

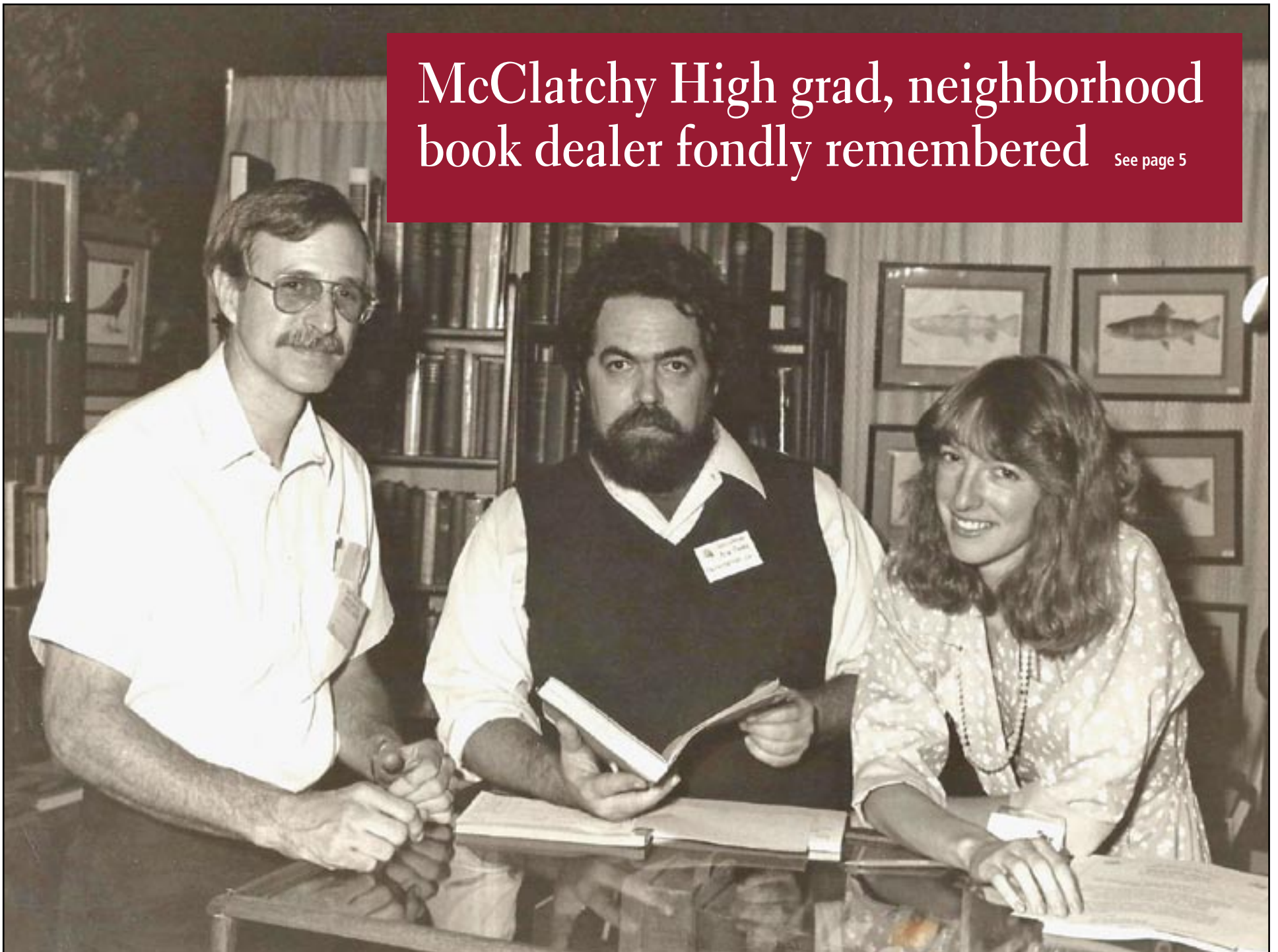
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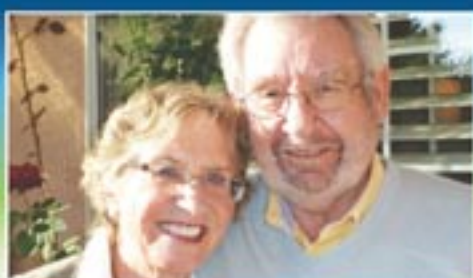
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Over the Fence

with Greg Brown

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A landmark Sacramento business for over 100 years has been sold. The Yorozu, a Japanese gift store on Riverside Blvd has closed its doors due to the death of longtime owner, Eugene Okada, who passed away at age 94 last year. Mr. Okada owned the business and the building. It was recently sold to a local businessman who wanted to remain anonymous.

When I dropped in on the Yorozu Gift Shop everything was 75 percent off...and I mean everything. The guy in charge of the longest going out of business sale in Land Park was Oleg Kolesnikor. He had worked with Mr. Okada prior to his death and was in charge of the "Everything Must Go" sale at the Yorozu.

Not only were they selling the usual Japanese gifts like dishware, magazines and origami, the store was also selling some of Mr. Okada's personal belongings like watches, pants and some of his socks. Since Mr. Okada was an avid bowler I'm sure all of his bowling balls and shoes were gobbled up at the start of the going out of business sale. A lot of his trademark Hawaiian shirts had actually been auctioned off on E-bay.

Items in the back room were also up for grabs. The cabinets, chairs, fax machines, old phones...all of it. I also noticed quite a few very important personal documents laying around the back room for anybody to see. Perhaps Oleg should have stored this in a cabinet but the cabinet had been sold.

The Yorozu also has two large historic signs that most people who drive past the building notice.

When I spoke to the new building owner over the phone he was very excited about what he might do with the building. He mentioned it may be a dental office. Hard to get excited about a dental office isn't it? I'd much rather see a karaoke bar called "The Yorozu".

The interior of the mid-century modern building needs a lot of electrical repair as well as repair to the "guts of the building". The new owner told me he didn't really know what he was going to do with the vintage signs associated with the Yorozu. He never really thought about it. He was also unaware of people's love of historic Sacramento signs.

It would be tragic to put the signs in a scrap heap or sell them to a metal dealer. The new "building owner with no name" said a few people have contacted him about the two signs. He mentioned, "Maybe I'll sell them". Perhaps this kindly gentleman from the South could be a "good deed doer" and donate them up to a local preservation society.

Business signs come in all shapes and sizes. There's a certain nostalgia to them. And you do not want to mess with nostalgia, especially in Sacramento.

That's what Shannon Cannon, owner of the cool new Starlite Lounge in midtown, learned after she purchased the Townhouse



and took down the historic letters. There was a viral explosion of epic proportions on Facebook. Shannon said, "I was totally blindsided when the sign came down. I had no idea people cared that much about the Town House."

Somebody who cares about Sacramento signs and their history is South Land Parker Gretchen Steinberg. She is one of the founders of Mid Century Modern and she's also insistent for Sacramento signs. "It's SacMod's determination to work on saving historic signs of all eras in the city." Gretchen has actually been in contact with Shannon at the Starlite to cordially come up with a way to preserve the letters as well as part of Sacramento History.

Gretchen suggested Shannon reuse the letters inside, she is considering that. Perhaps spell out something except for Town House like "shots" in the upstairs bar. Maybe come up with a creative way to reuse the letters. Anybody good with anagrams?

What should a business owner do when they open a new business in a landmark building? What should happen to the vintage sign with all that history? Sell it to the highest bidder? Keep in storage? Let a local historic preservation society have it?

In Tucson they have come up with a solution to save historic neon signs. Gretchen Steinberg told me about The Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation in Arizona. They worked in partnership with Pima Community College to restore and reinstall a series of his-

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toric neon signs along Tucson's historic Miracle Mile. Cool and brilliant idea.

We need this in Sacramento! I have always loved neon signs due to the nostalgia. It would be great to see something similar in Sacramento. Perhaps a neon sign walkway along the Sacramento River near the Tower Bridge. Who's in?

The sixth annual Fire Spectacular will be held September 21st from 6pm -10pm at the Land Park Amphitheater. The Fire Spectacular celebrates fire in all of its artistic forms. There will be fire breathers, fire eaters, fire dancers, and even fire hoopers. These aren't your typical Whammo hula hoops you get at Target. These are specially made hula hoops that the hoopers light on fire and perform with. It will make for a cool sight at night in Land Park.

When I spoke with Sequoia, the founder of the fire troupe Obsidian Butterfly, she told me she "grew up with a fear of fire". It actually took her a while to enjoy "playing with fire". Sequoia told me "it was an interesting path for me". She first picked up poi spinning, a performance art, that involves swinging tethered weights through a variety of rhythmical and geometric patterns.

Three years later she was handed a fire poi and was "creeped out by it". Then something just happened and the natural performing artist in her took over and she was

on her way to becoming a Fire Performer. Sequoia and her fire troupe performed 355 shows in 65 days in Japan earlier this year.

The Fire Spectacular's flow arts festival is taking place on the Fall Equinox. Sequoia told me "the troupe always tries to stay connected to the seasonal shifts".

There will be fire troupes from California to Alaska including Copper Lantern Theater, Luna Roots, Brotherhood of Fire Benders, Flux, The Roma Flame, Nuska Tribe, Hillbilly, Natarai, Omi Mahini.

There will also be ambient, mystical music by DrumSum which uses drums, gongs, kazoo's and all sorts of musical instruments. Belly dancers will be swaying their hips to the mystical sounds too.

Tickets are \$15 in advance. \$20 at the door. Families get a deal. 2 adults and 2 children are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

Tickets available at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/409305>

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Land Park hits the big screen in a new documentary being produced by award winning filmmaker Robert Lee Grant. Grant will screen a clip of his newest film "Land Park", on Sunday September 15th at Sac City College's Performing Arts Center. The Spiritual Life Center hosts the event from 12:30-2:30.

At the event Robert Lee Grant will unveil the storyboard for the new documentary

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McClatchy High grad, book dealer fondly remembered

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Donald Ray "Don" Conner, a June 1965 graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School and a longtime respected book dealer, recently passed away at the age of 65. But despite his death, his legacy remains strong through his family and the many friends he made during his life.

Born in Sacramento on Nov. 8, 1947, Don grew up at 3640 24th St. as one of the two children of Elmer and Jessie Conner.

Don attended the old Bret Harte (elementary) School at 3250 Franklin Blvd. and California Junior High School – the predecessor of today's California Middle School – at 2991 Land Park Drive.

During his childhood, he was a Cub Scout and he played in Little League games on his team's home field at a previous site of the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento at 2822 X St.

And in terms of book reading, Don took an early interest in the writings of Mark Twain.

While attending McClatchy High, Don became employed at Land Park's Vic's Ice Cream, which was then located across the street from a Stop-N-Shop market.

Don joined the Army Reserve in about 1967, and he was eventually discharged after he made the decision to become a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War.

In the early 1970s, Don worked as a candle maker at The Earthworks Chandlers at 1021 R St., and he was once pictured in a local newspaper dipping candles at that candle factory.

Don furthered his education, earning an associate's degree in botany at Sacramento City College in the mid-1970s.

Furthermore, Don was always interested in fishing and any kind of natural history.

It was also during the mid-1970s when Don began working for Tower Books. He spent the majority of that time, which continued into the 1980s, at the Watt and El Camino avenues store.

With his interest in books, Don began scouting for books at flea markets and auctions.

These activities, as well as his brief experience selling books at an open-air market, led to his decision to become a full-time book dealer in the early 1980s.

It was then that Don opened Conner's Book Vault in the 56th Street Antique Mall in East Sacramento.

An old Conner's Book Vault business card lists the store's hours as 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays.



Photo courtesy of Marcia (Conner) Russell (above) Left to right, book dealers Bill Ewald, Don Conner and Sherri Plummer-Raphael pose together at a 1980s book fair.



Photo courtesy of Robert Burke Don Conner assists a customer at his booth during a book show in 2004.

In about 1986, Don began sharing a business space at 1714 Capitol Ave. with Bill Ewald, owner of Argus Books and Graphics. Two other book dealers, Dave Meeker and Sherri Plummer-Raphael, also simultaneously sold books at that site.

Although many people recall the name, Argus and Conner Books, in official matters, Bill maintained the original name of his business and Don was doing business as Don Conner Fine Books.

In about 1990, Don and Bill relocated their businesses to 1311 21st St., and they maintained this arrange-

ment until about 2001, when Bill decided to operate an Internet-only book vending business.

Since he would no longer share the rent at the 21st Street store, Don moved his business to its final location in his 24th Street childhood home, where he had resided the majority of his life.

His book inventory lined walls of his house, a converted garage and a 600-square-foot annex from the floors to the ceilings.

Don, who was accepted into the prestigious Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America, specialized

in botany, natural history, fishing and angling, ornithology, hunting, herpetology, travel, science, exploration, color plate books, trade catalogs and general antiquarian books.

In briefly sharing his own history for the association, Don once wrote: "My initial entry into (the) antiquarian book trade came by way of a (book) scouting relationship with Barry Cassidy in the late 1970s."

Through his membership in the association, Don traveled to many ABAA shows around the country

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Books

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and in British Columbia, especially shows in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle.

Don, who worked his last book show 11 months ago, passed away on June 10, 2013, after his battle with cancer.

The following words about Don were shared by several of the many people who felt privileged to have known him.

Marcia (Conner) Russell

When we were kids, we always went to the Klamath River, where our grandfather, Ray "Shorty" Conner, had a fishing camp," Don's sister, Marcia (Conner) Russell, said. "It was a big place where people could come and bring either tents or trailers or rent a cabin. There were like 100 or 150 boats and motors available for people to rent. During the height of the salmon run on the Klamath River, people would come to the camp and rent boats, bring their families, fish, can fish, smoke fish, spend their vacations there supplying their families with fish for the rest of the season. Don's and my most wonderful memories are of being at the camp with my grandparents. And they always made a big fuss over him, because he was, at that time, the only male with the Conner family last name. So, he was the golden boy as far as grandma and grandpa were concerned.

"In (our adult lives), we stayed in touch as busy people do, and Don made sure when we closed a phone conversation that he always said, 'I love you.'"

Dr. John Trochet

"I met Don in 1981 at a used bookstore in Sacramento," said Dr. John Trochet, a former practicing family physician, who presently works at the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology at the University of California, Davis. "He had fairly recently gone into business for himself and was specializing in natural history books, which is my area of interest.

"(Don) was recognized as one of the go-to people for information on books and ephemera related to natural history, related to Darwin and evolution, history of science, travel and exploration, hunting and fishing, mining and the California Gold Rush, arts and crafts, games, especially golf and chess, photography, African-American history. I know I'm leaving stuff out.

"He was very outgoing, very pleased to make the acquaintance of people and happy to see old friends. And he was very talkative and very



informative when asked specific questions."

Jim Kay

"I knew Don (for) roughly 20 years," said Jim Kay, who runs the Sacramento Antiquarian Book Fair. "Don was a mentor to me when I was a relatively young person – maybe about 30. I lived in Boston and I started collecting John Muir books and going into used bookstores. This was before the computer and someone put me on to Don, because he sold John Muir books. I used to call him from Boston when I was really neophytic and didn't know much about books, and I would talk to him for hours and asked him questions.

"The (California) State Library used him for appraisals of rare books, because he was knowledgeable. He was certainly important in the book business to a lot of people. He was probably the most important influence on me becoming a book dealer."

Liz (Hooper) Gibson

"As a child, I spent a lot of time with Aunt Jessie (Conner) and my grandmother [Pearl (Clover) Hooper] and so, Don and Marcia were the closer cousins that I knew," said Liz (Hooper) Gibson, a 1979 graduate of Mc-



Photos by Stephen Crowley
Customers pick up rare books from the late Don Conner's collection on Aug. 8 in Curtis Park.

Clatchy High. "I'm also the keeper of family history, which was Don's and my connection."

Bob "Bruce" Cave

"I first met Don, it would have been in the early '80s," Bob "Bruce" Cave said. "He was working at an old meat locker that had gotten converted into an antique mall at 56th and H streets. Don had his books in there and I just happened to be driving by one day and stopped in. I was looking around and we shook hands and introduced ourselves. I collected mostly fishing books and he had some of those there. For years and years, I was one of the customers of Don.

"In the mid-1990s, I decided I wanted to do a book – a descriptive bibliography on the Canadian author Roderick Haig-Brown. Don and I put our heads together and we talked about this for a year or two. It took seven to eight years to do the research and then finally in late 1999, the book was done. The book was produced here locally in Sacramento, and Don through his contacts in the book trade was able to distribute the book (which was sold nationally and internationally)."

"Don was a great bookman. For the most, he was very familiar with the material that he had, and that was always a great selling tool to be



able to have the knowledge and to explain to someone who might be interested in a book why they ought to own it."

Steve Kelly

"I knew Don longer than I had known anybody, other than family members," said Steve Kelly, who grew up at 3622 24th St. and worked with Don at Vic's Ice Cream. "We still played poker together up until a month before he got sick. We've been very close friends and we had been that way our whole lives.

"(Don) always invited me (to the State Fair during the 1950s). We would go first thing in the morning when they opened at 10, then we would come home at 9 o'clock at night after the fireworks. We probably did that 8 or 10 times (per year). We watched the horses at the horse track. We just wandered around and did everything. Five years ago, I saw him at the fair and I said, 'What do you say, we can go over and get the 25-cent tacos now? Do you have

enough money left?' I miss him terribly."

Jan Darvas

"I met (Don in 1983) at the mall where he had his shop at the meat market, which was funny," said Jan Darvas, who was then working as an antique dealer. "I didn't do a show with him, but I hung out with him at shows. Mostly we were like big time Scrabble players. He was very smart, and there are not too many guys that like to play Scrabble.

"Don's sister got tickets to the Antiques Roadshow when it came to Sacramento over 10 years ago, and Don invited me to go. It took hours to be seen and the lady that was seeing my (antique item) was sick, and Don waited for me. I was so tired and I wanted to go home, but my big thing was to meet (the renowned antique experts) the Keno brothers. I finally just said, 'I'm too shy, I'm just going to go home. And (Don) said, 'No way, and he went up there and introduced himself and said, 'That woman over there wants to



meet you.' I got to talk to both of them and it's all thanks to Don Conner."

Taylor Bowie

"I am a bookseller who lives in Seattle," Taylor Bowie said. "I first met Don at some book fair back in the early 1980s. He was without a doubt one of the kindest and most decent peo-

ple I've ever had the pleasure to know. (Don was) very able and knowledgeable in the field of natural history and books about the outdoors.

"I never heard him say a mean thing about anybody, even when he might have had perfectly good cause. He was much loved and admired by so many people in the book trade, and is greatly missed."

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New CAF Squadron forming in Sacramento, meeting to be held at Executive Airport

By BILL CONDRAY
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The Commemorative Air Force is forming a new squadron in the Sacramento area. The CAF is a historical museum but not the kind with dusty displays, the kind where the exhibits fly.

In 1957, a small group of ex-service pilots pooled their money to purchase a P-51 Mustang, beginning what is now called the Commemorative Air Force (CAF). With the addition of a pair of F8F Bearcats, the CAF became the founders of the Warbird Movement, an effort to preserve and honor our military history with the rallying cry to "Keep 'Em Flying!" Now, more than 55 years later, the CAF is the premier Warbird organization, operating 159 vintage aircraft in Honor of American

Military Aviation. A non-profit educational association, the CAF has more than 10,000 members and its fleet of historic aircraft is distributed to 73 units located in 28 states for care and operation.

Today the CAF fleet has several rare aircraft including some, which are the last flying of their type. The World's only flying B-29 Superfortress, the only flying SB2C Helldiver a Japanese Zero are just a few of the unique aircraft that the CAF fly.

The initial meeting for the Sacramento Squadron will be held at Executive Airport, Terminal Building Meeting Room on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 at 11 a.m. The meeting will be conducted by CAF Col Bob Stenevik, Vice President of Safety, Maintenance and Operations from CAF Headquarters in Midland, Texas.



The new squadron will be assigned a 1946, fully restored L-19A Navion. The Navion is a low altitude advance spotter that flew for the US Air Force in the late 40's and early 50's.

Anyone interested in history or airplanes is invited to attend. People interested in mechanics or pi-

loting the aircraft are also encouraged to come. Space is limited in the meeting room, if you plan to attend, please contact: CAF Col Bill Condray at 916-962-1491.

If you wish to learn more about the Commemorative Air Force, please go to the website: www.commerativeairforce.org

Chicano history to come to life at the Colonial Theatre

Original member of El Teatro Campesino, retired professor Dr. Pickett, directs

By MONICA STARK
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Set in the barrios of post World War II Los Angeles, when a group of Chicano youths were charged with a murder that they did not commit, what ensued later — Zoot Suit Riots — became the inspiration for playwright Luis Valdez's masterpiece, 1979 *Zoot Suit*, which will be scene at the Colonial Theatre later this month as local actors will don themselves in the Chicano subculture pachuco and pachuca flamboyantly extravagant outfits. Premiering Friday, Sept. 13 and running through the Sept. 29, with shows Friday-Sunday opening weekend and Thursday through Sunday the remaining two weekends, all shows are at 8

p.m. with the exception of the Sunday shows, which are at 2 p.m. Opening night will also host a car show featuring cars from the 30s and 40s. A car show and live band is also expected every Sunday, starting at 12:30 p.m. Directed by Dr. Manuel Jose Pickett, a retired professor of theater and dance and head of the Latino Theater program at Sac State, *Zoot Suit* was the first Chicano play on Broadway and Pickett was an original member of El Teatro Campesino, which was founded in 1965 on the Delano Grape Strike picket lines of Cesar Chavez's United Farmworkers Union.

Actress Melinda Ochoa plays Elena, the wife of the best friend of the leader of the gang. (Smiley's her husband and

Henry is the leader, who was set to go serve in the Navy, but was accused of the murder of a rival gangster after a party.)

For Ochoa, Chicano history is not often explored in school subjects and even in high school. "Chicanos are often left out of history books, their struggles and successes in this country left unnoted. Any part I can play in exposing this history is a personal goal for me. This play is based on a true story and also depicts the Zoot Suit Riots and the ill treatment Mexican Americans received from U.S. sailors and law enforcement in the 1940s. Although a common issue, this is a topic not frequently touched upon in history books," Ochoa said.

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searching the Chicanos' involvement in the Vietnam War and with the aid of the school History Department Director, she was permitted to instruct a lesson at her school's U.S. History courses during her junior year of high school. "This was such a success, the school obtained permission to get this lesson included in their U.S. History courses," she said.

Her favorite scene so far is the Saturday night dance scene, mostly because she enjoys the music and the energy in the scene. "The cast has had a lot of fun with this scene, which also makes it one of the more memorable scenes in the play for me. I have learned a lot of new dances, which has been the ultimate bonus of working in this play -free swing dance lessons!"

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Faces and Places: Turtlerama

By MONICA STARK
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Turtlerama included live turtles and tortoises, a turtle boutique, free plants with donations, adoption information on Saturday, Aug. 17 at Belle Cooledge library.

One of the pets on display is named Sweet Pea and its owner is named Elaine Martinez. At Turtlerama, Elaine had to keep Sweet Pea outside of the library because of its size and strength. Sweet Pea is a 12 (or 13) year old southern Saharan tortoise that lives next door to the turtle lady, Felice Rood, (who was featured in the Aug. 8 issue of the Land Park News).

If you were at Turtlerama, you got to see Sweet Pea trying to go inside the library and Elaine constantly trying keep him out.

Sweet Pea does have a lot of energy and needs his exercise. So sometimes the two of them walk for one or two hours, walking down the street sometimes literally in the street. But Sweet Pea has never been hit by a car; He's been gently bumped by one Elaine said, but he recovered and has a "good bill of health." It gets an annual check up at the vet.

Elaine said most people don't mind Sweet Pea wandering through their front yards while they are on their walk, but she is quick to know whose houses use pesticides. She doesn't want her tortoise grazing there.

Sweet Pea is only half grown now and can live to 80 years old, which if he does he'll outlive Martinez.

"It's like a toddler that can push over a fence. It can be very destructive." One day when she wanted to control it, she sat on it. But it kept on walking.

Asked if when she first got Sweet Pea if she knew what she was getting herself into, she said: "I knew it would be active, but I didn't know this active."



SCHOOL NEWS



Friday marketplace benefited an Alice Birney hero: Mr. Ted

By MONICA STARK
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The front of the Alice Birney campus is transformed every Friday into a wholesome old-fashioned bake sale to raise funds for needed programs.

Right along 13th Street in South Land Park, parents set up tables and supply healthy baked goods that have been approved by the cafeteria – they're low sugar, low fat and sometimes fresh vegetables from the garden are for sale. Some sell plants. Some classes do homemade crafts. This past Friday, parents scooped up snocones made with homemade fruit syrups.

Parents and staff have been pleased with the work parent volunteer Mr. Ted does on campus -- so pleased, in fact, they dedicated proceeds from their first Friday marketplace to him and his program so he's not having to pay for supplies out of pocket.

All day, every day (and two or three days after school) he has been assisting and volunteering with students at Alice Birney who have needed extra help with reading, writing and math. Even though his child is in the sixth grade, he started off helping where help was needed: eighth grade.

Principal Mechelle Homing said Mr. Ted is amazing with technology and shares his knowledge with students and staff. "He helps with all of that even though it's not his job," she said. "Parents are pleased."

Welcome new Land Park area principals

Sacramento City Unified School District's newest principals are a diverse group but share one important belief in common: That positive relationships with students, staff and parents are the foundation of an exceptional school.

Daniel McCord, Crocker/Riverside Elementary School

Age: 46
Education: Brigham Young University, International Relations and French; McGeorge School of Law, J.D.

Previously: Teacher, French and student government, West Campus High School

Favorite subject in elementary school: "Reading and social studies. I loved Roald Dahl, 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'The Great Brain' series."

Favorite part of the school day as principal: "Seeing the students and interacting with them."

Of note: McCord practiced law for 15 years, specializing in estate planning, wills and trusts. Over the years, clients also asked for his help in interpreting laws governing education, which sparked his interest in the field.

Tenley Luke, Hollywood Park Elementary School

Age: 41
Education: Sacramento State University, liberal studies
Previously: Interim Principal, Hollywood Park

Favorite subject in elementary school: "Reading and writing. I was strong in language arts skills as a student although my strongest subject as a teacher was math!"

Favorite part of the school day as principal: "Mornings greeting the children. I stand in front of the school and I know every student by name. I know all their eccentricities and quirks."

Of note: Her parents named her after Tenley Albright, an American Olympic ice skater who went on to become a Harvard-trained surgeon.

Al Rogers, Sam Brannan Middle School

Age: 46
Education: Sacramento State University, history and Spanish

Previously: Assistant Principal, Hiram Johnson High School

Favorite subject in middle school: "P.E. and lunch!"

Favorite part of the day as principal: "Nothing's changed -- lunch! That's when kids get to be themselves and you see who their friends are and what interests their exploring."

Of note: A product of SCUSD schools, Rogers says middle school was tough, in part because he didn't hit his growth spurt until later. "Middle school was kind of blur," he says. The experience helps him connect to his students.

Vince Wolfe, The Met Sacramento High School

Age: 36
Education: UC Davis, Nature and Culture
Previously: Interim principal at The Met

Favorite subject in high school: "I had a physics class that I really liked because of the teacher."

Favorite part of the day as principal: "First thing in the morning when I see the kids coming into the building. When I stop liking that, I need to stop doing this."

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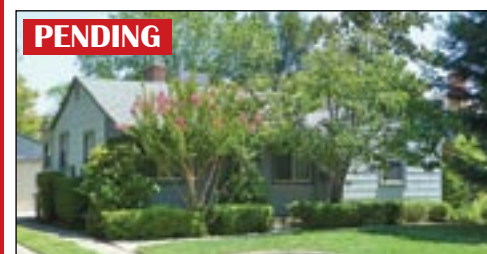
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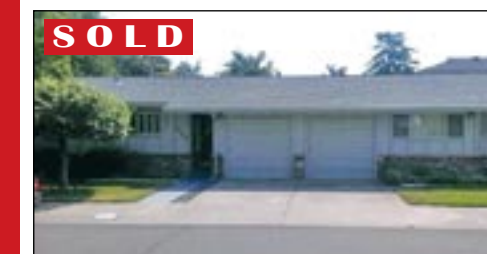
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More information about her is available online at her website, www.laurenbrandy.com, and she can be reached at lauren@laurenbrandy.com.

Delta Workshop is a new art space in Sacramento that opened in June 2013. The space combines an art gallery with a shop featuring handmade items and artwork and a classroom offering workshops on art techniques and creative projects.

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Grants film will also spotlight people who have nurtured Land Park, namely City horticulturist Daisy Mah, who is retiring this fall after 33 years of service. I hope Daisy is ready for her close-up.

Robert Lee Grant is best known for his award winning documentary film, nourishing The Kids Of Katrina, which won a slew of awards and was runner up at the Cannes Film Festival. The Katrina film will also be shown as part of the event on September 15th. There's a suggested donation for the event of \$20. This includes a free Chipotle lunch with ticket 11 a.m.-12:15. For more ticket info contact Robert Lee Grant at rlg@nourishingthekids.com or Sonya Snow at ssnow@sleworld.org

ARTS

Artists now showing at Coffee Garden

Appria Negrete

Appria is a single mother of two beautiful daughters. She is currently studying, biology, chemistry, and anthropology. Her hobbies include paying bills and falling asleep in massive text books.

She tends to be inspired by scientific items, such as viruses and DNA structures. Although, her recent muses came from her last rollercoaster relationship. The intense highs and lows have produced some very vivid and emotional pieces, which are unlike Appria's other works. She was able to capture her emotions visually and "bleed on canvas." She hopes you are able to appreciate her heartbreak, please enjoy.

Miss Negrete has had her pieces displayed at the Crocker Art Museum, and various second Saturday locations. She has also had her work published in the Consumer River College Journal. She produces original works and commission pieces. To contact her, please e-



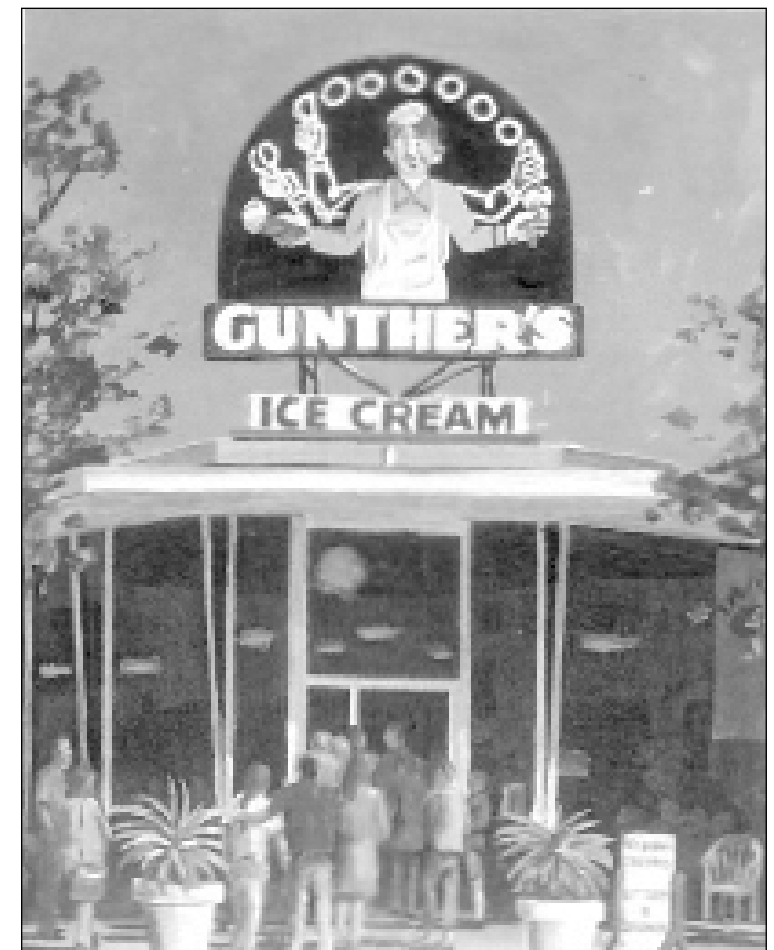
mail her at NegreteAppria@yahoo.com.

Bob Miller

The first time Bob Miller picked up a paint brush was to do a landscape on the side of an old wooden peach crate he found behind his father's barn. Growing up on his dad's peach farm in the 1930s east of Modesto,

California. He has painted and drawn ever since.

He has exhibited widely in Northern California in both galleries and art fairs including the California State Fair. Bob painted a mural of Sacramento pioneers on the promenade connecting Old Sacramento to the K Street Mall. His whimsical drawings of "Wind-in-the-Willows" characters are a permanent part



Art by Bob Miller

of the River Walk on the east side of the Sacramento River, south of the historic Tower bridge.

Bob has served on the boards of the Crocker Art Museum, the Sacramento Discovery Museum, and was a founding member and president of the Art Directors and Artists Club of Sacramento. He is currently on the Fred Wade

Scholarship Committee of the Sacramento Ad Club. In 1990, Bob was selected Sacramento's Ad Man of the Year.

Bob works in both watercolor and acrylic and many of his paintings are plein air, but he frequently works from photographs, both old and new, from his studio where he lives and works in Sacramento California.

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CKM Sports Hall of Fame 2013

By JIM COOMBS

On October 11 at The Asian Sports Foundation Hall off Laguna Blvd, the 2013 class will be inducted into the C. K. McClatchy Sports Hall of Fame. Last year, 50 players/coaches along with five teams were inducted before a crowd of almost 400 graduates and friends of McClatchy High School.

This year 40 athletes and coaches along with five teams will be inducted. For information on how to get dinner tickets go to: golions@restoretheroar.org or call Bob Sertich at 441-0657. Get a table of friends and graduates and share the memories of this great McClatchy athletic event.

One of the greatest athletes to ever play for McClatchy was Harlan Karnofsky. He lettered on four varsity teams his senior year and played JV baseball as a sophomore. Karnofsky, a quarterback, was team captain and MVP, twice the player of the week, led the area in passing and total offense, and played in the Optimist All-Star game.

He was the #2 player on a section golf championship team and reached the track section championships as a member of the 4x400 and 4x100 relay teams. He was also a member of the basketball team.

After McClatchy he played at Utah as the starting quarterback, was academic all-league, and played in front of 86,000 fans against Tennessee. He played professionally for the Sacramento Buffaloes and the Denver Gold of the USFL. In golf he qualified for the National Long Drive championship in 1988. His longest drive was measured at 412 yards.

Today Karnofsky is the owner of Del Paso Pipe and Steel and also Crossfit Trainer. This year he finished 18th in the world in the world Crossfit Games.

Karnofsky tells the story of having Thanksgiving dinner at Arlen Opper's house after the Lions upset #3 ranked Sacramento High in the last Turkey Day game at Hughes Stadium.

"They were watching sportscaster Steve Sommers on channel 13 eat crow on TV after he had predicted a Sac blowout over the Lions. Opper decided to call and give Sommers hell. He mentioned Karnofsky was having dinner at his house, so Sommers invited Opper and Karnofsky down to the studio and publicly apologized on TV to Karnofsky, asking for forgiveness. The real highlight, however, was meeting Betty Vasquez."

Another distinguished inductee is Federal Judge Morrison England. The son of two Sacramento educators, England participated in

football, wrestling, and track at McClatchy. He was All-Metro League in football and played in the Optimist All-Star football game.

After McClatchy he attended Sacramento City College where he was all-league, all-state, and a Junior College All-American. Transferring to University of the Pacific, he was a two-time all-conference player and winner of the Alonzo Stagg Award.

After a brief tryout with the New York Jets, England attended and graduated from McGeorge School of Law. He was a Superior Court Judge from 1996-2002 and has been a United States District Judge from 2002 to the present.

Mark Shelley, the son of McClatchy history teacher Bob Shelley was a three-time high school All-American swimmer before graduating in 1968. He continued swimming by attending Stanford where he swam and played water polo.

Shelley will go down in history as participating in one of the closest Olympic qualifying races ever held. In 1968 three swimmers finished in a dead heat in the 1500-meter race. The problem was that only two would qualify. After 15 minutes of discussion and looking at photos of the finish, Shelley finished third. No Olympics.

Today Shelley is involved in marine biology and is a documentary underwater film-maker. Go to mark@seastudios.org for more information.

Another 1968 graduate who swam to fame was Leonore Modell. In 1963 she was the youngest and first female to swim across Lake Tahoe. In 1964 she was the youngest to ever swim across the English Channel. She swam for over 15 hours from Cape Gris-nez in France to Dover England.

In 1965 she swam 50 miles in a pool and over 66 miles in a lake. She was "shark bait" when she attempted a swim from the Farallon Islands to San Francisco. She swam for over 17 hours and came up three miles short.

"She remembers showing up for school every day after working out at 5:00 a.m. smelling of chlorine or river water." Modell swam at Sac State where she earned a teaching credential. She has lived in the San Luis Obispo area for many years.

Christine O'Conner competed on the boys team as a diver in 1976-77 and was the first women's section champion in 1977-78. After winning many academic honors, she participated on the UC Davis diving team from 1978-82. She was an All-American on the 1-and 3-meter boards in 1981-82. In the 90's she

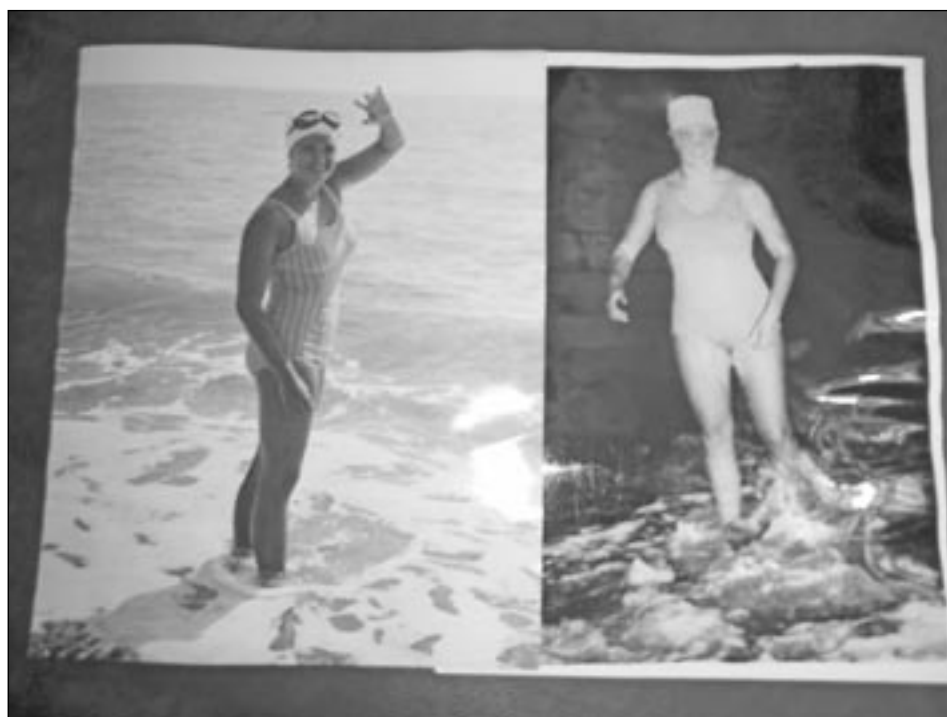


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placed 3rd at the Masters National (age 30-39).

From 1983-97 O'Conner worked in film/TV production primarily for NBC. After graduating from Loyola Law School, she became an entertainment attorney for the last 10 years. She presently lives in Sacramento.

Paul Fuller, whose children would become outstanding students and athletes at McClatchy in the 1980's and 90's, was outstanding in both basketball and track. Fuller graduated in 1963 and today considers himself an excellent left-handed tennis player.

During the 1962-63 basketball season, the Lions lost their best player, Bill Kelso, with a broken arm just before Metro League began. The team banded together under 2013 inductee coach Stan Dixon and with Terry Nelson taking Kelso's spot, went undefeated in the Metro League.

Fuller really stepped up his game along with Danny Bince, Roy Olmst-

ed, and George Schoenberger to upset teams with better individual talent. He comments that "The highlight of his high school career was hitting a half court shot against Johnson to stay undefeated and win the Metro championship."

Fuller was named Outstanding Athlete at Sacramento City College and was the Superior California Junior College Basketball Player of the Year. His triple jump mark of 49-1" in 1966 was one of the best in the nation. He participated in the West Coast Relays, Modesto Relays, and NCAA championships. His best jump was 50-6".

He coached the 2005-06 girls tennis teams to Metro League championships.

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District tears down CKM baseball batting cage, upsetting community, but promises to rebuild

By MONICA STARK
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C.K. McClatchy athletes and coaches who came to the fields for routine practice on Wednesday, Aug. 21 were shocked and upset to find Sacramento City Unified School District staff tearing down a large batting cage they helped build. It was a quick three-hour destruction compared to the lengthy two months it took volunteers to put it up.

"I was irritated because we – the district – are already short on money anyway," said pitcher Noah Tait, a junior classman. "Last year, we finally got it up and it's sad it had to come down, especially because the baseball program was kind of building."

District spokesperson Gabe Ross cites safety and ADA compliance issues and said they are working with the school on a plan to properly replace the equipment as soon as possible.

But, "seeing is believing" to assistant coach Steve Correa. "I don't think it should have come down in the first place anyway."

The structure that was built at McClatchy is not ADA compliant nor was the project approved by the Division of the State Architect, which is required of structures of this size, Ross said. "Should a child be injured by any structure not certified by the state, our board members are held personally liable. That's why we had to take it down," he said.

He said the equipment is not being destroyed. "Standard practice is to salvage materials and possibly make them available to the school for future projects," Ross said.

Teammates said the batting cage was an instrumental tool in helping them become Metro League Champions. They said they could get up to six people in there, hitting balls at any given time. They are concerned about how competitive they might be without it, so they plan on getting a petition going to deliver to the district.

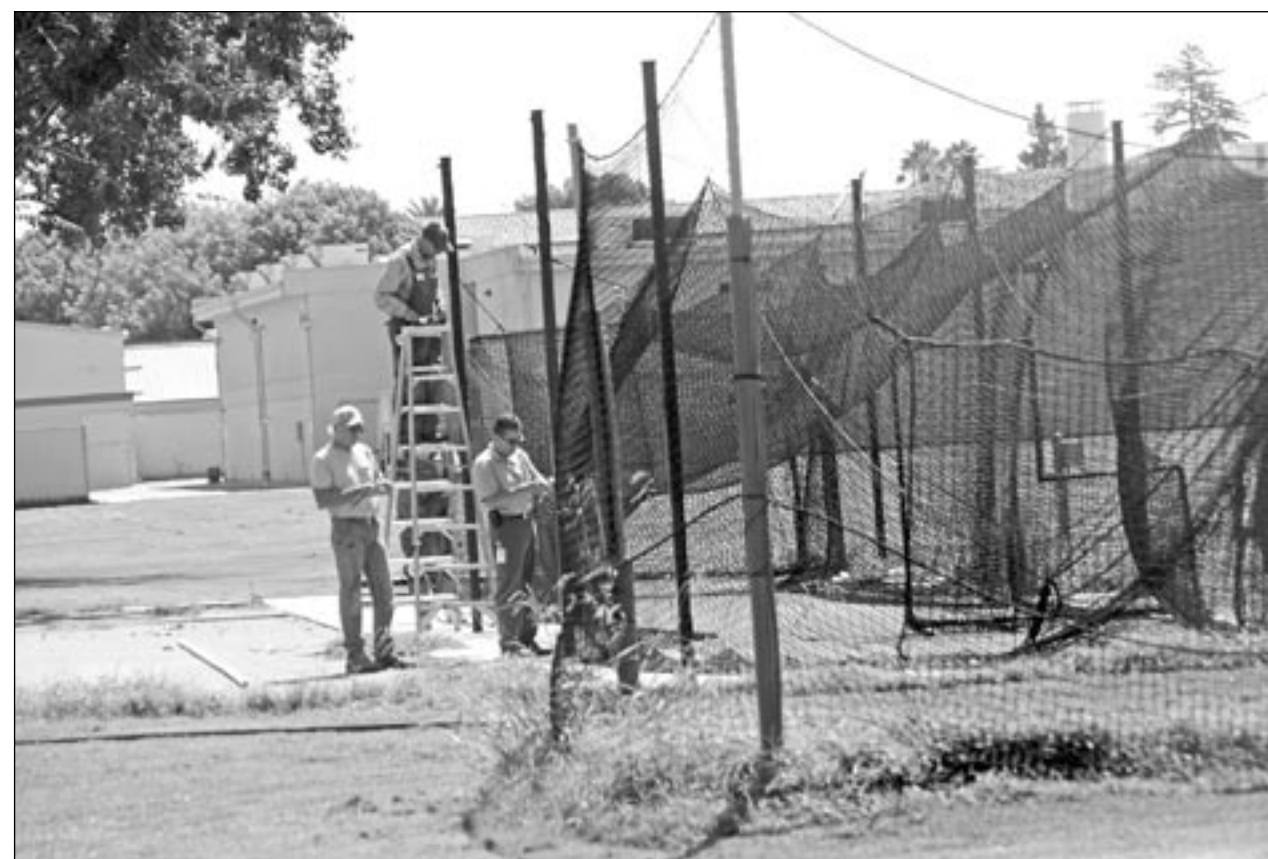
"How can you expect to compete with these schools in the suburbs that have money and good facilities and then we just have a field to practice on," catcher Ryan Tarnasky said.

Without the large batting cage, they have just a smaller cage that's used for warm-ups between the pitcher and the catcher, Correa said.

During practice time the fields at CKM are quite busy with children of all ages with the McClatchy Junior Football League, for instance. "This whole area is packed. So space is limited," Correa said.

Every year, the students have put new nets up on the batting cage, so balls couldn't get out. "Balls have never gotten hit out of there. It's as safe as it gets," they said.

Head Varsity Baseball Coach, wrote a message to supporters of the team stating the Athletic Director, Rob Feickert phoned him that morning about the demolition. "I ran over to the school and spoke with the maintenance workers and tried to stop them from tearing down the poles until I could speak with their supervisors and the principal. I was told only the fencing would be removed for now, but before I could finish this email the poles and cables were cut down and the netting has been removed. Unbe-



Photos by Monica Stark
School district employees tore down the batting cage on Wednesday, Aug. 21.

lievable!! The communication up to this point was zero," de Necochea wrote.

Ross tells a different story. He said the school has been aware that the structure had to come down since May. "So my understanding is that it wasn't a surprise to the principal, AD or baseball coach. The maintenance team may not have communicated the specific schedule of taking it down this week, which was an oversight. As you can imagine, their schedule is very fluid with the number of projects on their plate over the summer. Nevertheless, it was not a surprise to the school employees that the structure had to come down," Ross said.

Correa said he wonders why after so long did it take for the district to decide that. "We've had no problems with safety," he said.

Right next to the batting cage sits a plaque that reads: "In memory of Raymond Jang, Grandfather of 2012 All Metro Player and Graduate Alex Jang, Go Lions!"

Ross said the plaque will remain in place and was not damaged.

Correa said the Jang family donated about \$10,000 for the materials of the batting cage. Alex Jang is now studying at Occidental College.

He was an excellent player at CKM, Correa said. Charles Chan, the 2005 past president of Pocket Little League and current Treasurer for the entire District 7, works for all the greater Sacramento area little league players now.

He said he can't speak to the use of CKM's facilities but he's familiar with the Jang family.

"We lived in the same block in the old downtown neighborhood after immigrating from the same part of the world. Generations later playing together in Pocket LL, my daughter (Alexandra Chan) currently is on the U.S. Naval Academy team. ... Thus for me, the reaction is more than just the physical lost but also of how little league still connected us sentimentally."

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Sept. 12: X-Factor vocal finalist Jerry Lopes presents "Fly Me to the Moon" at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. seatings at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento. Entree choices: Chicken Cordon Bleu with Spring Mix Salad or Turkey Cobb Salad; dessert Harvest Cake -- \$22 per person, includes tax and gratuity. First-come, first-served group reservations by one person, one check. Reservations a must - call (916) 452-2809. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

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Sept. 12: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. Every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at Iron Steaks Restaurant, 2422 13th St, Sacramento, CA 95818.

Training for Reading Tutors Literacy Little League

Sept. 12: This is 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. Tutors work together in the Resource Room with a credentialed teacher present and all materials provided, for about an hour, one day per week. Substitutes are also needed. Tutoring will be at Edison School, now the Edison Language Institute, at 2950 Hurley Way near Morse and Arden and will start in late September. Come for coffee and cake, meet our veteran volunteers and take home your training packet. Training starts at 2:30 p.m. and will be held at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, upstairs in the Fireside Room. Contact Dorothy Marshall, retired psychologist, San Juan Unified School District, at 488-2578. Email dorothy@csus.edu

Fall show from Crafty Treasures at Candy Cane Lane

Sept. 12: 3-8, Sept. 13: 9-8 and Sept. 14: 9-4: Candy Cane Lane: at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 9165 Peet's Dr. Elk Grove, 95758. Handmade only boutique style craft show. Unique gifts and holiday decorations. SALE ROOM. Ladies of the Church will have Greek food & pastries for sale. Free admission. Centralized checkout for our customers convenience. More info. www.craftytreasures.com.

Bi-Polar Anonymous

Sept. 13: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Sept. 13: Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com <<http://www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com>>, Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

24th annual Polish Festival

Sept. 14: Don't miss the 24th Annual Polish Festival on Saturday, September 14, 2013. The festival will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at the Polish American Club grounds, located at 327 Main Street in Roseville. Fill up on home-made Polish foods - over 5,000 pierogies (potato-cheese filled dumplings); 1,000 go-labki (cabbage rolls); 700 lbs. of Polish Kielbasa (sausage), and hundreds of servings of potato pancakes, bigos and Polish pastries (paczki and kruschki, to name a few). Enjoy the music of the Dave Chelini Trio and Chet Chwalik on the accordion; watch the beautiful Lowiczanie Dancers perform; dance the Polka; shop at our Polish marketplace. Admission is free. Food prices vary. For more information and directions, go to www.polish-club.org or call (916) 782-7171 or e-mail us at publicity@polish-club.org.

The Recycling & Solid Waste Division host Free Composting Seminar

Sept. 14: Backyard composting allows you to recycle your yard clippings and fruit and vegetable scraps into a valuable soil amend-

ment right in your own yard. Attendees are eligible for a drawing for a free compost bin. At the seminar you will learn how composting works, what materials you should and should not compost, getting the right balance of food, air and moisture, maintaining your compost pile, Vermicomposting (composting with worms), and more. Seminar goes from 8 to 10 a.m. and will be held at Sparrow Community Garden, 3219 Sparrow Dr. (North Natomas)

Fire Station 57 Open House

Sept. 14: The Sacramento Fire Department will be hosting Fire Station Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 7927 East Parkway. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station, and more! For more information, call 808-1011.

Blood drive at Northminster

Sept. 15: From 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., there will be a blood drive with Blood Source at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave. This annual event is sponsored by the Northminster Board of Deacons, and for any questions on eligibility please visit bloodsource.org or call (866) 822-5663. For more information call (916) 487-5192 or visit northminsteronline.org.

All Saints Episcopal Church Concert

Sept. 16: First concert of their 2012-2013 season, "Good Vibes: A Musical Mystery Tour" featuring YOU, the audience, in an interactive recital. Come see how the instruments work, ask questions, take photos. Sunday, 4 p.m., 2076 Sutterville Rd. Childcare provided, \$10 donation suggested. Overflow parking available across Sutterville Rd. at City College. Reception to follow.

Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

Sept. 17: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Sept. 17: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6:30 p.m., Ancil Hoffman Golf Club. www.rotary.org

LGBT Chamber 'Gay-Sino' Raises Funds for Youth

Sept. 17: From 6 to 9 p.m., the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce presents Gay-Sino Royale, a roaring 20s-themed fundraiser supporting scholarships for LGBT or supportive youth, a new internship program, and programs and services for at-risk youth. Dress in your best Roaring-20s attire! Casino-style games, prizes including a Vegas trip, theater tickets, spa package, wine tastings and more; live entertainment; and presentation of the Rainbow Chamber Foundation's scholarship recipients. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and treats included; cash bar. Location: Vizcaya, 2019 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95818, \$75 per ticket. Purchase online at <<http://rainbowchamber.com/>>. Most of the funds goes to the foundation scholarship fund. The Chamber gives four to six \$1,000 scholarships per year and will be announcing four recipients at the event. In addition we provide funding for youth services at the LGBT center and contribute to other nonprofit organizations throughout the year. Past recipient organizations have included Gender Health Center, GSA Alliance youth lobby day, Trevor Project, and Rainbow Village, which is developing housing for LGBT elders.

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East Sac Rotary

Sept. 18: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento meeting

Sept. 18: Starting at 12:30 p.m., at the Belle Coolee Library at 5600 Land Park Drive Sacramento, this meeting will be a sharing session called "What I did this summer". We will share our many genealogical finds for the summer. The meeting is open to the public. Questions call 916-383-1221 or check our website gensac.org

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Sept. 19: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

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Michael Denman Scholarship Golf Tournament

Sept. 20: AMR crews from the Sacramento and surrounding areas are orga-

nizing a Golf Tournament in honor of their lost Paramedic Michael S Denman. Michael was an extremely generous soul who worked hard to not only be an excellent patient care provider but a community leader who made a real difference. This tournament benefits the MSD Foundation Scholarship which provides EMT and Paramedic education to serve our community. The tee off time is 1 p.m. at Lincoln Hills, 1005 Sun City Lane.

Best of Grateful Crane

Sept. 21: Buddhist Church of Sacramento, Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church and Asian Community Center presents a Grateful Crane Ensemble Production of the Best of Grateful Crane. Two performances - 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Kaikan, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. General admission tickets are \$20, bentos available advance purchase for \$10. Information, tickets and/or bento lunch boxes, contact Hiroshi F. Kashiwagi, 769-1125, or hfkashi@aol.com

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Faces and Places: 67th Annual Japanese Food & Cultural Bazaar

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY
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The Buddhist Church of Sacramento held its 67th annual food and cultural bazaar on Aug. 10 and 11. The Bazaar was primarily a social festival where church members and the local Sacramento Japanese and Japanese-American community shared food, memories and friendships. In later years the Bazaar was expanded to include Japanese exhibits and demonstrations such as flower arranging (Ikebana), classical dancing (Odori), tea ceremony, concerts, Taiko Drum Clubs and many other cultural activities which were shared with the entire Sacramento community. The church is located at 2401 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento.



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