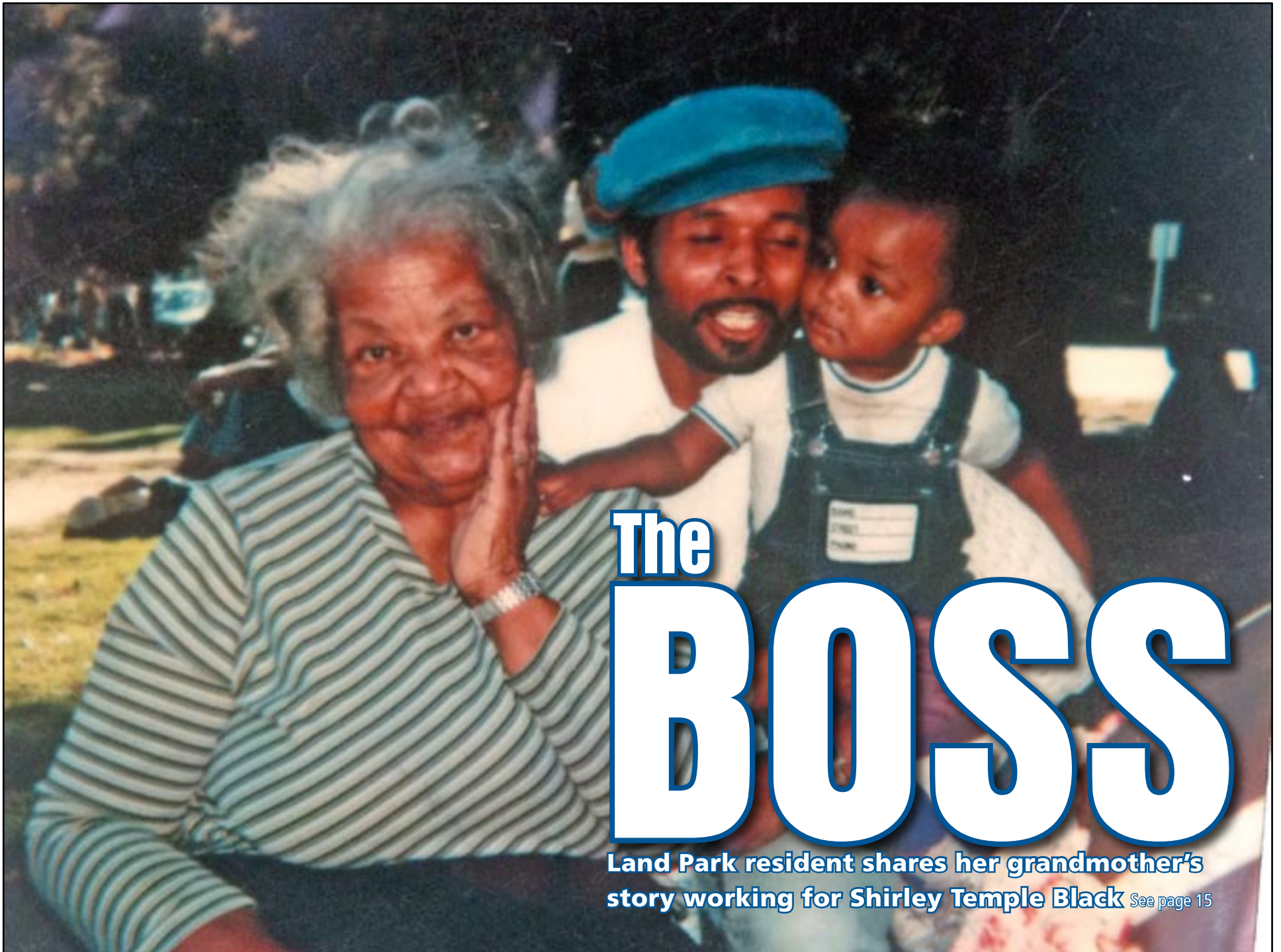


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There will also be a variety of Seuss-inspired hands-on activities for children to create and take home as souvenirs. Activities include making "Cat in the Hat" hats, making "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" hand-print crafts, and planting "Thing 1" and "Thing 2" flowers. Runaway Stage Productions will perform excerpts from "Seussical, The Musical" in the Children's Theater at 11:15 and 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration also marks the kick-off of United Way California Capital Region's STAR Readers Book Drive. The drive benefits the STAR Readers project that is working to increase graduation rates by improving early reading skills. Guests who bring a new or used children's book for donation to United Way's booth will receive a discount coupon to use on a future visit to Fairytale Town. For more information about the book drive, please visit www.yourlocalunitedway.org.

Dr. Seuss was born Theodor Seuss Geisel on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He is the author and illustrator of 44 books for children, including "The Cat in the Hat," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Oh, The Places You'll Go!"

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is \$5.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older and free for children ages 1 and under.

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Shoki's Ramen house shown here on 24th Street will be taking over the old Ford's Hamburger stand on Sutterville Boulevard.

## Over the Fence



with Greg Brown

A few months ago, a woman was scoping out the former Ford's Hamburger stand on Sutterville Boulevard. I immediately pulled the car over to ask her, "What's up?" In a thick European accent, she told me Asian cuisine would be moving in. That is all the information she had. It was an Over The Fence item. I recently received some inside information about who will be taking over the former popular hamburger joint. Shoki's Ramen House, known for their soups, noodles and broth, will be taking over the little building on Sutterville Road. People go nuts for their noodles! Very exciting for the Land Park neighborhood.

However, it's not going to be a ramen house specifical-

ly. I heard a rumor that they were going to serve breakfast. I spoke briefly with Shoki manager Saho Yueyana over the phone and she was very tight lipped about the plans. I asked if the new venture would be breakfast and lunch and she told me, "that's still up in the air but definitely breakfast." She told me a couple times it was a "corporate secret" and they're only sharing the information with a few people at this moment. So look for a Japanese breakfast joint opening up sometime in the spring. Just don't tell anybody, it will be our little secret.

How would you like to be awarded \$500 and help clean up the neighborhood, too?

That's what the City Of Sacramento awards citizens for information regarding illegal dumping. There would have to be an arrest and conviction for you to pick up the cash reward. If you witness illegal dumping in progress, jot down the license plate number as well as the make and model of the vehicle. Contact the Sacramento Police non-emergency number at 264-5471.

I noticed some illegal dumping on Freeport Boulevard in the parking lot of what used to be the Land Park Academy. It was hard not to notice. There were four discarded mattresses in the parking lot, as well as large piles of garbage strewn all over the property. Plenty of hazardous materials all

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over the lot, too. RoundUp, motor oil, old rusty cans of paint, spray paint and insecticide, which made the rotted garbage not seem so bad.

What was most alarming was out of the corner of my eye. I noticed a person wrapped in a filthy blanket on a discarded old mattress. Just another discarded member of society. My anger about the garbage soon turned to sorrow. He was somebody's child at one time. Perhaps the homeless person was responsible for all the garbage all over. Maybe they were sniffing the spray paint cans. I have no idea. The garbage and rubble can be cleaned up, but what about the human being with the mental health issues? I called the 311 operator and she took down the information. They told me they'd have to call out the fire department to take care of the hazardous material. Not sure what what will become of the homeless person. I guess they'll be shooed off to another part of town. It seems to me we should be doing something to get people like this off the streets and into shelters or housing. Welcome to the world of the homeless and their effects on neighborhoods.

I spoke briefly to Joan Burke, director of advocacy at Loaves & Fishes, and she told me "the police are generally wonderful and act more like social workers than police officers." Occasionally, the police will transport the person to Loaves & Fishes where they try and help. Joan told me there's also a winter sanctuary shelter program at night that has room for between 100-120 people. The pick-up point is at Loaves & Fishes and the Capital Christian Center transports people to different churches each night.

Volunteers of America used to have an outreach program that would take vans out with trained volunteers to see if they could help that person. Due to social service cutbacks that program is no longer available.

Perhaps the \$500 cash reward for reporting illegal dumping should go to Loaves & Fishes or a church that advocates for the homeless and mentally ill.

The Annual St. Baldrick's Day is coming in March. It's a great cause that raises money for childhood cancer research. They take great care of the funds raised by volunteers and supporters to direct every possible dollar to carefully selected research grants. They don't throw the money away on needless red tape. The signature head-shaving event will be held at several local businesses in the Land Park area. Giovanni's Pizza and Florez Mexican Restaurant in the South Land Park shopping center will be hosting events, as well as, New Helvetia Brewery on Broadway.

Giovanni's Pizza will host their annual head shaving event on Sunday March 23 at 1 p.m. McClatchy High School senior Lucas Luigi, is a cancer survivor. He was diagnosed at the age of 5 with Stage IV neuroblastoma cancer - a cancer of the nervous system. The original tumor was attached to his adrenal gland and wrapped around many of his vital organs. By the time they found it, the cancer had spread to several other locations in his body, and his bone marrow was 90 percent cancer cells. He is 12 years cancer free! This year, as his senior class project at CKM, Lucas, will be organizing the entire event. It will be a family affair because his mother Jean Luigi, her husband, as well as Lucas will be



getting their heads shaved for this year's St. Baldrick's Event at Giovanni's. Lucas and his brother Jake have been shaving their heads for the past 12 years in an effort to raise awareness of childhood cancer and to support the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Florez Bar & Grill will be hosting their first St. Baldrick's event all day long on March 15. Also, New Helvetia Brewery will have their event on that same day, March 15. Owner David Gull has put together a team and will be getting his head shaved to raise money for St. Baldrick's. For more info check out [stbaldricks.org](http://stbaldricks.org).



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C.K. McClatchy players get their heads shaved for St. Baldrick's. These photos were from last year's event.

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# Masonic Lawn Cemetery has rich history

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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*Editor's Note: This is part nine in a series regarding Sacramento area cemeteries.*

Don Mac Vicar, manager of the Masonic Lawn Cemetery at 2700 Riverside Blvd., recently met with this publication to discuss that cemetery's history, as well as some details about himself, including his long-time employment with the cemetery.

The 7 3/4-acre Masonic Lawn Cemetery lies on a rectangular-shaped piece of property between the Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery at 2720 Riverside Blvd. and the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery at 1000 Broadway.

As mentioned in the last edition of this paper, Mac Vicar is familiar with a bit of the history of the back, western section of the Masonic cemetery. That portion was once part of the old, privately owned Sunset Hill Cemetery, which predates the establishment of the Masonic Lawn Cemetery.

In regard to local Masonic history, Free and Accepted

Masons first met in the capital city in September 1849. The gathering occurred in a building on the north side of K Street, about 100 feet north of 6th Street.

Three of the five local lodges listed in the first edition of *The Sacramento Union* on March 19, 1851 were Masonic lodges. Those lodges were Tehama, Jennings and Sutter, and the non-Masonic lodges were the Sacramento lodge of Odd Fellows and the Pacific Star division of the Sons of Temperance.

Mac Vicar explained that Masonic Lawn was not the city's first Masonic burial site.

"We have a plot over in the city cemetery called the old Masonic plot and it also had an annex a little closer to where we are (located)," Mac Vicar said. "So, when they are referring to the Masonic cemetery, I'm never sure whether they are referring to that big plot over there in the city cemetery or something over here (at Masonic Lawn). It's a little confusing."

A letter, dated Jan. 18, 1859, and written by a Masonic committee, was received and read by the



Masonic Lawn Cemetery is located at 2700 Riverside Blvd.

Photo by Lance Armstrong

board of supervisors of the city and county.

Included in the letter were the following words: "We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the several Masonic bodies of this city, to take in consideration the subject of procuring for the use of said fraternity a suitable burial ground, would humbly petition your honorable body to state to us on what terms you will grant to said fraternity the use of (25 lots), making in all 4,556 square feet, including alley ways, or 67 (feet) by 68 feet square, as designated on the map of the city cemetery, in possession of (city cemetery superintendent David) Murray, esq., super-

intendent of said cemetery, to be used for said fraternity as a burial ground. And your petitioners would ever pray, etc. N. Greene Curtis, Andrew Aitken, A.T. Nelson, committee."

*The Union* reported on Aug. 8, 1859 that Murray had recently received \$381.66 for the Masonic fraternity's purchase of 20 lots in the city cemetery.

A reference to the old Masonic plot in the Oct. 31, 1865 edition of *The Union* reads: "In strolling through grounds (of the city cemetery), I was struck with the beauty of a monument situated near the center of the Masonic plot. It is of variegated marble, some eleven feet

in height (sic), the top surmounted by a draped urn; the shaft rests on a marble base, which is sustained by a granite block, the whole resting on a brick column. On the eastern side of the shaft is chiseled a beautiful design. It is a good Samaritan by the side of a way-faring man, binding up his wounds. The two are overshadowed by a palm tree. There are other fine monuments in the grounds, which do credit to the friends of the departed who erected them."

Among those laid to rest in that plot was George Armstrong, a Royal Arch Mason who was murdered

in 1919. The 1907 city directory was the first of such directories to recognize the Masonic cemetery on Riverside Road (today's Riverside Boulevard).

In speaking about Masonic Lawn's beginnings, Mac Vicar said, "Odd Fellows and Masonic Lawn came into being about the same time. The plots that we had at the city cemetery became full and we needed more space. But we maintained that old section - the old Masonic plot in the city cemetery. We had the Masonic Lawn Association and the five lodges that were originally involved in the purchase of the land. So, the association is still made up of those five lodges and still in operation."

Masonic Lawn and its neighboring Odd Fellows Lawn are mentioned in

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in Sacramento County on July 26, 1860.

Armstrong, a former resident of Ohio, died after being shot by William Wells.

Another burial in that plot was that of Charles A. Wallace, who died after being kicked by a horse in the vicinity of today's Sacramento Zoo on June 14, 1864.

*The Union*, in its August 31, 1878 edition, referred to a detail of local Masonic cemetery grounds, as follows: "The burial plat in the new Masonic cemetery, recently purchased by the printers of this city, is being placed in fine condition. In dimensions, it is 20 [feet] by 44 feet."

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Don Mac Vicar, a June 1951 graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School, has served as manager of the Masonic Lawn Cemetery since 1999.

the 1923 book, "History of Sacramento County, California," as follows: "In recent years, the Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery, a very beautiful resting place for the dead, has been established on Tenth Street (sic), south of the city cemetery. Still more recently, the Masonic Lawn Cemetery has been established just south (sic) of the Odd Fellows' burial grounds."

It was during that era that Peter L. Olson was serving as Masonic Lawn's superintendent. He held that position from about 1921 to about 1941.

A c. 1925 Masonic Lawn pamphlet refers to the cemetery's burial costs at that

time as \$35 to \$65 for single graves, \$125 for a two-grave plot, \$185 for a three-grave plot, \$300 for a five-grave plot and \$500 for a 10-grave plot.

Mac Vicar, in commenting about the antiquated single-grave cost, noted that the cost range of such a grave has increased to \$4,000 to \$5,000.

In its May 13, 1926 edition, *The Sacramento Bee* pictured an artist's rendition of a proposed, \$300,000 mausoleum, which was intended to be constructed on Masonic Lawn's grounds.

According to *The Bee*, the mausoleum plans, which had been announced that day by Ray Johnson of the West

Coast Mausoleum Association, had been placed with the Masonic Lawn Association.

Those plans called for a structure with Spanish mission architecture and more than 1,200 crypts, deluxe sections and private family rooms.

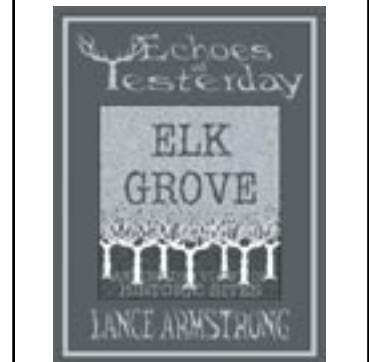
Additionally, the interior of the building would mostly feature white Colorado Yule marble, and the ceiling would have a mosaic effect appearance.

Also in the works was a plan to install large Tiffany art glass windows at the end of each corridor, construct a massive chapel at the structure's center and

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# Aquaponic systems gaining local popularity

By ISAAC GONZALEZ

Sacramento's already got its urban gardens, backyard chickens, and a sophisticated PR campaign in full swing to promote ourselves as the "Farm-To-Fork" capital of the nation. But there's another type of urban agriculture that's gaining traction with local food aficionados: Aquaponics.

Simply put, aquaponics is a system that a food grower can use to produce vegetables without soil. It's a symbiotic environment which mimics what you might find in a riverbed or a lake, fish and other aquatic animals produce waste matter, which then becomes the food nutrients for the surrounding plant life. In turn, the plant life consumes the waste before it reaches toxic levels and provides clean water back to the system. Aquaponics reproduces this arrangement on a scale small enough to be done in a backyard, a patio, or even on top of a window sill.

Humans have been using aquaponic methods to grow plants for ages, thousands of years, by the best guesses. More recently, aquaponics has seen a dramatic resurgence as hobby farmers and natural food enthusiasts searched for a way to produce quality veggies in a sustainable manner and without pesticides.

Locally, Paul Trudeau owner of the Southside Aquaponic Farm, is providing some of the most

well-known restaurants in the city with food from his aquaponic operation.

"I've sold to Mulvaney's, Kru, and even to Red Rabbit at one point," says Trudeau. "I grow vegetables and fish in an underused backyard and give some to the neighbors. That is the heart of my little business. I take the rest of the vegetables and sell them to restaurants downtown."

Trudeau also has a smaller system on his front porch to grow herbs and lettuce for himself. While it takes up very little square footage, it still manages to produce a high yield of food throughout the various seasons, all the while using only 10 percent of the water of a conventional garden. That's because all of the water used to deliver the nutrients from the fish to the plants is recirculated over and over again.

"I had a wall of cucumbers last May in my south-facing window," Trudeau boasts. "It provided lots of shade at the same time. It was awesome."

There's a third member of this system which must be taken into consideration as well: helpful bacteria. These tiny organisms eat the fish waste and produce nitrates for the plants. It's important to make sure that the proper balance is maintained to keep everything working properly, but the payoff for all that attention is that the food grown as a result in devoid of chemicals and pesticides.



Photo by Isaac Gonzalez  
Shown here is Southside Park resident Paul Trudeau's front porch aquaponic operation where he grows herbs and lettuce.

For those wanting to test the aquaponic waters for themselves, Trudeau recommends the "Aquafarm", a \$60 all-in-one setup which was invented by a pair of entrepreneurs in Oakland. When you're ready to go bigger, one should expect to spend between a few hundred dollars if they lean on the support of the local aquaponic community for resources to as much as \$2,000 for an all-encompassing do-it-yourself kit from an online retailer.

A Passport to Eggventure:

# Former Land Park resident explains her love of egg art

By MONICA STARK  
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Former Land Park resident B.J. Gothmann is like many other egg artists. Once she got into the art form, she quickly devoted much of her time to producing elaborate designs, using a variety of infertile eggshells from such animals as ostriches, emus, geese and ducks.

Gearing up for the Northern California Egg Artists 24th annual Egg Show and Sale, to be held March 1 and 2 at Crowne Plaza, Gothmann, continues to whip out the egg art. Dedicated to the art for the past 20-25 years, Gothmann has produced hundreds of egg art pieces, her favorites being a beautiful representation of a piano, which has a music box inside the egg and another of Mary Poppins. That's no wonder it's Gothmann's favorite, since the retired music teacher has continued to play piano over the years.

Sitting inside her now empty Land Park home with an array of eggs she put on display on a table for the interview, Gothmann showcased elaborate eggs that have been carved, painted and some hinged with doors and windows.

Gothmann's love for the art form began about 25 years ago when she attended a Kinsley Art Club meeting at the Crocker Art Museum. Upon describing the venture, she said: "I took my good friend who is a wonderful artist, Cleo. I took her with



me. We listened to the speaker who was a fabulous egger. After listening to her and seeing her display, we went to the show and my friend Cleo bought a raffle ticket and she won an egg and that hooked us to eggging."

Themed "Passport to Eggventure", the show will celebrate the diversity of the artists. There will be artists representing Spain, China, South Africa, Canada, the Netherlands, the UK, Japan, South Korea and Scotland.

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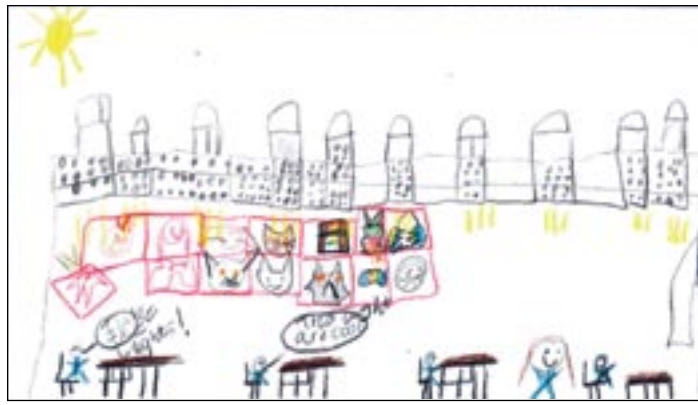
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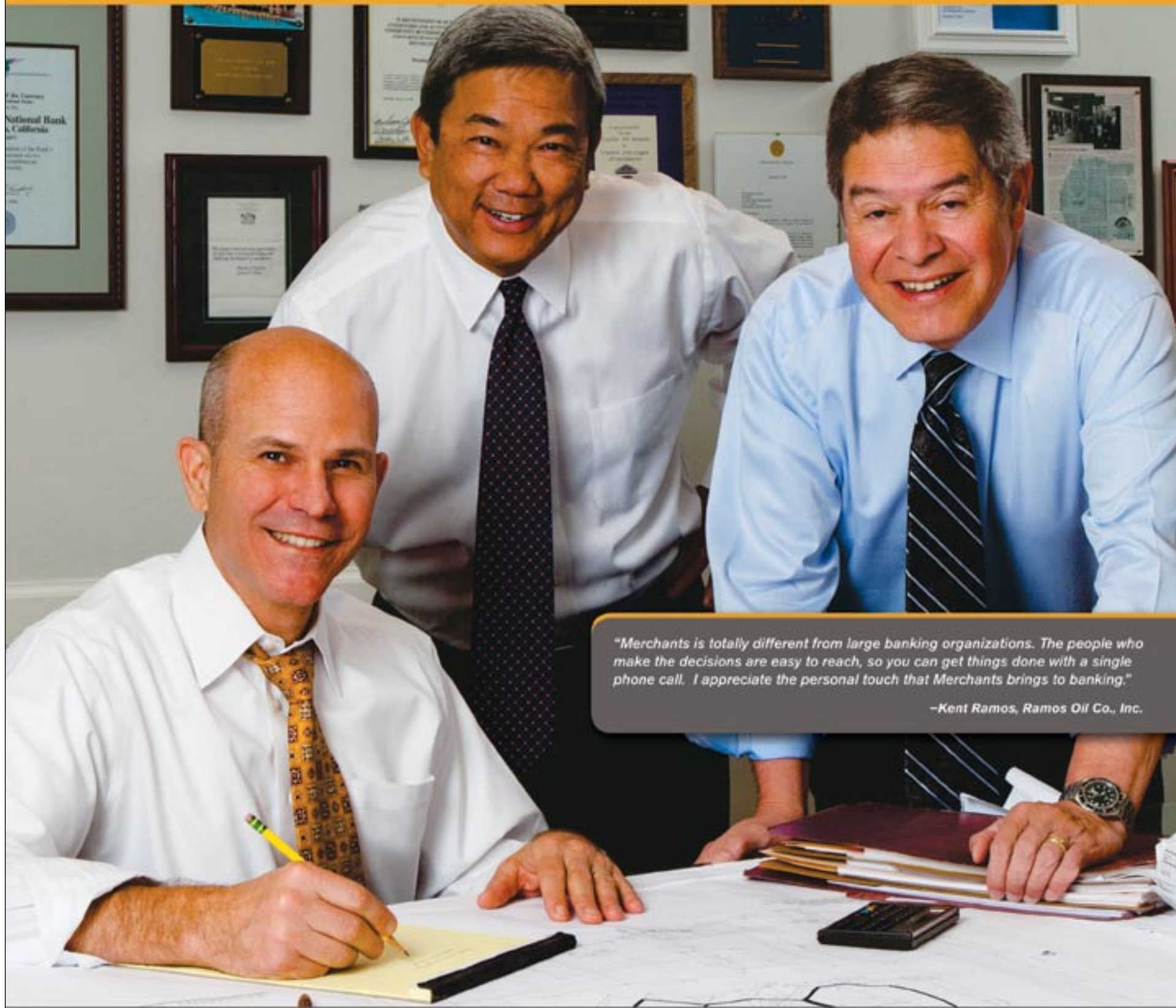
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## The Boss: Land Park resident shares her grandmother's story working for Shirley Temple Black

By Cleo TabiaZahra Cartel

"Little girl, please wash you hands!" My grandmother was infamous for yelling orders of cleanliness from afar! I often wonder how she knew we might consider passing on the ivory!

Marie Estelle Hewitt born to John and Rebeca Hewitt on Jan. 15, 1900 in Oklahoma City was considered back in the day a celebrity nanny and maid! My mother, Carol Ann Jones, of Sacramento, California giggled so hard as we reminisced of the times she spent with her mother at celebrity homes, not even realizing the company she was keeping! My mother believes my grandmother Marie started on her celebrity maid journey with a well off heiress in Connecticut!!

Although my mother cannot recall her name, she remembers that it was the start of always running through the halls of large estate homes and never knowing the real struggle of the 1940s of black families trying to earn a decent living!

The old heiress loved big momma, our family nickname for my grandmother simply meaning "the boss"! The old heiress gave big momma whatever she wanted or requested as long as she promised to be around to take care of her. My mother said the heiress didn't have a family of her own and became quite attached to big momma and my mother! My mother remembers a particular time about two years after working for the heiress, the lady requested that my grandmother keep white sheets on a section or wing of the estate. The heiress claimed that her deceased husband only liked to sit on clean white sheets. My mother laughed telling this story saying my grandmother couldn't pack quick



Photo by Carol Ann Jones  
 Shown here is Marie Estelle Hewitt, also known as "The Boss" and "Big Mama". She is shown here with John Smith, the father, Branden Smith, the son.

enough to get out of that lady's home.

The heiress begged my grandmother to stay, even offering her to be the heir to her entire fortune and estate! My grandmother laughed and said it wasn't enough money in the world to stay employed by her. Leaving the heiress led my grandmother to work for the Dodges, the car dealers. She worked for their wives for several years leaving them with an excellent referral to go work for Eily Lilly, Jr. and the Lilly estate in Indiana. Ms. Marie worked for the Lilly's for several years until her daughter my mother got accepted into school and the Lilly's gave my grandmother a generous package and work recommendation to relocate to California to work for Shirley Temple Black!

Off to California the two of them moved – mother and daughter landing in San Jose! My mother remembers big momma purchasing a home in the 1950s in San Jose, saying that big momma was very savvy with money and sav-

ing! My mother recalls her and big momma riding the greyhound bus in the summer every day to the Black's residence in Atherton, Calif. My mother recalls them being wonderful people.

My mother swam everyday with Lori Shirley's daughter, she being about seven years younger than my mother Lori thought my mother was like a big sister. The Blacks loved my grandmother and mother as if they were family. My mother said it was the first time she remembered my grandmother never wearing a maid's uniform, even though big momma tried to insist that it was professional, but Mrs. Shirley Temple Black was not having it!

Marie Estelle Hewitt left the Blacks to move to Oakland, Calif., so that she could be closer to her daughter, my mother who had started attending UC Berkeley.

When we asked big momma how it was to be considered "the help" she laughed and said, "I never thought of that way, I always thought I was the 'Boss of the Estate' because I ran everything!"

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# Masonic Lawn:

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build niches for the storage of cremated remains.

Mac Vicar said that Masonic Lawn's resolution to shy away from building a mausoleum appears to have been a "smart decision."

"We're so small, (a mausoleum) doesn't make a lot of sense," Mac Vicar said.

Although Mac Vicar grew up in Sacramento, he said that he never paid attention to Masonic Lawn during the early years of his life.

"I probably passed by it a number of times on my way to Edmonds Field (at Riverside Boulevard and Broadway) or from the neighborhood, in effect," Mac Vicar said. "No one at my age in those days would have paid any attention to a cemetery. The old city cemetery was pretty well trashed in those days. It was very run down and this place was probably just about as bad. The upkeep just didn't happen."

Today, the Masonic grounds at Masonic Lawn and at the city cemetery is cared for by two maintenance workers.

Mac Vicar, who graduated from McClatchy High School in June 1951, said that he eventually worked for Caltrans for about 36 years.

After becoming a Mason in 1994, Mac Vicar was elected to the cemetery's board of directors and served as the board's president for about a year. And in 1999, he replaced Roy Anderson as the cemetery's manager.

In addition to his role as manager, Mac Vicar is also secretary-treasurer of the association.

Mac Vicar said that through his work as the cemetery's manager, he discovered some of his family's history.

"I worked here for two years before I knew I had a relative on the hill back here," Mac Vicar said. "A lady came in, a good looking blonde woman, and I asked her if I could help her and she said, 'Yes.' She was (at the cemetery) to make arrange-

ments to bury her brother. And I said, 'Okay.' And she said, 'He's to go in the Binninger (family) plot.' Then we started talking and she said, 'Yeah, my great-grandfather (Louis Binninger) had a hotel (at 2nd and M streets).' And I said, 'That's funny, so did mine.'"

That conversation led to Mac Vicar's discovery that he had multiple family members from his mother's side of his family buried at Masonic Lawn.

In continuing to speak about Masonic Lawn, Mac Vicar noted that the cemetery is not limited to Masonic interments.

"We're nonsecretarian, because if you just limit it to the Masons then there would be a federal tax," Mac Vicar said. "Right now we're nonprofit, but if you change that, you pay a big tax on everything."

And in discussing the cemetery's many historic tombstones, Mac Vicar said that the largest and most elaborate of the cemetery's upright markers is that of the former, prominent Mason, John W. Rock (1838-1907).

Rock held many Masonic positions, with possibly the earliest of those positions beginning in the 1860s, when he was elected to serve as an officer of Sacramento Commandery, No. 2 of the Knights Templar.

In 1881, Rock began serving his one-year term as the deputy grand master of the Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masons of the state of California.

On April 13 of the following year, he was elected grand master of that council for a term, which would end on April 14, 1883.

Rock's tall, vertical memorial at the cemetery features an engraving of a man on a horse.

According to information provided by the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission, the memorial reportedly weighs several tons and was transported in multiple pieces from Kansas City to be put together at the cemetery.

Mac Vicar noted that large markers are restricted to the old-



This memorial in Masonic Lawn Cemetery pays tribute to former Sacramentan John W. Rock (1838-1907), who was a prominent Mason.

er, western portion of the cemetery and that the remaining portion of the cemetery is reserved for flat markers.

And in responding to the inquiry of whether Masonic Lawn Cemetery has a particular philosophy when it comes to maintaining its grounds,

Mac Vicar said, "(The) philosophy is just to keep it looking really nice and serve the public, so that they feel like they can come here and visit their relatives and have a pleasant experience. And I think we've done a pretty good job (with that approach) over the last 15 years or so."



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### The Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

**ACROSS**

- 1 Heroic tale
- 5 Cultural pursuits
- 9 Dutch pottery
- 14 Surrounding glow
- 15 Full of meaning
- 16 Verdi specialty
- 17 Docking spot
- 18 Forest forager
- 19 Harshness
- 20 Proving ground
- 22 Embodiment
- 24 Bubble maker
- 25 Tough to take
- 26 Send, as payment
- 29 Female "M" in Bond films
- 33 Pressing need?
- 34 Web or nanny follower
- 35 Mad magazine specialty
- 36 Poker payoff
- 37 Short hairdo
- 39 Kind of party
- 40 Manuscript reader
- 42 Hosiery mishap
- 43 Follow, as advice
- 44 Wicked
- 46 Beef chew
- 47 Lock of hair
- 48 Painter Ernst
- 49 Religious rite
- 52 Wealthy widow
- 56 Astringent
- 57 Bird of the Nile
- 59 Donated
- 60 Minimal bottom
- 61 Encourage strongly
- 62 Harbinger

**DOWN**

- 1 Compass point
- 2 Whimper like a child
- 3 Bearded flower
- 4 Blood or Bligh
- 5 Calculating snake?
- 6 Basket material
- 7 Souvenir shirt, briefly
- 8 Magazine feature
- 9 "Lover Come Back" actress
- 10 Disparaging nickname
- 11 Building block brand
- 12 Gift tag word
- 13 Weight allowance
- 21 Mare's mouthpiece
- 23 Slammer
- 25 Upper arm bone
- 26 Turn red, maybe
- 27 Whittle away
- 28 Main theme
- 29 Precursor to "NCIS"
- 30 Gunpowder ingredient
- 31 Muskogee tribe
- 32 Intoxicating
- 34 Molar malady
- 37 Three Bears' meal
- 38 Kramden's wheels
- 41 Handmade lace
- 43 Nut shape
- 45 Densest metal
- 46 Boxer's target
- 48 Malone of the 76ers
- 49 Mud or bird follower
- 50 Liniment target
- 51 Give a nudge to
- 52 Quarters, slangily
- 53 Monopoly, e.g.
- 54 At any time
- 55 Tear apart
- 58 Lingerie item

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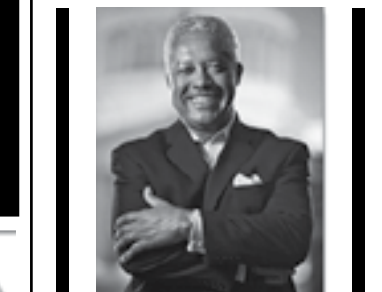
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## Internationally renown a capella group to perform for local nonprofit

By FORREST REED



The three-time Grammy Award winning a cappella group Ladysmith Black Mambazo will perform a benefit concert on March 5 at the Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Their performance will benefit the nonprofit Bridget's Dream that is battling sex trafficking in Sacramento. The South African male choral group, prominently featured on Paul Simon's hit album "Graceland," will perform selections from their recent Grammy winning Best World Music album, "Live: Singing For Peace Around The World". This was their fourth Grammy and the CD is dedicated to Nelson Mandela and his message of peace.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo will pay tribute to Mandela during the show, will perform songs from their 50-year career, and introduce material from their newest CD, "Always With Us," a tribute to Nellie Shabala, wife of the group's founder-leader Joseph.

Local music promoter Scott Brill-Lehn, owner of SBL Entertainment, recently learned of the mission of Bridget's Dream and was moved to donate some of the proceeds of the Ladysmith Black Mambazo concert to the nonprofit. Bridget's Dream, founded in 2011, is responding to the devastating epidemic of child sexual exploitation in the Sacramento region and beyond by providing comprehensive trauma-informed services to victims, their families and youth at risk of exploitation. Sacramento is among 18 medium-sized U.S. cities targeted by the FBI.

Leah Albright-Byrd, the founder CEO of Bridget's Dream has recently been on Katie Couric, and just completed a SuperBowl PSA with the Asst. Attorney General of New Jersey (available to view on the home page of their website [www.bridgetsdream.org](http://www.bridgetsdream.org)). This agency is doing great work battling sex trafficking here in our community. They need your support, as we build more community awareness of both this important cause and that Bridget's Dream is providing real help to young girls who have been exploited.

Forrest Reed is a Land Park resident.

## Food, Wine & Music at the Annual Cal Middle School Spring Thing!

The friends and families of California Middle School invite everyone to the 2014 SPRING THING, an evening of great food, drink, and fun. To be held Saturday, March 1, the event will feature a sampling of small plates by Sacramento chefs, tasting of local wines and beverages, and an opportunity to mingle with neighbors while benefiting the students at California Middle School. The event will be held at B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd. From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are available now: Advanced tickets are \$35, which can be purchased at [www.capspringthing.com](http://www.capspringthing.com), day-of-event tickets are \$45 and wall of wine tickets are \$25.

About the Wall of Wine: It's a collection of rich and fragrant wine that has been donated by families and local businesses. Each wine bottle is custom wrapped and is assigned a number. You pick a numbered ticket and win the corresponding bottle of wine! All donated wines have a minimum retail value of \$25. However, you may just end up getting a bottle of wine that is worth much more than the ticket price as well as bottles packaged with gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses! If you can't attend the event and still want to participate, you can always purchase a "Virtual Wall of Wine" ticket and a volunteer will deliver to your door in the 95818 or 95822 zip code area!

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# CALENDAR

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only \$5 on "Bargain Sunday." For more information, visit [www.folli.org](http://www.folli.org) or call 608-8743 or 355-7374.

## Sacramento Community Concert Association performance

March 22: SCCA presents A Night At The Movies With Pipe Organist Dave Moreno at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St. Complemented by emcee Matias Bombal, organist-entertainer Dave Moreno will thrill you as he accompanies popular silent films on Westminster's grand 3000-pipe organ. Don't miss this extraordinary event. Regular subscription: \$90, Group discount (8 or more people): \$75, Students subscription: \$45, Single Ticket: \$25. For more information, contact Sacramento Community Concert Association [www.sccaconcerts.org](http://www.sccaconcerts.org); info@sccaconcerts.org; 400-4634

## Youth Job Fair

March 22: There will be workshops were people can learn how to dress to impress, how to nail an interview at City Hall's plaza area (915 I St.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have a resume, bring copies. Remember, first impressions go a long way, so dress to impress. For more information, call 808-6525. Bus and light rail tickets are available for the ride home. This is for ages 16-22.

## APRIL

### 'The Benefit Plant Sale' to be held at McKinley Park

April 5: Bob Hamm, perennial grower and founder of The Benefit Plant Sale announces that The Valley Benefit Plant Sales, benefiting the kids summer camp programs of Sunburst Projects (<http://www.sunburstprojects.org>) will have a spring plant sale in the back patio area of the Sheppard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. and will fea-

## Land Park Pacific Little League to hold opening ceremonies on March 22

Photo by STEPHEN CROWLEY

Land Park Pacific Little League (LPPLL), a youth baseball organization serving children in the Land Park, Curtis Park, Hollywood Park, South Land Park, Little Pocket, and neighboring areas, celebrates its 60th anniversary season in 2014. As part of the celebration, LPPLL is collecting photos and other memorabilia to display throughout the season. LPPLL's home fields are located at Dooley Fields, located behind Holy Spirit Parish School at the edge of William Land Park, and the baseball fields located in William Land Park. Originally, Dooley Fields were the home of Pacific Little League, created in 1959. Through the years, some of the area little leagues merged. In 1994, Dooley Fields also became the home fields Land Park Little League, which was established in 1954. In 2000, Curtis Park Little League also merged into the league. As part of the Opening Day Parade, scheduled for March 22 at 8 a.m., old photographs, jerseys and other memorabilia will be on display. Alumni from past years are invited to attend and share memories. Anyone willing to share or donate items should contact [info@lppll.com](mailto:info@lppll.com). Additional information about the league is available at [www.lppll.com](http://www.lppll.com).



ture a wide range of perennials for the yard including many new, rare and hard to find varieties in sizes ranging from starters to one gallon containers. Cash and checks will be accepted, but not credit cards. For more information, contact Bob Hamm at 617-7516.

## Race for the STARS

April 27: For details, visit [www.raceforthestars.com](http://www.raceforthestars.com), is a fun family event that raises money for SJSUSD schools. This year, the 5K run/walk and kids race event will take place on Sunday, April 27th at Rio Americano High School. The kids races take place at 8 a.m. and the 5K run/walk will take place at 8:30 a.m. The family festival with food and drink, music and activities for the entire family will follow the race. Adults are \$30, Students are \$15, and kids under 12 are \$10.

## Sacramento Community Concert Association performance

April 27: SCCA presents talented, young, local classical chamber musicians and The Mondavi Center/SF JAZZ High School All Stars at 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St. Coordinated by Susan Lamb

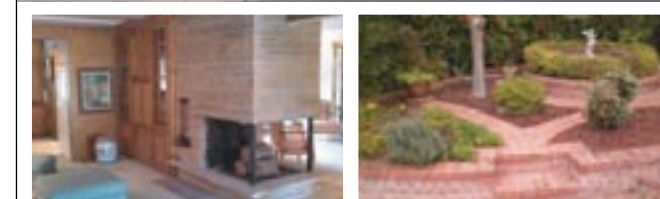
Cook, these seven gifted students will play great works from the chamber music repertoire. Directed by Mike McMullen, the Mondavi Center/SF JAZZ High School All Stars are an elite high-school-age jazz performance ensemble selected by audition. As the premier jazz group for Mondavi Arts educational outreach, they perform an eclectic repertoire drawn from the giants of the jazz legacy, and original material composed and arranged by group members. In addition to the core ensemble, this concert will feature other notable young talent from the area. Regular subscription: \$90, Group discount (8 or more people): \$75, Students subscription: \$45, Single Ticket: \$25. For more information, contact Sacramento Community Concert Association [www.sccaconcerts.org](http://www.sccaconcerts.org); info@sccaconcerts.org; 400-4634

## MAY

### Derby Day 2014: Hats On For the Kids Benefiting Lilliput Children's Services

May 3: From 1 to 5 p.m. at Mulvaney's B&L, 1215 19th St., the "Derby Day

2014: Hats On For the Kids' fundraiser will be celebrating the 140th Kentucky Derby, while raising awareness and resources for vulnerable children and their families. For more than 30 years, Lilliput Children's Services has been helped abused and neglected children by connecting them with a safe, loving and permanent family. Lilliput completes more than 500 foster adoptions each year, the most of any private agency in California. Event features: Live broadcast of the Derby races on multiple big screen TVs, delicious authentic Southern food by Mulvaney's, hosted wine and beer, ladies' hat contest, live jazz band featuring Frankie Sorci, unique and exciting live auction items and convenient valet parking, \$5 per vehicle. This is the one signature event that Lilliput has to raise unrestricted program dollars and to promote community awareness. All net proceeds will be used to augment community services that are otherwise unfunded or underfunded through our government contracts. Ticket cost is \$60 per person.



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## Anthony's Barbershop:

# Man heaven with haircuts

By GREG BROWN  
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It's a man's world at Anthony's Barbershop, which is exactly what a barbershop should be. Cool tunes, Leather couches, big screen TV, men's magazines, and a Marshall Amp fridge stocked full of beer.

It's Man-Heaven with haircuts. Anthony Giannotti is celebrating the five year anniversary of his popular barber shop located at 21st and X streets. What started out as Anthony and a barber chair has grown to five barber chairs and an entertaining array of hire-style haircutters.

Plenty of friendly banter between barbers and customers. Lots of skillful clipping and shaving.

Anthony's is usually packed full of guys waiting for Pompadours, Flat-tops, Fades, Tapers, Psychobilly Quiffs and anything and everything else. All the haircuts are finished off with a straight razor shave around the ears and on the back of the neck.

Anthony's Barbershop has helped make the corner on 21st and X more vibrant, cool and hip. Giannotti says he wants to contribute to Sacramento and make it a better place, not just 21st and X. He also wants to be a part of the community. He added, "That's one of the things I love about being a barber. Being able to see so many people in the neighborhood, and talk to so many people, and really be a part of the community."

"When people think of Sacramento I want them to think, 'Oh yeah Anthony's Barber Shop.'"

Anthony's also beats getting your haircut in a boring strip mall.

Sitting in the barber chair at a salon can be an awkward experience. Uncomfortable conversations or complete silence while your least favorite adult contemporary tunes play over the sound system. It's not a place you'll hear conversations about "who won on American Idol last night." It's more like, "I can't believe Kaepernicke threw those three interceptions!"

Anthony's Barbershop makes it easy to hang out and join the conversation. Witty banter. Sarcastic digs. Stuff men are good at. It's definitely a real man's sanctuary. I wouldn't be surprised to see Anthony out front of the barber shop grilling t-bone steaks in the summertime.

It all started when Anthony was 24 years old and thinking about going to barber school. At the time, he was selling Pomade to a couple retro barber-shops in the mid 2000s and got some advice from a couple of barbers, one

from Chicago and the other from Los Angeles. Donny Hawleywood who owns retro the shop Hawleywood's in L.A. told him, "Barbering is gonna get big."

Anthony thought, "Everything that got big in the L.A. area got big in Northern California three to five years later. I saw that it had the potential to get big and I gambled on it."

Anthony hit the Super Lotto Plus Jackpot because his barbershop is jam packed with guys lounging around waiting to get their necks cleaned up.

He learned a tremendous amount from his dad about work ethic. He started working at his dad's auto shop in Chico full time when he was 14. His dad is now paying him back for all his hard work as a youngster; he's been a big help at the barbershop with all the different remodels to the shop.

He's also given him fatherly advice when he's "at his wit's end with certain problems like hiring people and advertising and how to work the hours and maintain a life outside the barbershop," Anthony told me.

What Anthony is doing with his barbershop is working. He's out in the community contributing to events like Movember and sponsoring local shows. He also has a huge social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. He's a promotional machine.

These days Anthony is the one the youngins are looking up to. He's getting quite a few students coming in looking for advice. How have you been successful? What have you done? What should I do? He even had a barbering student drive up from Fresno to get a haircut and advice from Anthony, the barber.

Music is a vital part of the barbershop. No Lady GaGa. It's a Justin Bieber free zone. They just put Pandora on shuffle and "let it rip". Everything from Wu-Tang, Rancid, The Who, Old Man Markley, Mumford & Sons, they even use a Skid Row station that plays a lot of 80's hair metal. Anthony added, "Three of us have a huge man crush on Gaslight Anthem, a popular New Jersey punk rock band. Maybe the band will wander into the shop someday before doing a show at the new downtown arena.

All the barbers in the shop are "music guys". Two of the guys spent several years at Dimple Records, and a couple of them have played in bands. "You'll catch all of us singing along to the music while we cut hair," Anthony said.

Ethan Keeshan, who's a regular customer, was sipping a Newcastle



Anthony Giannotti is celebrating five years of owning Anthony's Barbershop. Photos by Greg Brown

while getting what he called an "Ivy-league mullet". He also got his insanely long beard trimmed. Think Dodger reliever Brian Wilson.

When he gets his haircut, which isn't often, it's his go-to barbershop. Jason Thorpe was his barber and he told me, "The beer, the music, the magazines-- it's all intended to make the wait a little more tolerable." They have upwards to a 90 minute wait sometimes at Anthony's barbershop. It's an easy place to spend an entire afternoon. Jason added, "If we don't create an environment or things that make the wait tolerable people will split."

Giannotti proudly told me, "I never imagined it would be this successful. Sacramento's been really good to me. Anthony just put in a fifth barber chair and is looking at adding a second Anthony's Barbershop location. Anthony's is located at 2408 21st Street. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 457-1120 or check him out on Facebook and Instagram!

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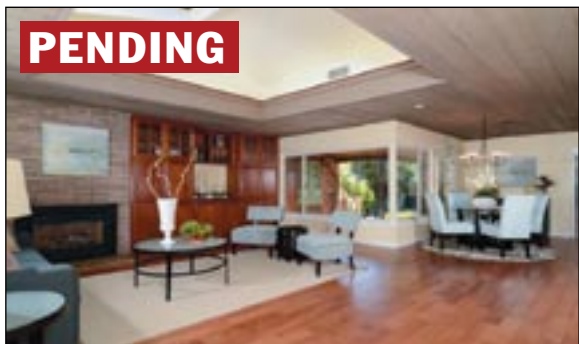
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