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New superintendent opens up to The Pocket News

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Sacramento City Unified School District's new superintendent Jonathan Raymond.

Sacramento City Unified School District's new superintendent, Jonathan Raymond, says he feels energized after his four-day visit to Sacramento last week. During his brief visit, the 48-year-old former chief accountability officer from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina was introduced to staff and community groups along with city Mayor Kevin Johnson and state Sen. Darrell Steinberg.

Raymond, who was chosen for the position in late July, will report for his first day on the job on Friday, August 21. He will lead a district that serves 48,132 Kindergarten-through-12th graders. Pocket News writer Elizabeth Valente had an opportunity to catch up with the new superintendent for a one-on-one interview to find out what his plans are for the district schools.

Q: Along with visiting the various schools, staff, teachers, and students, you also plan to spend your first 100 days meeting community groups discussing plans for the urban district. Who exactly and why?

A: I plan to meet up with members from the Latino, African-American, and Asian/Pacific Islander community. It's important that we understand the diverse tapestry of our community; its diverse culture, language, history and ideas. If we are tasked with the responsibility of educating our children then we need to be engaging in all of our communities.

I also plan to meet with government and non-profit businesses. I have a non-profit background and these agencies have the expertise and leverage as part of the community. Instead of trying to replicate what they are doing, we need to develop a relationship so we can leverage their strength and expertise.

Q: With your MBA degree and law background, do you

We need to run efficiently and effectively and we need to be held accountable for educating our children. We are "the public school district."

Q: Is one of your goals to bring in more students into the district and if so, how? What are other goals you plan to implement in the school district?

A: I want to see our schools grow and be the beacon of excellence. Sacramento has a rich community and group of parents and community members that are hungry to be engaged. The city has an energy and passion for educating all their children and it is a wealth that I tend to tap into and we as a school district we'll be engaged with. I support merit pay for teachers, charter schools, and I hope to strengthen the Multiple Pathways initiative. It (Multiple Pathways) is set up to help address the high school dropout crisis because a diploma is a crit-

ical step towards college and careers.

Q: What does it mean to have "an engaging presence with the community?"

A: I am going to be available, stay engaged, ask for the public's advice, input and listen. It's being genuine, transparent, not being afraid to take risks for kids and letting them know that we are here to work together. We don't individually have all the answers, but there's power in working together.

Q: Coming from a North Carolina school public school district, do you see similarities between the two urban districts?

A: They are both diverse districts that have seen success, have great potential, and they both are facing many challenges. But there are a lot of differences. Sacramento School District has a lot of empty desks we need to fill. Char-

lotte is growing and building schools.

Q: The SCUSD Board of Trustees has signed you to a four-year contract for an annual salary of \$245,000. Do you plan to live in the district and send your three children to the public district schools?

A: Yes, my wife and I will send our kids to the public district schools. For the time being only two of the kids will be going, our youngest is only two. I understand I am the first superintendent to do this in 20 years. We have not found a home yet, but during our first few days in Sacramento my wife did look at homes in the East Sacramento and Land Park neighborhoods. She came away with a feeling that this is a really special community and we both look forward to raising our three children here and getting to know the people.

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Early Pocket area Portuguese families have rich legacy

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Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series about early Pocket area Portuguese families.

Although the Pocket area was a much different place in its early years, its Portuguese roots are certainly not forgotten today. And as the landscape has changed from farmlands to residential housing developments, supermarkets, coffee shops and other modern features, such early Pocket area Portuguese family names as Lewis, Souza, Tash and Seamas remain a noticeable part of the community.

Many people in the community recognize early Pocket area Portuguese names through many street names and local parks.

One of the most noticeable of these examples is the 3.38-acre Lewis Park at 6570 Park Riviera Way (the former Riverside Road).

Lewis Park

The Lewis family established itself in the area with the 1874 arrival of Francisco J. (Luiz) Lewis, Sr.

Settling in the area at the age of 19, it is assumed that he worked as a farmhand in the Pocket area until

earning enough money to purchase a 200-acre ranch, which was located near the Dutra Ranch.

Lewis continued to purchase additional acreage in the area and eventually owned a total of 636 acres in the Pocket area, as well as a 160-acre ranch at Florin and Bradshaw roads.

To benefit the Portuguese culture in the area, Lewis donated a portion of one of his ranches, from the Sacramento River levee to the old Riverside Road/present Pocket Road.

The land was donated for the purpose of continuing the A.A.D.E.S. (a Portuguese abbreviation, which is translated in English as "Association of the Azoreans of the Divine Holy Spirit") Lodge, the St. Mary Church and the Portuguese Hall on today's Pocket Road.

Pocket area historian Dolores (Silva) Greenslate said that the Lewis family grew to become one of the Pocket area's largest Portuguese families.

"There are so many people in the Pocket who have originated from the Lewis family, including the Dutra and Rosa families," Greenslate said. "Of the Portuguese families whose descendants were either born or settled in the Pocket, a great many of us are cousins either by blood or marriage through the



Photo courtesy of PCHS
Emanuel A. "Babe" Seamas is shown on his Grangers Dairy in this c. 1920s photograph.

branches of the pioneering Francisco J. (Luiz) Lewis, Sr. family."

Alongside the Lewis pear orchard and just north of the Dutra Ranch was the 15-acre Pocket area ranch of Antone Machado Souza. Antone also had a 17-acre ranch by the nearby canal.

The Souza name, which is memorialized through the Pocket's Souza Circle, honors Antone Souza and his family.

Antone, who also helped farm the Lewis ranch, married Faial, Azores is-

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lands, Portugal native, Florinda Correia.

Together they had four children, one of whom, Mary Souza, married Francisco J. Lewis' son, Manuel Lewis.

On Tash Court

The name Tash also dates back to the early years of the Pocket area, beginning with the arrival of Joe Tash (originally Jose Teixeira).

Known by those close to him during his latter years as "Old Man Tash," Joe Tash was the longtime patriarch of the Tash family.

Born in Santo Amaro, Sao Jorge in the Azores islands in 1844, Tash left his native land for America at the age of 18 and soon afterward made his way to the Pocket area.

Initially working in the area as a farm laborer, Tash eventually purchased his own Pocket area ranch. The 37-acre ranch was located near the Garcia Ranch and about a quarter-mile east of today's Portuguese Hall.

After marrying the Azores islands-born Lucinda or "Lucie," Tash and his wife had nine children.

During the spring months, Joe Tash, who operated a small dairy and farmed fruits and vegetables on his Pocket area property, traveled to Sacramento to sell his produce off his wagon to merchants of the area.

Greenslate, 84, who was raised in the Pocket area, said

that one of her earliest memories was visiting the Tash Ranch and seeing Joe Tash, who passed away at the age of 90 in 1934.

"I was very young, but I still vividly recall seeing (Joe Tash)," Greenslate said. "He was a tall man and he had a long, white beard. A photo of him (owned by the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society) feeding chickens on his ranch confirms my memory. He has a pipe in his mouth in the photo though and I don't remember him ever having a pipe."

Today, the Tash name is recognized through Tash Court, which is located near the Pocket Canal Parkway and Rush River Drive.

To Seamas Avenue

The Seamas family name, which is most recognized by the dominate, modern Pocket area landmark Seamas Avenue, first became a part of the Pocket area with the arrival of Manuel and Roselina (Silveira) Seamas in 1878.

Manuel, who was born Manuel Simas Sebastiao in Pico in the Azores islands in 1847, came to America at the age of 17.

After working in New England and on whaling ships in various places, he made his way to San Francisco in 1868.

Manuel, who found work in West Sacramento as a harvester and worked briefly as a

miner, met and married the then-17-year-old Roselina. The couple wedded at the old, large, brick St. Rose's Church at 7th and K streets in Sacramento on Oct. 28, 1877.

Together, they had four children, Emanuel A., who was commonly referred to as "Babe," Leonora, Mae and Anna, who married Manuel Lewis.

First owning property in the Pocket area in 1883, Manuel was well known for his Grangers Dairy, which he established on his ranch on Riverside Road in 1896.

In 1917, Manuel retired from his dairy and gave the business to his son, "Babe," who operated the dairy until 1940, when it was sold to the Crystal Cream and Butter Co.

As the patriarch of the Seamas family of the Pocket area, Manuel lived a long and prosperous life, living until the age of 96 and outliving Roselina, who passed away two years earlier in 1942.

The tradition lives on

Greenslate said that she is very appreciative of the Portuguese pioneering families of the Pocket area and their many accomplishments.

"If it were not for the presence and accomplishments of the Portuguese pioneering families, there would not be the present recognitions of our rich culture," Greenslate said.



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Francisco J. (Luiz) Lewis, Sr. is shown with his first wife, Mary Florence Rose Lewis, and two unidentified children in this historic photograph.

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Pocket slugger selected by Seattle Mariners in draft

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You may have never heard of the small town of Pulas-ki, let alone which state it's in. It is a place that is home to roughly 9,000 people in the western part of Virginia. But don't look for third baseman Vinnie Catricala's name on the list of home-

owners there; he's just passing through.

Catricala grew up in the Pocket area, playing baseball from the age of five for the Pocket Little League. Like so many other kids, Catricala seemingly played baseball from a young age because that's what you do growing up.

"I remember playing baseball in the backyard with

my grandpa and dad when I was really young," he said.

He was part of some championship caliber teams in his Little League days, but it wasn't until high school when he realized he might be pretty good at this whole baseball thing. He went to Carmichael's Jesuit High School in Sacramento where he starred as the team's third baseman. De-

spite Jesuit's long-standing athletic excellence, it was not baseball that drew him there.

"I went to Jesuit and he was going to go there anyway," Vinnie's father David said.

While at Jesuit, Vinnie drew interest from MLB teams, much to his surprise. After his senior season ended, Catricala was drafted in the 50th round by the Cleveland Indians.

"I actually had no idea (that I was good enough to go pro) until I got drafted," he said. "When it

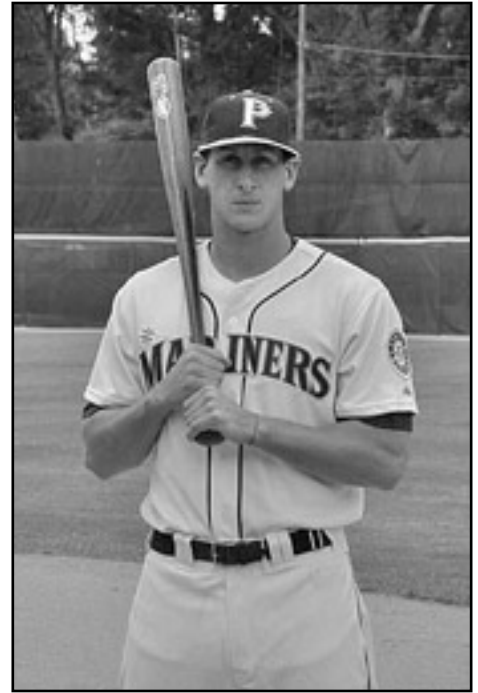


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Vinnie Catricala grew up in the Pocket area, playing baseball for Jesuit High School. Now he's making a name for himself in the big leagues.

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Slugger: 'Actually being on the field in those stadiums was crazy'

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happened I started to think I might have a chance."

He now had a decision to make. Go pro in the Indians' farm system or take the scholarship he earned to the University of Hawaii. His decision was never really in doubt.

"I didn't think I was ready to go pro," he said. "I knew I had some maturing to do and that college would make me better."

Life for an athlete in Hawaii is not a bad one, which likely comes as a surprise to no one.

"They don't have any pro teams (in Hawaii) so the college teams are huge there," David said. "They are treated like kings."

"Everyone knows who you are," Vinnie said. "It's good weather all year round. We're in shorts most of the time."

In three years at Hawaii, Catricala blasted 20 home runs (T-4th in school history) including 13 in his junior season. That was all MLB scouts needed to see. Vinnie was drawing interest from a number of teams, most heavily from the Washington Nationals, Atlanta Braves and Cleveland Indians... again. He was brought in by the Giants (his favorite team growing up along with the A's) and Dodgers for workouts leading up to the draft. The enormity of the situation was not lost on Vinnie.

"It's weird to think," he said before a brief pause. "You see these places on TV and in magazines, but actually being on the field in those stadiums was crazy. I was thinking 'This is where Barry Bonds hit the record-breaking home run.' It's definitely surreal."

When the MLB Draft came along on June 9, Vinnie was rumored to go as high as the third round according to David. Vinnie was expecting to go more around the 10th. The first nine rounds went by without his name being called, but come the 10th he didn't have to wait long.

With the 293rd pick the Seattle Mariners selected "Vincent" Catricala, the second player taken in the 10th round. There was excitement all around from the family when his name appeared on the draft ticker, but the destination left a lot of people surprised. It's not that Vinnie had a problem with the Mariners, he was just shocked because they had had such little contact with him beforehand.

"I met their scout in Hawaii, but I wasn't expecting them to pick me," Vinnie said. "There were a bunch of teams who were more in contact with me."

On June 19, Vinnie signed with the Mariners, leaving behind one year of eligibility at the college level. This time he was indeed ready.

So now he finds himself in Pulaski as a professional baseball player. A player who was drafted not once by a Major League Baseball team, but rather twice. So far he has posted a .288 batting average with 6 home runs and 27 runs batted in for the Pulaski Mariners of the Rookie Appalachian League.

Life in the minors seems to be suiting Vinnie pretty well. It is a lifestyle of baseball, baseball and baseball.

"There's nothing much else to do in these small towns we go to but play baseball, but I guess that's kind of the point," he said. "The days are long and it feels like you're asleep for five minutes then you're up again. The body can handle it, but it can be tough on the mind."

Vinnie's Mariners are in the midst of a stretch of 57 games in 60 days, a schedule different than any he has played before. A Major League type schedule. It wasn't so long ago that Tampa Bay Rays third baseman Evan Longoria was in a similar situation. Vinnie said that he tries to emulate him. If he succeeds in doing so, big league pitchers will wish he had stayed a little while longer in little old Pulaski, Va.

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Emerging literacy at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Special to The Pocket News

The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library will have the most extensive, early-literacy educational space ever for a Sacramento Public Library branch. The early-literacy program, designed for children, from ages 1 through 8, will focus on helping young children and their families explore language and learning through a variety of books, materials, and other teaching items.

“Early on, through community surveys and focus groups, we heard clearly that children were a high priority for the Pocket-Greenhaven area,” said Lois Casement Ross, library project manager.

Early-literacy is an important educational development aspect of a young child’s life. The Sacramento Public Library will enhance caregivers’ abilities to offer the needed learning tools by creating a space filled with books,

CDs, DVDs, games, educational toys, and special furniture for our youngest customers.

Through a generous community gift and a grant from First 5 California, the library will have a colorful selection of interactive materials, possibly including an alphabet wheel, shape counter, matching games, story makers, and ball pull. Almost two percent of the total 15,000-square-foot library will be devoted to the Learning

Center Activity Room. Besides the six computers in the Teen Area, and six computers in the Children’s Area, four computers containing educational and child-friendly programs will be available in the early literacy space. Additionally, the library will include a picture-book area and a reading tower.

The library branch will show the wide spectrum of learning opportunities in a literacy-based environment. Early-literacy in-

cludes narrative skills, print motivation, vocabulary, phonological awareness, letter knowledge, and print awareness for preschoolers.

“By helping to develop these six pre-reading skills, we hope to prepare children for their great learning adventures ahead. This extensive early literacy center is one unique aspect of the under-construction library for the Pocket-Greenhaven area that will be appreciated by the community,” Cathy Brown Library Youth Services manager stated.

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Giving your student the best foot forward when going back to school

By STEVE DEBENEDETTI-EMANUEL
Special to The Pocket News
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As we near the end of summer, it's time for parents to consider how they can best help their high school students prepare for the upcoming school year. Each year, the academic demands placed on students increase, and it's getting more and more difficult for teens to balance school with the rest of their lives. It's crucial for parents to take time now to have conversations with their children about the upcoming year and to help them set specific goals.

Think about what you want to discuss before speaking with your teen. Did your child do as well academically last year as he or she (or you) wanted, and what helped or hindered their success? Could you have done anything differently to support your teen's performance? After considering these and other questions, you'll be better prepared for your conversation.

Begin by asking your child to share his/her thoughts on how the last school year went. Encourage your teen to focus on both the areas in which goals were and were not met. Then ask them why they think this happened and what they could have done differently to bring about better results.

Next, help your teen set goals for the upcoming school year. These goals should include academic and extracurricular activities, both in and outside of school.

Encourage your child to consider what could get in the way of meeting these goals. If your teen is hoping to earn straight "A's," be the lead in the fall musical, and play three varsity sports, it would probably be unrealistic to work twenty hours a week outside school. It's important that you raise your concerns and help your child evaluate if the goals should be adjusted.

Ask your student to consider what types of extra support they think

they'll need and help them get it. Perhaps math isn't your son's strength, but he's still determined to take AP Calculus. Both compliment him for his willingness to challenge himself academically and remind him of the importance of seeking extra help when necessary. Encourage him to speak to his teacher sooner rather than later if he's struggling, and reassure him that you'll assist him with finding additional help, should it be necessary.

Help your child identify incentives for meeting these goals. Perhaps your daughter wants to buy her first car and would like your financial assistance. Let her know

what help you'd be willing to provide, and be clear that it's connected to reaching the goals she sets. Be aware that many teens will attempt to convince you to provide this financial support ahead of time by promising to meet these goals, only to decrease their efforts once they get what they want. Should your teen attempt to influence you in this way, patiently remind her that your offer is good only *after* she reaches her goals.

Ultimately, the beginning of each school year brings chaos and upheaval. If students aren't prepared to put forth their best effort right from the start, it's simple to fall behind and feel buried

within a couple of weeks. To help prevent this from happening, I encourage parents to take the time now to initiate honest conversations with your children about the upcoming year. If you help your teen identify potential problem areas and explore solutions ahead of time, I'm confident that they will be more prepared to respond effectively when the real challenges hit in a couple of weeks.

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Fighting identity theft

I have had my debit card information (not the actual card itself) stolen and used fraudulently out of state twice in less than two months. Most recently, on Saturday.

I've heard that waiters at restaurants, when running someone's debit/credit card, will lift the card data and sell the information, is this common in Sacramento?

Posted by PoliticsAsUsual

Dear PoliticsAsUsual,

What a nuisance! I have heard about the method whereby waiters lift credit card data and sell it. The main factor is proof. It is suggested that you watch the waiter do the transaction with your card. It only takes one time to get burned before you become hyper-vigilant.

What you need to do is, if you live in the city, is to file an online information report with us. Explain what happened and the last time you used the card before it was compromised. Give as much detail as you can remember. You will be given a case number that you can use when you contact outside agen-

cies and banks. You would then have to contact the jurisdiction where your card was used. I spoke to the investigators with our Financial Crimes Division. They receive reports from out-of-state agencies for similar reasons quite frequently.

Cancel your credit card – which you probably already have. You also need to check your credit with the three national credit companies, Experian, Equifax, and Trans Union. I was reprimanded by the Financial Crimes Sergeant for not doing this myself every six months. You may be surprised what is on your report! Good luck!

Officer Michelle

DUI Checkpoints

About every other Friday, the Sac PD does a DUI checkpoint somewhere in the city. Why don't they do a press release the next day saying how many people they found driving under the influence and/or without a license?

Posted by Snowflake

Dear Snowflake,

We send out a press release to all local media two hours before each DUI checkpoint. Each media venue is invited to stop by the checkpoint at any time. Our department often time releases the statistics of our operations, but it doesn't always make the news. The larger operations are usually publicized in the paper. Thanks for asking.

Officer Michelle

Purr-fect opportunity to help

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the Coalition for Community Cats will hold its fifth annual "Put Your Best Paw Forward" 5K Walkathon honoring National Feral Cat Day. This walkathon will begin at Southside Park at 6th and T streets and wind its way past the State Capitol, down J Street and return to the park. The Coalition for Community Cats is a volunteer-run organization that assists people in the community to spay and neuter abandoned and feral cats.

The coalition needs sponsors for the walkathon. Interested groups and individuals can do so by providing an item to be used as a prize; providing non-perishable food and drink items for walkers; and offering cash donations.

Potential sponsors can send checks made out to C4CC and mailed by Sept. 4 to C4CC, PO Box 162597 in Sacramento, Calif., 95816.

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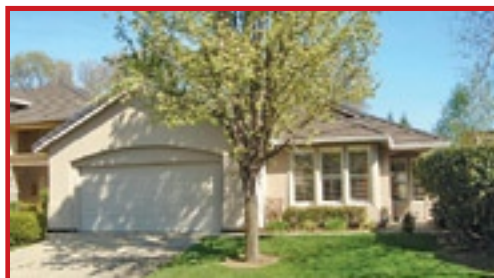
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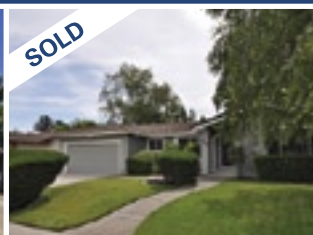
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1945: The end of the war, the changing of the guard

By ART GERMAN
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Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part special story series on writer Art German's experiences at the end of World War II. Read part two Sept. 3 in The Pocket News.

Whenever August rolls around I always remember what happened that month in 1945. It was the time when our brand-new atom bombs fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and World War II, at long last, would shortly be coming to an end. And so, here and now, we've observed the 64th anniversary of the birth of the atomic age.

I was 20 years old in 1945, and the first news of the attack on a Japanese city named Hiroshima on Aug. 6 that I received via radio at Camp Shelby, Miss., meant very little to me. Neither did my buddies in Co. C of the 379th Infantry Regiment, 95th Division know what to make of the first reports that an "atomic bomb" had been dropped and there had been tremendous damage. "Oh well!" was the prevailing sentiment in the barracks, just another kind of deal?

At that moment, our situation at Camp Shelby was not something to make us look toward the future with any kind of good cheer. The 95th division had been in combat in Europe from the fall months of 1944 until shortly before V-E Day in May 1945, when the war in Europe had finally come to an end.

But the war in the Pacific was grinding on, with Japan still fighting for every inch of ground on the blood-spattered island of Okinawa and elsewhere in the Pacific en route to what was expected to be a final showdown on the Japanese mainland. As we trained at Camp Shelby for the expected amphibious invasion, there was plenty of apprehension about what would lie ahead.

Band of brothers

It was back on September 1943, that I had been drafted into the Army and dispatched to Fort Benning, Ga., for basic training. There, in my barracks, I met a fellow resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., named Don Garfein, and we immediately began what became a life-long friendship. Don was the funniest guy I've ever known. His joie de vivre never waned, no matter how miserable things sometimes were.

We were together at Benning and later at Fort Jackson, S.C. where we had been assigned to the 87th Division for further training before going overseas as replacements and winding up with the 95th Division in November of 1944.

We were assigned to different regiments within the 95th Division and didn't see each other again until after the European war was over in May of 1945. I was assigned to a mortar squad attached to a rifle company and spent my part of the war lugging a 42-pound weapon around to support the riflemen and machine gunners in battle-grounds ranging from Metz

in eastern France to the Saar valley in Germany, and later north to the Rhineland and Ruhr fighting.

I came through unscathed, but Don, a rifleman, was hit by fire in eastern France, and spent several months recovering in Britain before returning to his outfit near the end of the war. By June of 1945, we were on the same troop train, heading for the French port of Le Havre and a ship that would take us back to the states.

Back in Brooklyn, Don and I spent much of a joyful 30-day furlough winding down from the European war. Then it was on to Camp Shelby where it was understood that we would be training for the amphibious assault on the Japanese main island of Honshu. We did spend several weekend passes together enjoying fun times in New Orleans including a day at the beach at Lake Pontchartrain in southern Louisiana, devastated many years later by Hurricane Katrina.

Atomic fallout

On Aug. 6, we were in camp on the day Hiroshima was nuked, still totally

in the dark about the significance of a so-called atomic attack. Three days later, there was news that the Soviet Union had entered the war against Japan, sending its troops barreling into Manchuria, or Manchukuo as the mainland province had been renamed by the Japanese after it been torn away from Chinese control in the 1930s. With the Red Army on our side, I figured, maybe the war would soon be over after all. I shrugged when later I heard that we'd dropped a second a-bomb Aug. 9, this one on Nagasaki.

But events moved swiftly after that. Less than a week later, on Aug. 15, the Japanese announced they were giving up. On Sept. 2, the Japanese aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo signed

the official surrender. It was all over.

Or was it?

Later that week, we got word that while there would no longer be an amphibious assault on Japan, we were still destined to leave the U.S. once more and go across the Pacific as part of an army of occupation that the U.S. would need in the newly conquered nation for an indefinite period.

This did not go well with most of us. And something had to be done.

To discover what happened to Art, Don and their fellow soldiers as they faced the news that they would be leaving their families and shipping out for an additional tour of duty overseas, read the next edition of The Pocket News.

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Japanese bazaar draws thousands from the community, beyond

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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A popular Land Park tradition continued last weekend when more than 40,000 people arrived at the Sacramento Buddhist Church and grounds to celebrate the church's 63rd annual Japanese Food and Cultural Bazaar.

Held each year at 2401 Riverside Blvd., near Broadway, the two-day event has grown throughout the years, as it continues to welcome both old and new guests.

The Japanese celebration had a modest beginning back in 1947, as it originally served the purpose of uniting local Japanese.

But expanding from more than a food and social event to include Japanese exhibits, flower arranging and entertainment, the event gained a more widespread interest.

Sacramento resident Bill Hatano, 78, remembers some of the earliest years of the event.

Pointing in the distance at the event, Hatano said, "They had barbecue pits right over there and they

used to put up blocks and put screens over them and that's how they'd cook their chickens. (The event) was just so small back then. It was mostly (attended by) Japanese, but now it's a lot different. I was probably in my late 20s when I started coming out here (volunteering for the church) cooking chickens at first and then I was in the hot dog and childog booth and I was in charge of that at one time. It gets pretty hot out here sometimes, but (overall), it's nice that they have kept the event going for so many years."

Today, the bazaar includes many food booths and a full schedule of entertainment.

Sights and sounds

Among the entertainment of the weekend were performances by Sakura Minyo Do Ko Kai (Japanese Folk Song and Dance Society), a koto solo, a shamisen instrument concert, Japanese classical dance by students of Senkinoh Nishikawa and a performance by Sacramento Taiko Dan, a Japanese drumming ensemble that recently celebrated its 20th anniversary at the Sacramento Community Center.

Arden Arcade area resident Levi Saelva said that he enjoys participating as a member of Sacramento Taiko Dan, which was formed in Sacramento in 1989 by Sacramentan Tiffany Tam-aribuchi.

"I actually started playing in the group when I was 6 years old and I remember playing here (at the bazaar) when I was a kid," Saelva said. "This is a nonprofit group and all (adult performers) have day jobs and they just do this for fun. We really enjoy performing here at (the bazaar)."

Toshiye Kawamura, a third generation Japanese-American who led, as well as performed in, the Sakura Minyo Do Ko Kai performance on Sunday, said that she worked with the group to add an unusual number to this year's performance.

"We started off (dancing to) Michael Jackson's (song) 'Billie Jean' and then followed it up with a 600-year-old Japanese dance and then a dance with (colorful) fans," Kawamura said. "We



Pocket News Photo/Lance Armstrong
Members of Sakura Minyo Do Ko Kai (Japanese Folk Song and Dance Society) perform at the 63rd annual Sacramento Buddhist Church Bazaar last weekend.

just wanted to do something different and catch people's attention right at the beginning and I think that we did that. We (presented) a bit of something for everybody."

Communing cultures

Sacramento resident John Knowles, a 1953 graduate of McClatchy High School, who attended the weekend's event with his wife Della and son, Joe, said that his family has been enjoying the bazaar for many years.

"We've been coming out here since the Sixties," John

Knowles said. "I love the food and just spending time out here."

Joe Knowles, who graduated from McClatchy High in 1978, said that he remembers seeing the "big bingo" games for large prizes at the event.

"They had the big bingo, where you could play for big time (prizes), like television sets and the big cabinet – one (side) with the stereo and one with the (record player). But they stopped doing that

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Bazaar: 'We come here every year. We never miss it'

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in the 1970s sometime," Joe Knowles said.

Joe Knowles added that he also has an early memory of seeing a Japanese man painting Japanese characters on strips of paper, which could be hung on walls, for his family and others.

"(The artist) wrote something like "Tom (Knowles and) Joe, no fighting" and (to his parents) Mom, Dad, long, happy marriage. I've actually still got mine."

One of the most entertaining aspects of the bazaar, Joe Knowles said, is visiting with many longtime friends at the event.

"I told friends just today that I don't have to go to my high school reunion, because I just come here and I see everybody," Joe Knowles said. "I see some people here who I haven't seen in years."

Land Park resident Howard Lock has made it his own tradition to come to the event each year.

"I've been coming here for awhile, I'd say 15 years," Lock said. "I come here for the great food and the entertainment. Everything about (the event) is great, but my favorite is the Taiko drums. I like the sound, the beat. The (bazaar) is the best and it's a good time to be had by all."

An event like no other

Unlike its earlier years, the event draws many peo-

ple from outside Sacramento.

One example is Kathy Zelnik, who has been coming to the event with her boyfriend Raymond Padilla and her two daughters for about 15 years.

"We come here every year. We never miss it," Zelnik said. "I like the food. It's the main reason I come out here. We pretty much always get the same food - the teriyaki chicken and of course, the beers. It was fun when the kids were little and they were playing the games, but now we just hang out here (enjoying) a Sunday afternoon."

Zelnik's 14-year-old daughter, Elaina, added that she also likes the food, as well as learning about Japanese culture.

Of course there are always the newcomers to the event, like Land Park resident Diana Garcia.

"This is my first time at the event," Garcia said. "I saw the crowds and I thought I'd check (the event) out. I was happy to see all the food, especially the sushi. They had a good combination of sashimi."

Koichi Mizushima, who owns the popular Kamon Restaurant on 16th Street, just north of Broadway, co-chaired the event's indoor and outdoor sushi booths with Sacramento Buddhist

Church Minister Assistants Tim and Carol Castle.

Mizushima said that like many parts of the bazaar, preparing and operating the sushi booths was no small task.

"The morning crews came here at 7 a.m. and we sold 1,400 boxes of sushi per day," Mizushima said.

But selling product was not the most important part of the event, Mizushima said.

"This is much more than a fundraiser," Mizushima said. "The most important element of the event is people coming together and enjoying the camaraderie and spirit of the community."



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Beverage vendors (left to right) Felix Wada, Jerry Fujimoto and Brent Ishida were among the many volunteers of the event.

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AUGUST 24

Free Ice Cream Social

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AUGUST 28

Jewelry Extravaganza

The Sacramento Discovery Shop presents its 2009 Jewelry Extravaganza, beginning Friday, August 28. For sale will be antique, vintage, and contemporary necklaces, bracelets, rings and earrings, many created in 14 and 18 karat gold and sterling with fine gems, including diamonds, sapphires, rubies, emeralds and opals. Costume and designer jewelry will also be featured, highlighted by two sterling Los Castillos pins, one designed by the noted artist, Jorge (Chato) Castillo. Come on Friday at 10 a.m. for the best selection. The Sacramento Discovery Shop is a specialty resale store known for its selection of quality merchandise. Donations of new and gently used merchandise are accepted at 2744 Marconi Avenue, near Fulton Avenue, Monday through Friday from 10 to 6; Saturday 10 to 5; Sunday noon to 5. Prospective volunteers are always welcome. One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly to help support American Cancer Society's commitment to research, education, advocacy and patient services. For more information, call 484-0227.

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Attractions: Saturday, August 1

California Consolidated Drum, Waterfront Park, 12:00-3:00
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Sunday, August 2

Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Saturday, August 8

Jugglers, Dave and Caleb Sohigian, Pony Express Plaza, 11:00-2:00
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Sunday, August 9

Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Saturday, August 15

Variety Show, Eagle Theatre, 1:00-3:00
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Sunday, August 16

Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Saturday, August 22

Jugglers, Dan Holzman, Atlantis Park, 11:00-2:00
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
19th Century Dancing, Eagle Theatre, 12:00-3:00
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

Attractions: Sunday, August 23

Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00
Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30
Shootout, Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront park, 4:00-6:00
1850's Bowling, B.F.Hastings Building, 11:00-4:00

For a complete summer schedule and more information visit:
www.sachistorymuseum.org or call 916-442-7644

Open House Shabbat

Congregation B'nai Israel, the largest Reform congregation in the Sacramento Valley, invites you to our Open House on Friday, August 28. We'll be providing a light nosh at 6 p.m., with services starting at 6:30. The service will be followed by light refreshments and the chance to talk to members of the clergy, the board of trustees, and the congregation. Congregation B'nai Israel is located at 3600 Riverside Blvd in Sacramento. All are welcome. Please feel free to call us at 446-4861 or send an email to inquiry@bnais.com for additional information. Our Web site is www.bnais.com.

AUGUST 29

SummerFest

SummerFest Beer, Wine & Art Festival is back for its Second Annual fundraising event benefiting the Alzheimer's Association's Sacramento Memory Walk. Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's national, annual, signature fundraising event, raising more than \$220 million since 1989 for research, programs and services. Located along the scenic Sacramento River in Miller Park on Saturday from 1-5 p.m., this event will bring our community together for a beautiful summer afternoon and a worthy cause! The SummerFest Silent Art Auction will feature many of Sacramento's local artists, as well as items such as weekend getaways, limousine packages, signed collectors items, and more.

SPCA Bowl-a-thon

The Bobbie Wortell Memorial Education Fund is sponsoring a Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, August 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to benefit the Sacramento SPCA's Camp Kindness and other humane education programs. The event will take place at Mardi Gras Lanes, 4800 Madison Avenue, Sacramento. Bowling times are 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and include two games of bowling and shoe rental. The cost is \$25 per adult, \$12.50 for those under 18. All proceeds benefit education programs at the SPCA. For additional information, call (916) 813-7272 or visit www.bobbiewortell.com.

SEPTEMBER

Free pole walking clinics

Organized by Cure Arthritis Now, free pole walking clinics will be hosted Wednesday (in the evening), Sept. 16, Thursdays, Sept. 10 and 24, and Friday, Sept. 18, at the Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St. There will be an additional clinic Saturday, Sept. 12, on Scripps Drive. Interested people need to call the group directly for times and specific locations, to pre-register and reserve the walking poles for the clinics. For more information, call 208-8700.

Straw into Gold

The Hart Senior Center will once again host the "Straw Into Gold" poetry writing workshop for Seniors. Led by Julia Connor, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2005-2009, this workshop offers an outstanding opportunity for seniors to hone their writing skills in a creative, spontaneous environment. The workshop will be held Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00, September 3 through November 12. Registration is required, but there is no cost for this workshop. Please contact the Hart Senior Center at (916) 808-5462 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2

MENA Annual Membership Meeting
McKinley East Sac Neighborhood Association invites all members and interested residents of East Sac to join us for our annual meeting. MENA is a neighborhood organization that

supports ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in East Sac. The event will be held at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Wednesday, September 2 at 7 p.m. Info: 447-1722 and www.eastsac.org.

SEPTEMBER 3

Latino Dance and Culture Group
Come dance to the beat of all types of Latin music! Featured DJ music and delicious Mexican food! Held at the Ethel Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., from 6:15-8:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3. For more information, call Barbara Alarcon 400-4514.

SEPTEMBER 4

Organic Gardening
The Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County will meet at the Carmichael Park Administration Building, Room 1, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, at 10 a.m. The program will be on "Organics - The Why and How" by Jack Hertel, Master Gardener and owner of Foothill Organic Growers. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

SEPTEMBER 5

Symbology & Secret Societies Tour
The square and compass, three links of chain, a pick and shovel...what do these objects mean? Are they really connected with secret societies? On this Saturday morning tour of the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery you'll learn the meanings behind these and other symbols. The tour commences at 10:00 am from the Cemetery's main gate at Broadway and 10th Street. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. Held under the auspices of the City of Sacramento Division of History & Science, this tour is presented as a public service by the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. For tour information please call (916) 448-0811. Tours are free though donations for the restoration of the cemetery are greatly needed and appreciated.

Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter #5, will meet on Sept. 5, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and presentation on "Awake the Humor in Your Life" by Cindy Sample, Writer and Lecturer. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

SEPTEMBER 6

Elks Soccer Shoot

The Elks annual Soccer Shoot is just around the corner. Bring your kids ages 7- 13 to some light soccer competition in the "Five Goal Contest," and the "Grid Goal Contest." Shoot your way to a chance to win medals, raffle prizes, and move on to the District Soccer Shoot! Do all of this while enjoying a free barbecue for the whole family! The event will be held at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. For information, email pat@kombatsoccer.com.

SEPTEMBER 9

Health fair

The YMCA will host a Senior Health Fair. We are offering our 8th annual Health Fair Sept. 9, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This event is free to the public and to our YMCA members. We have 50 agencies coming that will have information relating to housing, nutrition, legal and safety issues. Our agencies include but not limited to Social Security, Natural Food Coop, Mercy Hospital and Canine Companions. The Agency for Hearing will have their van here to provide free hearing tests, there will be blood pressure checks and flexibility test also provided. The YMCA is located at 2021 W Street, the corner of 21st and W Street.

California's Admission Day

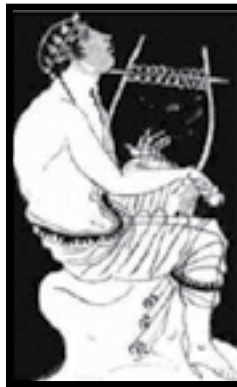
Celebrate California's 159th birthday with cake and ice cream provided and served by members of the California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association. Held at the State Capitol, 10th and L Streets, festivities begin at 11:30 a.m., run to 1 p.m., and include the rousing music of the Sacramento Banjo Band, with Capitol Museum volunteers dressed in early 1900s costumes on hand to greet visitors. Free admission. For more information, call (916) 324-0333.

SEPTEMBER 10

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on September 10, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA. The topic is: "Behind the Scenes at Capital Public Radio," presented by Tom Keller, Webmaster. A problem solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc., will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our website at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

See more Calendar, page 26



Village Opera Theater presents...

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SEPTEMBER 10

National Health Federation

The Sacramento Chapter of the National Health Federation meets at the SMUD Auditorium (the old SMUD Building) on 6201 S Street, Sacramento. A free lecture, "Everything You Need to Know is in Your Breath" presented by Griffin Toffler, M.A. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

SEPTEMBER 11

Wine, Beer and Food Extravaganza

The Christian Brothers Alumni Association will host their annual Wine, Beer and Food Extravaganza Friday, Sept. 11, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Purchase tickets online at

<http://cbhs-sacramento.maestroweb.com>. For more information, call (916) 733-3600 or visit www.cbhs-sacramento.org.

Dragon Fundraiser and Reception

The Asian Pacific Community Counseling, a non-profit agency, is having their annual Dragon Fundraiser and Reception on Friday, September 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Sacramento Alumni Center. Catered by Town & Country/Splendid Gourmet Catering of Citrus Heights, the event will include hors d'oeuvres, wine and a raffle. Tickets are \$40 each and include one complimentary wine ticket. For tickets, sponsorship packages or donation pick-up, call Effie Shum at 916.383.6784 ext. 135.

SEPTEMBER 12

BBQ, Beer and Boogie

Hosted by Carmichael Oaks and Kiwanis Club of Carmichael and featuring Swing-Masters band, this special event held from 5

p.m. to 8 p.m. will benefit Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2009. Tickets for food only is \$12, tickets in advance are \$25, and \$30 at the door. RSVP by Sept. 5. For information, call 944-2323.

16th Annual Community Festival

International cuisine, entertainment, games, and activities for the entire family are all part of the 16th annual St. Anthony's Parish Community Festival (660 Florin Road) on Saturday, September 12 from Noon-9 p.m. Admission is free and you can sample unique foods from around the world including Filipino pancit, lumpia, and chicken adobo as well as German bratwursts, Irish stew, scones, and soda bread. Also available for tasting is Italian rigatoni, sausages, and pasta Alfredo along with Mexican tacos and burritos, Greek cuisine grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, snow cones and a variety of desserts including make your own waffle cakes.

Fe Gallery Artist Reception

Ceramic artist Aiyana Pearson, multi-media artist Robyn Slakey and wood/metal artist Steven Florman will join Fe Gallery Resident Artists Stephen Lyman (metal art) and Sheena Wolfe (fused glass) for a Second Saturday Reception Sept. 12 from 6-9 p.m. Sheena Wolfe will be doing a mask sculpture demonstration beginning at 7:30 p.m. Fe Gallery is located at 1100 65th Street (north of Folsom Blvd., corner of 65th and Elvas), East Sacramento. For more information about the artists and the gallery visit www.FeGallery.com or call, (916) 456-4455. Daytime gallery hours are currently from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon. The current show will run throughout September.

Book warehouse sale

The Friends of the Sacramento Public Library are sponsoring a big Fall Warehouse Sale on two consecutive Saturdays, September 12 and September 19. Public sale hours will be noon to 5 p.m. on September 12 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 19. A preview for Friends' members only is scheduled for 9 am to noon, September 12. Prospective members may join at the door for

\$15 and attend the preview. The sale will be held in the Friends' warehouse, at the rear of their Book Den store, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, between Power Inn Road and Florin-Perkins Road just south of 14th Avenue. More than 75,000 paperback and hard-bound books, videos, CDs and more will be sold at prices ranging from \$.25 to \$2.00. All proceeds, after expenses, benefit the Sacramento Public Library.

SEPTEMBER 12-13

61st Annual Show and Plant Sale

The Joan Coulat - Sacramento Branch of the American Begonia Society is holding its annual judged show at the Garden and Arts Center. Each year well over 100 entries are on display and this year there will be over 1,000 plants for sale. The event is Saturday, Sept 12., from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Boulevard. There will also be educational talks and displays as well as begonia experts to answer your culture questions. Admission is free. For further information or an article for publication about growing begonias in Sacramento, please call Paul Tsamtsis at 524-3013

SEPTEMBER 13

Portuguese Historical Society Gala

The Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society will hold their 30th Anniversary Gala Banquet on Sept. 13 at the Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society SPHSS Hall, 6676 Pocket Rd. The reception begins at 1 p.m. and a luncheon with live music starts at 1:30 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$35 and include New York Steak and scampi, Portuguese wine and dessert. A table for 10 can be reserved for \$300. For information on purchasing a ticket, call Ralph Nevis at 421-7161.

SEPTEMBER 16

Free real estate seminar

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Genealogical meeting

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento (G.A.S.) will hold their regular meeting at 1 p.m. in the Belle Cooleedge Library at 5600 South Land Park Dr. They will discuss the GAS library book collection and share our "Summer Genealogy Discoveries" Questions please call Melanie Howard 383-1221

SEPTEMBER 17

Latino Dance and Culture Group

Come dance to the beat of all types of Latin music! Featured DJ music and delicious Mexican food! Held at the Ethel Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., from 6:15-8:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3. For more information, call Barbara Alarcon 400-4514.

Greenhaven Mother's Club

The Greenhaven Mother's Club is holding its Fall Kick-off meeting on Sept. 17 from 7-9 p.m. New member inquires call 916.955.2105 or e-mail info@greenhavenmothersclub.org. Current members go to Bigtent for details.

SEPTEMBER 19

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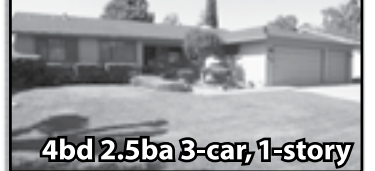


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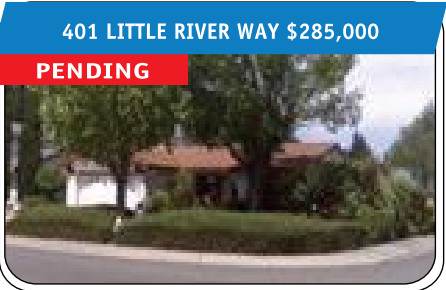
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