electricity.

Folsom was also the site of another major American River development.

Folsom Dam

In 1917, Congress had authorized the Sacramento Flood Control System, and in 1944, authorization a regular occurrence. The Army Corps of Engineers to construct a dam on the lower American River to provide an excess of 500-year flood protection.

However, beginning in 1951, five major storms brought record floods before a dam could be constructed. Finally, in 1956, the Folsom Dam was completed.

It was estimated at that time that it would take a year to fill the reservoir behind the dam, but once again Mother Nature had other ideas.

A major storm rolled in and the reservoir was filled in one week.

Even though Sacramento exists because of the American River, the river has continuously tried to destroy the city.

But each time, the citizens fought back, first with picks and shovels and finally with a concrete barrier.

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Photo by Tia Gemmill

Over 2,000 runners and walkers participated at last year's Race for the Arts. Whether you are a serious runner (5k timed by D-tag) or running for fun, Race for the Arts is more than a run, it's an experience.

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By JIM COOMBS
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Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of articles about McClatchy athletes and teams chosen for its new sports Hall of Fame. The 50 athletes/coaches and teams from 1938 to 1962 will be inducted as part of the 75 year McClatchy celebration on Sept. 20 at the Riverside Elks Lodge. For information about the athletes and how to get tickets, go to restoretheroar.org.

At noon on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1947, 24,000 frenzied football fans squeezed into Hughes Stadium to see the unbeaten McClatchy Lions and the Sacramento Dragons battle for the Sac-Joaquin League championship.

As a wide-eyed 8 year old, this was my first football game and it would become a Thanksgiving tradition for my family that would last until the 1970s, when the Turkey Day game ended.

Turkey Day 1947 would be the greatest sporting event in Sacramento history with more than half the city attending. After the school opened in 1937, the upstart McClatchy Lions began to chip into Sacramento High School's athletic dominance by the mid-1940s.

One-half of the city was "Lion Red" while the other half was "Dragon Purple."

North of Broadway, you were a Dragon; south of Broadway in the suburbs of Sacramento, you were a Lion.

In 1939, McClatchy first beat Sacramento 13-6 behind all-city running back Fred Wristen.* The only tie was in 1940, and Bob Geremia was the star of the 1942 game for the Lions.

Nineteen forty-three brought the Lions a close win 13-12 and the undefeated 1944 McClatchy* team slaughtered the Dragons 44-0 and 25-0. McClatchy had won the last five years, two in 1944 and 45 because there were no night games during World War II, and local teams played each other twice.

The 1947 team

In 1947, Sacramento was coached by George Relles and led by quarter-back Jack Higdon and running backs Henry Barsanti, Vic Frediani and Ed Day.

Burt Delevan and Peter Mering anchored the line. The closest game was against Grant where the team trailed 7-0 at half. The second half was led by Day, Frediani and Mering, and Sacramento ended up winning 19-7.

The Lions, coached by George Bican,* were led by the "high-stepping twins," John Pappa* (14 touchdowns) and Del Rasmussen* (nine touchdowns).

Rasmussen had run for almost 700 yards and averaged 13.4 yards per carry. Pappa had more than 400 yards and fullback Chuck Marino had almost 300 yards.

Tony Geremia* was an outstanding passer and kicked extra points. Ends Curtis Rowland* and John Matulich were his favorite receivers.

The McClatchy line was led by all-city tackle/linebacker Leon King*, guards Sturmer White and Bill Burns*, all-city center Vern Sampson* and tackle Clarence "Tiger" Orr.

Grant Deary, Bob Farmer* and Bob Norris came in on a strong McClatchy defense that had four shut-outs during the year.

The Lions averaged 33 points per game on offense.

The winning streak

McClatchy started its winning ways on Oct. 4, with a 36-0 win over Christian Brothers with Geremia throwing touchdowns to Pappa and Marino.

The following Friday in the rain at Hughes Stadium, the Lions beat Woodland 26-0 with Rasmussen running for 121 yards and Pappa 77 yards. At Grant the following week, Geremia threw for more than 200 yards and the "twins" each scored once for a 45-13 victory.

Bican pulled out his bag of tricks and put Leon King at fullback for a touchdown and extra point.

Meanwhile, Sacramento was rolling along beating CBS 27-0, Turlock 12-0, Stockton 12-0, Modesto 25-7, Lodi 13-6, Woodland 21-13 and Grant 19-7.

Defense was the heart of the team, and everyone expected the Lions to give a tough match when they met the Dragons on Thanksgiving Day.

Leading up to the big game, McClatchy visited the Lodi Flames, and before 5,000 fans, Pappa (94 yards and 3 touchdowns), and Rasmussen (68 yards and 2 touchdowns) ran wild for a 39-0 victory.

Rowland blocked a punt and Farmer intercepted a pass to preserve the shutout. The following week against Modesto, with Pappa having a bad heel and Rasmussen the flu, Marino was the workhorse with 104 yards and two touchdowns.

Rasmussen still had 89 yards, Rowland a TD and Deary an interception at linebacker.

Nov. 27 was here at last.

Turkey Day game

The city was in a frenzy.

The local radio station KFBK had a huge pep rally on the air at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday with Tony Koester, the Sacramento Solons announcer, as the MC. On Thanksgiving morning, people began lining up for tickets four hours early at 8 a.m.

The headline of the Sacramento Bee on Friday, Nov. 28, read: "Lions roar to 35-14 victory over Dragons before record 24,000."

The article read: "A storming fireball C. K. McClatchy High School eleven collaborated with the greatest crowd in the annals of Sacramento sports yesterday to bust the record books wide open in the most dynamic and colorful Thanksgiving Day football game ever produced within the confines of Hughes Memorial Stadium.

While more than 24,000 gridiron enthusiasts crammed into every cranny of the arena for the first time in its history, overflowing into the aisles, hanging precariously on the rims, and spilling out on to the track surrounding the playing turf, THE RAZZLE DAZZLE LIONS cannonaded their way to the Sac-Joaquin section championship with a glittering 35-14 conquest of the Sacramento Dragons."***

The Lions struck early and often building up a 21-0 halftime lead. Del Rasmussen* carried only nine times for 189 yards and two touchdowns.

The Sacramento Bee article continued: "The fair haired boy...was dashing Del Rasmussen, a swivel hipped, squirming, prancing ball packer of all-conference magnitude who broke the Dragons' backs with two long touchdown scampers. Fronting the way for him and sidekick John Papa was a dominant offensive line led by the 220 pound Leon King...who was tremendously effective at tackle and linebacker. Geremia had an outstanding game, with fourth and goal at the three, he crossed up Sacramento with an end-around to Curtis Rowland for a touchdown and a 21-0 halftime lead."***

McClatchy scored twice more in the third quarter with Marino scoring a touchdown in his fourth straight game against the Dragons. Sacramento blocked a punt and scored to start the fourth quarter. Again in the fourth quarter, a missed handoff resulted in a fumble at the Dragon 22.



"Henry Barsanti caught the ball in mid air and set sail for the goal line. Pappa, however, picked himself up off the turf and, after spotting Barsanti 15 yards, amazingly overhauled him on the Lion nine. Fumbleistis set in on the second play, and Rasmussen recovered to thwart any hope of a Dragon rally."**

When the game ended, it took Bican and Principal S. A. Pepper 20 minutes to break through the many well-wishers to celebrate the Lions' first section title in football. When they arrived at the locker room, the team went crazy.

"The Lions coach waited for the cheering to subside. Bican tried to speak but was choked up with emotion before he finally said, 'My 45 boys all looked good. My boys all blocked in excellent fashion and we were ready for this one.'***

Great athletes

The 1948 graduating class had many outstanding athletes. Section championships were won in football and track, a tie with Sacramento for the baseball championship, and the basketball team led by Rasmussen, Dick Balfour and Matulich won the northern section, but lost to Stockton for the Sac Joaquin title.

Roger Osenbaugh* and Jim Westlake would go on to play professional baseball with the Solons.

Balfour would win the section pole vault and Pappa would win the section 100 and 220 for the third straight year.

Pappa would go on to UC Berkeley and score two touchdowns in the 1951 "Big Game" and play in two Rose Bowls.

Rasmussen would become a star running back at Santa Clara, and King would be a starter at Stanford and play in the 1952 Rose Bowl.

However, 65 years later, I think I remember Rasmussen dashing for long gains, Pappa chasing Barsanti over 60 yards to catch him on the nine, crushing hits by King and Sampson, and Geremia throwing darts to Rowland, Rasmussen, Matulich, and Pappa for big gains.

Twenty-four thousand people in Hughes Stadium for one exciting, colorful, afternoon - I definitely remember that.

*Denotes Hall of Fame inductees

**Sacramento Bee quotes from sports writer Murray Olderman and Tom Kane

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By the time I reached my 19th birthday, the atmosphere became a little cloudy in the Relles household.

My Dad seemed a little on edge. I think he felt I was old enough to move out on my own.

I hadn't given that possibility much consideration at the time, but I could feel Dad's angst. The whole issue came to a head when I decided to get with the times and grow a goatee.

Wow, that rattled Dad's cage. He insisted I shave it off. "No son of a Sacramento police officer should sport facial hair."

Of course, I refused to give in. This brought the whole matter to a head, and Dad and I agreed that I should find a place of my own.

Fortunately, my uncle Ross provided a solution to this dilemma. He had two flats above his florist shop in midtown. One had just become available. Thankfully, my cousin Bob agreed to share the flat with me, making the move affordable.

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So, on the first day of the next month, we moved into my uncle's second-floor flat. Our living arrangement was pretty humble.

The flat only had only one actual bedroom. So, Bob and I moved two twin beds into the single room. In addition to the bedroom, the flat featured one bathroom, a large living room and kitchen.

Life was good. My cousin and I adjusted quickly to our new living arrangement. The good thing is that as close relatives, we knew each other well.

Also, our day-to-day lives were very similar at this time. Both of us attended Sacramento City College

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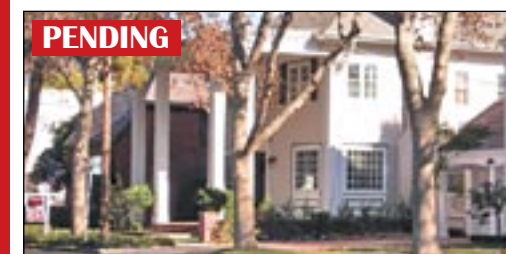
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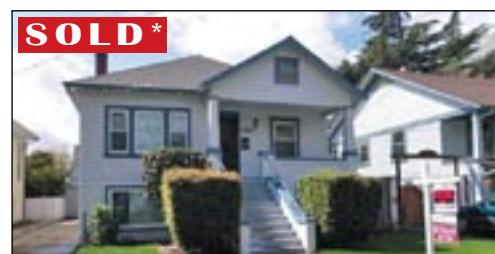
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Janey Way

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and worked in the florist shop down below the flat.

I attended school in the morning and delivered flowers in the afternoon. Bob made up arrangements in the mornings, then went to his classes in the afternoon. The arrangement worked out well.

Neither of us cooked at the time, but we learned quickly.

I constantly bothered my mom for new recipes. In quick order, I learned how to cook things like spaghetti, Spanish rice and Swiss steak.

Bob did the same with his mother. To this day, I still cook these dishes along with many others.

We soon blended into the fabric of the midtown area. I still recall sitting on the balcony in front of our flat in the evening watching the cars scurry out of town during rush hour.

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I have fond memories of living over uncle Ross's florist shop. I lived there for four pretty care-free years.

However, in 1969, I received my draft notice, and those care-free times ended abruptly.

I will tell you more about that in a later episode. Now, my time of living on my own, above my uncle's shop, is just another laid back Janey Way memory.

McClatchy student's tutoring program gives kids the help they need

By **CORRIE PELC**
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Two years ago during her sophomore year at McClatchy High School, Allison Yamamoto decided she wanted to do something to help the community.

This fall she will be starting her senior year at McClatchy and her third year managing and tutoring for the Teen Volunteer Tutoring Program at Robbie Waters Pocket Greenhaven Library.

"I didn't think I would be able to start up such a program that would impact the community for positive change," Yamamoto said. "It's preparing me for maybe taking a bigger step in the future to help out more people."

The idea

Yamamoto said the idea for the program came from the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) at the library when they were brainstorming community service projects.

She helps library staff – Tracey Joe, youth services librarian and Katherine McMillan, library services assistant and volunteer coordinator – oversee the program by matching up students with a volunteer teen tutor, and she helps recruit and train the tutors.

"We are so fortunate to have (Allison) and we're just really glad that she was able to get this up and running," Joe said. "Ninety-nine percent of the success of the program has been Allison, so we're just thrilled to have her."

McMillan said the tutoring program is a natural fit for the library due to its two large study rooms and location next to the School of Engineering & Sciences. Input from families let them know parents were seeking opportunities to connect their youngsters with tutors.

"It's a perfect blend of activities that the library always hopes to provide on

behalf of its patrons and the larger community," she said.

Additionally, McMillan said the tutoring program helps students with not only their studies, but to build self-confidence and self-esteem.

"Working one-on-one with our teen tutors provides them with an opportunity to get direct and personalized feedback (and) focus clearly on the academic items that they and their parents want the focus to be on," she said. "It's that personalized attention, that individual caring very much about the youngster, that first and foremost really enables the kids to shine and to do well in their studies."

The program

Last year, Yamamoto said the Teen Volunteer Tutoring Program helped about 50 students in grades first through sixth thanks to about 40 teen volunteers. The majority of the students come from the Pocket-Greenhaven area, with a few coming from Meadowview, Land Park and even as far away as Elk Grove.

Because of this and the success of the program, Yamamoto said they are looking into possibly expanding the program to other Sacramento Public Library branches, such as the Arden-Dimick Library.

"We're looking for anyone who's interested in starting this up at their local library – contact us if (you're) interested," she said.

Parents can sign their young student up to be tutored through the program's website, <http://tiny.cc/pockettutors>.

Rather than focusing on a specific skill such as reading or math, parents and students can specify what subject they want to be tutored in, and then Yamamoto and library staff work to pair that student up with an appropriate tutor.

For example, for the



Allison Yamamoto (right) tutors Kristin Madruga (left) through the Teen Volunteer Tutoring Program. Photo courtesy Allison Yamamoto

to has been tutoring Kristin Madruga, a Pocket resident who attends Sutter Middle School.

Yamamoto said she tutored Madruga as both a sixth and seventh grader, and last year they focused on Algebra I. Additionally, Yamamoto tutored a fourth grader in reading for a year.

Yamamoto says the experience was inspiring for her as she saw her students improve through the tutoring program, and it helped her gain confidence as a tutor.

"For me personally, studying can be a pain so I came up with these little nifty tricks and I taught them those," she said. "It really helped them stay on track for what they wanted to do."

The tutors

As for the other teen tutors in the program, Yamamoto says they come from a variety of local high schools – McClatchy, John F. Kennedy High School, West Campus High School and Mira Loma High School.

McMillan said the program draws teens that are highly motivated and want to participate in an activity at the community level.

"The (teens) that are drawn to tutoring really want to give to the community and assist youngsters in their academic pursuits," she said. "The youth that are the tutors are individuals that understand the importance of academic

success, they already have good study skills, they've demonstrated an ability to be successful in an academic setting ... so I think the program is a great fit for them."

Joe said the tutoring program helps give the teens a meaningful way to volunteer at the library and most of them return as tutors each year. She said although they give the teens some basic training to prepare them for tutoring, most of them come with prior tutoring experience.

And when it comes to how they tutor, Joe said

they are given some guidance, but are also allowed to experiment on their own.

"We encourage them to share ideas with each other in terms of what works and what doesn't work," she said. "It's been really fun to see what they come up with."

Yamamoto said they are actively recruiting teen tutors for this year's program, which will start in late September to early October.

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Former NFL champion reminisces about his playing days

Successful professional career linked to experience at McClatchy High

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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While sitting inside his Sacramento home last week, Gene Cronin was all smiles as he leaned back in a chair and spoke about one of his favorite topics – football.

After all, it was this sport that allowed him to experience some of his greatest joys in life.

Unlike many youth who dream about playing in the National Football League, Gene Cronin was a pass rusher in football to such a level that he eventually became an NFL player and remained in the league for eight seasons.

Gene, who is well known in the Pocket and Land Park, is in a unique class when it comes to the history of a certain NFL football franchise.

A famous victory

On Dec. 29, 1957, the Detroit Lions won the NFL championship with a 59-14 victory over the Cleveland

Browns before a crowd of 55,263 people at Briggs Stadium in Detroit.

"They haven't won a championship since," said Gene, who was one of only 35 players on that championship team.

After five seasons playing as the Portsmouth Spartans, the team, which joined the NFL in 1930, moved from Portsmouth, Ohio to Detroit in 1934 and became the Detroit Lions.

Twenty-four seasons later, the Lions had won four NFL championships, including the 1957 championship.

During his recent interview with this publication, Gene briefly left the room and then returned to present one of his most prized possessions – his 1957 NFL championship ring.

At the time that Gene and his teammates received their large, shiny, gold championship rings, they had no idea exactly how precious that championship would eventually become to the city of Detroit and the many people associated with the team, from

its ownership and players to its many fans.

The Lions' NFL championship drought has since surpassed the half-century mark.

So long ago was the Detroit Lions' last championship that it predates the establishment of the Super Bowl.

Not the worst record

Fortunately for the Lions and their fans, this championship futility does not rank last.

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While playing in Chicago as the Chicago Cardinals (today's Arizona Cardinals), the team won its last NFL championship in 1947.

Growing up

In telling about his background leading up to his years as an NFL player, Gene said that he was born in Spalding, Nebraska on Nov. 20, 1933, but moved to California with his family when he was 6 years old.

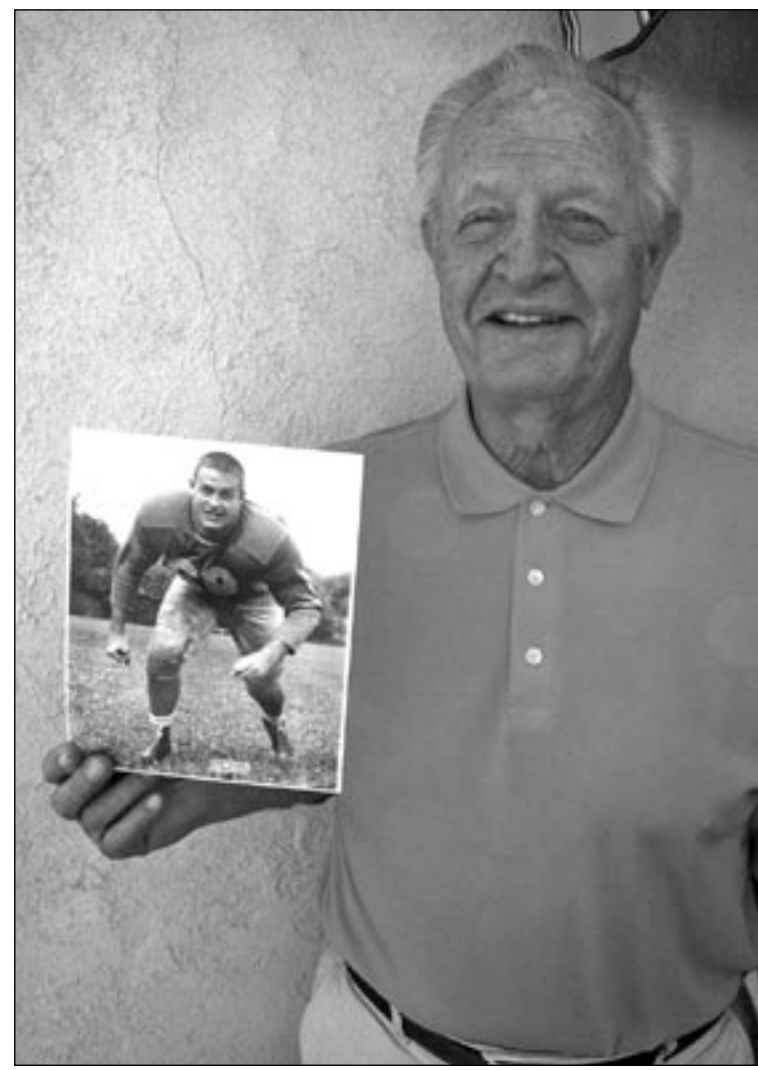


Photo by Lance Armstrong
Sacramento resident Gene Cronin shows off a photograph from his days as a football player for the Detroit Lions.

Gene added that his family's history in Nebraska began with his grandfather, Timothy Cronin, an immigrant from Ireland.

"When they had the land grants, Tim and (his wife) Kate came to Nebraska and got 600 acres," Gene said. "Timothy Cronin, my grandfather, was a doer and he gave 200 acres to each of his sons. He had three sons and two daughters. (The sons, one of whom was Gene's father, Earl) were good farmers, but the Depression came and all of them lost their farms."

After losing their farm, the Earl Cronin family moved to Ione, Calif., where Gene attended public schools through his freshman year at Ione High School.

The Cronins then moved to a home just east of the Pocket area and Gene enrolled at McClatchy High School.

Moving from Ione to the capital city was quite a contrast for Gene.

The capital city

As a boy with a great interest in football, he was surprised to see so many kids trying out for McClatchy's football teams.

"Football practice had started (at McClatchy), but school hadn't started yet, so about the second and third day of practice I stood there and watched football practice," Gene said. "They had the varsity, junior varsity, B Team, C Team. I never saw so many people in my life playing football. I had just come from a school with a total enrollment of about 50 and there were about 100 and something (boys) out for football (at McClatchy)."

Although Gene noted that he was a "pretty good athlete" at that time, since he only weighed 155 pounds, he wasn't sure he could make the team.

Nonetheless, Gene approached Coach George Bican after a practice and told him that he would like to try out for football.

Soon after approaching Bican, Gene was loaned a leather helmet and what Gene referred to as the "last of the last" pieces of equipment.

During his senior year at McClatchy, Gene also played as a guard on the school's varsity basketball team.

Although Gene played fairly well on the basketball court,

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Cronin: Cronin played against NFL greats such as Jim Brown, Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr

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his greatest achievements undoubtedly came as a football player.

College ball

Gene, who graduated from McClatchy in 1952, attended the College of the Pacific (today's University of the Pacific) on a football scholarship.

"The first college football game I ever saw, I was playing in it," Gene said. "When I went down to Pacific, we played Stanford at Stanford and beat them. I still remember when I was out in Stanford Stadium looking around at the big, old stadium. And Stanford had a good football team."

While Gene was playing for COP, the team also beat such teams as Oregon State College (today's Oregon State University), Washington State College (now Washington State University), Texas Technical College (today's Texas Tech University) and the University of Cincinnati, which was coached by the legendary Sid Gilman (1911-2003), who is the only coach to have been inducted into both the College Football Hall of Fame and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Although Gene eventually became one of eight players from his Pacific team to reach the NFL, he said that he never believed that he would ever be selected to play professional football.

"In my senior year in college, all the (NFL) teams – (the then-Los Angeles/now St. Louis) Rams, New York Giants, (Chicago) Bears, everybody – would send you questionnaires to fill out," Gene recalled. "I never filled one out. I just threw them away. I only weighed 197 pounds in my senior year in college and I knew I wasn't



Photo courtesy of Gene Cronin
The Detroit Lions won their last NFL championship in 1957. Gene Cronin, wearing jersey #68, was one of the starters on that year's team.

big enough to play in the NFL."

A football all-star

Fortunately, for his future in football, Gene was selected to play in the East-West Shrine Game.

Gene played very well in this all-star game and drew the attention of a Detroit Lions scout, who was sitting in the stands. As a result, Gene was drafted by the Lions in 1956.

"I don't know if I could have made any other (NFL) team, but I could do something that Detroit needed," Gene said. "I could rush the passer."

And while playing in the NFL, Gene chased some of the game's most all-time notable quarterbacks, including Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr, Y.A. Tittle, John Brodie and Norm Van Brocklin.

Playing in the NFL

Gene, who entered the NFL at 6 feet, 2 inches tall and 218 pounds and later increased his playing weight to 240, also competed against the Cleveland Brown's Jim Brown, whom he described as "the

best running back who ever played in the NFL."

In 1960, Gene became one of the first players on the Dallas Cowboys inaugural year roster.

And a year later, he joined the Washington Redskins, which proved to be his final team as a player, as his playing career ended due to injury in 1963.

Gene rejoined the NFL in 1965, when he became the first person hired by the then-new Atlanta Falcons.

Initially, Gene served as the director of player personnel. He then worked his way up to assistant general manager before resigning from the team in November 1968.

Gene, who has a wife named Angie, one son and one daughter and is a long-time Elks Lodge No. 6 member, said that he is forever grateful for the opportunities he had in football.

"My football days at McClatchy, College of the Pacific and the NFL, I loved every minute of it," Gene said. "I'm grateful for my time in football and the associations I've made with people through (this sport). I've been a lucky Irishman all my life."

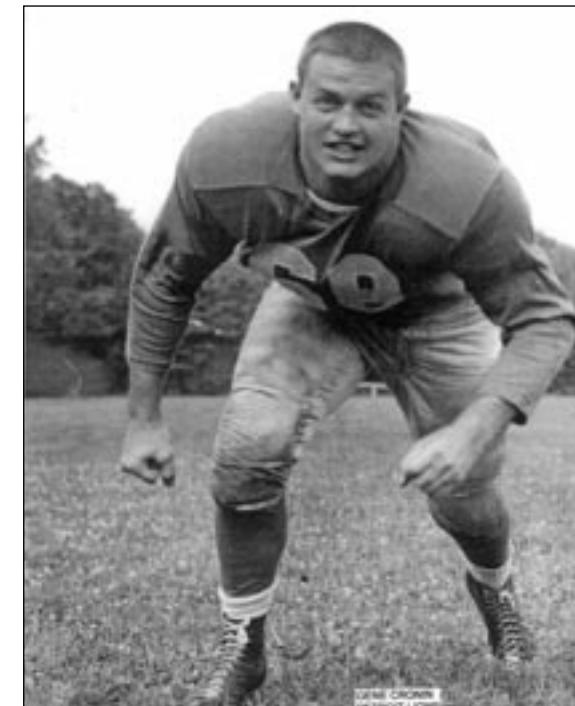


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William Land Park goes bananas

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William Land Park went bananas last weekend at the third annual Banana Festival which featured more than 20 different items made from bananas, a 3K Bananarama Run, a Banana Bread Path. The festival acted as a catalyst that supported local non-profits. Non-profit organizations served samples of their special banana bread recipes to visitors who got to stroll down a tropical path full of delicious banana breads. The festival celebrated food, art, culture, music, diversity, health and wellness and going green with composting. The festival also hosted a variety of local non-profits that provided abundance of resources on health education, health screenings and, of course, the benefit of the banana.



CALENDAR

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Send your event announcement for consideration to: editor@valcomnews.com at least two weeks prior to publication.

AUGUST

'The Fox on the Fairway'

Aug. 24-Sept. 23: Screwball comedy about love, life and man's eternal love affair with...golf. \$19-\$21. Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael (916) 489-7529 www.cplayhouse.org

Free Dental Clinic

Aug. 24-25: The Calif Dental Assoc. Foundation will offer a free dental clinic at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., beginning 5:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Services are free of charge and include cleanings, fillings and extractions. Open to all who do not have dental insurance. First-come, first-serve basis. More info at http://cdfoundation.org/Give/Volunteer/CDACares-FreeDentalClinics.aspx or call 1-888-959-1331.

Gem and jewel show

Aug. 24-25: Rings, pendants, bracelets, vintage and more. American Cancer Society. Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2744 Marconi Ave. Sacramento, (916) 484-0227.

Race for the Arts 5K

Aug. 25: The Sacramento Children's Chorus presents Race for the Arts 5K walk/run at 8:30 a.m. in William Land Park. Registration opens

Bi-Polar Anonymous

Aug. 24, 31: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

at 7 a.m. Live music, interactive booths, post race refreshments. www.raceforthearts.com

Beach Bash

Aug. 25: Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters (Isaiah 55:1). Water slides, games, Slip-n-Slides, crafts, kiddie pools, food, activities, door prizes. Free community event. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Riverside Wesleyan Church, 6449 Riverside Blvd. (916) 391-9845 www.wcsac.org.

Fire Station 15 open house

Aug. 25: Come visit Fire Station 15 at 1591 Newborough Dr., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Mend-A-Thon

Aug. 25: The Capitol Baller Company Costume Committee presents a Mend-A-Thon fundraiser from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Bring your clothes that need mending, as volunteers will repair them on a donation basis while you wait. Volunteers will repair items such as loose buttons, small tears and simple hems. Bring buttons if you have them. The event will take place at the Arcade Library Community Room, 2443 Marconi Ave.

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SEPTEMBER

Land Park Volunteer Corps
Sept. 1: Got work gloves and a "let's get down to business" attitude? Then the Land Park Volunteer Corps is for you! Come join members of the community as we maintain, improve and beautify lovely William Land Park. First Saturday of every month, March - November Free. 8 a.m. meet behind Fairytale Town, 8:25 a.m.-11 a.m., work on projects as assigned. Light breakfast, lunch provided by local businesses. (916) 718-3030 ckpinsact@aol.com

Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 1: Two light, delicious, warm pancakes, a tasty party of sausage, Log Cabin syrup, tea and coffee, all for only \$3/per-

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POWERtalk International
Sept. 1, 4: Want to improve your public speaking and presentation skills? POWERtalk International, a nonprofit public speaking organization, provides coaching in leadership skills, sales presentation, interviewing, confidence building and more. Meets First Tuesdays of the month 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and First Saturdays of the month noon-3 p.m. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Liz Richardson (916) 208-9163, erichardson1202@yahoo.com www.powertalkinternational.com

Free day of yoga
Sept. 3: Sacramento yoga teachers are hosting Sacramento Free Day of Yoga on Labor Day. Free yoga classes will be offered at various yoga studios and other locations throughout Sacramento. Anyone who is curious about yoga or wants to studio-hop to different styles or teachers can do so for free. For a schedule of free classes visit www.SacramentoFreeDayofYoga.com or call (916) 501-4692.

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Volunteer in the garden
Sept. 8: Jensen Garden, located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael, is holding a volun-

teer garden work day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring work gloves, hand pruners, lunch and a drink and join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. All skill levels are needed. Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ext. 23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

Fire Station 19 open house
Sept. 8: Come visit Fire Station 19 at 1700 Challenge Way, Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Volkssport walking
Sept. 8: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65th St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or nussb@surewest.net. Also www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

Asian Community Center Fundraiser
Sept. 8: This year's event celebrates the 25th anniversary of the ACC Nursing Home and honors donor support throughout the first 25 years. It features a buffet of Asian foods, a silent auction and entertainment. Held at Elk's Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., 6 to 9 p.m., cost is \$60 each in advance; \$75 at the door. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Terisa Lee at (916) 394-6399, ext. 141 or tlee@accsv.org. You may also mail your check to, or visit the ACC Administration office located at 7311 Greenhaven Dr., Suite 187.

Literacy Little League
Sept. 11: Come join the 17th year of a successful tutoring program that lets you get to know a third grade student in need of help with reading comprehension. 2:30 p.m., St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, upstairs in the Fire-side Room. Tutoring will start in late September. Contact Dorothy Marshall, (916) 488-2578; dorothy@csus.edu.

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven
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Crochet Guild
Sept. 12: Crocheters of all levels of ability and all ages are invited to join the Sacramento Crochet Guild. Learn new crochet techniques, exhibit at State Fair, do charity work. Mentoring program. Show and tell. Mini classes. Library and newsletter available. Club member of the Crochet Guild of America. Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Seniors: \$6/yr. Enter from parking lot. Church of the Cross, 45th & H sts., Sac. Karolyn (916) 457-4044

Referrals Plus
Sept. 12: Referrals Plus, a women's networking group, helps women in business with connections, resources, promotions and ideas. We meet the second Wednesday of every month. 12:15 p.m. for meeting/luncheon in Greenhaven area. RSVP required. www.referralsplus.org

Volunteer recruitment
Sept. 13: Enjoy rewarding community service as a volunteer with the Los Ninos Service League. Members work in the dining room, kitchen or garden at the Casa Garden Restaurant in Curtis Park. Recruitment begins at 9:30 a.m., at 2760 Sutterville Rd. RSVP at (916) 452-2809.


Carmichael Geranium Society
Sept. 14: Come to the monthly meeting of the Carmichael Geranium Society. Guests welcome. Meets every Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon. No meeting in August. Carmichael Park Community Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. Jean (916) 481-2076

Fire Station 57 open house
Sept. 15: Come visit Fire Station 57 at 7927 East Parkway, Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Community concert
Sept. 16: The Sacramento Community Concert Association (SCCA) is kicking off its 59th season with Boston Brass, known for burning jazz standards, exciting classical arrangements and works from the band's original repertoire. 3 p.m., Crest Theater, 1013 K St., Sacramento. Doors open one hour before curtain time. Open seating only. Subscriptions are \$90 adults, \$45 students, \$80 groups of 12 or more. Single shows are \$25. For tickets, visit www.sacramentocommunityconcerts.com or call (916) 974-1357.

Children's Choir at Northminster
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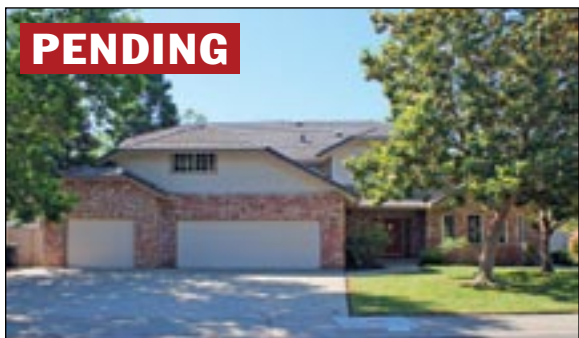


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