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# Over the Fence



with Greg Brown

By GREG BROWN  
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The DIY Network's Yardcore has set its sight on Hollywood Park.... again! Yardcore and Yardcrashers have both invaded the middle-class neighborhood with charming 1950s era homes to produce their home improvement shows on numerous occasions. Gobs. They've lost count. A week earlier they were in South Land Park filming an episode.

I guess Sacramento is a big DIY destination.

Landscape professionals Jake and Joel Moss, the sibling hosts of Yardcore, set homeowners up with the yard of their dreams...or at least they hope they do. The brothers get a quick look at the yard and a short tour of the home's interior to get clues as to what the homeowner's style is. "I always look inside their house first and try to pick out clues. We are literally bringing the inside out," Jake said.

They draw up the blueprints and have to make it all happen in 48 hours while the home owners anxiously await the end result at a local hotel.

Chopsaws, sandblasters, compressors and a Bobcat littered the front yard of a home on Irvin Way. An army of workers furiously were moving rocks, dirt, and mulch in big blue wheelbarrows, all in the name of showbiz.

When I spoke with Jake about the show, workers were busy tearing up the Hollywood Park backyard with Bobcats and shovels. I asked Jake why Yardcore chooses a lot of homes in the area to create their backyard makeovers. He said, "We love coming into old neighborhoods like Hollywood Park, Land Park, Curtis Park. They all have houses with character."

Jake added, "You're working with more eclectic styles when you're dealing with these neighborhoods. They're not cookie cutter. Oftentimes, we find people who are into collecting art. They're interested in styles like Mid-Century Modern, this one Hollywood Park house, in particular, is French Country. We find an interesting array of folks."

They don't even get to meet the home owner, which means they get to go a little crazier than they normally would. It helps the creativity of the backyard makeover. They also don't have to worry about the homeowners supervising and telling them, "Don't you dare tear out our Begonias!"

"Another good aspect about the homeowners not being there is that we do get to be a little more creative and the end result is a yard that

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## Celebrating the past, present, and future through Aztec dance

Troupe performed at Cinco de Mayo event in South Land Park

Story and photos by  
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As the feathers of an Aztec headdress frames the face of the woman, Irene Ramirez, a family of dancers surround their leader in a ceremoniously tribute to their ancestral culture. Collectively known as Kalpulli Xihuacoatl, the dance troupe represents the past, present, and future; and, as the dancers come and go, as they often do, they are always a part of the family Irene built in Sacramento as a positive avenue for youth.

Currently, included in the troupe is an adopted trio of young boys -- little 4-year-old Carlos Hernandez; Alberto Hernandez, 5; Samuel Hernandez, 10; their father, Adan Gutierrez; 16-year-old Chris Perez; 20-year-old Amanda Nunn; Raelene Arballo, and, of course, the group's founder, Irene.

Performing at a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 3 at Florez Bar & Grill in the South Hills Shopping Center, Kalpulli Xihuacoatl's performance began with an invocation to the four directions, utilizing a conch shell

(which is used like a horn to announce the start of a fight) and kopalli (traditional incense).

Irene has dedicated her adult life to working with young people and teaching them the traditions of Aztec dancing. Xihuacoatl is one of many under the direction of Pedro Espana, the Capitan General of the parent group, Quinto Sol that is based in Axiochiapan, Mexico.

In an interview with the Land Park News after Saturday's performance, Irene said she started the group after a divorce and she searched for an outlet to keep her daughter grounded. "I didn't want her getting lost," Irene said.

After Irene researched on her own her roots and learned about Aztec dancing and its significance, she found Pedro who was in Sacramento at the time, spreading his knowledge of the culture.

Upon discussing the personal impact the dancing has said on her life and those close around her, she said: "I see this as something positive. There are so many broken families with kids who wouldn't have gone to college. My daughter could have been lost, but she's well grounded. Christopher's brother was almost a gang member, and now he's a productive member of society. He's a father now. This is our future," she said as she pointed at the young troupe members.

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they probably couldn't have dreamed up themselves," Moss said.

He enthusiastically added, "We want them to fall in love with this yard!"

Wanna backyard makeover Yardcore-style? They're looking for local Sacramento folks to cast in future Yardcore episodes. If you'd like a fabulous backyard makeover without lifting a finger, check out their website. Tell a little about yourself and your backyard. Include a couple of photos, too. Maybe you can get the backyard of your dreams.

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## Good Brew News!

There's a new brewery coming to Hollywood Park on 24th Street. It's just what the neighborhood needs, a local gathering spot where people can eat, drink, and be merry.

It will be called The Fountainhead Brewery. One of the owners, Mark Bojescu, was thinking "water theme" and his partner Daniel Moffatt was thinking literary titles or characters. "We eventually came across the Ayn Rand novel that seemed to cover both of those," Daniel told me.

Maybe they'll have an Ayn Rand Ale!

Fountainhead Brewing is going to take over the TS Auto Repair shop on 24th Street. Neighbors received the notice and were ecstatic to hear there would be a new gathering spot within walking distance. Although, the owner of the auto shop, Sam was caught by surprise by the news, I'm sure he'll find another spot to fix cars. Besides, the neighborhood is thirsty! There are a voluminous amount

of auto repair shops in the area. Sacramento breweries are a Sacramento institution. Auto shops are a dime a dozen.

They're going to turn the old run-down auto repair shop on 24th Street into a unique gathering spot where local folks can taste an IPA or Imperial Ale and hang out.

Daniel is the brewer. He's very experimental. One of his most popular craft beers at The Shack, on Folsom Boulevard, during Beer Week was the coffee porter. It's one of Daniel's personal favorites and one he runs out of the most. "It's for the dark beer tasters out there," he said.

He also brews an IPA with four different kinds of hops. "It's pretty straight forward and not overly aggressive like you're chewing on hops," Moffatt added.

They'll also brew some Imperials, Daniel likes Imperial reds a lot. Belgians and barley wines, sours too. So like the neighborhood, the craft beer selection will be eclectic.

In the back of the property there's a spot where they'll have outdoor seating and a nice pergola where people can sip the suds of their favorite new brewery. It will be family friendly as well as dog friendly.

They also will be serving food. They won't have a full kitchen but they'll have some fryers and also serve up some sandwiches. "We definitely want some choices other than a random food truck once in a while. More stability and reliability," said Moffatt.

They should be open by July. USA! USA! USA!

Fountainhead Brewing is very excited about coming to the neighborhood. They have been talking with Panama Pottery to partner up for events. The folks from Panama Pottery came to one of their tasting events at The Shack and "we had a lot of fun, they're super nice people," Moffatt said.

The guy with the hot rod shop next door has a thing going on every



Fountainhead Brewing owners Daniel Moffatt and Mark Bojescu



Thursday in the summertime. "So they'll be some activity over there."

"It's a narrow lot, so we're debating on how we'll either do parking or make it a social area. We've already talked to the city about trying to get parking on the other side of the street since there's no parking on either side of 24th Street."

Daniel told me it's a dream come true. "We've talking about this for over two years and it's finally coming to fruition. We are beyond excited."

Sounds like it will make a great addition to the local brewery scene. New Helvetia, Track 7 and now Fountainhead Brewery. A trifecta of tasty craft beers.



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# ARTS

## Not your typical birdhouses

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Photos by Greg Brown

Eighty-year-old former Land Park resident Tink Palmer likes to "tinker around" in his garage in Natomas. It's a wood-filled man-cave full of cool equipment and wood workings. He makes unique handcrafted Hobbit Houses out of Western Juniper. His garage smells like a cedar forest in Central Oregon. The scent would make a great car air freshener!

I learned about Tink through Maria Vargas at Panama Pottery on 24th Street. Tink sold some of his handcrafted Hobbit Houses to her. Tink is now gearing up for a show on June 14 at Panama Pottery. He's also recently opened an online Etsy account, although he sells most of his Hobbit Houses through word of mouth.

Tink's grandson Justin makes furniture out of the Western Juniper wood from Central Oregon and brings the scraps, or "tailings" as Tink calls them, over in his pickup truck and dumps them on the driveway. Then Tink improvises with the wood pieces and creates the eccentric looking little hobbit houses. Some pieces are smooth like butter and other pieces are rough with moss growing all over them. Each house looks different. If I were a bird, I'd like to make a nest in one of Tink's Hobbit Houses.

He doesn't have a pre-planned design for the little houses. The idea for the Hobbit Houses "comes right out of his head" his wife Nonie said. He used to build regular birdhouses but he got bored with it. He has a spinal disability and constructing the birdhouses allows him to sit and rest his back for hours at a time. He began building the Hobbit Houses a couple years ago.

Tink has been working with wood all of his life. He had a great mentor in Casa Grande, Arizona where he attended high school. It was his wood-shop teacher Lee Badillon. "Lee was a great guy," he said. As a matter of fact, he not only taught Tink about woodworking, he also taught Tink how to fly. He got his pilot's license in high school. "It was a lot of fun," Tink said.

"My grandfather on my mother's side was a carpenter who used to build houses so I guess that's also where the interest came from," he said. Tink definitely didn't get the interest of woodwork from his father; Tink deadpanned, "The only nail my dad could hit was the one on his finger."

I asked Tink where he got the nickname "Tink" and he told me, "My Grandfather nicknamed all the grand children

and to this day they all go by their nicknames. It took me 75 years to get the S off the front of it." I asked Nonie how many times he had told that joke, and she sort of gave out an exasperated sigh, lovingly, of course!

The houses are weird, odd and unusual. One of them looked like it had a slide for the birds to glide down. They make a great backyard decoration. They're more decorative than they are a true birdhouse. Besides, who wants a bunch of pigeons pooping all over your beautifully handcrafted hobbit house?

The unique-looking houses are selling like hotcakes! Some people even buy two. They're really perfect as a gift for the hard-to-shop-for mother. Tink is also the "Fix-it man for the neighborhood." As his wife told me, Tink says, "it's good for my ego." He fixed a neighbor's wooden giraffe she had shipped from Africa. All the legs were broken and he fixed them "good as new." It was like a puzzle he had to put back together. He got a bottle of wine for his neighborly good deed.

Tink even made 30 birdhouses out of redwood and donated them to the Heritage Park neighborhood where they reside. He's always got the garage door open while neighbors walk by with their dogs asking Tink, "What are you building?"

His Hobbit Houses are quite the conversation piece.

He's also made cribbage boards, tic-tac-toe boards, candlestick holders, and memory boxes out of wood. On the bottom of each piece, he signs all of his work.



One of Tink's unusual Hobbit Houses.

Tink and his wife Nonie lived in Land Park on 4th Avenue for 18 years. They both talked wistfully about the big home they shared together and how they love to revisit the neighborhood and have bubbling Mochete at Lalo's on 24th Street and dessert at Vic's Ice Cream in Land Park.

They'll be back to their old stomping grounds when Tink Palmer showcases his Hobbit Houses at Panama Pottery on June 14. Stop by and get to know Tink, I know I did.

Tink Palmer is also having a show May 10 in Heritage Park where they reside in Natomas. He also recently opened an Etsy Store online at <https://www.etsy.com/it/shop/HobbitBirdHouses>

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# Crocker-Riverside parents form new fundraising nonprofit

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There's a joke that circulates around teachers today – that they are the only ones who steal items from home in order to bring them to work. From basic supplies like papers, pens, and a vacuum cleaner, to more elaborate needs like technology improvements, teachers in even the most well-to-do schools like Crocker-Riverside need money. With the least amount of subsidized lunches, the school has the lowest per pupil funding of any school in the entire Sacramento City Unified School District.

So, a new pathway that's paying for the education of Land Park children is blazing through Tiny Tots Pre-School, Crocker-Riverside Elementary, California Middle School and C.K. McClatchy High School with the formation of a new nonprofit called the Land Park Schools Foundation.

In an interview with the Land Park News, the foundation's treasurer Mike Sullivan said the LPSF received

its 501c3 nonprofit status this past February and that the interim board is all Crocker-Riverside Elementary parents. Starting next year, he said, they hope there will be representatives from each of the other schools the foundation serves.

"We don't want to be a big membership thing with big votes. We don't want a huge cumbersome system. Now people can sign up to be a friend of the Land Park Schools Foundation. It costs \$20, and you get a cool sticker for your car. We're encouraging people, both businesses and individuals – the more the better," Mike said.

## The crew

Mike, a father of a third grader at Crocker-Riverside and a homicide detective with the District Attorney's office, is among a motley crew of fundraising superheroes.

There's president **Konrad Vonshoech**, a Sacramento police officer who has lived in Land Park for 12 years and is the proud parent of a 9-

year-old that attends Crocker-Riverside Elementary School.

**Gregory Sutliff**, vice president, is the father of two children who attend Crocker-Riverside Elementary School and who works for PRIDE Industries in a business development role and a coach for his children's sports teams.

Secretary **Erica Torre** and her husband Jeff moved from San Francisco six years ago and could not be more happy to be in such a lovely neighborhood filled with great schools and great families. Erica loves to attend and host parties in the name of education and fundraising.

Director of Development **Tania Muskopf** has lived in Land Park for 14 years and grew up in neighboring South Land Park. She and her husband, Brandon Muskopf, have two children that attend Crocker-Riverside Elementary. When she is not frantically trying to keep it all together at home, she is working hard at *Sactown Magazine*.

Board of Director **David Wiest** and his wife Korinn have lived in Land Park since 2002, when they decided

to move here for the neighborhood's great sense of community. He and his family love to make use of all the great things that Land Park offers.

**Mike Vinding**, also a board of director and a local attorney who lives in Land Park with his beautiful wife and flock of lovely children, Mike is the board member most likely to simultaneously have a child enrolled in every school the LPSF serves.

Collectively the crew has come together to figure out ways to help the teachers deliver education to their kids without having teachers ask for money. "We just want this to be fast and easy," Mike said.

## Background

Started officially in February the narrative behind the school's foundation is an ambitious, and lengthy one. Mike described how the annual Spring Jubilee, which will be held this year on May 16, used to be a fundraiser for the Parent Teachers

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Association, but now it's a fundraiser for the PTA and the school itself.

"It's a long story," Mike said. "A number of us used to do these fundraisers for the PTA. They came up with an interesting fundraising model where parents would come up with an event, like a dinner party, or a blueberry picking party at a farm in the Delta somebody owned," he said.

The event grew and the PTA got very good at fundraising, but selling alcohol became problematic. For instance the annual Bluegrass, Beer and Barbecue event, which was held at Beatnik was great, but Mike said they needed an ABC license and generally venues, where the school volunteers wanted to hold events, wanted insurance. Some of the volunteers assumed that the PTA's insurance was covering the costs and that they'd be able to use the school's nonprofit number to get the \$25 ABC license.

Describing the situation further, Mike said: "National PTA and State PTA won't let you do that, so all of a sudden as these events grew, we ended up in a bind. Basically the PTA had no insurance and no ability to get ABC licenses for some of these things and also the PTA got so good at fundraising, they changed their thought. They thought about creating a booster club for the PTA that could fundraise for the PTA outside of these state and national PTA requirements. The PTA decided they wanted to cool the temperature for

fundraising, and they wanted to go more for advocacy. So they voted down having a booster club and the principal came to the group of us who were some of the bigger fundraisers, and said, hey they're going to cool their temperature on fundraising, but our school still has needs. He said would you like to start something that can fundraise these things directly for the school. And we said absolutely. So instead of going through this booster club route for the PTA direction, we ended up becoming a school's foundation that fundraises directly for the school."

Like many of the schools in the district, Crocker-Riverside Elementary has a school site council that decides the priorities for the school, many of which never become fulfilled. The Land Park School Foundation allows donors to spend direct donations that are on the school site plan.

## Spring Fling

The big fundraising event coming up for the school is the Spring Fling on Friday, May 16. An evening of food, fun, and of course, fundraising, the event represents, by far, the volunteers' largest financial contribution to the school budget. The event's goal is to raise \$40,000, which funds many critical programs such as:

- Classroom enrichment and field trips
- Music, science, arts, and history assemblies
- Staffing for the library and supplemental tutoring
- Art and Garden Docent Programs

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## At the Spring Jubilee, you can:

- Bid on silent auction items, ranging from the whimsical to practical, from family to personal
- Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a feature raffle item of your choice or an item from the general raffle
- Sign up for special events sponsored by Crocker/Riverside families
- Enjoy dinner, dessert, and face painting for the kids
- Dance and sing to music by DJ Buzzardball

## How can you help?

Do you have any unused gift cards or can you donate a new item?

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Do you know someone who is an architect, designer, landscaper, or has another special skill, who would be willing to donate services?

Do you or someone you know have a little time available to help follow-up with area businesses regarding a donation for the Spring Jubilee?

Do you have an idea for a special event that you would like to host?



Photo by Monica Stark

To keep traffic moving, parent volunteer Laurel helped students out of their cars on Monday morning at Crocker-Riverside Elementary. Volunteers, like Laurel, keep the school going. Coming up on May 16, is the school's Spring Fling, which will be a fun evening including a raffle, silent auction, dancing, and dinner.

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# Faces and Places: Where the Wild Kids Are

Photos by TONJA CANDELARIA

The Sacramento Zoo held a day of art, music and dance with Where the Wild Kids Are. Kids were kids with interactive crafts, performances, and great family fun with the following exhibitors, including:

California Automobile Museum, Crocker Art Museum, Crossings TV, Educational Homestay Programs, Friends of Sacramento Public Library, Friends of San Juan de Oriente, Gus the Green tree frog, Sacramento Zoo Mascot, It's Organic, KidzArt, Merryhill Schools, New York Life, Quick Quack Car Wash, Scholarshare, Sol Collective, and The Spanish Immersion Program.



## Castro update tiger schedules

As of April 19, Castro the male Sumatran Tiger will be on exhibit during the day until approximately 3:30 p.m. daily. This change will allow CJ the one-year-old cub and mom Baha to have more time in the exhibit during the late afternoon and overnight. We are sorry for the inconvenience and know visitors will miss seeing CJ but it allows him more time to play and run around the exhibit.

Castro the Sumatran Tiger was diagnosed with a form of cancer in early 2013. Through the help of appetite stimulants and tasty treats he has gained twenty pounds since the beginning of the year. Now that Castro is on exhibit during the day you will often find him basking in the sunlight and relaxing.

## Honoring the Life of Tom Myers

The Sacramento Zoo mourns the loss of the wonderfully talented photographer Tom Myers who passed away on April 7 at the age of 88.

Tom was a gracious supporter of the zoo, sharing his photos over the decades and captur-

ing the spirit of the animals in our care. Please read the Sacramento Bee article that shares his rich life history and humble voice. He will be missed but lives on in his prolific collection of stunning photos.

## Merryhill School students presented \$10,000 in Support the Small Wonders of Africa Exhibit

Students raised money for the exhibit through t-shirt sales, silent art auctions and other fundraising activities held this spring. On May 3, preschool and elementary students from 16 Merryhill Schools in Sacramento and Roseville will present a check for \$10,000 to Sacramento Zoo Director, Mary Healy. The check presentation took place at the zoo's Small Wonders of Africa exhibit construction site and student artwork was on display throughout the day at the Kampala Conference Center. Merryhill School students have been learning about the six species of animals featured in the exhibit while holding fundraisers such as t-shirt and artwork sales to donate to the project. Animals living in the completed exhibit will include straw-colored fruit bats, banded mongooses, armadillos, Wolf's guenons, red-billed hornbills, and crested guineafowl.



The Reptile House at the Sacramento Zoo.

Photo by Tom Myers

## Swingin' Safari Golf Tournament

The 13th annual golf tournament supports the Sacramento Zoological Society's educational programs. Every year, the education programs at the Zoo reach students of all ages with on-site programming and community outreach. Your support will expand the Zoo's role as an educational and recreational facility for the community to enjoy. The event will be held Monday, May 12 at El Macero Country Club. The times are as follows:

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## Poppies are blooming all over

By JUDY CARLISLE

Each spring colorful wooden poppies announce the East Sac Garden Tour, a benefit for David Lubin Elementary School. The self-guided walking tour—held each Mother's Day weekend, make it a perfect outing for moms and families—offering locals and visitors alike the chance to peek into a neighbor's garden.

This year's seven gardens, concentrated in East Sacramento's beautiful Fab Forties neighborhood, range from a stately, blooming entertainer's delight (complete with swimming pool and hidden secret garden areas) designed by renowned landscape architect Michael Glassman to a sunny urban farm with clucking chickens, enclosed raised beds, and a peaceful pond designed by the owner, as well as shady retreats, leafy glades, edible gardens, and more. All the gardens are beautifully embellished by local designers and florists, such as Haus, Geographica, and Kerrie Kelly Design Lab.

The tour, which marks its sixteenth year this spring, benefits the students of David Lubin Elementary, providing funding for enrichment programs such as art and school gardens, as well as teacher aides. In addition to the gardens, the school grounds are free and open to the public, who can visit an artisan boutique (perfect for Mother's Day shopping), appreciate a student chalk art show and the school gardens, and grab refreshments at the Sweet



Photo by Judy Carlisle

Here is a beautiful garden featured at this year's East Sac Garden Tour, which is held every Mother's Day weekend.

Stop or the food trucks on campus, which are new this year. A Tea Garden luncheon held at historic Sutter Lawn Tennis Club (tickets \$15) offers relaxed refreshment.

Whether you're a dedicated gardener seeking ideas, a novice seeking inspiration, or simply a visitor hoping to enjoy the special atmosphere of this historic neighborhood's most beautiful yards, this year's tour has much to offer.

Tour tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 (at the school) on the tour dates of May 10 and 11. Luncheon tickets are \$15. Tickets are available at David Lubin Elementary, 3535 M St.; online at eastsacgardentour.com; and at several local businesses, such as East Sacramento Hardware, Talini's Nursery, and more (check the website for a full list).

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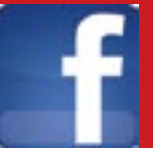
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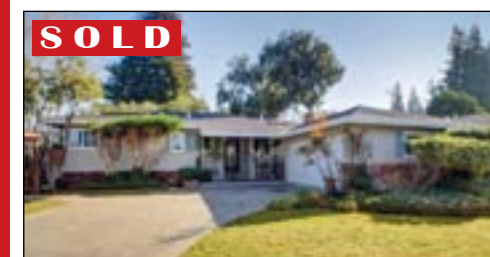


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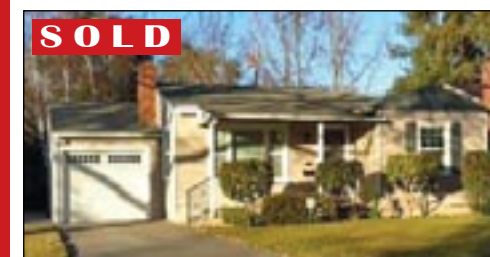
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Photos by MELISSA ANDREWS

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With a New Tech teen laying flat on top of the hood of a car and his "brains" splattered

there, the simulation is intended to increase the students' awareness of potential outcomes associated with such decision making. While it was just a simulation, student responded with utter shock, as evidenced by some of these photographs. There were real police and firefighters supporting the event as well as the

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## Every 15 minutes:

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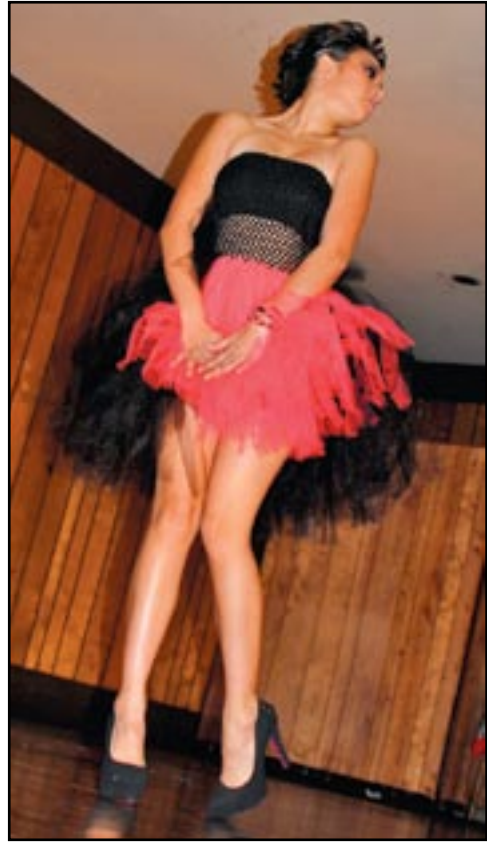
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# Sacramento residents recall their newsboy days

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Newspapers in the capital city have a rich history, which dates back to the Gold Rush era. And long before the founding of Valley Community Newspapers in the 1990s, newspapers began to be delivered to homes through the use of newsboys.

In an attempt to present a bit of the history of the era of newsboys — and in some cases newsgirls (although none were interviewed for this article) — several former newspaper carriers were asked to share their memories.

## Al Balshor

One of the city's busiest newsboys during the 1930s was Al Balshor, who many people know today as the longtime proprietor of Balshor Florist at 2661 Riverside Blvd.

Balshor, 89, recalled those busy times, saying, "I had three routes at one time. This was in 1938 and 1939 (while he was attending Lincoln Junior High School at 4th and Q streets).

"I used to go out and get the first papers off of The Sacramento Bee's press, and that was at 7th and I (streets). I would take the first papers. There would be 25. They would come up the chute and I would run down the hallway, get on the bike and I had 10 minutes to get over to the (Southern Pacific) depot and catch the train going to San Francisco. The papers would come out at 12:15 (p.m.) and the train left at 12:25 (p.m.). Many times, I caught it on the go, too. The red cap was standing on the deck. I would throw him the papers and then I would go back to school. I made \$7.50 a month for that.

"I had another route after school (at 3:30 p.m.) and I went around and put papers in the drugstore, (grocery store and other business) chutes. They had the stands outside. I put them in (the stands) down on J Street (and) K Street. I delivered about 75 papers or whatever my bag would hold.

"My last route was at 4:30 (p.m.) when the papers came out. I had the (residential) route, 12th (Street), 14th (Street), E and F (streets). I delivered about 90 papers. That's when I made \$15 a month. The other two (routes), I made \$7.50 (per route).

"The Bee was good to us. We always made trips to San Francisco, I got a baseball glove through them, we got a trip to Santa Cruz, and



Photo courtesy of Al Balshor  
Al Balshor is shown around the time he was delivering copies of The Sacramento Bee during the late 1930s.



Photo courtesy of Mickey Abbey  
Mickey Abbey worked as a Sacramento Union newsboy for only two weeks in about 1955.

this was all because of selling subscriptions."

## Marvin Delfendahl

In sharing his own newsboy memories, Marvin Delfendahl, who like Balshor, graduated from Sacramento High School in 1942, said, "I delivered The Union for a couple years (in Oak Park) when I was 14, 15 (years old). A few of my buddies (including brothers Bill and Vic Cuccia) also had (routes). We would pick (the papers) up at some central spot in Oak Park. Everybody got paid the same rate. It was (based on) the number of papers (that were sold). They gave you the papers all month long and (on) about the 26th of the month, they gave you a figure. You owed them so much money. It was a lot of fun. It was kind of a joy getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning. It was something to wake up to and go out for about an hour or so. I had late classes at Sacramento High School, so I didn't have to worry about getting there until 10 o'clock or so."

## James Foote

James Foote, 81, who graduated from McClatchy High in 1950, said that he was also employed as a newsboy.

## Manny Perry

"I was a newsboy at 10 or 12 years of age," Foote said. "I delivered papers in the Land Park area. That was more than 70 years ago. I did that for a few years and later on I became an automotive machinist and front counter man (and a farmer)."

"(Working as a newsboy) was a way to make some pocket change. That's all. The papers were a nickel a paper back then, so we were not paid much."

Perry, 82, who attended Christian Brothers High School before transferring to C.K. McClatchy High School, where he would graduate in 1949, said that he learned a lot about managing money during his two years of working as a newsboy.

## Bud Gordon

"I had a bill to pay every month and the only way I paid the bill was to collect the money," Perry said. "And whatever was left over, that was usually what my take was, and that probably was just somewhere between \$15 to \$20 a month, with delivering the paper, including tips. That was good money. Heck, I could eat lunch for 10 cents at Christian Brothers at the cafeteria."

## Mickey Abbey

Long before Mickey Abbey, a 1961 graduate of Hiram Johnson High School, established his custom glassworks business at 2118 19th St., he took a job with The Sacramento Union as a newsboy in Colonial Heights. But Abbey explained that he quickly found out that the position did not interest him.

"(In about 1955), I got fired for dumping a load of papers in the alleyway after two weeks," Abbey said. "You had to roll the papers and put the rubber band (sic) on (them), and then get up at 4:30 or 5 o'clock in the morning to deliver the morning paper, and then go to school. After two weeks, that got old real fast. I was going, 'You know what? I don't like this. For what?' So, after a while, I just dumped the papers in the alleyway. Of course, it didn't take long for the people looking for their morning paper to start calling (The Union to say), 'Hey, where's my paper?' You'll find it in an alleyway over on 34th Street."

"After that, I realized I much preferred just doing the lawn business in the neighborhood on the weekends."

## Bud Gordon

Sacramento artist Bud Gordon was delivering editions of The Bee in the early 1960s.

And in recalling that time of his life, Gordon said, "My manager was Eugene

## Newsboys:

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Ramsey. This was 1962 to 1964. I was a Bee boy for a couple years in the south area. I had 140 and some odd customers. I delivered the newspaper in the afternoon when I got home from school, and then I would deliver the Sunday paper at 4 in the morning."

Gordon also remembered an experience that occurred while he was going door-to-door collecting payments.

"I would go out collecting for The Bee and they would pay me," Gordon said. "(On one such occasion on Feb. 25, 1964), just about every house that I went to had the Sonny Liston-Muhammad Ali (then Cassius Clay) fight on, and that was a big deal."

Gordon added that he also learned a lot about the news of that time by reading headlines while he was folding papers.

"They would drop the bundles off and I would fold (the papers) in my garage, and I was reading the headlines," Gordon said. "Some of the headlines I remember reading at that time, China had just acquired the nuclear weapons, then a lot of civil rights stuff started taking off, and oh, yes, the assassination of (President John F.) Kennedy. I got a lot of education by reading the headlines."



Al Balshor shows off his baseball glove, which he was awarded due to his high volume of subscription sales.

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# Compose Yourself: Songwriting workshop at SCC set for Friday

By MONICA STARK  
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"Compose Yourself" is a day-long journey into the heart and soul of songwriting with world-renowned composer and singer-songwriter Lourdes Pérez. This workshop will assist individuals with no prior experience writing lyrics or composing music to write through a process of writing songs. Pérez will engage the participants in an animated process of gathering words, phrases and themes to be combined to create song lyrics. Participants will then be introduced to choosing various chord progressions, rhythms and the emotions these choices evoke. Using this method, melodies and rhythms will then be selected and applied to the lyrics. The small group uses this method to compose a collective song by the end of the morning, which then opens a window to imagine and create an individual song by the afternoon, with Pérez's one-on-one guidance. From traditional Spanish ballads to songs with modern, socially conscious themes, Pérez is a perfect fit for a work-

shop in the interdisciplinary program, as she mixes politics and art in a one-day workshop, which is open to the community at large. In an interview with the Land Park News, event organizer, international studies professor at Sacramento City College, Riad Bahhur is a huge fan of Pérez. Asked which songs of hers are his favorites, he said, "I like all of her songs. She has a range. One song is not like any other. It's hard to describe. It's like describing a painting to someone. Her own music is like that. She has a powerful voice and the themes range from love to resistance." Bahhur recalled a 2009 performance at SCC in which Pérez sang, "She created an intimate space. She has an amazing rapport with the audience. The Argentinean singer Mercedes Sosa just passed away and Pérez did a homage to her, and the students really clicked with her," Bahhur said. In a phone interview on Wednesday, Pérez described what Sosa meant to her and why she chose to dedicate her performance to the singer. "Back in 1995, I was asked to perform at her

concert. Then I wrote a tribute to her. Then I got to sing with her in Boston and in Austin, which was a beautiful coming together. Singing with her was a highlight. To many in Latin America, she meant a voice of beauty and honesty. When I met her, it was like meeting Mother Earth in voice. She meant a lot to me. It was a great honor. She taught me a lot. She shared her life story with me and everyone she met," Pérez said. The intimate environment of the workshop is poised to be a special treat to students, especially those who may find sitting in front of blank sheet of paper a daunting experience. "Once in a while I do a workshop and open the opportunity to those who may want to learn how to write a song. There are many different ways to write a song. But this workshop will break the steps down," Pérez said. Pérez will help the students get words onto paper and watch them unfold. During the process of writing the song, the class develops chord coordination with flash cards. They will do different combinations and people will choose what sound goes with their

song. She's done it with children, with adults. "There are no age limitations to how to write a song. It's really a fun process. It's for all ages. At the end of the workshop, everybody leaves with a song of theirs," Pérez said. SCC will be Pérez's only stop in Sacramento before returning to Texas. Speaking highly of her visits to SCC, she said: "It's always been fun, a lot of work, but I get new ways of thinking and seeing the world. City College is a beautiful place. It's stop for nurturing the soul." This program is offered jointly by the SCC Cultural Awareness Center and International Studies Program. Those requiring special accommodations should contact DSPS at 558-2087. If you go: What: Compose Yourself songwriting workshop When: Friday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Where: Cultural Awareness Center, Sacramento City College Contact: Prof. Riad Bahhur at Bahhur@scc.sosrios.edu or 650-2738 to register.

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## ONGOING

### AARP tax aide seeks volunteers for 2014

The nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service is seeking volunteers for tax assistance/preparation and leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Each year from Feb. 1 through April 15, AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal, state, and local tax returns for low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Volunteers are especially needed to assist with electronic filing of tax returns. You do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to volunteer. For more information on how you can join the AARP Tax-Aide team in Northern California, contact Ron Byrd at NoCalTaxAide@Outlook.com or visit website at: www.aarp.org/taxaide/

### Mahogany Urban Poetry Series

**- Queen Sheba - poetry readings**  
Each Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. at Queen Sheba in Sacramento, local talent makes it way to the restaurant for weekly open-mic events. \$3-\$5. 1704 Broadway.

### Brain Gymnasium

Exercise your mind and have some fun at this on-going Brain Gymnasium class! Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepoint Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays. \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

### Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Women With Good Spirits is a networking group that engages women in the Sacramento community with non-profit organizations that make contributions to our quality of life and care for our fellow residents. Each month, Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. The meeting is held at Revolution Wines on the second Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 p.m. The presenter will start their presentation promptly at 7:15 p.m. and will last 15-20 minutes

with an open question and answer forum after. RSVP is appreciated as well as a \$5+ donation per person that will go directly to the non-profit presenting that month. Revolution Wines is located at 2831 S St. Visit [www.womenwithgoodspirits.com](http://www.womenwithgoodspirits.com) or find the group on Facebook.

### Davis Art Center invites teen girls to write and publish

The Davis Art Center is offering a six-week creative writing class for girls ages 13-18 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays starting February 11. The class will offer a positive, supportive space for girls who love reading and writing and are interested in discovering and developing their individual voices. Participants will use short stories by a diverse range of contemporary women writers as jumping off points for their own writing sessions. Each student will pick her best writing to include in a class-produced literary magazine. The class will be taught by Elise Winn Pollard, who earned her M.A. in creative writing from UC Davis. The fee is \$95 for Art Center members and \$105 for the general public. To enroll, stop by the Art Center at 1919 F. St., call (530) 756-4100 or register online at [www.davisartcenter.org](http://www.davisartcenter.org). Students must be registered at least two weeks before the first class session.

### Gentle Qi Gong

Learn powerful relaxation techniques reduce stress, reduce physical pain and emotional suffering, lower blood pressure, increase immune response and improve balance. Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepoint Boulevard, 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays. \$7 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

### Attn. students: Submit now for water efficiency video contest

High school students can win cash prizes and the chance to view their video on the Raley Field Jumbotron by entering the 2014 Water Spots Video Contest. The contest, sponsored by the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and the Sacramento Bee Media in Education (MIE) program, challenges teens to create compelling and original 25-second Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on a select water efficiency topic. The 2014 water efficiency theme is: Don't be a gutter flooder: Prevent overspray and runoff. Judging will be based on creativity, entertainment value, accuracy, originality and incorporation of the water efficiency topic. Finalist videos will be displayed on the Raley Field Jumbotron screen and winners announced at a Sacramento River Cats game in April 2014. Win-

ning students and their teachers will also get cash prizes. The grand prize winner's spot may become part of RWA's 2014 television ad campaign. Submissions due Feb. 28. Visit [www.BeWaterSmart.info](http://www.BeWaterSmart.info) for more information and tips on using water more efficiently and to submit entries or get more information about contest rules, judging and prizes, visit [www.sacbee.com/water-spots](http://www.sacbee.com/water-spots)

### California Youth Basketball League taking applications

CYBL is a non-profit year round league for ages 4 through 18 that prides itself on being well organized that aims to develop basketball skills, sportsmanship and self-esteem through coaches, gym official and organizers. Visit [www.cybhoops.com](http://www.cybhoops.com) or call 391-3900.

### Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Middtown

Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on Fridays at 7 a.m. 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!

### The Sacramento Capitolaies meeting

A men's Barbershop Harmony group, meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall (Sierra Arden United Church of Christ), 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento. Info: [www.capitolaies.org](http://www.capitolaies.org), call 888-0877-9806, or email [info@capitolaies.org](mailto:info@capitolaies.org)

### Artisan holds Food Drive

Artisan Salon is participating in the Spirit of Giving Food Drive. Over the last 17 years, the Spirit of Giving (SOG) drive has helped Sacramento Food Bank collect and distribute over 4.6 million pounds of canned and non-perishable food items for local families in need. Help support families in need by participating in this year's drive! Artisan Salon is located at 3198 Riverside Blvd.

### Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings

A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m. The meetings discuss our fund raising Projects and Community Service, often with speakers from our community.

## MAY

### Mad Hatter Meets Sherlock Holmes Fairytale Town fundraiser

May 8: Fairytale Town mixes the zany of the Mad Hatter with the elementary logic of Sherlock Holmes in its second annual offsite fundraising event. Held at the elegant Masonic Temple from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Mad Hatter Party features chocolate delicacies, wine and food pairings, and live music, plus a live auction and raffle with exciting prizes. All proceeds benefit non-profit Fairytale Town's programs and park improvements. Tickets are \$50 per person. Visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) for more information.

### 16th Annual East Sac Garden Tour

May 10 and 11: Tour seven beautiful East Sacramento gardens. Enjoy a delicious catered luncheon at the historic Sutter Lawn & Tennis Club, Shop at the unique artisan boutique with 25 vendors. And take a break at the Sweet Stop and Sactotomatoes food truck. Tickets for the tour are \$20 through May 9 and \$25 for the weekend. The luncheon is \$15. Visit [www.eastsacgardentour.com](http://www.eastsacgardentour.com). All proceeds benefit the students of David Lubin School.

### Scottish Music Workshop and Concert

May 10: Learn to play in the Scottish style from a world-famous master musician; Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Assembly Room (upstairs in the annex building); 2620 Capitol Ave. Workshop 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Concert at 7 p.m. Space is limited so register early to secure your place! Advance registration required. Contact Janet Kurnick at 446-4404 or [jkurnick@pacbell.net](mailto:jkurnick@pacbell.net) for more information. Workshop Only: \$20. Concert Only: \$20. Workshop and Concert: \$35. (discount!)

### Libertarian Party of Sacramento County presents State Assembly District 9 Candidate Forum

May 15: Meet the candidates: Manuel Martin, Tim Gorsulowsky, Jim Cooper, Darrell Fong, Diana Rodriguez and enjoy some pizza and beer. Round Table Pizza, 1307 Florin Rd. Sacramento; 6-9 p.m.

### Sacramento Community Concert Association performance

May 17: Starting at 7:30 p.m., this will be a FREE (non-ticketed) Bonus Concert at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St.

### Angelman Syndrome Walkathon

May 17: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Village Green

## Farms, Friends and Fairytales

May 17: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., join Fairytale Town for a fun-filled celebration of agriculture! Arrive early to watch Fairytale Town's twin Babydoll sheep get sheared, then watch as the wool is spun into thread using an old fashioned spinning wheel. Plus, participate in agriculture-themed hands-on activities, shop the mini farmer's market, and visit with local area farms and organizations. This program is free with paid park admission. Weekend admission is \$5.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. For more information, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.

## Movie Night at Marriott Park

May 17: Councilmember Darrell Fong presents movie night at Marriott Park with "Frozen," starting at 8 p.m. There will be free admission, barbeque, and popcorn. Marriott Park is located at 1235 Grand River Dr.

## Deane Dance Center presents "The Story of Noah's Ark"

May 17-18: Deane Dance Center's spring production is coming up on Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. The center is located at 2300 Sierra Blvd., 95825. The baller is entitled, "The Story of Noah's Ark." Original music by Henrik Jul Hansen. Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12 and children \$10. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 453-0226. Visit [deanecedancecenter.com](http://deanecedancecenter.com) for more information.

## Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K

May 24: Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K, 7 to 11 a.m., Village Green.

## International Kids Festival

May 24: International Kids Festival, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Land Park Amphitheater

## JUNE

The Beatles commemoration at The Crest June 6-7: "Come Together-A Tribute to the Beatles," incorporating the sights and sounds of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, at 8 p.m. will hit The Crest Theatre on Friday, June 6, and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 7. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' historic appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," "Come Together" will feature the chorus' interpretation of The Beatles favorites against an original compilation of vintage still photos and video footage

## Doggy Dash

June 7: Doggy Dash, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, Village Green.



of Beatle-mania and U.S. popular culture of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, as well as historical images of Sacramento's LGBT community. Photos and video will be projected on a stage backdrop of six 70-inch screens mounted on a steel frame.

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## Women of Life Picnic and Songs

June 7: Women of Life Picnic and Songs, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Land Park Amphitheater.

## Puppet Show: "Cinderella" at Fairytale Town

June 7-8: Show times at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a playful puppet show in Fairytale Town's Children's Theater! Puppet Art Theater Company will perform the classic tale of "Cinderella." Cinderella wants to attend the ball and dance the night away. Unfortunately her stepmother and awful stepsisters conspire against Cinderella, and it is up to her Fairy Godmother to get her to the ball. Tickets are \$2 for nonmembers in addition to paid park admission, and \$1 for members. Tickets can be purchased at the Fairytale Town main gate or at the entrance to the Children's Theater 15 minutes prior to show time. For more information, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.

## A Taste of Land Park

June 8: VIP Member Hour, 3 to 4 p.m.; general 4 to 7 p.m., 14th Street between Vallejo and Markham ways. Neighborhood eateries, live music, wall of wine, regional wineries and breweries, artist's corner. 21 & Over only. Check [LandPark.org](http://LandPark.org) for tickets.

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Crockett-Deane Ballet & Deane Dance Center present...  
"The Story of Noah's Ark"  
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Sunday, May 18th at 2 p.m.  
The Center @ 2300 Sierra Boulevard, Sacramento 95825  
Adults \$15, Seniors/Students \$12, Kids \$10  
Tickets - at the door or (916) 453-0226  
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# Hollywood Park students learn Gold Rush history in Coloma



Hollywood Park students learn Gold Rush history in Coloma on April 30.

Hollywood Park Elementary School's fourth graders visited Coloma to get a first-hand lesson on California's Gold Rush past.

Students spent the day panning for gold, putting on a skit and hiking. Naturalists taught the students about the rich history of the Gold Rush. They learned the roles of James Marshall, John Sutter and Sam Brannan during that time period.

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For the uninitiated, this event, the longest running of its kind in the Western United States, is a visual extravaganza of sight and sound. It's often described as "marching bands on steroids."

Competing corps can include up to 150 youths, ages 8-21, comprised of marching percussion and brass, front ensemble, (vibraphones, marimbas and other percussion instruments) and color guard. The color guard component has evolved from merely carrying the flag to now include

dance and props such as rifles, sabers and other specialty items.

Each 11-minute performance, which can span the entire football field, will include all of these elements in a meticulously choreographed presentation which, in past competitions, has included spectacular visuals like a field of mirrors, giving the illusion of doubling the size of the corps, full on Spartacus inspired gladiator match. Other sense-dazzling performances have included a presentation of the Who's rock opera Tommy, as well as a James Bond theme with the corps in tuxes, and a horse race, complete with track, accompanied by, what else, the William Tell Overture. Military drill has graduated to big-time showbiz, and the appreciative crowds,

which, like last year, are expected in the thousands, love the show.

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- Santa Clara Vanguard – Santa Clara, CA (6 times national champs)
- Vanguard Cadets – Santa Clara, CA (3 time national champs)

Tickets can be purchased at the S.O.M.E. web site. someinc.com (Or at the gate that night)

General admission is \$20, Reserved VIP Seating is \$30.

S.O.M.E. The Sponsors of Musical Enrichment is a non-profit California corporation founded in 1978 for the purpose of supporting local youth music organizations and the performing arts on a continuing basis. Funds raised by this organization are reinvested in the local community. To date, over \$3,000,000 has been granted to deserving groups and individuals.

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