

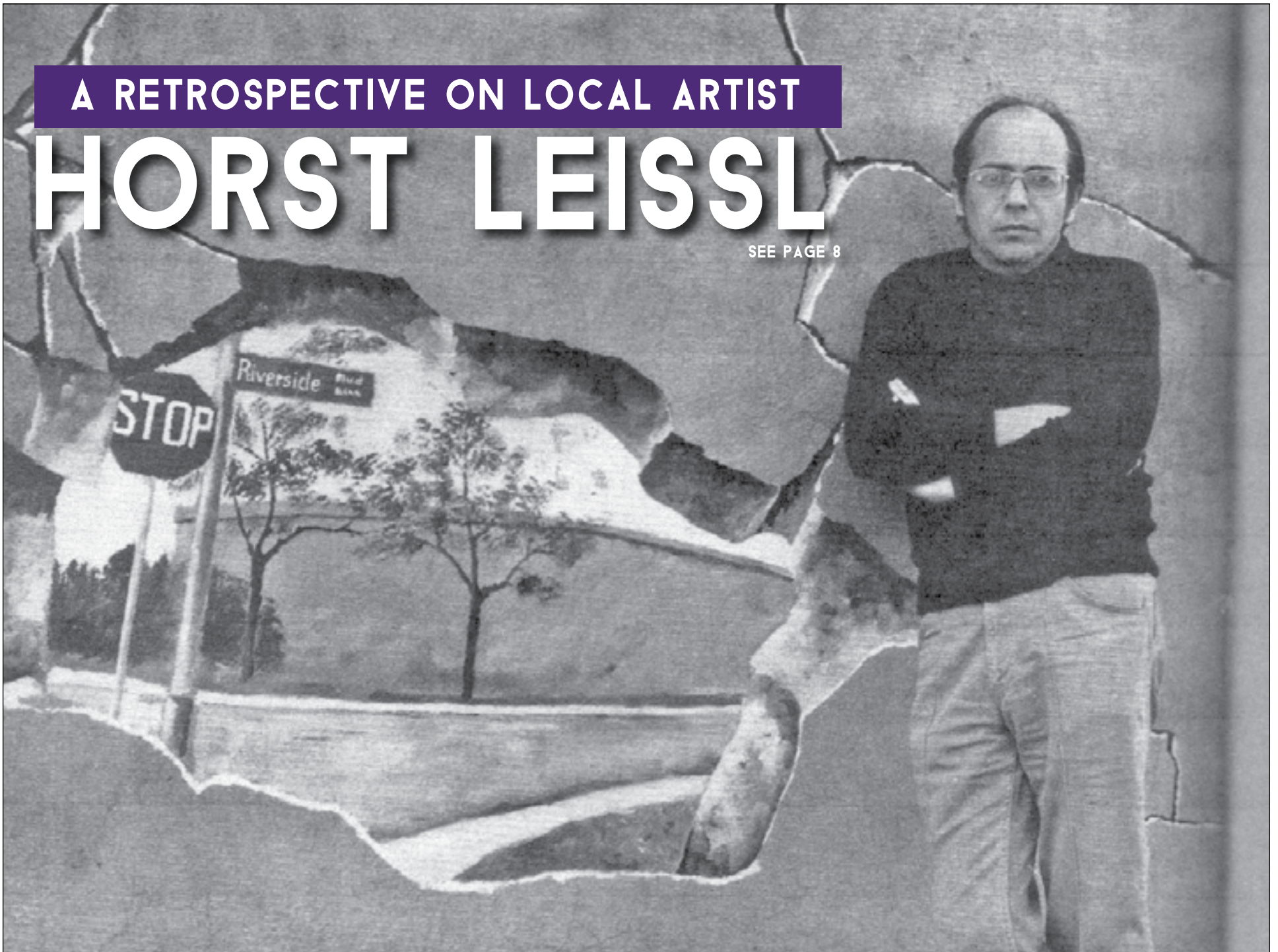
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Over the Fence



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Eclectic yard sale in the HP

The annual Hollywood Park Neighborhood Mega Yard Sale is Saturday, Oct. 3. This fun neighborhood event has been going on since 2003. HP residents Kathy Spitzer and Debbie Keller, with help from Dwight Coleman and Mona Royster, launched it back when they were Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association board members.

Bargain shoppers will be trolling the neighborhood looking for deals and treasures at the Mega Yard Sale. More than 50 residents will be participating, hence the Mega.

Hollywood Park is an eclectic neighborhood, which means the yard sale will probably be a bit eclectic, too.

I toured the Mega Yard Sale last year and got to know some neighbors and also sift through all their memories up for sale. You get to know a person by the items they have at their yard sale; "Oh, I didn't know Kevin was such a big Gnome collector."

I love the yard sale stories on the news where a guy buys a Jackson Pollock masterpiece for a dollar or the painting of JFK that was worth thousands.

Who knows? Maybe you'll get lucky and find a rare art piece for a dollar.

Simple tips for yard sale shoppers: Don't dress like you're headed to the yacht club, get there early, and bring small bills. Oh yeah, and don't forget your haggling hat!



One of the murals at the Panama Artists Collective

Second Saturday at Panama Pottery

Panama Pottery and the Panama Artists Collective on 24th Street had a steady stream of neighbors, patrons, and customers visit on Second Saturday.

Maria Vargas over at Panama Pottery was having a fall pottery sale to coincide with the 2015 Sacramento Open Studios. She was floating

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Congratulations to movie reviewer Matías Antonio Bombal

By MONICA STARK
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The Sacramento Film & Music Festival honored The Land Park News' movie reviewer Matías Antonio Bombal for this year's Film Arts Service Award, an honor given out to those who have dedicated their lives to supporting those who have worked in local film production and appreciation. The festival, which opened up with the award ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 9 and ended Sunday, Sept. 14 at Jean Runyon Theater at the Memorial Auditorium, celebrates and showcases filmmaking from around the world and also fosters the creative works of local filmmakers in California's Capital region.

According to a Sacramento Press article from a past year, Tony Shepard, co-director of the Sacramento Film and Music Festival, past Film Arts Service Awards recipients include Shawn Sullivan who has a track record teaching animation at Sheldon High School and watching his students go on to great success at companies such as Pixar, Bill Bronston who has directed the Tower of Youth film festival for many years and championed the cause of youth filmmakers, and Ron Cooper, Executive Director of Access Sacramento and the force behind 11 years of their "A Place Called Sacramento" screenwriting and filmmaking program.

A biography about Bombal appeared in the festival program as follows: "Born in Santiago, Chile in 1967, and a Sacramentan since 1976, Matías Antonio Bombal fell in love with film when he first saw Walt Disney's 'Fantasia' at the age of three. He developed a similar passion for

film exhibition and historical movie theaters, and was instrumental in the reopening of the Crest Theatre in 1986, where he programmed film until 1991.

"Numerous other theater associations and revivals were accompanied by a career in television and radio, often introducing or discussing movies, which in turn led to many invitations to emcee regional film arts events such as the Crocker Art Museum's outdoor film series. He is also the producer and director of 'The Sacramento Picture,' a documentary made in partnership with the Center for Sacramento History to showcase the Center's extensive film archives.

"His latest venture is the characteristically timeless MABHollywood.com, where he reviews current theatrical releases in his own unique style, most notably black and white reviews from his vintage-themed studio. He writes for several area publications (*Ed note: The print publications include The West Sacramento News-Ledger, Valley Community Newspapers' East Sacramento News, Pocket News, Land Park News and Arden-Carmichael News*), is heard regularly on local radio, distributes his reviews internationally, and is a constant proponent of film, film history, and the associated arts that complement it."

The MAB (Matías Antonio Bombal) Hollywood archives is a collection of videos on YouTube, pieces and recordings of saved work "my old TV work, some of which were horrible. There are around 50 or 60 pieces floating around YouTube," he said. Currently, he is in the process of restoring his interview with great Eartha Kitt, actress, singer, cabaret star, dancer, stand-up comedian, activist and voice artist who many remember her as Catwoman in the fi-

nal season of the 1960s television series, "Batman."

As a film/music historian Matías has contributed to many books on film history, especially on the silent and early "talkie" era.

Introducing Bombal for the award was photojournalist Mike Carroll of KCRA TV, the award's past recipient, which KCRA has called a talented man behind the camera who has had a unique impact on the creative community.

Carroll sent Valley Community Newspapers' an accolade about Bombal, as follows:

"I first moved to Sacramento in October 1989 for my job as a TV news cameraman at KCRA-3 News. I was working one Sunday and was assigned to go over to the Crest Theatre to shoot some footage of people going to see the holiday screening of White Christmas. I went and talked with a number of moviegoers who came to the Crest every year to see either 'White Christmas' or 'It's A Wonderful Life.'

"Then the movie started and I stayed to shoot a few minutes of the movie, fully expecting to see an old, scratched 16mm square print. To my total amazement, a widescreen 35mm print was being projected on the screen. I wanted to call the newsroom and tell them I was taking a two-hour lunch break so I could stay and watch the movie.

"Later I learned that Matias Bombal, who was at the Crest at the time, scheduled the best 35mm prints of classic films that he could find. Being a cineaste, I was a big fan of Matias' cinema devotion and dedication ever since.

"Over the years I have run into Matias Bombal at many cinema-related events—film festivals, special screenings, celebrations of filmmaker's



Photo by Stephen Crowley
Congratulations to Matias Antonio Bombal, the Land Park News' movie critic. He won this year's Film Arts Service Award and was presented with it at opening night of the Sacramento Film and Music Festival, which was held at Memorial Auditorium's Jean Runyon Little Theater on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

works and wakes for filmmakers who have passed.

"And Matias always has kind and congratulatory words of encouragement for everybody.

"I sincerely believe that when Matias has his yearly physical and has bloodwork done that film is drawn from his veins—16mm, 35mm, 70mm, Academy ratio, widescreen, color, black & white.

"I'm exceedingly proud to present the Sacramento Film & Music Festival's Film Service Award to Matias Bombal, a man who is a true lover of film, and who loves to share and spread its wonders and magic to everyone he meets."

In television for more than 25 years, often working as a one-man

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StoryCorps continue at Belle Cooledge Library through Oct. 9

By BARRY WISDOM
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Being longtime Capital Public Radio listeners, Jack and Sherri Z. Heller were well aware of the local National Public Radio affiliate's partnership with StoryCorps, the nonprofit agency dedicated to archiving oral histories of everyday Americans.

So when the Sacramento couple learned the StoryCorps mobile studio was returning to California's capital to record a new collection of first-person recollections, they made a reservation to visit the Airstream-housed "booth" currently parked in front of Sacramento's Belle Cooledge public library.

Emily Janssen, the program's site manager, and her two storyteller facilitators – Erika Romero and Dani-

elle Andersen – welcomed their first memoir-sharing volunteers, as well as curious visitors to tour the breadbox-shaped trailer Thursday during an open-house kick-off celebration.

The StoryCorps event is scheduled to continue through Oct. 9 in the Belle Cooledge Library parking lot at 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento.

"Having listed to CPR for a long time, I was, of course, familiar with StoryCorps," said Sherri Z. Heller, 61. "I had always wanted to tell my story, but had never gotten around to it until this year."

Like so many of those who choose to participate in the program, Heller's story – which she shared during her Friday interview session – was both very



StoryCorps facilitator Erika Romero and site manager Emily Janssen pose for a shot while seated at the mobile studio's booth. Photos by Barry Wisdom

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- 16 Veneer
- 17 Kind of advice
- 19 Right-leaning?
- 20 Any thing
- 21 Deprive of courage
- 23 Book for school
- 24 Like some exercises
- 26 Snowman prop
- 28 Tie up
- 30 Acoustic
- 34 Lead ore
- 37 Waterwheel's channel
- 39 "Give it ___!"
- 40 Wrap
- 42 Not just "a"
- 43 Protagonist, often
- 45 It's more than a job
- 47 Receive at the door
- 48 Whirl about
- 50 10 C-notes
- 52 Chic
- 56 Boris Godunov, for one
- 59 False move
- 61 Affirm
- 62 Even though
- 64 Chief artery
- 66 Classic theater name
- 67 BBs, e.g.
- 68 Trick taker, often

DOWN

- 1 Brown shade
- 2 About to explode
- 3 Fizzle, with "out"
- 4 Fold, spindle or mutilate
- 5 Pension beneficiary
- 6 Stop, as a flow
- 7 Skipper's spot
- 8 Buckwheat pancakes
- 9 "Dig in!"
- 10 Open mike night participant
- 11 Game piece
- 12 Multi-user OS
- 13 Bargain
- 18 Be theatrical
- 22 Fourth in a series
- 25 Not worthy of
- 27 Examine by touching
- 29 File
- 31 Miles per hour, e.g.
- 32 Advil target
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- 34 Kind of warfare
- 35 Biology lab supply
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- 38 EST in NY, e.g.
- 41 Madonna hit from 1990
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- 46 À la king?
- 49 File menu option
- 51 "Come here ___?"
- 53 For the birds?
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Bicycle shops have long history in the capital city

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is the first article in a series dedicated to the history of various past and present local bicycle shops.

Sacramento has a rich history when it comes to the business of selling bicycles.

Whether used for general transportation or sport, bicycles have been popular in the capital city since the 19th century. And fortunately for Sacramentans during the city's early bicycling years, there were local places to purchase these two-wheeled vehicles.

In the 1880s, Weinstock & Lubin advertised for the sale of men's and boys' bicycles and children's velocipedes in its store at 4th and K streets.

The use of the wording, "men's and boys' bicycles," in

those advertisements is significant, in that bicycle riding was considered a one-gender activity during that era.

In 1888, for instance, a Washington, D.C. correspondent for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat commented: "If my letter should show streaks of insanity in it, or signs of a mental paralysis on the part of the writer, I beg you will make allowances. I saw a sight one evening last week calculated to sear the eyeballs of one whose optical orbs are usually in a condition of coolness bordering on congelation. I saw a woman go by on a bicycle! On a bicycle, I repeat; a vehicle with two wheels only, one of which was directly behind the other. Her feet – not to use a stronger term – were on both sides of the connecting bar; balancing precisely as a man would, and her low-

er extremities were flopping and kicking in a lively manner. There was a flutter of lace and a flash of skirts whenever the respective ends of the walking beam went up. And I thought I had struck a crazy ballet dancer running away with some man's machine."

The Sacramento Union, in its June 24, 1882 edition, notes: "There are a dozen good bicyclists in Sacramento now. The number should increase. Wheelmen are great in number in the East. Our level drives give the finest bicycle routes in the world."

Bicycles were common enough on Sacramento streets by the mid-1880s to have a bicycle ordinance, which was mentioned in the July 14, 1886 edition of The Union, as follows: "Chief of



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In tweed-inspired attire, bicyclists such as this gentleman, took to the streets of Sacramento on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2014. The ride took the fun group through Midtown with a stop at the Ella McClatchy Library and at Camp Pollock north of the American River where they enjoyed a picnic lunch together.

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Bicycle:

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Police Dillman has instructed the police force to enforce the ordinance prohibiting persons from riding bicycles and velocipedes on the sidewalks of J, K, L and M streets and the streets intersecting them, west of Tenth Street. A lady was knocked down by a bicycle on Second Street, between J and K (streets) last Saturday, and seriously bruised."

It was also in 1886 when Sacramento became home to the Capital City Wheelmen, which evolved into today's Capital City Motorcycle Club, which has its clubhouse at 2414 13th St. in the Land Park area.

An advertisement in the Dec. 8, 1888 edition of The Union mentions that the inventory of Dale & Co, a then-34-year-old music and fancy goods store at 625 J St., included bicycles, tricycles and velocipedes.

Another advertisement in the Jan. 2, 1892 edition of the same paper notes that E.W. Melvin & Co., at 718 K St., was in the business of buying, selling, renting and exchanging bicycles.

One of that store's main owners, Eugene W. Melvin, who resided at 2401 O St., suffered a debilitating injury in 1891, when a stand of seats fell at the state Agricultural Park at 20th and G streets.

However, following the accident, Melvin, who was living in San Jose by 1893, was able to eventually ride a bicycle.

It was also during the early part of the 1890s when a business, known as Sacramento Cyclerly was in operation at 1019 9th St. The

establishment, which was managed by Walter B. Morrill, was a branch of Edwin Mohrig's bicycle shop at 110-112 Golden Gate Ave. in San Francisco.

And fast forwarding to 1899, the city directory for that year recognizes five businesses under the heading of "bicycles and bicycle supplies."

Those businesses were:

Jordan & Banta, 1010 J St., bicycles. Luther C. Jordan lived 1419 E St. and James F. Banta was a resident of 401 13th St.

Charles M. Campbell, 411-413 K St., carpets, furniture, stoves and bicycles. Campbell was a resident of 1427 O St.

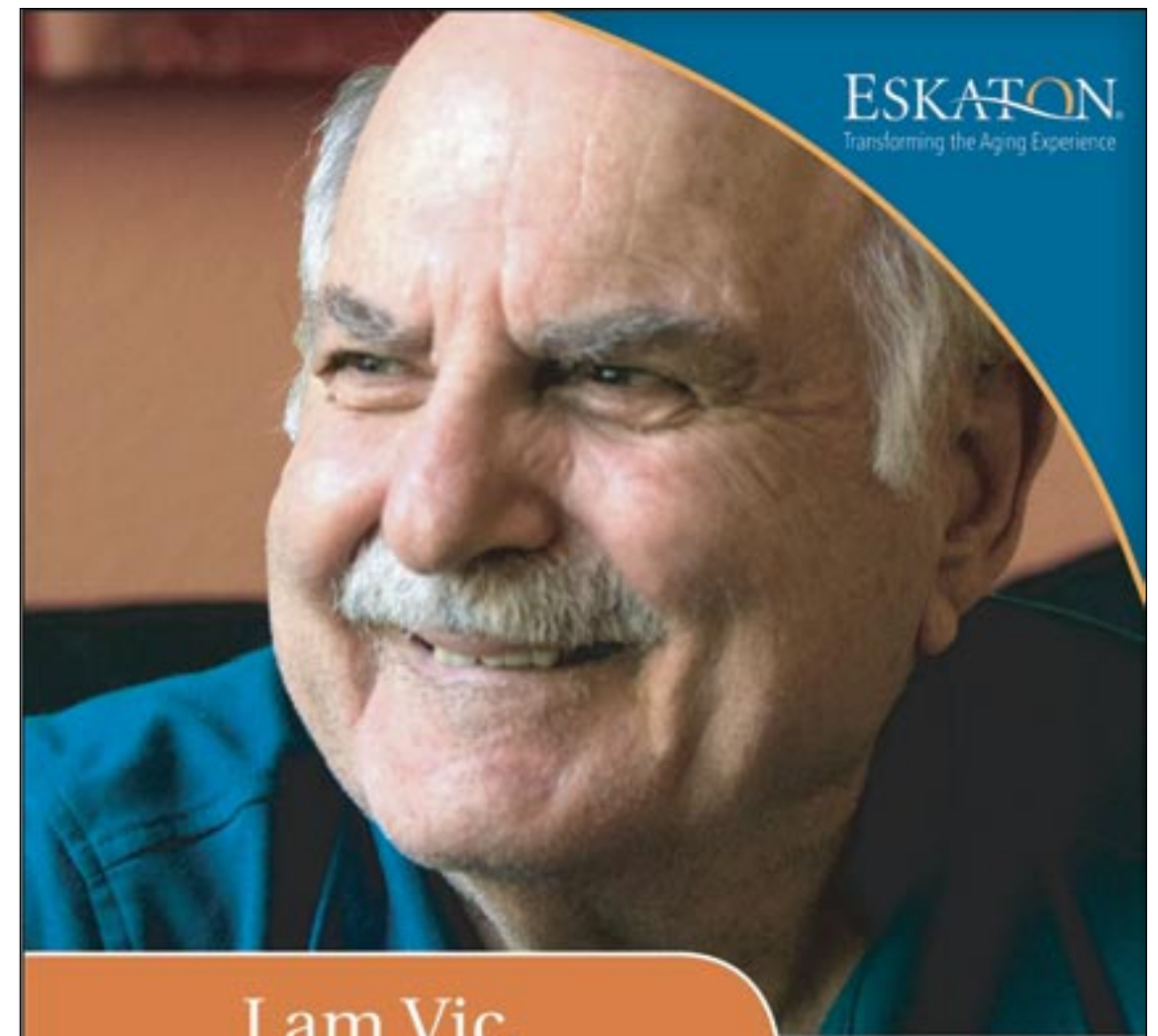
William H. Eckhardt, 609-611 K St., guns, pistols and ammunition, fishing tackle, sporting goods and bicycles. Eckhardt lived at 822 17th St.

Frank M. Jones, 725 K St., agent rambler, Waverly, Barnes, Sterling and Ivanhoe bicycles, and Smith Premier typewriters. Jones' home was located at 1515 17th St.

Kimball & Upson, 625-627 J St., sporting goods, bicycles, guns, ammunition and fishing tackle. M. Nixon Kimball resided at 1314 6th St. and Laren S. Upson lived at 1010 F St.

Mittie B. Landreth sold bicycles at 913 K St. She resided at the same address.

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A retrospective on artist Horst Leissl

By JAMES PEYTON
Special to the Land Park News

As I child I was fascinated by The Incredible Hulk. Just about every morning from kindergarten through first grade, I looked out the window of the car and saw "The Hulk" bursting through the wall, granite flying, water splashing, the wall full of cracks, rips, and tears. Strange, cryptic looking images could be seen in the largest holes. A hand could be seen reaching through the cracks, like something out of the cover of Clint Eastwood's Escape from Alcatraz. To a child who carried around a large Hulk doll with torn purple pants and a ripped white shirt, and watched Lou Ferrigno become the hulk on television in the evening, this was a dream

come true. The Hulk was gigantic and in color. The painting was awesome, it was a spectacle.

This is the Riverside Water Treatment Plant on Riverside Boulevard. As we continued to drive by, some graffiti appeared along the bottom edges of the water tower. Then, one day, much to my dismay, the expected happened. The graffiti and the entire water tower was painted over in gray. I never saw The Hulk or anything painted on the water tower again.

It wasn't until more than 30 years later that I learned that the water tower had really been sandblasted, and that some residents had actually complained about the paintings. Obviously, they weren't the cool people. Some of the cryptic images were surrealist art, and

the artist was influenced by the French surrealist painter, Rene Magritte. The lips were that of Man Ray, another surrealist, who had recently died at the time. Also pictured was the 1969 image of the Earth as seen from the historical moon landing, and in another large crack was Riverside Boulevard and the water tower itself. This created the illusion of kind of a perpetual image, repeating itself continually but growing smaller and smaller into infinity. I wondered who could have created such a wonderful scene.

After doing some research, I finally found out who made the painting. A man with a German name. It looks like the mural existed from 1976 till about 1982. According to the Nov. 8, 1976 edition of The Sac-

ramento Bee, city engineer Ron Parker saw Mr. Leissl's sketch for the then-proposed painting and said, "You've got to see the sketch of the mural to appreciate it. It's very unusual." I found out that this Mr. Leissl had actually made many other works of art, and must be an interesting man.

Horst Leissl was a local artist known for public displays of art. It was he who created such works as the very large house fly, seen way up high. The "fly" was near the top of the water tower next to the Safeway, at Alhambra Boulevard. This conspicuous insect could be seen from the highway, while heading north toward H Street on Interstate 80 Business. It was known as "The Sacramento Fly."

Speaking of water towers and freeways, Horst also created the giant praying hands under the freeway at X Street. He made the much smaller display of "Incredible Inedibles" that

could be seen in a gallery at the now-destroyed Downtown Plaza, as featured in the showcase section of the Monday, Oct. 1 edition of The Sacramento Union. Richard Simon writes that the cakes were "decorative and fun." In fact, Leissl's works could be seen in several places in Sacramento.

If you ever visit Old Sacramento and are walking around on the docks, you will still see evidence of his works...at least at the time of this writing. Look for the ducks on the concrete walls, near where the boats and restaurants are. You may have to look for a bit to notice the large but faded outlines of waterfowl on the some of the walls.

Tom Raley of Raley's Supermarkets commissioned Horst Leissl to create the drawings for a large mural on the concrete retaining wall along the river in Old Sacramento. Preston Trevor painted Horst's sketches

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onto the wall from a rather dangerous rope scaffolding. In the Sept. 27, 1980 edition of The Sacramento Bee, on page B4, Horst mentions that in the event of a flood, it would be better to have ducks pictured on the wall rather than houses.

One of Horst's buddies, Darell Forney wrote about the Sacramento artist in the July 1987 edition of the Sacramento Arts Magazine, "On The Wing". In Volume VII, number 6, page 4, Forney writes about Horst's murals in Melarkey's, the old bar on Broadway, across the street from the Tower Theatre.

Another intriguing planned public display was actually proposed and not built. Capitol Mall in downtown Sacramento was to be renamed "The Richard M. Nixon Memorial Boulevard" for 31 days in 1978. The "proposed, but NOT built" Richard "Nixon Monuments" were actually miniatures superimposed over pictures of Capitol Mall. Pictures of these can be seen on page 41 of the June 1978 copy of Sacramento Magazine. The photos look realistic.

An artist who expressed himself in various mediums, Horst even used the power of audio and the telephone to create art. Horst, or Hank, as he became known, said, "Tele-

phones are media, just like radio, post-cards and television." In his experimental "Telephone Graffiti", Horst set up a phone number and let people record whatever they wished on the answering machine. This would be like a Facebook wall today, only in audio. In fact, the Sunday, Aug. 3, 1975 edition of The Sacramento Bee calls it an audio wall. Bee staff writer Charles Johnson says that after radio station KZAP heard about it, Leissl was getting calls from all over the country. One of the callers claimed to be Patty Hearst.

Horst Leissl was an art teacher at Sacramento City College, and created a time capsule to be opened, at least by my assumption, around 2076. This is judging from the November 4, 1976 edition of Sacramento City College's "Express" newsletter. (Volume 67 Number 9) Stewart Barnes writes that inside the time capsule are photographs and comments recorded on tape. I wonder if the time capsule still exists, as it was not buried, but given to city officials. However, another article says it was purportedly buried in a cave near Lake Tahoe. (On The Wing, July 1987, page 5)

Horst Leissl was born in Augsburg, Germany in 1933. He escaped from Germany and later came to America in 1952. In January 1987, he had a stroke.

He died on Oct. 2, 1994. He was 61 years old.

If you would like to learn more about Horst Leissl, there is both a website, and a Facebook devoted to him. Just Google "The Art of Horst Leissl". His paintings, photographs, documents, and one of his films are available there. The audio reel of his "Telephone Graffiti" is also digitized and downloadable. In doing research about this unusual guy, I learned that he was more than just a painter, more than even just an artist. He was a student of life.

"To become isn't important, but going through strata and process is" -- HORST LEISSL.

Back to the water tower. A sly and intellectual artist, creating pieces most of which could only be understood by adults, Horst still had the heart to make art for children. In the Riverside water tower, he made The Hulk for his son Nikko, a fan of the Marvel Comics' Incredible Hulk. In The Sacramento Bee on Oct. 16, 1994, Victoria Dalkey mentions that Horst created the Hulk image for kids in general, as they wouldn't know who Man Ray was. (Horst included an homage to Man Ray on the water tower, the section with the lips.)

But were it not for Nikko, the comics-inspired picture of the angry green giant may have never exist-

ed. Nikko is a Hulk fan and even has the 1960s comics that the artist may have used as inspiration to draw the mural. Horst drew the image for his son. After some internet research, Nikko and I concluded that Marvel Treasury Edition No. 5, "The Hulk on the Rampage", (1975) and The Hulk No. 200, (June 1976) are likely candidates for reference materi-

al Horst may have used for sketching the painting.

Although I was never able to meet Horst, I met his family many years after first seeing that huge mural. In fact, had he not taken ill, he most certainly would have been my favorite art teacher at Sac City College.


This concludes my little article. I hope that Horst would give it his "seal" of approval.

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around the yard speaking with customers and friends who came to visit and shop. There were also some cool tunes and a Burgess Brothers food truck serving the art admirers. Good que!

Once I left the Panama Pottery retail yard, I wandered into the Panama Factory where the artists' studios are located. They have added new artists and new studios to the Panama Factory.

The art in Studio 800 was visually stimulating. I couldn't keep my eyes off of it. Unusual artistic ceramic creations by Clarissa Pezone and Marsha Schindler.

I'm not an art critic or an art collector...I just like to look at these cool creations at the Panama Artists Collective. One of my favorite little pieces was Clarissa's blue ceramic mugs with teeth on the lip of the mug.

She did mention a dentist purchased several of the tooth laden ceramic mugs at a previous art show. A drooling mug, perhaps.

The location off the beaten path makes the Panama Artists Collective more artsy, relaxed and stimulating. There isn't the chaotic Second Saturday mob scene that sometimes occurs in Midtown. There's time and space to actually consume the art.

They'll be having another artist open house next Second Saturday in October. Like the sign said, "Welcome to the Factory."

(Editor's Note: See a photo spread from that day's event on page 13.)

Ice cream and a movie under the stars

There were quite a few things happening over in Hollywood Park over the weekend. The HPNA had their ice cream social and outdoor movie night at Hollywood Park Elementary. Gunther's ice cream, Nathan's hot dogs and Disney's Big Hero 6 were the main attractions at this yearly Hollywood Park event. Some folks even brought side dishes. How neighborly.

There was also a raffle of local prizes that were donated by local businesses including Hollywood Hardware, Spencer's Frameworks, Panama Pottery and Phono Select Records.

After the hot dogs, side dishes and ice cream were consumed, folks wandered over to the large pop-up movie screen on the Hollywood Park Elementary School field. Sitting on blankets and lounge chairs, people munched on free popcorn while enjoying a family movie under the stars.

Crosswalk on Freeport to be removed

Some crosswalks make life easier for pedestrians and some crosswalks seem to be a danger to public safety. There's a crosswalk on Freeport Boulevard and Virginia Way that is being eliminated.



Kevin, the projector guy, at the Hollywood Park movie night.

I call it, "The Crosswalk of Death". Luckily, no fatalities have been reported.

The crosswalk on Freeport and Virginia is being removed by the City of Sacramento for public safety reasons. It's an uncontrolled crosswalk, which means there are no traffic signals or stop signs.

Hector Barren, a city traffic engineer, told me, "We want to make sure that Freeport remains a safe area. What we find, and what studies show, is that having a crosswalk by itself with no treatments, like a hybrid beacon, under certain roadway conditions is not sufficient enough."

It's the type of crosswalk somebody who goes sky-diving might enjoy. There's definitely an adrenaline rush to using it. There are four lanes and two addition-

al lanes coming from the side streets. A stressful situation for a pedestrian trying to get across the street to go to Raley's or the Rite-Aid shopping center.

Nearby residents called the crosswalk "dangerous" and "sketch". One area resident likened it to the video game Frogger, where a player must successfully guide a frog between opposing lanes of trucks, cars, and other vehicles to avoid being roadkill.

I think that explains the problem perfectly.

It's a good idea by the City of Sacramento to remove the crosswalk that was a real life Frogger for pedestrians.

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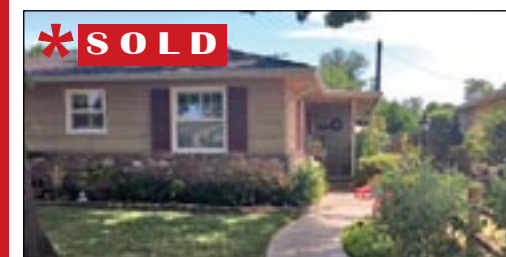
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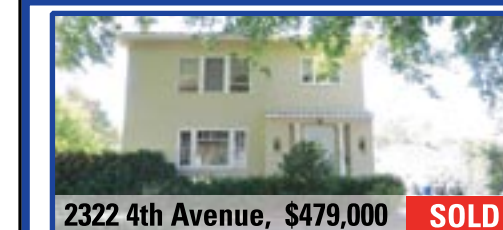
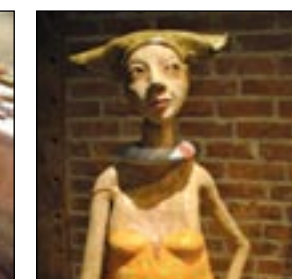
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Faces and Places: Sac Open Studios tour at Panama Pottery

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Shown here are photos from Panama Pottery at this year's 2015 Sac Open Studios tour. Artists welcomed art fans and performed clay demonstrations. At Panama, artists carved a space inside "The Factory" for a new gallery that features art from the Panama Artists Collective. Panama is located at 4421 24th St. in Hollywood Park.



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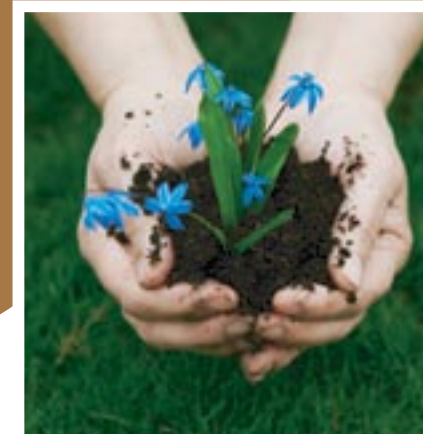
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rew, Carroll has helped write movies and has written about how to succeed in broadcasting with his books, "Naked Filmmaking: How To Make A Feature-Length Film - Without A Crew - For \$10,000-\$6,000 Or Less Revised & Expanded For DSLR Filmmakers" and "Breaking Into TV News

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Introduced by Carroll was a very humbling experience for this year's award winner, as Bombal said, "Over the years, (Carroll) would do TV stories about me. He would come to the Crest (Theatre which Bombal managed from 1986 to 1991). He said nice things about me. It was a great introduction. I had no idea he had noticed me and

had been watching me over the years."

As KCRA has been preparing for its 60th anniversary, Bombal said he was called to bring a projector because no one knew how to operate the older machines. "I am their go-to guy on how to handle old films."

Speaking about this honor coming from someone as impressive as Carroll, Bombal said "I have been impressed

by him from his movies. He teaches classes on how to be one-man filmmakers. He can be on camera, do the camera. He's a one-man film crew and he's been doing it like that for 20-plus years. He's made several movies himself that are quite good. One of my favorite of his independently made is 'Night Beats.' To be held in esteem and given an award by someone who has such an essential and fundamental understanding of the power of images to give me an award, it's a very sweet and humbling experience."

In his nearly four-minute speech, Bombal recognized three influential people in his professional career and he accepted the award on their behalf and influence -- Jo Babbitt, assistant manager at Tower Theatre; movie theater projectionists James Homer Criss and Ernie Smith.

"(Babbitt and Bombal) worked at the Tower. We were really good friends. He loved stuff about movies I would go about on and on about. We were really close friends. If anyone would have been my No. 1 champion, it would have been him."

"Ernie Smith was at Tower when I just started there. He was a crotchety old man. He used to drink Wild Turkey (bourbon) in the projection room. He had a tattoo on his arm. Ernie died in about 1989-90."

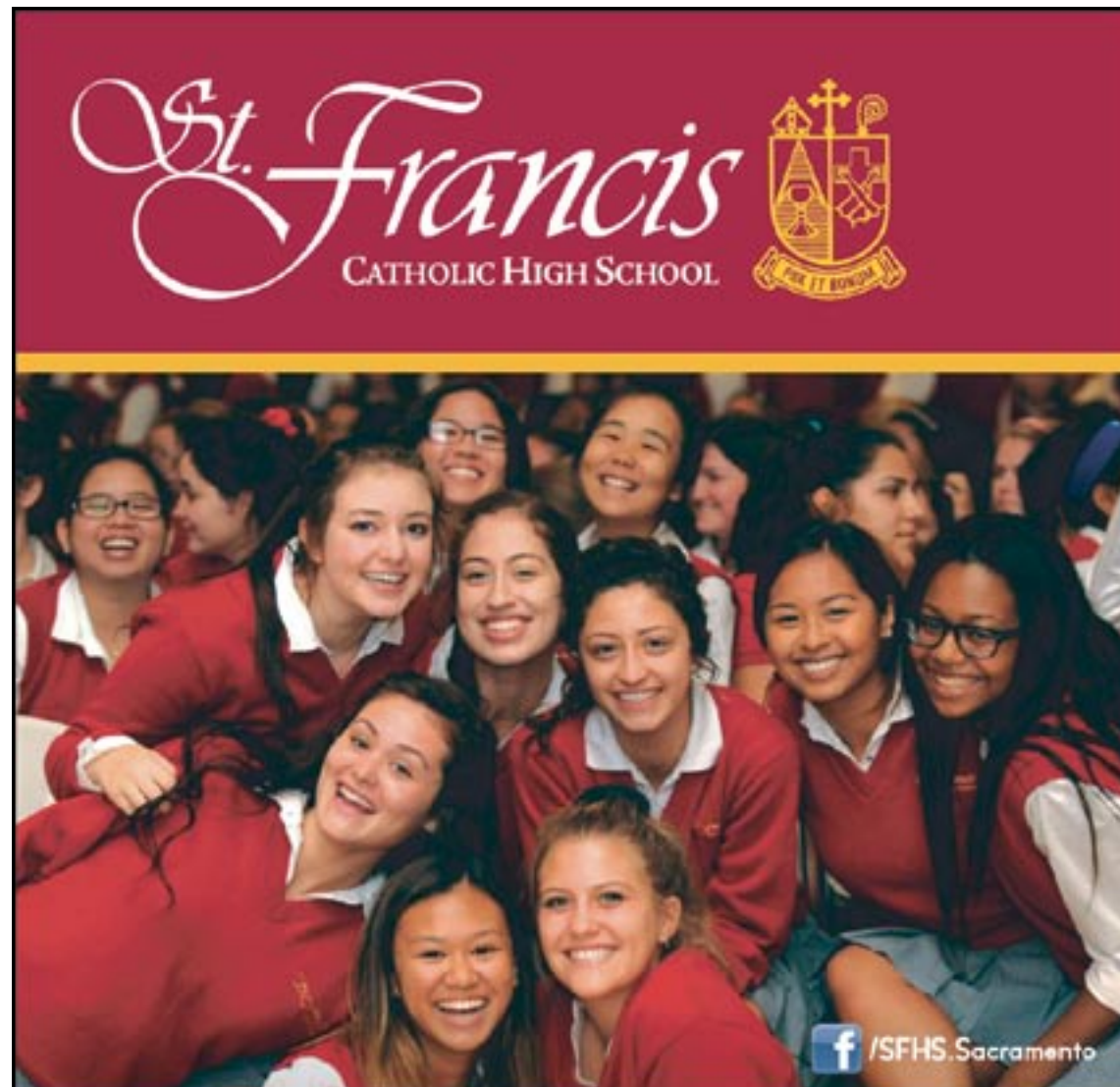
"Criss was a black projectionist in the projectionists' union. He ran 'Gone With the Wind' in its first run. He was at the Crest (when Bombal managed it). He was such a cool character. He would ride a Harley

to work. He was the coolest dude, an old black guy. He was one of my favorite, favorite people."

In good company with family at the ceremony his mother, Judy Nevis and half-brother Jeremy Nevis, Bombal said he forgot to recognize his father Antonio Bombal who died in 2009. While most remember Antonio Bombal as the piano tuner for the Sacramento Symphony, fewer know about his work as a professor of comparative literature at U.C. Berkeley, Sacramento and Sacramento City College. "He was an Old World aristocrat. He wanted to be lawyer; he was a mountain climber. He climbed tallest mountains in Chile. I have pictures of him climbing above the clouds," Bombal said of his admiration for his father.

In regard to a particular film that Bombal looked forward to, he said it was one he did a review for, a 12:11-minute documentary short, "The House is Innocent". Directed by Nicholas Coles, the film is about the Dorothea Puente house and the couple who happens to live there now and who has who cleaned up the house. They posted signs with phrases like trespassers will be buried in the garden and put up a manikin dressed as Dorothea Puente holding a shovel.

Closing his speech with a line from the movie Sunset Boulevard, "I am sure I will see you again very soon, somewhere out there in the dark," Bombal's words of literary wisdom can be seen here within the pages of this publication today and in future editions.



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personal, but was also a tale to whom many could relate.

"After 33 years of marriage, my father came out that he was gay," she said as she sat across from husband Jack, 69. In the mobile studio while completing release forms prior to the recording process.

Stories that Janssen and her facilitators hear run the gamut, she said, from personal recollections of a significant moment in time, to impressions of news events, to warm-and-fuzzy memoirs of friends and family.

"There's no screening process," said Janssen. "Ideally, it's a conversational model. Participants come with someone they know to have

a conversation. But you don't want to just walk up, we have a whole set of appointments available, though they go very quickly. When you have set an appointment and actually come down, a StoryCorps facilitator will greet you and go through the whole process. During that hour, you'll fill out paperwork, go through a sound check, and talk through what you'd like to get out of the interview."

(To inquire about an interview appointment, call 800-850-4406, or go online to storycorps.org.)

"The recording itself is 40 minutes long, with the facilitator keeping track of the time, and serving as an objective listener to help flesh out what you're hoping to talk about," continued Janssen. "A

CD copy of their conversation is available immediately afterward for them to share with family and friends, and, if they'd like, they can add their recording to the Library of Congress and share with National Public Radio."

While 40 minutes may seem like a long time to speak extemporaneously about a single subject, Janssen said the time flies by and conversation partners rarely run out of things to say, but are shocked how quickly their allotted recording sessions come to an end.

"You really can't fit your whole life in 30 minutes," Janssen said. "That's why we talk to the participants to ascertain what they would like to get of the interview. There's also an online resource on how to

think of questions, including a question generator and a page with great question that help you get started."

Janssen also noted that the Airstream trailer used as a combination office and re-

ording booth, is completely wheelchair accessible that utilizes a lift system similar to one installed on city buses.

"We also have a bilingual staff, fluent in both English and Spanish," she said.

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SEPTEMBER

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Sept. 24: There will be an arts and crafts fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation, 9040 High Tech Court. Free admission, accepting all major credit cards, free raffle, oishii bentos.

Senior scams: Just say no!

Sept. 24: Older adults are prime targets for financial scams both by people they know and by strangers. According to a study by MetLife, older Americans lost at least \$2.9 billion to financial exploitation in 2010! In this free workshop, we will provide information on how to protect your assets and recognize various types of scams, especially telephone scams. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Art of reading tea leaves

Sept. 24: This workshop is an introduction to the ancient art of reading tea leaves. For centuries, people around the world have consulted tea leaves for information concerning romances, health, wealth, happiness, and other life changing issues. come and learn about dif-

ferent types of healthy tea and have fun learning to read the symbols and patterns created by the leaves. Each person attending the class will have an individual tea leaf reading. Pre-registration and pre-payment of \$15 required or \$20 drop-in fee at the door. Class will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Stopfalls Sacramento fall prevention screening event

Sept. 25: This event will consist of free senior fall risk fitness tests, shoe assessments, medication reviews, blood pressure screening, and more. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 9 to noon at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Dish Garden and Plant Care Class at Relles Florist

Sept. 26: Learn how to make a Dish Garden and the proper care of Green Plants. Container and plants provided. Bring your garden gloves if you don't want to get your hands dirty! Saturday, Sept. 26 at 2400 J St. from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. \$35 per person. Classes limited in size. Call 916-441-1478 to make your reservation.

Lighting for safety

Sept. 29: Lighting is a tool we use to increase security and prevent accidents like falling. This workshop will demonstrate different ways to utilize lighting to better illuminate the environment at night while increasing our feeling of security. Concepts cover including using proper quantities of light, color of light, reducing glare and saving energy in the process. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 10 to noon at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Renovating your home for retirement

Sept. 30: Learn which renovation projects can accommodate the needs of seniors, can increase your home's resale value, and can improve your chances for speedy, attractive offers when you decide to sell. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

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Sept. 30: Sacramento State's Symphonic Wind Ensemble will present great classical music at 7:30 p.m. in the Capistrano Concert Hall, on campus, 6000 J St. The program includes Reed's "Festival Prelude," Bach's "Little Fugue in G Minor," and Milhaud's "Suite Francaise." French folk songs he collected for preservation during WW II. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 seniors and \$5 students, available at 278-4323 or www.csus.edu/hornetickets. Contact: 278-5191.

OCTOBER

Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

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Senior nutrition issues: How do I get mom to eat?

Oct. 1: In this free workshop, we will address nutrition concerns for seniors with tips and techniques for getting seniors to more ideas for getting more more vitamins and fiber into their diets, how to make food and eating more appealing. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held on Oct. 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City. For more details, call 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Better choices, better health workshop

Oct. 2-Nov.6: The Better Choice Program is a series of two and one half hour classes held once a week for six weeks. It was developed by the Stanford University Patient Education Research Center and is for people with chronic conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol,

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"Souls of the City" Events & Activities Presented by the Sacramento History Museum

Oct. 3-Nov. 1: In honor of "Day of the Dead" activities celebrated each year in Mexico and in major cities around the world, Sol Collective and the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation have teamed up to present a series of community workshops and special activities that showcase the traditions and/or demonstrate how to create some of the special items used in "Day of the Dead" celebrations. The effort culminates with a Dia De Los Muertos celebration on November 1. For more, visit www.sachistorymuseum.org. The museum is located at 101 I St.

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The Shepard Garden and Arts Center Fall Sale

Oct. 3-4: Over 20 clubs that meet at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center and over 18 craft vendors will participate in the Shepard Garden and Arts Center Fall Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 3 and 4. Plants, pottery, garden decor, jewelry and craft items will be for sale. Food will be available for purchase. Admission is free admission and there will be free parking. Pro-

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"Pumpkin Science" at the Discovery Museum Science & Space Center

Oct. 3 and 4: It's the season for Jack-o-lanterns! Visit the Discovery Museum Science & Space Center to enjoy family-friendly pumpkin stations to learn a bit about this squash. Plus, kids 12 and younger craft a paper pumpkin to take home as fall décor. For more, visit www.thediscovery.org, 3615 Auburn Blvd.

Introduction to handwriting and personality traits

Oct. 6: Explore the possibility of links between handwriting and personality traits. This 2-hour class covers insights into greater understanding of the fundamentals of handwriting features such as slants, depths, zones, and letter sizes, and how they may relate to your personality traits. There will be handouts and simple exercises. Pre-registration and pre-payment of \$10 required. Class will be held Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City. For more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.



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