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Cook Realty Charity Golf Tournament returns for 22nd year

The 22nd Annual Cook Realty Charity Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, Sept. 19 at William Land Park Golf Course with an all-charity dinner and prize raffle to follow. Hundreds of attendees take part each year.

The Cook Realty Charity Golf Tournament began in 1992. It has raised more than \$330,000 for local charities. An important characteristic of this unique event is that more than 90 percent of the earnings are turned over to several local non profits, schools and churches.

Cook Realty Broker Trey Bonetti says the event is successful in raising needed funds for many local nonprofits and valuable community assets. "Keeping it close to home is an element of our philosophy as a company that



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money we help raise, many groups rely on," said Bonetti. "We are very proud of the accomplishments of our agents and the part they play raising money for charity in a challenging economy."

Still, Bonetti and Golf Director Ed Daniels know it doesn't happen without the help and hard work of literally hundreds of vendors, merchants and service companies from both within and outside the local real estate industry. "Each year we ask folks to donate time, money or goods and services and they respond overwhelmingly," says Daniels.

The late Cook Realty agent Charles Covey began the fundraiser. Like many events, it started very small and grew over time each year. Unlike many events, it has not just continued, it has thrived. Each year an award is given in his honor to a community member who has exhibited selfless

work and sacrifice on behalf of those less fortunate.

Each of Cook Realty's agents have a hand in securing ample gifts and prizes for the event dinner that evening. It is estimated the raffle alone helps to bring in as much as half of the money raised. "We have been so fortunate to be surrounded by so many fine business people in our community," says Realtor Meena Chan Lee. "Each year they are thrilled with the result of their own participation. Their return on investment exceeds expectations," said Chan Lee.

Cook Realty wants to thank past major sponsors that include Steve Larson of Farmer's Insurance, Bouey Termite and Construction, Lori Wilson of Property I.D. and Ken Perry of State Farm Insurance.

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Trails Restaurant to be closing this month

Open for more than 73 years (one of the oldest restaurants in California), Trails Restaurant (2530 21st Street) will be finally closing its doors for good next month. David Wong, a son of Gin Wong, the owner of Trails Restaurant allowed the Land Park News to reprint the following open letter to the community:

My dad, Gin, has been the sole proprietor of this restaurant since 1978 since our family moved all the way from wintry Canada. Combining unique and savory flavors from both East and West traditions, he transformed barbecue food in Sacramento and was voted in the Top 10 best barbecue food in town. Over the past 36 years, he's served the state's finest politicians, athletes, TV personalities, and locals with the finest pork ribs, N.Y. steaks, and Shish-k-bobs anywhere. In an industry where survival in the restaurant business is less than 5 percent, Trails has been able to succeed and manage to live on for decades – a true testament to its loyal customers, good food, and unique atmosphere. It will be a truly sad moment when the neon light of the signage turns off for the very last time, and the doors locked forever.

So, the fact that Trails is closing its door, after so many decades, is sad on many levels is because:
One, it has such a rich history and legacy. The last ar-

tifact from the Golden Age of Cinema may be lost forever. The wagon wheel lights, cowboy wallpaper, charbroiler grill, neon lights all signal the old style motifs that were great in the 50s, but lost in a new century of soft lighting and burgundy wine bars. It is just a sad reminder that time catches up with everything, even if it's been a hidden gem for so many recent years.

Two, Trails is my Dad's legacy. For my Dad, who found his life and passion in his food and restaurant, it will be probably the hardest point in his life to say goodbye. It is his place of solace and comfort, and it is probably closer to him than anyone would ever understand. He built friendships with his many customers; it was his home and who ever walked through those doors knew they were going to be treated like old friends. For him, Trails is his other home and a big part of his legacy.

Three, Trails is a part of our family and life. We all worked there during our teenage years, busing tables, filling up waters, washing dishes, working the cash register, always wondering why we had to work when all of our friends got to play. Only after we've all grown up, that we finally understand why he did what he did, and why it was so important for ourselves. It was for the family. He sacrificed his time, his opportunity to grow with his family, to give us the chance to succeed in our own lives and learn what hard work

meant. He worked so hard, so we didn't have to take on the restaurant life when we were older. He gave us the chance to get an education, work hard, and take advantage of the opportunities as much as possible. Trails, itself, is such a strong part of our family history that we wouldn't be where we are today without it. Our family may be located all across the country now, but Trails is always the home we come back to.

As you can see, the realization that our beloved Trails will be shutting its doors for the last time in the coming weeks, is very bittersweet. My Dad is not exactly a young spring chicken anymore, and we decided as a family a few months ago that, like Hollywood, it is best to leave the game at your peak. My Dad is healthy still, the family has grown up and is growing, so it's time for my Dad to re-focus his time, spend it with his family finally, and let Trails, or its next incarnation, to continue to provide good food and service to the Sacramento community.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be letting our customers know about the forthcoming closure, so they can order their ribs and steaks for the last time at Trails.

We'll be posting on our Facebook page on the final close date and other details.

As our loyal Sacramento customers, we only ask of two things: - If you are interested in coming by, please do, and take some time to sign our guestbook on the counter before you go. Leave a nice message to our Dad, if you'd like.

- Tell your friends on social media, tweet our mayor Kevin Johnson @KJ_MayorJohnson to stop on by, take pictures and post them up. It'd be great to get the message out for a nice farewell.

Stay tuned, also, as we're working to get Trails famous barbecue sauce bottled! Thank you so much, Sacramento, for a fantastic 36 years!



Photo courtesy of the Lance Armstrong Collection. Shown here is Gin Wong, the owner of Trail's Restaurant taken back in 2010. The restaurant announced it will be closing this month.

-David Wong, Gin's second son (third of four kids).

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Charles Swanston Memorial Fountain pays tribute to early area resident

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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At the west end of William Land Park and bordering the north side of the Sacramento Zoo, is a memorial fountain that is dedicated to an early day Sacramentan named Charles Swanston.

In being that Charles died more than 125 years ago, it is understandable that many people in this community would benefit from a history regarding this former local citizen.

Born in Ohio to Ireland natives William and Elizabeth (McCurdy) Swanston on June 21, 1833, Charles was raised in that state, working on his father's farm.

In 1865, Charles made his way to the Golden State, where he would initially work as a stock buyer for various parties.

Charles' next financial endeavor was to establish a butcher's shop.

According to the 1931 book, "History of the Sacramento Valley, California, Vol. 2," Charles' expanded business later became the largest of its kind in the Sacramento Valley and the only packing concern in the capital city.

As part of his business, which became strictly a wholesale operation, Charles owned 200 acres of land about two miles from Sacramento. On that property, he had packing and slaughterhouse structures that included the then latest equipment.

Charles was a large buyer and seller of stock for his business, which was also a feeder of beef cattle in Nevada and Oregon.

The aforementioned 1931 history book notes that Charles had an "unerring judgment in the selection of bullocks, sheep and hogs" and was "a man of great vision and abundant faith in the future development of the Sacramento Valley, a faith that he backed with his time, efforts and money."

In 1861, Charles married the then-21-year-old Nancy M. Powers, who was a native of Beaver County, Penn., and together, they had three children, Lillian, George and Frank.

Nancy died at the age of 35 and her funeral was held at her old residence on K Street, between 18th and 19th streets.

George would eventually join his father in his business, and together they established the meat packing firm, Swanston & Son.

Swanston & Son was in operation as early as 1892, and George, who was a partner and general manager of the business, was heading a branch office in the Stoll Building at the southwest corner of 5th and K streets by at least 1898.

On April 14, 1911, Charles returned home from a trip to Bakersfield and complained of feeling faint. He died in the early morning of the next day before a doctor could arrive at his residence.

An announcement of Charles' death in the April 16, 1911 edition of The San Francisco Call notes that he was "known from the Mexican border to Nevada, Oregon and Idaho as one of the biggest cattlemen in the state" and that through his business he owned large tracts of rich agricultural land in the Sacramento Valley.



The Charles Swanston statue was designed and sculpted by Ralph Stackpole (1885-1973).
Photo by Lance Armstrong

The firm continued to successfully operate following Charles' death.

An example of the business's latter large scale operations appears in a brief news item in the April 5, 1913 edition of The Pacific Rural Press. That item reads: "Swanston & Son have been putting 1,000 head of steers from the San Joaquin Valley on their Colusa, Yolo and Lake county range. The cattle will be sent later to the Klamath Meadows to be finished for beef."

On Nov. 14, 1922, the same publication reported: "Swanston & Son, Sacramento, topped the steer sale (at the California National Livestock Show in San Francisco) by paying 25 cents per pound for the champion shorthorn steer, Straloch Corporal (who was dropped at the Straloch Farm in Davis on Jan. 11, 1921)."

Among the various employees of the firm was Oswald Hall, a butcher who resided at 1930 F St.

Swanston & Son remained in operation until as late as 1926 under its president Robert Swanston, who was the son of George Swanston.

As a tribute to his father, George Swanston donated \$10,000 for the creation of the aforementioned Charles Swanston Memorial Fountain, which sits upon a knoll and includes a statue of Charles that bears the inscriptions: "To the pioneers" and "Erected by George Swanston in memory of his father Charles Swanston."

Although the featured topic of this article is the legacy of Charles, it should be recognized that George's legacy is also substantial.

In addition to his successful business affairs with his father, George, in association

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7th annual Fire Spectacular to be held at Land Park Amphitheater

For the seventh year, Obsidian Butterfly founder, Sequoia, will bring fire troupes to Sacramento for four hours of hot-hot entertainment. In the past, troupes coming from Alaska to Arizona have included the Bay Area's renown Vulcan Crew and Copper Lantern Fire Theater, Davis-based Flux, Redding-based Roma Flame, and local groups such as Nuska Tribe, Brotherhood of Firebenders and more.

To be held Saturday, Sept. 21 from 6-8 p.m., the Fire Spectacular celebrates fire performance art in all its forms with fire breathing, fire eating, fire hooping, fire dancing and more.

Started in 2008 with a grant from the Sacramento Municipal Arts Commission, Fire Spectacular artists use fire performance, music and dance to create captivating display of fiery acts. Adults are \$15 in advance, \$20 at door; youth ages nine to 18 are \$10, children eight and younger are free of charge. The cost is \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. For more information, visit: <http://www.sacredfiredance.com/FireSpectacular.html>

The Land Park News caught up with five of the performers to discuss their love of the art and crazy experiences they've had perfecting their practice.

First, we have **Sequoia whose real name is Jennifer Dawn Criteser**. A fire dancer since 2003, Sequoia has been spinning Poi (non fire) since 2000. She's been a dancer since she was 7 years old and has been practicing yoga since 1997. Over the last two years from December to March both years, she said she has performed 650 fire shows in Japan for a theme park there called Huis Ten Bosch. "It has been a life changing experience."

Simply "for the pure joy of it" is why Sequoia said she devotes so much of her energy, time, and life to fire dancing. "It is my livelihood. I dance because breath gives life to movement and to restrict that movement is to restrict the life force; therefore I dance to infuse my life with the freedom to expand and contract as needed. I dance to inspire others to dance. I dance to heal. I fire dance because it is the most radiant and mesmerizing of all of the dances that has been my greatest teacher.

Next up is **William Mason Gerlach** who goes simply by Wiley. Wiley started on his 18th birthday, four years ago. He was spinning Poi during a performance and another performer on stage next to him lost control of his flaming rope dart and hit



Photos by Cedric Sims Photography
Fire dancers who will perform at this year's fire spectacular.

I fire dance because it gives my life meaning and focus and devotes more than I love than performing my fire dance for others enjoyment. I would travel to the ends of the universe and back with my flaming wings to perform a fire dance show."

Wiley said he enjoys playing with fire for many reasons, especially the excitement and danger. "But I think most of all it's the magic - that moment where the impossible becomes possible,

and potential is endless. If there's one thing that fire dancing has taught me it's that when you commit yourself to something, there will be results. Nothing is too hard, or out of reach, everyone has the potential to make their dreams a reality."

Meet **Rachel Ackerman**, a woman in search of her stage name. This is the beginning of her second year dancing with Obsidian Butterfly. The craziest fire dancing story for Rachel would have to be the fact that

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Judges gear up for chili cook-off at Safetyville USA

Hollywood Park judge discusses the reason for his involvement

By MONICA STARK
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Safetyville USA in Sacramento presents its annual Firefighter Chili Cook-Off fundraiser where firefighters will compete for bragging rights to see who can cook the best chili on Sept. 20 from noon to 4 p.m. While the main event of the day is the chili competition, there is also plenty of fun to be had. There will be activities and demonstrations for the entire family, raffles, entertainment and of course chili tasting.

The Land Park News caught up with Hollywood Park resident Wally Clark, a committee member for the cook-off. Wally is also a past member of the Safety Center Board of Directors and a past member of the Board of Governors at Shriners. Wally discussed more of the details of the fundraiser and the opportunity for the community to work with their firefighters to learn fire safety skills. Upon discussing his love of Safetyville, Wally said: "For me, Safetyville is a place where you can take little kids to learn some of the basics in safety, for such things as riding your bikes. It is a great place for elementary school field trips to learn a variety of lessons on how to be safe in their daily lives. A super place for

a kid's birthday, too. Putting on the Shriners Hospital hat again, Safetyville offers another avenue to get information about burns awareness to kids and families."

Wally relayed a funny story about last year's chili cook-off. "Our booth is located near the Shriner's Hospital, which is near the fence. The fire department helicopter almost blew our tent down when they landed. Nobody complained about any dirt in the chili, though. We were lucky, we were almost all out when the copter landed."

Wally has a chili cooking team that represents the Shriner's Hospital with members including: his friend Bill Dishman, who lives in Hollywood Park and at one time operated Dishman's Quality Meats with his dad next to Capital Nursery; Bob Taylor, also known as "Officer Bob" who is a retired motorcycle officer who lives in Land Park and who is a Shriner and volunteer driver at the Shriner's Hospital. Competing for the People's Choice Award, Wally's team is not in the competition with the firefighters. Describing the chili Wally's team makes, he said, "Our chili last year was the only one that did not use beef or pork. We do a healthier, turkey chili."

Wally will also have an antique Shriner's fire engine that he will bring to the event, which you may



Hollywood Park resident Wally Clark will be bringing this fire truck to the chili cookoff. Photo by Greg Brown

have seen around town, as for the last two years, he brought it to the Hollywood Park 4th of July Parade and other community events such as the C.K. McClatchy Homecoming Parade and the Huntington's Disease Walk. To sum things up, Wally said, "when I started my business, Associated Sound, in the late '60s I was a member of the Active 20-30 Club of Sacramento and serving the community became a tenet of how to do business."

Vice President of Safetyville USA Terry Polvado is the go-to person for the chili cook-off, and just about every other big event at Safetyville. But even for her, a chili

lover, some of chili is just "way too hot." And "I love chili, she said. Terry said besides the judges' award and the people's choice award for best chili, a third contest will be added this year for the best decorated booth. "Some of them get real creative with the booths. We thought there should be some kind of contest for that."

Organizers are looking for about 1,000 visitors to Safetyville for the Firefighters' Chili Cook-off.

Also part of the day's events includes the "bucket brigade" which was started annually as a

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Land Park area artists profiled

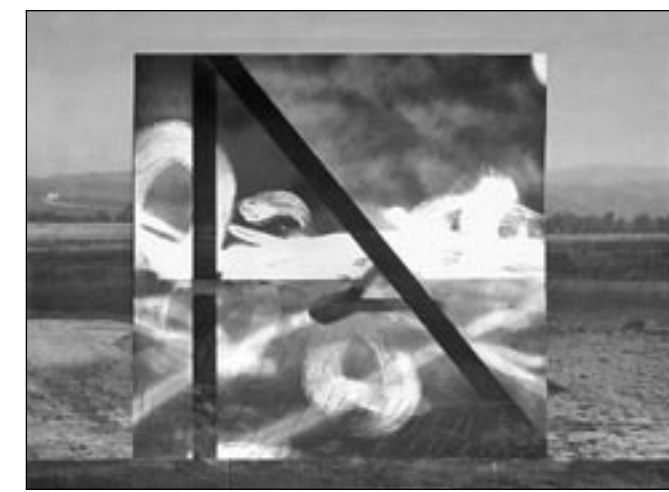
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The following Land Park area studios will be open on the weekend of Sept. 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Three highlights in the vicinity include happenings at the Broadway Augmented Headquarters, the Delta Workshop and at Verge Center for the Arts.

On Saturday at 2 p.m. at the **Broadway Augmented Headquarters**, 2421 17th St., Mario Sotelo, a new media artist and the Lead Modeler for the Broadway Augmented exhibition, will talk about the entire project from early experiments to final execution. He will discuss how he collaborated with the artists to translate their designs into 3D models prepared for the Augmented Reality environment.

There will be a free letterpress demonstration on Sunday, Sept. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at **Delta Workshop**, 2598 21st St. Visitors are invited to watch artists make letter-pressed greeting cards on an antique Golding Pearl floor-model platen press. You can also learn more about this form of printmaking that is currently having a major resurgence. Visitors will get to take a few cards home with them, free of charge.

On both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be monoprint demonstrations at Myrtle Press, located inside **Verge Center for the Arts** (625 S St.) Visitors can tour Sacramento's only printmaking facility open to the public outside of an academic institu-



tion. See examples of different types of prints and see the presses in action. Try your hand at making a monoprint and printing it on the press.

In addition, the Land Park News thanks the following artists for submitting information about their works, which we encourage you, dear reader, to go out and see.

Vann Nguyen will be working out of **EN EM Art Space**, 1714 Broadway. Vann is the co-owner of the gallery and it is also a working studio for him. The new gallery had its debut show on



Shown from the top, left to right: Vann Nguyen's mixed media piece, titled, Frameworks; a ring by jewelry and metal artist, Mary Bartels; a sculpture called "Boat Dreams" by sculptor Marsha Schindler; "Double Joy" by Land Park artist Lisa Culjis; "Delta Sunrise" by painter Elaine Bowers; a storage jar by artist Leslie Thompson; "Balancing Act" a sculpture by Randy Won; a teapot by Miguel Paz.

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Swanston:

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with F.H. McKeivitt, was involved with the 1922 sale of property, which would become William Land Park.

George died on July 23, 1923, prior to the completion of the park and its memorial fountain.

The memorial fountain was mentioned in the Jan. 4, 1923 minutes of the Sacramento City Council, as follows: "Communication from George Swanston (sic) relative to the adoption of plans for the improvement of William Land Park and his offer to build or cause to be built a public drinking fountain to be placed in the William Land Park and to be known

as the Charles Swanston Memorial Fountain was ordered filed."

The memorial, which sits in the park's formal garden area, was designed and sculpted by the famous sculptor, painter, muralist, etcher and art educator Ralph Stackpole (1885-1973). It was officially accepted by the city on June 18, 1926.

Stackpole, who was a native of Williams, Ore., moved to San Francisco when he was 16 years old and became a student at the California School of Design (predecessor of the San Francisco Art Institute) two years later. At that institution, he was a student of painter Arthur F. Mathews (1860-1945). And at the same time, he was an ap-

prentice of sculptor Arthur Putnum (1873-1930).

The great San Francisco earthquake of 1906 destroyed the Nob Hill home of the California School of Design.

Stackpole next studied art in Paris, and, in 1911, he returned to the United States, spending a year studying in New York under the Ohio-born artist Robert Henri (1865-1929).

Stackpole then made his way back to San Francisco, where he established an art studio at 728 Montgomery St. and taught sculpture classes at the California School of Design for many years. He also spent two years teaching the same subject at Mills College in Oakland.

It was during that era of his life that Stackpole cre-

ated many sculpted works, including those for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco and the 1939-40 Golden Gate International Exposition. His works also include murals in Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill in San Francisco and in the Sacramento City College auditorium, and a fountain at Cesar Chavez Plaza on the block bounded by 9th, 10th, I and J streets.

In 1922, Stackpole became friends with the famous Mexican muralist Diego Rivera (1886-1957), who he would bring to San Francisco eight years later.

Stackpole spent the final two decades of his life residing in Chauriat, France.

Like Stackpole, Charles Swanston left a strong legacy in this world.

In addition to his monument and other Swanston named local landmarks, including Land Park's Swanston Way and Swanston Park at 2350 Northrop Ave., Charles has been memorialized through many positive words.

Certainly, among the words that support the worthiness of having a monument dedicated in his honor are the following words published in the aforementioned 1931 book: "Indeed (Charles) was a prominent factor in the commercial development of this city and was recognized as a man of reliable judgment, fine public spirit and genuine worth."

Correction

The photos that went along with last edition's Over the Fence, which featured local residents who belong to the Nashville Songwriters Association International, were not taken by the author but were courtesy of Ted Bazarnik and Gabrielle Kennedy.

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Safetyville:

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part of the firefighter's chili cook-off on Oct. 6, 100 years after the great Chicago fire. At the previous chili cook-offs that had the bucket brigade event, families created a human chain and pass buckets to each other.

Children also get to try on oversized firefighters' clothes at the annual event. "The community gets great joy," Terry says.

For anyone who hasn't been out to Safetyville, it can be described as a 3-and-a-half-acre miniature town with timed street lights, sidewalks, crosswalks, real buildings (including real fire station buildings). Supported by many nationwide and local buildings, there's a McDonald's building, a Round Table Pizza building, a Sacramento Metropolitan Utilities District building, and notably a Capitol building replicate where kids learn about stop, drop and roll.

Safetyville first opened in 1984 and the center celebrated its 30th birthday in June. In connection with the annual safety and health expo, they gave away free ice cream and cake for the kids.

Come November, this will be Terry's silver anniversary working at Safetyville. Speaking about changes she's seen since then, she said they created a tour guide program, started offering birthday parties, five events a year, and began an adopt-a-class program where businesses can donate transportation funds for kids who want to come to Safetyville. In addition, the center, she said is open to the community more than it has been in the past with free bike nights and other community events.

"Instead of limiting (Safetyville) to school kids Monday through Friday, there are oth-

er things going on. And it really is a good resource for safety education for kids."

Terry's quick to add the center has events and programs for all ages, "little kids to seniors. Safetyville is unique. We're a program of the Safety Center Inc., which also runs a workforce safety program, an alcohol and drug program, a motorcycle (program), and a teen (program). We are a 501c3 nonprofit."

Giving a shout-out to those who help keep Safetyville as successful as it is, Terry thanks the volunteer coordinator, Mark Shelton; events coordinator, Angela Tanner; and the office assistant, Pamela Gates – who without, "we wouldn't exist. She knows everything," Terry said. The president and chief executive officer is Liz McClatchy; and above her is the board of directors.

Coming up later this fall at Safetyville is the 23rd annual Halloween Haunt, which will be held this year on Oct. 18. The event will feature a hay bale maze, a pumpkin patch (which will actually be on the grounds throughout the entire month of October), a costume parade, costume contest, 50-cent games.

If you go:

What: Safetyville USA Firefighters' Chili Cook-off

When: Sept. 20, noon to 4 p.m.

Cost: Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children age 5 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at <http://safetycenter.org/events/firefighter-chili-cook-off/> or by phone at 438-3351. They will also be available at the gate the day of the event. All proceeds will go directly to the children's program at Safetyville USA.

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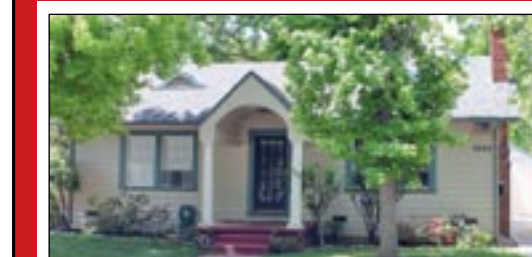


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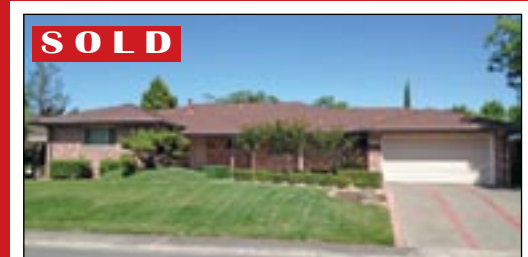


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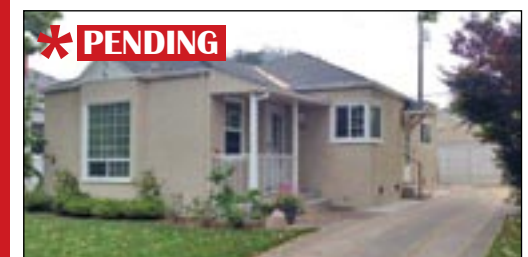


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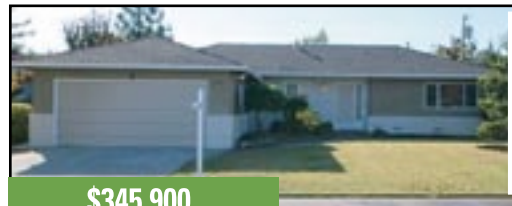
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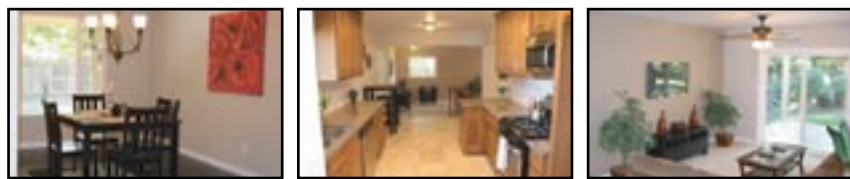
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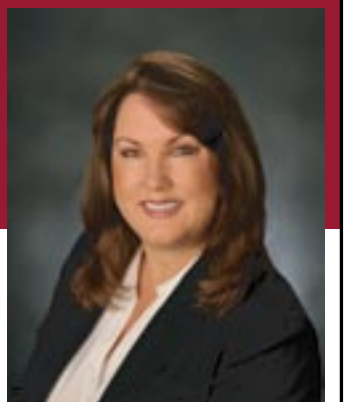
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Step into the Tsuchidas' Shangri-La:

Little Pocket residents showcase koi pond at Sept. 20 tour

By MONICA STARK
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Stepping into the backyard of the Little Pocket home of Mike and Molly Tsuchida is like entering a modern day Shangri-La, as a cat named Brewster takes a cat nap; two dogs, Bailey and Ray Ray tussle with each other on the lawn and 14 koi and nine goldfish swim in a 2,500-gallon gunite pond Mike built. Just last week, Mike was working on a second pond, which he and Molly hope is complete for the upcoming Camellia Koi Club Pond Tour, to be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Tsuchidas' home is the first stop of 10 beautiful locations with ponds of all sizes and a variety of koi.

Come mealtime for the fish, the cat and dogs join the Tsuchidas at the pond. To the fish, the cat and dogs never seem to be a threat; in fact, they are associated with the fish food, since they hang around the pond most often during feedings.

Last year, their grandson Lucas, who was 4 years old at the time, learned how to swim in the pond. The fish have nibbled Brewster's tail; and they have swum beneath Bailey, who used to stand on the ledge and who would often fall inside the pond.

And, yet, the carnivores have not been interested in eating the fish, Mike said. In fact, "the cat wants the fish food, and they come toward me when they see me. It's not that they like me. They just see me as food. Each has a different personality. At least three-fourths of them are really friendly; some are skittish. I can hand feed most of them."

"I love the koi," Molly said. "I never knew anything about fish other than they are tasty. But I swear when (Mike) walks out the door, they hear the door shut, and they come swimming to the edge. You do have favorites. They are kind of like our other pets. They are just in a different form. They are beautiful. They make our backyard a little sanctuary."

In June 2013, the Tsuchidas acquired the goldfish and 17 koi, which at the time were just about 6 to 8 inches in length. Bought from local koi dealers, including Sacramento Koi in Rockland, Koi Enterprise in West Sacramento and the Lincoln Koi Farm at about \$40 each, today the fish vary in length and weight.

Having lost three koi, two from an ammonia imbalance in the water and the other that mysteriously just started acting strange before dying shortly after, Mike said one of the koi they lost was his favorite. "It would follow you around. It was sad."

Its tragic end came on the heels of an exploded Sacramento Municipal Utilities District power line in April, which he said damaged the pond's pump, causing the water quality to quickly diminish.



Photos by Monica Stark



(above) Molly and Mike Tsuchida enjoy each other's company while getting their toes wet inside their koi pond. Koi swim around the Tsuchidas' fish pond in the Little Pocket neighborhood.

(left) Koi gather for food as Mike Tsuchida tosses some into the gunite pond he built in his backyard.

Mike said he has known some Camellia Koi Club members who have had even more tragic events occur in their ponds due to failed pumps. One family experienced the death of 17 koi overnight. "While the husband was away, the next morning, the wife found 17 dead koi. The issue there was that the pond was overstocked," he said. After hearing stories like that, Mike said he felt fortunate he only lost one koi, albeit his favorite fish, after his pond's pump failed.

Yet, because of the potential for overcrowding of his pond with koi, he decided to start construction on a second pond. Being built just outside of the master bedroom, the new pond area will feature a small tea house and glass platform where they can watch the fish swim beneath their feet.

Learning about water health and diseases were amongst the main reasons the Tsuchidas joined the Camellia Koi Club. They have learned about the importance about water temperature, water quality, amounts and types of food.

In addition to the educational value of joining the club, the Tsuchidas have enjoyed the social aspect. It's been said you get invited to some of the best backyards in Sacramento by joining the Camellia Koi Club, which meets the last Sunday of every month in a member's backyard. The August meeting was held at the Granite Bay home of Duane and Melody Carlson and it was a special meeting at that. With an ice cream social for lunch and a koi auction following the meeting, members came back home with full tummies and new fish at a fraction of the cost most retailers charge.

Some of the ponds featured on the upcoming tour on Saturday, Sept. 20 have been built by professionals and others were designed and built by the home owner. Bring a camera and the whole family for a day of adventure. The pond tour costs \$10 for a single person, or just \$15 for the entire family. Buy your tickets at www.camelliakoi.org/pond_tour.html or at one of the locations on the day of the tour.

Japanese had early presence in Riverside-Pocket area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is part one in a series regarding historic Asian districts of Sacramento.

Much has been written about the Portuguese people of the early years of the Riverside-Pocket area in this publication. But it should be recognized that Japanese also have a rich history in that area.

By the 1920s, the Riverside-Pocket area consisted of about two-thirds Portuguese people and about one-third Japanese people.

Certainly, one person who knows a considerable amount about that area's early Japanese history is 91-year-old Riverside area native Shigeo "Rose" (Ishimoto) Takata.

During an interview with this publication last week, Takata recalled some of her early memories of that area.

"I still remember quite a bit of what went on when I was young," said Takata, who was one of the six children of Sehei and Chiyo Ishimoto. "I went to school there (in the Riverside area) in the 1930s. I went to Sutter School (in a building that now houses Cabrillo Civic Club #5 at 4605 Karbet Way)."

In regard to some of the Japanese families of that area, Takata said, "One was named Kanaka, and mine was Ishimoto, of course, and we both had chickens and then we also grew vegetables. But it was mostly chicken. We were a chicken ranch. And there was (the) Kawai (family). They were just strictly (a vegetable farming family). I don't know what kind of (vegetable) farming it was, but (it was vegetable) farming. (The Kanakas) and us, we were mainly chicken farmers. These three Japanese families lived on (the same) property (near Sutter School)."

"There were other (Japanese families) right around the Sutter School there. A bunch of them had poultry farms. We kind of centered right around the school where I lived. There was one other (Japanese family) that was fairly far (away).

Most of us residents had farms. You know where The Trap is? The Trap (which did not yet have that name) was there at the time we were there, too. It was owned by the Pimentels. That's an old bar that's been there for years and years and years. But anyway, around The Trap (at 6125 Riverside Blvd.), around that area, that Greenhaven area, there were a lot of farmers, truck farms. And then further up by (today's) Pocket Road and so forth, around there were (several) Japanese farms. (The farms) went from Pocket Road to the river (levee)."

In response to the inquiry of when her family began residing in the Riverside area, Tanaka said, "I can't say, but my oldest brother (Yoshio) was born in 1914, and they were already here (in the Riverside area). We lived by where the Sutter School was (located) on (the old) Riverside Road. I remember our rural route box number (at that time) was 123. We moved later just before the war (to) Sutterville Heights, which is near William Land Park, in that area."

The 1900 U.S. Federal Census lists the then 20-year-old Japanese native Sehei Ishimoto as a farm laborer residing in the San Joaquin Township of Sacramento County with Japanese immigrants K. Toro (24-year-old head of household) and M. Toro (28-year-old brother of K. Toro). And the same census notes that Sehei immigrated to the United States in 1899.

The San Francisco Call, in its Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1913 edition, recognizes that Sehei and Chiyo were married during the previous day.

Included under a heading, which reads, "SAN FRANCISCO - The following marriage licenses were issued Wednesday (sic), August 19, 1913," are the words: "ISHIMOTO-IWATSUBO - Sehei Ishimoto, 32, and Chiyo Iwatsubo, 20, both of Sacramento."

The 1920 Census notes that Chiyo emigrated from Japan in 1913 and was then residing with her husband and three children on Riverside Road in the Riverside area of Sacramento County.



Rose (Ishimoto) Takata grew up in the historic Riverside area of Sacramento. Photo by Lance Armstrong

In recalling her school days, Takata said, "We were in the Sutter School District. There were people who lived beyond (today's) The Trap (bar, at the present address of 6125 Riverside Blvd.), and attended the Lisbon schools. (That) was another area that had Japanese."

After departing from Sutter School each day, Takata would attend classes at a Japanese school.

In recalling that school, Takata said, "I did go to a Japanese school. Just about everybody did (attend that school). They had classes from first grade to eighth grade, and then on Saturdays they had what they called middle school. There must have been at least 100 kids (who attended the Japanese school). I would think, but I really have no idea. The classes were divided. There were two rooms. From Sutter School where we went, (the Japanese) school was, oh, I would say only about maybe four or five blocks (away). My teacher (at the Japanese school) was Matsumura. I think at one time I knew (her first name)."

Takata also recalled several of her classmates, including Ruth Imoto, Noboru Oto and her best friend, Yaeko Muramoto.

After school, Takata would complete chores on her family's farm.



This photograph from the 1941 C.K. McClatchy High School yearbook shows Rose Ishimoto, who would later become Rose Takata.

Takata later attended California Junior High School at 2991 Land Park Dr. and graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School in June 1941.

After being asked to summarize her life growing up during the Depression, Rose Takata said, "I tell people, we were poor, but we didn't know it. I grew up in the 1930s. We always had food, we always had clothing, and we had a (Japanese) baseball team, you know, we had different things."

SPORTS

CKM Sports Hall of Fame enters third year

By JIM COOMBS
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The C.K. McClatchy Sports Hall of Fame enters its third year featuring athletes and teams mainly from the 1980s. Forty-three athletes, three coaches, and three teams will be inducted on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Asian Sports Foundation Hall off Laguna Boulevard. As of press time, 437 people have signed up to attend, so remaining seats are limited.

The 1980s proved to be a strong decade for McClatchy sports teams. Under Bob Sandoval, the football team began to win again, and the 1984 team is the only team to ever win 10 games in a season.

Led by Donald Hair ('85), who broke the state high school record by scoring 42 touchdowns in a single season, the Lions knocked off No. 1 Christian Brothers and beat Grant in the playoffs before losing to Elk Grove. Against Grant, Hair would score twice in the first half, and Kevin Elam ('86) to Chuck Smith touchdown pass would seal the game.

Junior quarterback Elam (UC Davis), Hair (Sac State), and senior flanker Craig Bowers (Fresno State) would be named All-City and All-Superior California. Junior defensive tackle Peter Gould ('86) would make first team All-City and wide receiver/linebacker Zebadee Brye would make the 2nd team All-City.

Hair would be honored as "Prep of the Week" by the Sacramento Bee, the Sacramento Union, FM102, Quad 106, and channels 3, 10, 13, and 40. He would be named Sacramento's Football Player of the Year for 1984 and was featured in Sports Illustrated.

Dennis Gastinell was a bruising fullback, and Shane Turner (San Francisco State) a blocking tight end. The line consisted of Todd Barmby, center; Bob Taylor and Mike Werblum, guards; and John Morehead, and Clenzo Johnson, tackles.

Doug Farmer, end; Gould, tackle; Richard Dalrymple, tackle; Brye, linebacker; and Chuck Smith, safety were top defensive stars, with Mike O'Malley the kicker. Mike DeNecochea backed up Hair and returned kicks.

One of the top games of the year was against Davis in the pre-season. Davis had star running back Mark Hicks who would play at UC Berkeley. With Davis marching late in the game to take the lead, Hair stripped Hicks of the ball at the one-yard line and ran 99 yards for a 27-18 win.

Athletes with names in bold print will be inducted into the 2014 CKM Sports Hall of Fame, and players from selected teams attending the banquet will receive medals.

McClatchy wrestling under coach Greg Fong was a Sacramento powerhouse in the mid-1980s. He had a winning combination in the 84-85 season with seniors Andy Lopez (captain), Jahlani Bent, Eric Guillen, Matt Poole, Richard Dalrymple, and juniors Mark Sprenger and Leo Woodfork.

Coach Fong's game plan was to present the most strategic lineup to each opponent. The key to this was the versatility of the wrestling squad



Photo courtesy
Top row: Chales Becker, Tammi Smith, Rochelle Noda, Heather Johnson. Second row: Ingrid Collins, Corine Onga, Karena Moy. Third row: Melanie Conti, Sundae Brooks, Allison Okubo, Krissi Sakamoto. Bottom: Krista Margetich, Tracy Uda.

that included Juan Bonillas, Jimmy Culleton, Stanford Hirata, Rafael Perez, James Sprenger, Andy Blanco, Phillip Herndon, and Jeff Friend.

They took home the Metro League dual meet championship and won the Metro League tournament that year, building a foundation of excellence that carried on for several years. Team members included:

98 lbs Juan Bonilla/Jimmy Culleton; 105 lbs Stanford Hirata; 112 lbs Andy Lopez; 119 lbs Jahlani (Jay) Bent/ Christian Clinger; 126 lbs Mark Sprenger; 132 lbs Rafael Perez; 138 lbs Mike Bruce/ James Haldeman; 145 lbs Matt Poole/James Sprenger; 154 lbs Eric Guillen; 165 lbs Andy Blanco/Tony Blanco; 175 lbs Phillip Herndon, Mike Tabor/Danny Victorio; 191 lbs Leo Woodfork; Heavyweight Richard Dalrymple/ Jeff Friend.

Lopez, M. Sprenger, and Guillen won gold medals in the Metro League meet, while Bent, Woodfork, and Dalrymple took second place. Hirata, Poole, and Herndon finished 3rd. Guillen, Sprenger, and Woodfork finished second in the sub-sections.

Cross-country and track would rebound dramatically under coach Dub Carter, who is being inducted posthumously. Almost every school day in the 80's, you could see Carter and his Lion runners racing through Land Park in the late afternoon.

Inductee Liz Baccigaluppi (81) would become McClatchy's first great female distance runner, leading the Lions to victory in both cross-country and track. As the decade rolled on, the Lions dominated the Metro-league in both boys' and girls' cross-country and track.

Baseball would continue its winning tradition throughout the 1980's, the first eight years under the leadership of Hall of Fame inductee coach Bernie Church. In the late 70's and early 80's, the Lions would come within

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This class is designed for the needs and abilities of active older adults, who are interested in gaining or maintaining mobility, 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. \$5 per class if pre-paid; drop-in fee is \$6. ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr., 393-9026 x330, www.accsv.org.

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This class is designed for the needs and abilities of active older adults, who are interested in gaining or maintaining mobility. The class consists of a mix of full body stretches, body weight exercises, strength training, and active stretching. 5:00-6:00 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. \$5 per class if pre-paid. Pre-registration and pre-payment is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome at a rate of \$6 per class. Held at ACC Senior Services Center, 7375 Park City Dr., Sacramento, 393-9026 x330, www.accsv.org.

Community Skill Exchange (time bank) monthly potluck/meeting

On the second Thursday of the month, monthly meetings will be held at the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. Information presentation and questions will be discussed between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Interested new friends encouraged to attend. Potluck and sharing is 6:15- 7:30 p.m. Members and past friends welcome. Please bring a dish to share and be prepared to record ingredients before serving. 3333 3rd Ave., Oak Park. Community Room (Big Blue Door on 34th Street)

Sacramento Zoo needs wheelchairs

The Sacramento Zoo is looking for a few "gently used" wheelchairs, 808-5888. Your wheelchair can be a tax deductible donation, and four zoo tickets will be offered as a thank you.

Support group for alienated grandparents

Meeting is the last Friday of each month at 2717 Cottage Way, suite 4. Meeting is at noon. 761-9121.

Tai Chi at Hart Senior Center

Focuses on low impact form of ancient Chinese exercise, combining slow movements with relaxation. Mondays, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27 St. Try it once for free! Stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact 808-5462. Cost: \$18 for 4 classes.

Zumba for Seniors at Hart Senior Center

Zumba for Seniors incorporates physical exercise and dance steps to the rhythms of Cumbia, Merengue, Mambo, Salsa, Samba, and much more. Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am and Fridays 3:45-4:45 p.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27 St. Sacramento (27th and J streets). Try it once for free! For more information or to register, stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact 808-5462. Cost: \$16 for 4 classes.

Active Yoga at Hart Senior Center

Increase your strength and flexibility, improve balance, and enhance the ability to relax and release stress. Class began July 7 and are Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Ethel MacLeod Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Classes will not be held Nov. 3, 5, 10 and 12. For more information or to register, stop by the Hart Senior Center front desk or call 808-5462. Cost: \$35 for five classes or \$70 for 10 classes. Try the class once for free and see if Active Yoga is right for you.

Singers with Hart

Experienced and beginning singers age 50 and above are welcome. New sessions start every nine weeks and are held at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento (27th and J streets). Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit the Hart Senior Center front desk or contact (916) 808-5462. Cost: \$15.

Rotary Club of South Sacramento accepting applications for funding from crab feed

The Rotary Club of South Sacramento and its 501(c)(3) charitable foundation are accepting applications for funding from the proceeds of the annual Crab Feed, to be held on Jan. 24, 2015. It is our intent to select one to three organizations for our annual giving based upon the organizations' submitted applications. Deadline for applications is Sept. 2. Visit www.southsacrotary.org for more information and to apply.

Run with a Recruiter

Every Friday at 6 a.m., the public is invited to join the Sacramento Police Department. This provides a unique opportunity for potential police candidates and those in the hiring process to run together.

Emotions Anonymous

Meets regularly Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Meeting information is available at www.emotionsanonymous.org. Free 12-step program/support group for those who desire to become well emotionally healthy. Acquire a new way of life, sharing experiences, and learning to live with unsolved emotional problems. Meets Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parkside Community Church 5700 South Land Park Dr.; Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Sierra Arden Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave (at Northrup), Room F-4. Thursday 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1615 Morse Ave. (at Arden Way) left of choir room. An optional newcomer orientation occurs on Saturdays from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Wellness Recovery Center, 9719 Lincoln Dr. Ste. 300. Also on Saturday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be a topic for discussion at WRC, 9719 Lincoln Dr., Ste. 300.

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 Freeport Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays. \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Each second Tuesday of the month at Revolution Wines at 6:30 p.m., Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. 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. 2831 S St. Visit www.womenwithgoodspirits.com or find the group on Facebook.

The Community Housing and Services Coalition monthly meetings

Originally created by the Sacramento Community Services Planning Council, the Community Housing Coalition (CHC) was

created as a vehicle to provide information and educate community leaders and decision makers regarding housing for low income, disabled and older adults. CHSC monthly meetings are free and open to the public; they are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Sacramento Sheriff's South Area Office Community Room at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento (the Sacramento County Voters Registrar Building). At each meeting a guest speaker is invited to attend and give a 30-minute presentation with 10 minutes for Q&A. Speakers are selected for their expertise and knowledge in their respective fields, and agencies/organizations. The speakers are encouraged to provide handouts, fliers, and other informational materials to the 15 to 30 attendees.

If you have any questions, please contact either: Alex Eng at 424-1374; email xeng916@sbcglobal.net; or Cindy Gabriel at 916/732-6189; email cynthia.gabriel@smud.org.

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 Freeport Boulevard, 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays. \$7 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

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 St. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com. Meeting/Membership info: 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Food trucks at Carmichael Park

Every first Thursday of the month from 5 to 8 p.m. (July will be held on July 10) food trucks hit Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Road.

The Sacramento Capitolaire meetings

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.capitolaire.org, call 888-0877-9806, or email info@capitolaire.org

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 Freeport Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

The Mission Oaks Computer Club meeting

Sept. 11: From 1 to 3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. The meeting will include a problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information visit our website at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org or send an email to mocc@missionoakscomputerclub.org.

Colonial Heights Park movie night

Sept. 12: Movie under the stars at Colonial Heights Park, starting at 7 p.m.

Knit Together! - Pocket Library (Adult)

Sept. 12: Carrie Parker a Pocket-Greenhaven resident and self-professed knit-a-holic is bringing her needles to the library at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in knitting—even an absolute beginner—is invited to join us. Participants can learn to knit get help on current projects or general advice from expert knitters. There might even be some great conversations too. Don't forget to bring your knitting needles and yarn! Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr.

Sacramento Play Summit

Sept. 13: The Sacramento Play Summit will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Central Library, 828 I St. Dr. Stuart Brown, founder of the National Institute for Play and author of "Play: How it Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination, and Invigorates the Soul," will be a featured keynote speaker. Early bird registration is available through Aug. 31: \$35 per person; \$25 students, seniors, members of Fairytale Town, Friends of the Sacramento Library, and ScholarShare account holders. General registration begins Sept. 1: \$45 per person; \$35 students, seniors, members of Fairytale Town, Friends of the Sacramento Library, and ScholarShare account holders. www.fairytaletown.org, 808-7462.

Sacramento's Farm to Fork Week 2014

Sept. 13: On Saturday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m., kick off Sacramento's Farm to Fork Week 2014 with a communal commitment to end hunger in our region. This sit down dinner for 150 features appetizers and a dinner menu from the best local farms and producers. Your ticket buys two meals – one for you and one for a neighbor who has experienced food insecurity. Trinity Cathedral Church, 2620 Capitol Ave. For more information, and for dinner tickets visit: Farm-to-Every-Fork-Sacramento.Eventbrite.com

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13th Annual Aging Well Health Fair at the YMCA

Sept. 17: From 9 to 11:30 a.m., participate in fun workshops for older adults, and learn from local vendors about nutrition, health, fitness, diabetes prevention, health care, dance, art, animal adoption, housing, childcare services, gardening, transportation, communication, legal services, volunteerism, and more. 2021 W St.

Dealing with College Stress @ Pocket Library (Teen)

Sept. 17: Applying to college is stressful but there are many ways to make the process easier. Good preparation can be the key. On Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m., hear how to make a plan for the 12 months leading up to the application deadline and get insight into what is causing the stress for both students and their parents. Learn how to balance the many worries pressures and concerns of the entire application process and senior year such as extracurricular activities parental expectations academic requirements and not knowing where you will be accepted. Walk away with insights that will enable you to enjoy your senior year of high school. Space is limited so please register online at www.saclibrary.org or call 264-2920. Registration is required. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is located at 7335 Gloria Dr.

Genealogical Association meeting announced

Sept. 17: The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will welcome Janice Sellers to their meeting. The title of her lecture will be, "They died in San Francisco." The meeting is held in the Belle Cooleage Library at 5600 South Land Park Dr. The doors open at noon. The public is welcome. Please join our group for an interesting afternoon. Questions email melnesia@comcast.net

Embroiderers' Guild of America meeting

Sept. 17: Join the Embroiderers' Guild of America Camellia Chapter at 6:30 p.m. at the Carmichael Park Veterans' Hall, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael, for our annual sal-

ad potluck. Bring a salad to share and any needlework items you want to include in the stash swap. Guests welcome. Free. 961-3558.

Recruitment coffee hour: Become a Casa Garden volunteer

Sept. 18: Combine community service with fun as a volunteer with the Los Ninos Service League by working in the dining room, kitchen or garden at the Casa Garden Restaurant. Since 1974, the Casa, located in the Curtis Park neighborhood, has been raising funds to help support the Sacramento Children's Home. For more information, come to "recruitment coffee" on Sept. 18 at 9:30 a.m., at 2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento. RSVP at 452-2809.

Food truck festival at Garcia Bend Park

Sept. 19: Enjoy food from various food trucks at Garcia Bend Park, 5 to 8 p.m. 7654 Pocket Road.

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Talk Like a Pirate Day

Friday, Sept. 19: From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., join Fairytale Town in celebrating international Talk Like a Pirate Day. Learn pirate vocabulary, songs of the seas and tales of adventure on the high seas at "Pirate Skool," presented by the Pirates of Sacramento. Weekday admission is \$4.50 for adults and children ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and younger are free; www.fairytaletown.org or call 808-7462.

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Hall of Fame:

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a game and a half of winning five titles in six years.

Baseball hall of fame inductees include Dion James (80), Jon Leake (81), John Mikacich (84), Greg Chenu (86), Pat Zalasky (88), Aaron Fuller (89), and Pat Wallace (89). Wallace would earn All-City honors in soccer, basketball, and baseball as a senior.

Boys' basketball would also rebound strongly through the 80's with the 1988 team winning 20 games and two tournaments. The 1989

team went to Hawaii to win a tournament and finished high in the Metro League under coach Harvey Tahara. They were building for the 90's, a decade of superiority.

The 80s would produce outstanding female athletes who were nurtured by 1970s/1980s softball and soccer leagues, and local swimming and tennis clubs. Maureen O'Conner Nowak ('83), Shannon Padovan ('86), Karen Henderson ('88), Krista Margetich ('88), Charmian Coombs Tallman ('89), and Tammy Olson Rocco ('89)

are Hall of Fame inductees this year

Asian youth basketball would begin to produce a long series of male and female athletes throughout the decade. Last year's inductee Jeff Ota ('79) would be the first, and the 80s would produce Bonnie Lee ('82), Cary Kushida ('83), Gayle Ichio ('87), Pat Wallace ('89), and many star players of the 87-88 Metro League champion girls' basketball team. The 90s would have many more.

Girls' basketball would continue to develop, when in 1987-88, the girls' team, under Hall of Fame inductee Charlie Becker, would win their first Metro League championship. Hall of Fame inductees Margetich ('88) and Sundae Brooks ('89) would lead the team in scoring and rebounding.

Guard Allison Okubo led the team with 119 assists. Krissy Sakamoto, Ingrid Collins, Tracy Uda, Heather Johnson, Corine Onga, and Tammi Smith all contributed nightly. Melanie Conti, Rochelle Nada, and Kristina Moy rounded out the team.

Overall the team was 18-8 and they won the Metro League with an 11-3 record. All-Metro League Brooks would lead the Lions in scoring and rebounding. "Brooks was everything a coach was looking for in a player. She could rebound, shoot, and play multiple positions. She was also a team leader."

Brooks would lose most of her senior year with an injured ankle. Margetich would be All-Metro in both basketball and softball, and be the first player in McClatchy history to play in two Optimist All-Star games: basketball and softball.

Other outstanding members from the '80s include Eric Ross ('80), Leake ('81), and Russ Ortega ('85) for basketball; Kevin (KC) Clark ('82), Mikacich ('84), and Jeff Chenu ('88) for football, and Randy Gregson ('88) for golf. Fifteen athletes from the 40s thru the 70s will also be inducted.

Last chance to get tickets!!! The CKM Sports Hall of Fame expects to sell out by the last week in September. Go to restotheroar.org for information or call Bob Ser-tich at 441-0657 for ticket availability.

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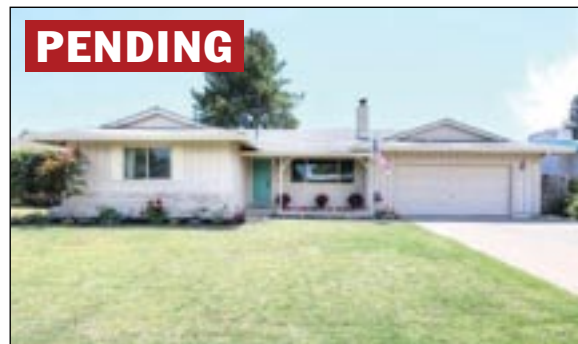
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