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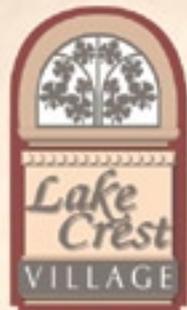
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Local boy comes full circle at Greenhaven Lutheran Church

By SALLY KING
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Thoughts of riding his bike on the greenbelt, walking to Bear Flag Elementary School and being a member of Greenhaven Lutheran Church bring a warm smile to Stephen Becker as he recalls growing up in the Greenhaven-Pocket area.

Becker, who recently began serving as the associate pastor at Greenhaven Lutheran Church, is excited about being back home.

"I want to grow the gospel here by reaching out to the community," Becker said. "I want to emulate a Christ-like life."

Becker's parents, Heinrich and Meta Becker, were among the first Lutherans who worshiped at Greenhaven Lutheran Church in the early 1970s. They immigrated to the United States from Germany in the 1950s.

The Beckers settled in Sacramento, buying a home on Lake Shore Drive. As neighbor Sue Vitiello recalled, it was a great place to live and the Beckers had an impeccable home and yard.

Vitiello said she remembers Stephen as being a warm, friendly and happy individual. She said it is no surprise to her that he became a pastor.

"Stephen played with my kids and they were either here for dinner or at Stephen's for dinner," Vitiello said. "They were always playing outside and the rule at the time was when the street lights came on, the kids came home."

Nick Spallas lived next door to Becker and said the whole Becker family was friendly.

"I have remained friends with Becker," Spallas says. "He is a thoughtful, giving individual. I had a brain aneurysm the end of June and Becker visited every day at the hospital. If he finds out you need something, he's there for you."

Becker said he began his journey to becoming a pastor while attending St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Elk Grove. It was 2001 and Pastor Darrel Deuel encouraged Becker to take some extension classes that were being taught there through the American Lutheran Theological Seminary of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Becker said he already had

his bachelor of arts degree in English from Sacramento State, so he decided to work on a masters in divinity degree.

A few years into the program, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, which governs the seminary, decided to shut the program down. Becker realized after spending almost four years taking classes, that he wanted to continue his studies but was not able to move out of the area at that time. Becker said Rich Eddy, who was the senior pastor at St. Peter's, ensured Becker there were alternatives.

Becker said he found a program he could enroll in through the Trinity Theological Seminary of Newburgh, Indiana. He explained their program was set up as combination distance education, with weeklong trips to the seminary three times a year. Becker said this is how he spent his vacations and vacation money and still thanks his wife and children for making the sacrifice.

Becker finished his Master of Divinity in 2007 with honors and immediately started working on his doctorate through a scholarship program with Trinity.

He graduated with a PhD in Christian education this past May. While attending school, he worked full-time as a software consultant for a grocery supplier. Ten days before his ordination, Becker said he was laid off from his job.

"I don't believe it was a coincidence," Becker said. "God provided me a means to make it through all these years of education and raising my family. I have to think I have been ordained and called to Greenhaven as a part time minister."

Becker said he has never felt more at home and comfortable at Greenhaven Lutheran Church.

"I attended youth group here. I was confirmed here and my wife Vanessa and I were married here by Pastor Bill Plath."

"One of my goals is to reach out to Kennedy High School," Becker said. "I am thinking of a possible after school program or maybe motivational speaking. I plan on talking to the principal, Chad Switzer, to see where we can help."

Greenhaven Lutheran Pastor Dan Buringrud said he thinks it



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TRADITIONAL services are held in Greenhaven Lutheran Church's original facility that was built in 1968. Contemporary services are held in the newer church hall at the same time. Pastor Becker preaches each Sunday, but alternates services with Pastor Daniel Buringrud.

is pretty cool for the community to have one of their own come back full circle in this way.

"I can't imagine anyone being a better fit with me than Steve," Buringrud said. "Our strengths mesh together very well."

Becker, married to wife Vanessa for 20 years, has twins, Stephen Jr. and Ingrid. Becker said his family is involved in hosting full-year exchange students from Germany. His second exchange student, Annika, arrived here a week ago. He said this provides an opportunity for Annika to learn about American culture and his children to learn about German culture.

"Annika is treated as a family member, not a guest," Becker said. "When you take in a student, you make a friend for life."

Becker said he and his family are visiting the town of Jembke, Germany in August and will meet Annika's family. He found out her family lives only about four miles from where some of his relatives still live today.

"While in Germany I have been given the opportunity to preach at St. George's Cathedral, where my parents were married," Becker said. "People in the congregation remember the Beckers. I am truly looking forward to this."

Becker said he is excited to be serving Greenhaven Lutheran and looks forward to serving the community.

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Fine homes were built for early Portuguese settlers of the Pocket area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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In the early 1850s, Portuguese immigrants began to settle in the Pocket area. They had small, wood-frame houses with basic rooms built for them and their families. And eventually, larger and finer homes began to be constructed in the area as local incomes and families grew.

In 1909, the Antone Luiz Silva family had a 10-room, Victorian-style home constructed for them in the area by Manuel Valine, a local contractor who was known as "Calisto."

Because of his knowledge regarding the area's devastating 1904 Edwards Break flood, Silva had the house built on a knoll against the levee.

During about the same period of time, Manuel Seamas

of the Grangers Dairy, which was located at the present site of Elks Lodge No. 6 at 6446 Riverside Blvd., had a similar, fine home constructed on his 100-acre dairy property.

The Silva and Seamas homes were built with an almost identical architectural design, which would cause one to conclude that the Seamas house was also constructed by Calisto.

Manuel Ferreira Dutra, who was known as "Shopinah" and was born in 1876 in Faial in the Azores Islands, immigrated to America when he was about 12 years old.

Shopinah, who was mentioned as a ferryman for the Glide Ferry in a recent *Pocket News* article about river ferries (Read story at www.valcomnews.com), was best known as the carpenter of the Pocket.

Overall, Shopinah was a carpenter, repairman, barn

builder and general handyman, who was known as one who could fix just about anything that needed to be fixed.

Sometime in the mid-1910s, Shopinah, who built small homes in the area, spent three months remodeling the home of Manuel Dutra, Jr.

Pocket residents of the time were known to speak of Shopinah's work with high regard and they would say that he used so many nails that whatever he built would "never come down."

As opposed to using professional methods of measuring, Shopinah, who could not read or write, used various lengths of sticks for his measurements.

Another one of Shopinah's specialties was building small religious shrines – "oratorios" in Portuguese – for family homes.

One Shopinah-built shrine – that of Maria L. Milhomens (Silva) Dutra – was donated to the Portuguese collection of the Sacramento History Museum, appeared in two separate Portuguese exhibits at two local museums and is presently stored in the Sacramento History Museum archives.

Among Shopinah's construction projects was the emergency building of a temporary, shed-type school on the Rogers ranch at the present intersection of Riverside Boulevard and Pocket Road,



Photo courtesy, Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society
THE ANTONE LUIZ SILVA HOME in the Pocket area is shown in this 1909 photograph.

nearby today's Garcia Bend Park.

The original Lisbon School, which was a converted barn, was destroyed in the aforementioned 1904 flood.

Shopinah, who was known for his infectious smile and easy going demeanor, died in a tragic accident when his bicycle was struck by a motorist on the dark, narrow Riverside Road (present-

ly Riverside Boulevard) on March 8, 1941.

Following the era of Calisto and Shopinah, a new generation of contractors – who were apprenticed under Calisto – built homes in the Riverside-Pocket area.

Among these contractors were Antonio "Tony" Fer-

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THE TONY SEAMAS HOME on the Grangers Dairy property of his brother Manuel Seamas is shown in about the early 1900s. The identity of the woman in the photograph is unknown.



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THE MANUEL SILVEIRA ALVERNANZ HOME in the Riverside/Pocket area was constructed by Terra Bros. builders in about 1928.

Houses: Fine Portuguese handcraftsmanship a feature of many home interiors

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nandes Terra and his brother, Frank Leal Terra, who formed a partnership, called Terra Bros., in 1923.

Tony and Frank built Tony's home at 2940 Freeport Blvd. – the current site of Capital Power Equipment, next to Taylor's Market – in 1924.

It was also during the 1920s that the Terra brothers built two spacious, brick houses in the Riverside-Pocket area.

One of these houses was the Manuel Garcia home at the intersection of Riverside Boulevard and Florin Road.

The other house was the Manuel Silveira Alvernaz home on Riverside Boulevard, near 35th Avenue. The home, which was built in about 1928 in a large parcel that was later subdivided, is no longer visible from the frontage road, which is Riverside Boulevard.

Sometime after the construction of the Alvernaz home, Tony and Frank ended their relationship as business partners.

Frank continued to work as a home builder on his own until his retirement in 1941.

Tony also worked individually, as he constructed homes until sometime after his son, Alfred, completed his education at Sacramen-

to Junior College (today's Sacramento City College). Alfred apprenticed under his father and then joined him in his business.

Alfred continued to build under his father's license until obtaining his own license.

Tony, who moved to Santa Cruz, where he built, resided in and managed the Park Avenue Motel until 1957, died in June 1978.

One of Alfred's most notable accomplishments as a building contractor occurred after he purchased lots in the Greenhaven 70 subdivision, where he constructed homes that suited the buyers' specifications.

Due to the May 1964 death of Alfred, local subcontractor Jim Mulhern completed the Vickerman home on Royal Garden Avenue in Greenhaven 70.

Another local builder was Miguel "Mike" Furtado, who was born on July 6, 1884 in the island of Pico in the Azores Islands.

In 1901, Furtado immigrated to America and was soon afterward residing in Rio Vista.

Furtado obtained his general contractor's license – No. 40 – in 1918 and he built many homes in Sacramento, including in the Land Park area.

Houses built by Furtado, who apprenticed and worked for Calisto, are easily recognized for their three-valley rooflines, which are focal points over the entrances of these homes.

With the annexation of the Riverside-Pocket area, John Joseph Machado of the Munger Lake area sold the majority of his property, but was able to maintain a lot to build a new home.

Machado selected Furtado due to his reputation as a builder of high quality homes.

Like other Furtado-built homes, Machado's home included the three-valley roofline and a very functional floor plan.

The well-known contractor Norman Fernandez, who was the son of John Fernandez, the owner of the Sierra Builders firm, also built homes in Greenhaven 70. One of his two-story homes was constructed on Royal Garden Avenue.

The partnership of Ralph and Don Nevis also built homes in Greenhaven 70, one of which was a home on Parklin Avenue.

Upon Ralph's death in 1966, Don continued

to build houses on his own.

These houses included the home of Anthony Dutra, Jr. of the Dutra House – 8144 Pocket Road – family.

With these summaries of local builders, it is evident that the Riverside-Pocket area is a place with a rich, longtime tradition of fine home construction.

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Soil Born Farms educational program teaches youth about where food comes from

By JULIE FOSTER
Special to Pocket News

During a recent Saturday morning visit to Soil Born Farms' idyllic American River Ranch, the action was nearly non-stop. Fueled by coffee and scones from Magpie Café, shoppers hovered over luscious-looking heirloom tomatoes at the farm stand. While one group of children learned the intricacies of making veggie pizzas, another group, led by Youth Education Director Guy Galante, rambled off for an exploratory visit to the nearby American River Parkway American River Ranch, which is the last working farm along the American River Parkway, offers a series of richly textured food and environmental education programs. Focused on service and experiential learning

and grounded in the natural world and the kitchen, participating children and teenagers explore the wondrous connection between human, animal and plant life.

The multitude of activities geared for various ages includes field trips, classes, workshops, farm tours, job training and youth leadership development.

Because back-to-school season is almost here, one program – the Discovery Field Trip – is of particular interest. Designed for classes or groups like the Boy Scouts or church groups, the trips are open to ages pre-school to 12th grade.

Components include native plant restoration, agriculture, healthy cooking and eating, and



Assistant farm manager Antonio Garcia demonstrates to a group of 6th graders how to harvest dry beans from the field at Soil Born Farms. Photo courtesy, Guy Galante

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Soil Born: Kids learn about native plants, agriculture, healthy cooking, nature exploration

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nature exploration. Depending upon the season, participants might learn the names of plants, learning more about each one before embarking on a hike to the river where they look for "their" plants. Kids learn how to use a variety of tools, how to double dig beds, sow cover crops, harvest, wash, pack and clean veggies. They meet farmers and gain an understanding of what it takes to run a farm or a large garden. After harvesting fruits and veggies, they then observe or participate in a cooking demonstration followed by a tasting of what they helped produce.

While hiking the Parkway, youth learn tracking skills, nature games, geology and photography, while gaining an understanding of the big picture, including Soil Born Farms' role, in the watershed ecology.

The trips bring youth and students together, and unify classes because the activities require teamwork and everybody wins. Though all the field trips follow a basic structure, what differentiates them throughout the year is the seasonality of the veggies and the agricultural tasks required at that time of year.

"The field trips are important to youth development because everybody can participate and be successful non-competitively," Galante said.

Galante, a credentialed teacher, created, implemented and refined his youth education programs at Soil Born over the last four years. He's been hiking, photographing and studying the American River Parkway for eight years. Galante has led hundreds of hikes along this incredible watery ribbon of life, and has served on advisory councils for the American River Natural History Association and the Save the American River Association.

To learn more about the Discovery field trips, contact Guy Galante at ggalante@soilborn.org.



Photo courtesy, Guy Galante

Third graders from Abraham Lincoln Elementary in Sacramento City Unified enjoy carrots after learning how to harvest and bundle them for distribution.

Harvest Sacramento

Harvest Sacramento organizes volunteers to glean unwanted fruit for donation to food assistance agencies year-round. They are gearing for late summer harvesting following the rush of cit-

rus season. Volunteers are now ready to harvest your unwanted produce including apricots, plums, pluots, peaches, nectarines, figs, grapefruit, lemons and kumquats. Late summer produce also includes pomegranates, apples, pears, persimmons and walnuts.

If you would like to volunteer or know anyone who has a fruit or nut tree which will go partially or completely unharvested in the next few months, please contact Randy Stannard at (530) 204-8082 or rstannard@soilborn.org or visit www.soilborn.org for more information.



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On Sept. 9, Christian Brothers High School will be transformed into a festival of food, fun, beer, wine and live music.

Now in its 24th year, the Wine, Beer & Food Extravaganza is a well-established Sacramento tradition that draws crowds of over 1,600 to the campus for open tastings from vintners and craft breweries – along with ample foods and desserts by area restaurants and caterers.

Setting this event apart is its festive, casual atmosphere and live bands in two venues – a beer garden and wine tasting area. New this year, guests can also enjoy a cigar along with bourbon and port tastings in the Cigar Lounge.

Not only will guests sample great food and beverages, they will sample great music too. The evening starts out with the jazz sounds of the New Originals Trio. In the Wine and Res-

taurant Area, the Dane Drewis Band will get the party started. And once everyone is warmed up, Mustache Harbor will perform "Yacht Rock Explosion" music in the Beer Garden that will rock this late summer evening with "sweet sounds as smooth as the summer sea."

The Wine, Beer & Food Extravaganza will be held Friday, Sept. 9 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Christian Brothers High School, located at 4315

Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Sacramento. Event shuttles will be available from East Sacramento, Downtown and Midtown locations. For ticket information, visit www.cbhswinetasting.com.

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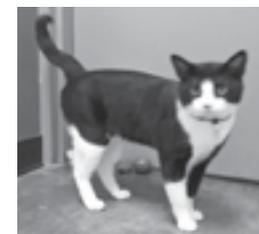
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THIS RARE Abyssinian ground hornbill chick was hatched on June 15. Here, it is just three days old.

Rare birth at zoo

Abyssinian ground hornbill hatched

Special to Pocket News

Last week, the Sacramento Zoo was pleased to announce a rarity in the zoo world – an Abyssinian ground hornbill chick was successfully hatched.

Currently, there are only four other pairs of this hornbill species successfully breeding at zoos in the United States, and no other captive hatches have been reported in the last year.

Two eggs, laid by the zoo's only pair of Abyssinian ground hornbills, were discovered in early May. Based on the mating pair's history of not yet successfully raising any chicks, staff decided to incubate and care for the chicks using protocols developed by the San Diego Zoo. Both chicks hatched but sadly one did not survive.

The chick, hatched on June 15 and weighing 72 grams, is being raised by staff off-exhibit and now weighs 3,930 grams.

"Every first at the zoo provides a new and exciting learning experience," said Harrison Edell, general curator. "We do everything that we can, but it is still not an exact science. With each success we are able to share

knowledge with other institutions and further our conservation efforts."

The Zoo supports the Mabu-la Ground Hornbill Research and Conservation Project in South Africa. In addition to conducting research on genetics and behavior of Ground hornbills, this important project has launched awareness campaigns to educate the public on the dangers to hornbills such as unintentional poisoning, secondary trapping and snaring. Part of the project also includes hand-rearing some second-hatched hornbill chicks for release back into the wild or to join the captive breeding program. This is done because ground hornbills usually only raise one chick at a time. If two chicks are hatched, one must be removed from the nest to improve its chance of survival.

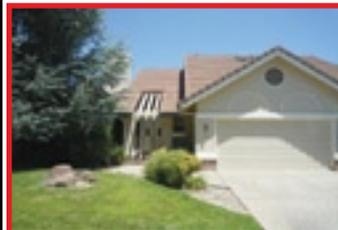
Like all 54 different hornbill species, the Abyssinian ground hornbill wild population is vulnerable. Ground hornbills from Sub-Saharan Africa are the largest of the hornbills. They have a bony horn on top of their bill called a casque, which makes their calls louder and easier to hear over great distances. Abyssinian ground hornbills fly only when disturbed or when crossing areas of dense brush, preferring to walk or run from danger. The greatest threats to the hornbill are human-related and include habitat loss and illegal hunting.

To receive the most current information about the new hornbill, see pictures of it off-exhibit and learn when it will be out for the public to see, visit www.sacramentozoo.blogspot.com.

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Ms. Giner has always been about heart and compassion, caring for and helping people. Her parents modeled that behavior and attitude throughout her childhood, and into adulthood. Her physician father ran a small clinic which was attached to their home in Cabugao, Ilocos Sur, in the Philippines, where she grew up. By the time she was in high school, she and her siblings started assisting both their father and mother (a dentist herself), in the care of patients. Core values such the absolute necessity of clean-

liness, an instilled spirit of generosity, an abiding respect for elders and honest integrity were ingrained in her very fiber.

Those intrinsic ideals have laid the foundation for Ms. Giner's very clear path in life. She has amassed extensive training, as well as experience, through the years. Having acquired a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, she spent nineteen years working as an emergency room nurse in the Philippines and Saudi Arabia. After that, she spent 10 years working with elderly and mentally challenged individuals, in nursing homes and long term care communities. She has now realized her dream of creating a Care Center that invokes her parent's



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Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library to celebrate one year

Special to Pocket News

Come join your friends and neighbors and celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library on Saturday, Aug. 27. The celebration will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Friends of the Library have prepared a special day for you, starting with a Nancy Drew scavenger hunt from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., tot-friendly crafts with ArtBEAST and beading for older kids with Amelia Kwan at 11 a.m., and the re-opening of the Reading Tower and mural unveiling at 12 noon.

There will also be a special children's book sale in the community room in the afternoon. The book sale is hosted by the Friends of the Robbie Waters Library and proceeds will benefit the library.

It's not too late to sign up for the library's Summer Reading Program. If you've read at least four books over the summer, you may qualify for a free prize. Simply enquire at the desk about the library's Summer Reading Program for ages zero to 100 plus.

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sion in the Genealogy Center on the fourth floor of the library.

There are four sessions available on Aug. 23: Session one is from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Session two is from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Session three is from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Session four is from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

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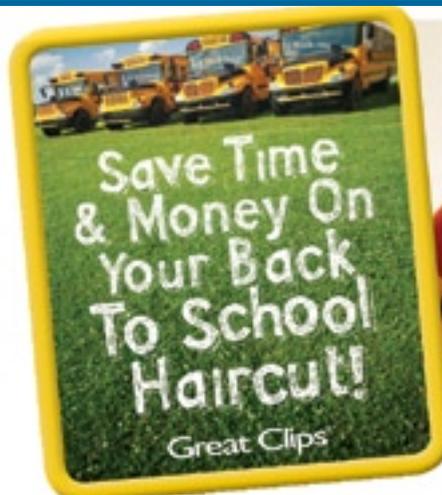


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Sacramento Buddhist Church celebrates 65th annual Japanese Food & Cultural Bazaar

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Thousands of people traveled from near and far to attend the Sacramento Buddhist Church's 65th annual Japanese Food & Cultural Bazaar on Aug. 13 and 14.

Those who attended the bazaar feasted on over 10,000 pounds of chicken seasoned and barbecued for chicken teriyaki, approximately two tons of

rice, some 2,000 pounds of beef prepared for teriyaki meat sticks and sandwiches, 500 pounds of noodles and more.

The event drew visitors from all over northern California. Some were simply curious; others were returning to their roots.

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Second annual Banana Festival a celebration of 'art, culture, diversity'

By SALLY KING
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Besides potassium, what do bananas provide? Folks who attended the Banana Festival at William Land Park on Aug. 13 would say, "It's an opportunity to get creative with bananas."

Sacramento Sojourner Truth Multicultural Art Museum Director Shonna McDaniels pointed out the special banana hats and bags made specifically for the festival this year. She said each vendor that participated had to offer something in the way of bananas. There was a booth set up where kids could make their own banana splits, plus lots of food where the main ingredient was bananas.

Just to name a few highlights; there was the Smashed Chef Challenge, Banana Fashion Show and the Grant High School Drum line. There were additional musical performances and art exhibits. They had a 5K run, golf invitational and an art exhibit at Fairytale Town.

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'The profits from this festival (will) keep the art museum doors open to over 15,000 children and youth.'

-Shonna McDaniels

Daniels said. "It's a celebration of art, culture and diversity."

McDaniels said this is the second year the Banana Festival has been held at William Land Park. Prior to that, she said the event was held on Florin Road. McDaniels said that, as an effort to reach out to the community, the event was moved and renamed the Banana Festival.

This year, McDaniel said other non-profits were invited to participate. She said, for example, the Lions Club provided a pancake breakfast.

"Last year we had around 5,000 in attendance," McDaniel said. "The goal for attendance this year is 10,000 people and I think we will meet our goal."



THE WINNER of the Smashed Chef Challenge receiving his prize.

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THE WINNING banana culinary dish from the Smashed Chef Challenge.



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Joe Benvenuti shares his memories as a Sacramento Kings owner

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series regarding Sacramento Kings owners who reside within the coverage area of Valley Community Newspapers.

It has been more than 60 years since Arden area resident Joe Benvenuti moved to Sacramento. And one of his most notable accomplishments as a local resident was playing a major role in the relocation of the National Basketball Association's Kansas City Kings to California's capital city.

Joe, 90, who has been an owner of the Kings since 1983, when the team was still located in Kansas City, sat down with Valley Community Newspapers last week to discuss his life and connection with Sacramento's only major league sports team.

After spending the first nine years of his life living in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Joe, who was one of the five children of Angelo and Mary Benvenuti, moved with his family to New Jersey.

It was during his time in New Jersey that Joe became a fan of the classic New York Yankees teams of the 1930s and 1940s.

And like many Yankees fans during this time, Joe Benvenuti was a big fan of the Yankees great, Joe DiMaggio.

Joe Benvenuti said that he enjoyed his formative years and was raised well by his parents.

"I had a very good upbringing," Joe said. "My father was a missionary and besides that he pastored about four churches in his lifetime. We were all Christians."

At the age of 29, Joe moved to Sacramento, where he encountered a building project that led to his longtime career in real estate development.

After learning various details about the building project, which featured \$6,700, two-bedroom, one-bathroom houses near his first Sacramento home, Joe was inspired to emulate what he had seen.

"Right away, I bought the five acres at the corner of El Camino and Morse (avenues)," Joe said. "I put a 68-unit apartment right on the corner and around the back, I built these homes. And that's what got me going. I started building homes. I built a lot of homes."

Another one of Joe's early housing developments occurred after he purchased 10 acres on Edison Avenue and Kerria and Tamalpais ways.

"I built 45 homes there and they went like that," Joe recalled.

Joe eventually purchased seven lots on Railroad Avenue for 25 cents per foot and placed warehouses on the lots.

"I started (with warehouses) there and I never stopped," Joe said. "I never went back to homes. I built a lot of warehouses. I own I don't know how many down in Natomas."

Although Joe abandoned his formal education after the eighth grade, he said that it was his personal motivation and risk-taking that allowed him to succeed in life.

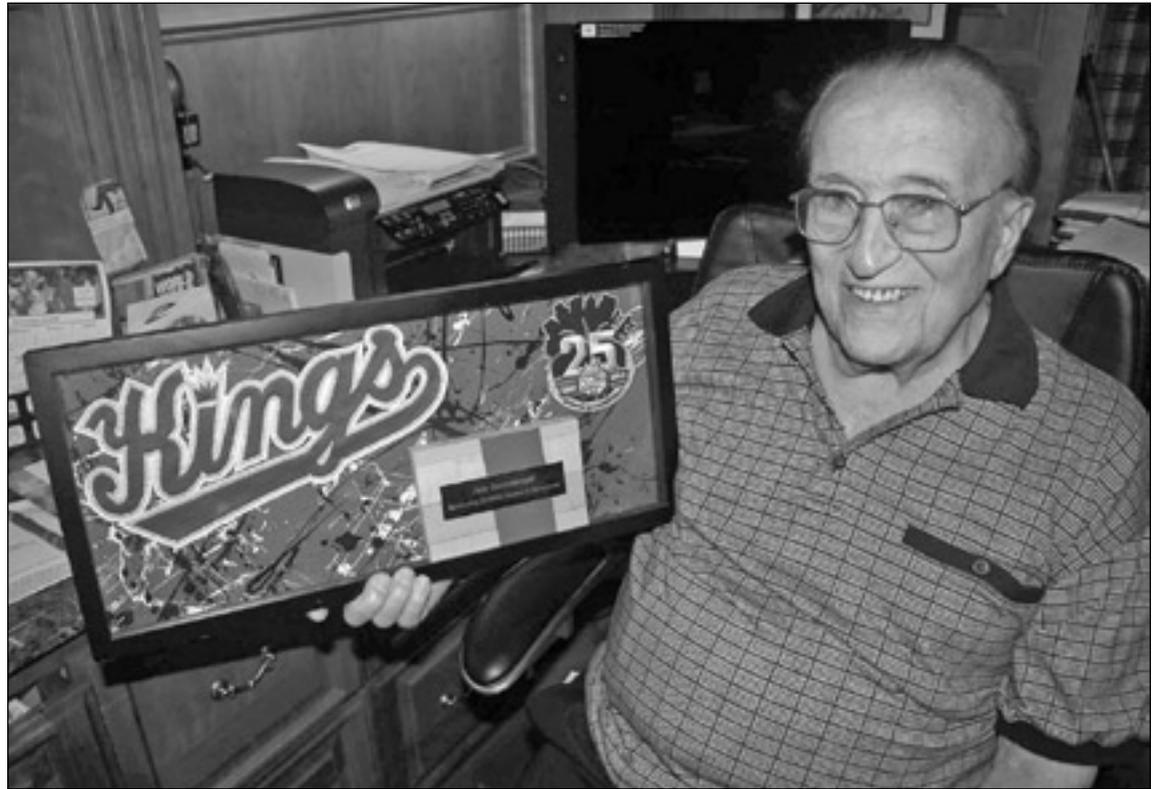
"It depends on yourself," Joe said. "I was always very aggressive. I took chances all the time. You know, 'nothing ventured, nothing gained,' and that's what I believed in. And that's what I did. I've got a lot of warehouses. I've built some apartment houses, I built a couple of small shopping centers. I still have (a shopping center near the corner of Douglas and Sunrise) in Roseville. And I saw that Sunrise stopped right there, and I extended (the street) all the way to what is now the auto mart. I still own the buildings on Arden Way, where the paint shop is, just west of Fulton (Avenue)."

Joe's drive in life led him to be in a financial position that allowed him to assist in the project to help make it possible for the old Kansas City Kings to become the Sacramento Kings.

Recalling the moment that he was asked to become involved in the local efforts to acquire an NBA team, Joe said that he was approached by Sacramento business owner and a future Kings owner Gregg Lukenbill in the early 1980s.

"Gregg Lukenbill – I'd read about him, (how he) and his father were building homes, but I'd never met (Gregg)," Joe said. "He called (local real estate developer) Buzz Oates, he called everybody, all the contractors. He wanted to get some team over here. Sacramento had nothing; no baseball, no football, no basketball."

Joe said Lukenbill also approached him and convinced him to become involved in the



SACRAMENTO KINGS minority owner Joe Benvenuti holds a framed Kings 25th anniversary (1985-2010) art piece, which includes a small portion of Arco Arena's basketball floor.

efforts to bring an NBA team to Sacramento.

In 1983, Joe and Gregg traveled to Kansas City to negotiate a deal to purchase the Kings.

In recalling this historic event, Joe said, "(Gregg) and I got on a (Kansas City-bound) plane one day and we spent three days there with lawyers and bought (the Kings). Paid \$10.5 million for them. I paid it. Gregg had no money; he just had a lot of guts. And that's how we got the Kings."

Two years later, the Kings were relocated to Sacramento, as they played their first regular season game in a temporary arena just east of Power Balance Pavilion on Oct. 25, 1985.

During a discussion regarding the temporary arena, Joe said, "That small (arena) sticks in my mind, because that's where it all began. And all these big players came from L.A. and Washington and New York to play. (Games at the arena) were always exciting. There were only 10,000 seats, but (the arena) was always jam-packed. And people were selling their tickets for more money, because you couldn't get any more than 10,000 (tickets)."

The second arena – today's Power Balance Pavilion – was opened for the 1988-89 season and until earlier this year was known as Arco Arena, which was also the name that was given to the temporary arena.

Of the original owners of the Kings – Joe, Bob Cook, Gregg,

Gregg's father, Frank Lukenbill, Steve Cippa and Frank McCormack – only Joe and Cook (who was featured in the first part of this series, which was published in July) remain in the ownership of the Kings.

Joe, who believes – despite the league's current lockout – that NBA teams will play a full 2011-12 season, because team owners would not want to lose money from a can-

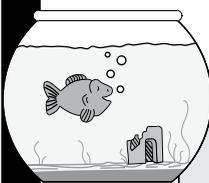
celled season, said that he is looking forward to following Kings games by this coming fall.

And in reviewing the Kings' quarter century in Sacramento, Joe said that the team has brought him much joy in his life.

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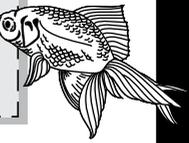


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Through Sept. 25: "Transcending Vision" traces the development of Impressionism in the United States and the growth of a truly American style of painting. The exhibition includes works by more than 75 prominent American artists including George Bellows, George Inness, Childe Hassam, Ernest Lawson, Lilla Cabot Perry and Julian Alden Weir. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

Gardens and Grandeur: Porcelains and Paintings by Franz A. Bischoff

Through Oct. 23: After beginning his career as a china painter in Bavaria, Franz A. Bischoff immigrated to the United States in 1885 to become one of the foremost porcelain painters of his day. He won numerous awards and earned the title "King of the Rose Painters." "Gardens and Grandeur" features approximately 40 examples of Bischoff's work, including porcelains, still lifes, and landscapes. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

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Bilingual Toastmasters

Aug. 18, 25: Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores Toastmasters. Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people in Spanish and English with Los Oradores. Every Thursday/ Cada Jueves 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sutter Cancer Center 2800 L Street, Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232 teri.bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Bingo!

Aug. 18, 25: Enjoy a great local charity game of bingo every Thurs. night at 6:30 p.m. Benefits projects in the community. Early bird for \$5, Regular game buy-in of \$20. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 422-6666

Capitol Mall Farmer's Market

Aug. 18, 25: Capitol Mall Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 6th St. & Capitol Mall, Sac. www.california-grown.com

East End State Capitol Park Farmer's Market

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Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

Aug. 18, 25: Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

Food Addicts Anonymous

Aug. 18, 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

Aug. 18, 25: Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain - this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danae Horn (503) 319-4247

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Aug. 18, 25: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market

Aug. 18, 25: Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 4th & K streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

Aug. 18, 25: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

Hot August Nights Classic Car Show

Aug. 19: Enjoy classic cars courtesy of the Motley Cruisers and meet "the King" - Elvis impersonator Rick Torres. Benefits Alzheimer's research. RSVP by Aug. 16. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Greenhaven Estates Senior Living, 7548 Greenhaven Dr., Sac. (916) 427-8887

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Aug. 19, 26: Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Fridays. 2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

Rotary Club of Point West

Aug. 19, 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Sacramento Kaiser Farmer's Market

Aug. 19, 26: Sacramento Kaiser Farmer's Market. Every Friday, June-Nov. 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2025 Morse Ave., Sac. www.sierrafresh.com

Saint Rose of Lima Park Farmer's Market

Aug. 19, 26: St. Rose of Lima Park Farmer's Market. Every Friday, June-Sept. 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 7th & K streets, Sac. www.MarketLocations.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

Aug. 19, 26: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

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Aug. 20, 27: Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, year round. 8 a.m.–noon. Watt & El Camino, Butano Dr. parking lot, Sac. www.california-grown.com

East Sac Art, Wine & Food Tasting Classic
Aug. 20: Enjoy delicious wine and food tastings plus art displays, live music and silent auction. Benefits NeighborWorks Sacramento Region. \$40/person, \$50/door. 5 p.m.–9 p.m. Sutter Lawn Tennis Club, 3951 N St., Sac. Tickets available at NeighborWorks Sacramento, 2400 Alhambra Blvd. or www.nwsac.org Blanca Gutierrez (916) 452-5356 x216 blanca@nwsac.org

Food Addicts Anonymous
Aug. 20, 27: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Screen on the Green
Aug. 20: "Secretariat." Sundown. East Portal Park, 1120 Rodeo Way, Sac. www.sacscreenthegreen.com

Carmichael Farmer's Market
Aug. 21, 28: Carmichael Farmer's Market. 8 a.m.–1 p.m., every Sun. Year round, rain or shine. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. www.bemoneysmartusa.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous
Aug. 21, 28: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Sudoku answers

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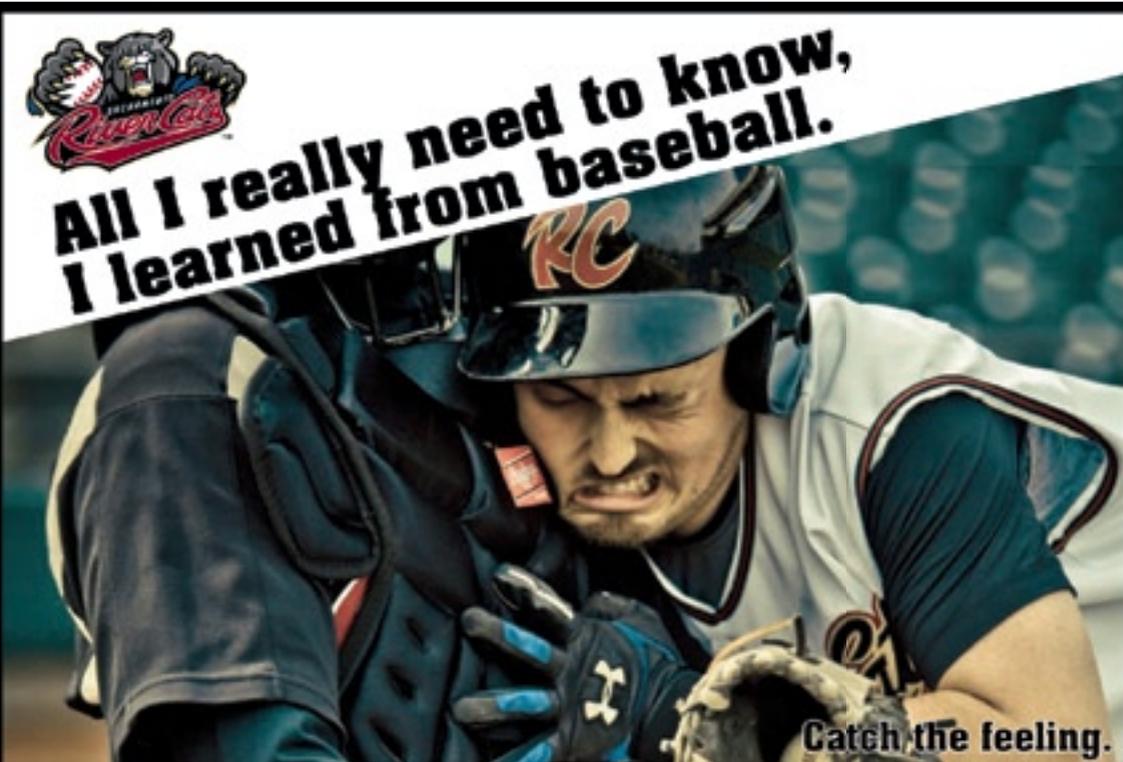


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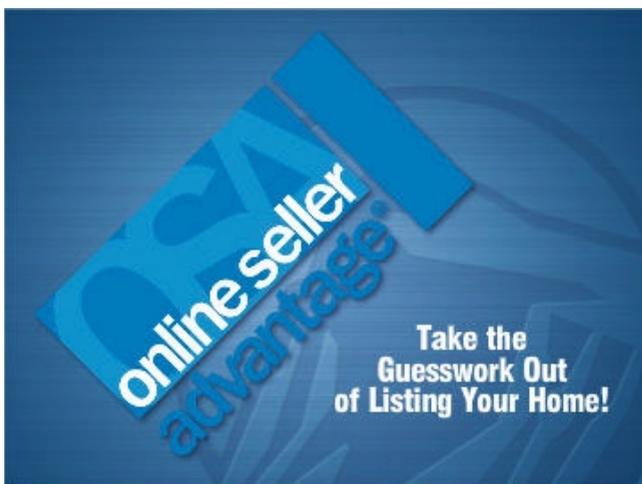


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