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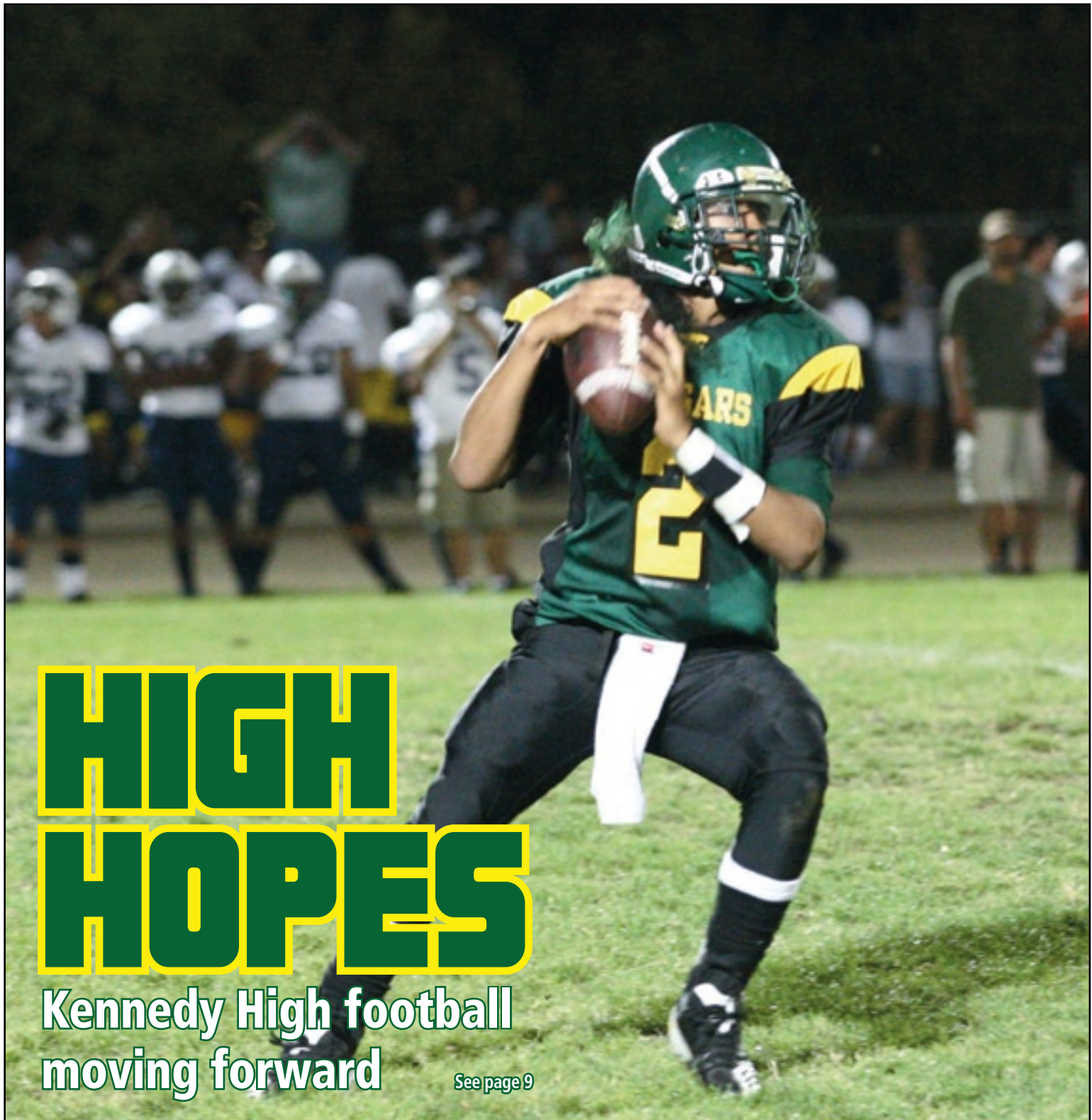
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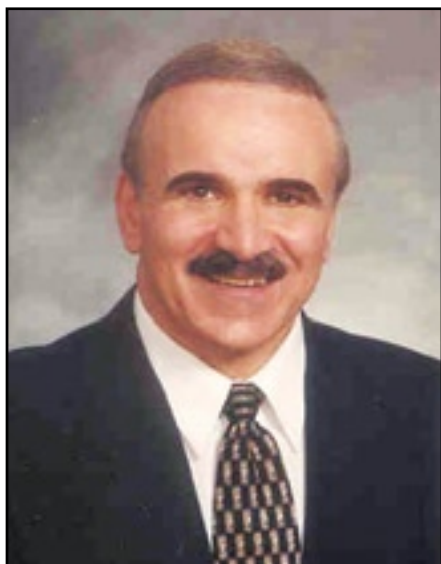
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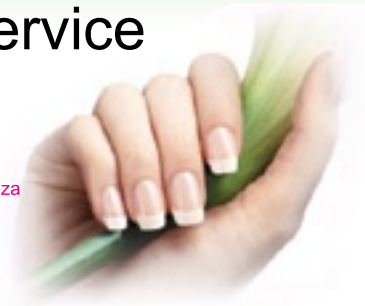
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Pocket area native reminisces about his success in baseball

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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It has been more than a half-century since Pocket native William "Billy" F. Rico became a world champion.

At 88 years old, Rico, who resides in Sacramento's historic Riverside area, speaks in a reverent manner regarding his experiences in the great American pastime of baseball. And the highlight of these years was his time managing and playing for the Carmichael Firemen baseball team, which was sponsored by Carmichael Fire Department Chief Dan Donovan and won the first Canadian-American "World's Series" for Non-Professional Baseball in 1946.

"We were world champions (of non-professional baseball)," Billy said. "Winning that 'World's Series' really sticks in my mind."

Despite finishing in second place in the 48-team semipro tournament, the Sacramento County League champion Firemen were invited to compete for the international title, since the first place, St. Joseph, Mich. team, which included several former Major League Baseball players, could not compete in the series because of its need to fulfill league obligations.

The Carmichael team did not disappoint their many hometown fans, as they won the seven-game series, which was held at Lawrence Stadium in Wichita, Kan., in five games.

In the final game of the series – an 8-2 Firemen's victory against a team from Windsor, Ontario, Canada on

Sept. 10, 1946 – Rico contributed two hits, scored one run and batted in two runs.

Included in *The Wichita Beacon's* next day coverage of the final game were the following words: "Carmichael had two big three-run innings, scoring in the fifth on a walk and a hit, then Rico's single brought in two runs after two were out. Following the game, trophies were presented both teams. The Coleman, for the winners, went to Bill Rico, manager of the California club."

Billy was named the tournament's most outstanding manager, and Les Lollis, the team's only African-American player, was recognized as the tournament's most valuable player.

When asked about what it was like winning the championship, Billy said, "It was really great. We had a good bunch of guys. It was a great ball club. It was a tough (tournament). You take them Texas ball clubs and the Oklahoma ball clubs, they're tough people. I mean, when they slide into you, you know it. They hit you hard."

Rico said that his return home from the tournament was also a very memorable experience for himself and other members of the team.

After arriving by train to Stockton, the team was escorted by the Highway Patrol to the Capitol, where bands were playing and a large crowd had gathered to greet the team.

"Coming to Sacramento and getting the reception that we did was really great," Billy said. "There were about 2,000 people at the state Capitol and



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POCKET NATIVE BILLY RICO was a successful local baseball player in the Sacramento area for three decades.

the governor (Earl Warren) was there to greet us."

Following the gathering at the Capitol, a party was held for the team at Donovan's Corner, a business owned by Donovan.

The following year, the Firemen placed fourth in the same tournament, which had been expanded to 52 teams.

In a remembrance article about the team 25 years later, Marco Smolich, sports editor of *The Sacramento Bee* wrote that the Carmichael Firemen "must be considered the most successful bush baseball club in this area's history."

Billy, who was one of the six children of Joe and Delfina Rico, who were immigrants of the island of Terceira in the Azores Islands of Portugal, explained that baseball became a very important part of his life during his grammar school years.

"I first played baseball when I was 8 or 9 years old down on (the old Riverside Road/present day Pocket Road) in the school yard at the Lower Lisbon School," said Billy, who received his first pair of spikes from *Sacramento Union* writer Vincent F.

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Baseball: Rico was player-manager of 1946 Canadian-American 'World's Series' champions

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Stanich. "There was also another place that I played baseball back then. Joe Freitas (who later became the manager of the local Julius Style Shop-sponsored, bush league team), and his brother Jess, they were alter boys in the (St. Mary) Church (on today's Pocket Road) down there and they played in their cow pasture across the road and a short distance northeast from the church. I used to go down there and play and do a lot of catching without a mask. I never did get hit though. And some of the grown ups used to play and I used to play with them. That was (about a mile away) from our house and we used to have to walk up there."

Billy, who moved with his family to 1704 O St. in about 1936, eventually began attending Christian Brothers School at 2535 21st Street at Broadway.

"I started there (at Christian Brothers) in grammar school in the sixth grade," Billy said. "I played baseball at Christian Brothers in grammar school and in high school. I played second and third base. We were good in 1939 in my first year (in high school). We had a real good team (that was led by its coach, Bud Hanna, and its top player, Wally Westlake). We only lost two games (to Marysville High School), but we also beat (Marysville High) twice in the same season."

Billy, who also played in summer league games during his youth, related an experience he had with Westlake during a Christian Brothers baseball team practice.

"(Westlake) was a big guy," Billy said. "I remember throwing batting practice and I hit him one day."

In response, Westlake told Billy that he was going to hit a line drive right at him.

"And he did, too," Billy said. "But luckily I got out of the way. We had a lot of fun back then."

Christian Brothers home baseball games during this era were played at William Land Park and the Stanford Playground – present day Stanford Park – at 28th and C streets.

Billy's father died at the age of 59 on March 9, 1929 after being kicked by a horse and in order to help support his family, Billy opted to drop out of high school prior to his senior year and acquire employment at McClellan Field.

While later working at the Shasta Dam, Billy played a season for the Redding Tigers of the Sacramento Valley League, which also included the Marysville Giants and the Chico Colts.

In 1944, Billy played a half-a-season for the Pacific Coast League's Oakland Oaks.

Residing in Sacramento once again, Billy, in addition to his time with the Carmi-



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THE DAN DONOVAN-sponsored Carmichael Firemen won the international, non-professional championship in a 1946 series against a Canadian team in Wichita, Kan. in 1946.

chael Firemen, played and managed the Ed Sparks-sponsored Muir-Acme club in the Winter League until 1951. He also played on championship teams in the city's Recreation Department's Municipal Twilight Softball League during the same era.

After his baseball years, Billy, who was married to his now-late wife, Alberta "Bertie" G. (Camillo) Rico, for 65 years, worked as a city park maintenance worker from 1952 to 1984. And more specifically, Billy said

that he was mainly in charge of the ball diamonds at William Land Park.

Thinking back on his years of baseball, Billy, who is a longtime member

of Elks Lodge No. 6, said, "Those were very memorable times for me. I would never change them for anything. It was the greatest time of my life."



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High hopes for football season at Kennedy High School

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After a rough few seasons for the Kennedy High School Cougars football team, hope is renewed for a possible playoff run in 2011-12. After posting a 4-26 record from 2007-09, the Cougars broke through with a 5-4 record in 2010 behind first-year coach Henry Lusk. With a run-heavy offense and a tenacious pass rush, Kennedy was a force to be reckoned with.

The Cougars were able to come out with a winning record (4-3) against their seven league opponents, but two close losses to McClatchy and Burbank kept them from competing in the playoffs. If they are to make a run this year, some old faces will have to ramp it up and some new ones will have to step it up.

"We have players returning that we know can play," said coach Lusk. "We have some new additions that are going to have to fill some holes too."

Lusk is a firm believer in conditioning, and it's safe to say that this Kennedy team will be in the best possible shape when the whistle blows. He has instituted a year-round conditioning program designed to keep the players in shape during the offseason so they are better prepared for the rigors of the game. It is his hope that his players are faster and have the endurance to pull games out late – something his Cougars had trouble doing last year.

Recalling a 26-22 loss to league foe McClatchy last October, Lusk said "we just weren't conditioned." But he followed quickly with "this year we're in shape."

Lusk makes no qualms about what his team will try to do on the field.

"I'm a running coach," he said. "We have four good running backs and a bruising full-back that can run. We have athletes all over the place."

Last season Kennedy finished second in the Metropolitan League in rushing with 2,194 yards. Returning to those numbers will be no small feat, considering running back Tristan Lay graduated. Lay was second in the league in rushing with

'It's playoffs or bust, We're not satisfied with anything less.'

Henry Lusk,
Head Coach,
Kennedy High School

1,338 yards. He also scored 19 of the team's 26 touchdowns on the ground.

Burbank, who led the league in rushing with an astonishing 4,142 rushing yards, will also be hard-pressed to equal that number as quarterback Tu'uta Inoke graduated after a stellar season where he accounted for 27 touchdowns (19 rushing) and 1,653 yards on the ground which led the league. Gone too is Winston Green, who rushed for 1,007 yards – good for fourth in the league.

Kennedy lost a pretty close game to the Burbank Titans to end last season by a score of 38-26. Kennedy held an 18-8 lead in the game, but were outscored 30-8 in the final three quarters. Kennedy won't miss Burbank's Inoke, as he ran for 218 yards and four touchdowns in the game. The Titans amassed a staggering 469 yards on the ground in the game. Through conditioning, Lusk hopes that this year his team will cut down those huge numbers.

Lusk remembers that game last year and said simply "we have to get them this year."

They'll have their chance as the regular season ends at Burbank on Nov. 4.

Another fourth place finish in league is not good enough for Lusk and the Cougars. Lusk knows that he was brought on as head coach to win games and make the playoffs.

"It's playoffs or bust," he said. "We're not satisfied with anything less."

Returning for the Cougars is their quarterback and second-leading rusher Elijah Chestnut. Last year he ran for 381 yards and two touchdowns and threw for 1,041 and eight more scores. Defensive end and quarterback nightmare Daniel



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A KENNEDY BALL CARRIER surveys the field for an opening during the 2010-11 season.

Wong returns for his senior season after finishing 2010 with 9.5 sacks. Fellow defensive end Alex Finau returns after pulling down the opposing quarterback seven times. The Cougars finished second in league with 40.5 sacks.

Lusk also said to watch out for senior linebacker Matt Williams who is "bigger, stronger, faster and is knocking people out."

After surpassing the previous three seasons worth of wins in his first year as head coach, Lusk will look to continue taking his team in the right direction. The road to the playoffs begins in earnest as the Cougars meet powerhouse Rosemont on Sept. 23 in their league opener. The Wolverines won the Metro League last season and beat Del Campo in the first round of the playoffs before being dispatched by Buhach Colony in the second round.

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Giovanni's Old World New York Pizzeria celebrates 10 years of the 'Joy of Pizza'

By SUSAN LAIRD
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It is said that when you find your true calling in life, you will never have to work a day for the rest of your life. The high calling of your daily work will make the performance of daily tasks a joy.

This has certainly been true for John Ruffaine, co-owner of Giovanni's Old World New York Pizzeria in Land Park and East Sacramento. For ten years, he has crafted what many call the most authentic New York-style pizzas in the Sacramento region.

And all with a smile on his face that is non-stop.

Since opening the first Giovanni's in Land Park with his wife, Jenny, and Carlo and Allison Grifone, John has been committed to providing Sacramento's pizza lovers with the "real deal."

"No offense to the chain that says it's 'The Last Honest Pizza,' but I believe your product has to be as honest as you are," John said. "Oth-

erwise, what's the point? We use real Italian pepperoni, real mozzarella from New York. And we don't throw dough here - we stretch it. Those guys who throw dough around aren't authentic. Nobody in New York or Italy does that."

John is passionate about producing a pizza that is as New York as possible. He was taught by those in the know, in the Italian neighborhoods of New York. The recipes are Old World Italian.

"We're two Italian American families, and our families are from Salerno, Sicily and Calabria," he said. "A lot of what's on our menu is inspired from Southern Italy - it's actually what they use in their pizza. We don't use any enhancers. What you are getting is genuine flavor and texture. We use only the finest ingredients. If it's not made from scratch, it's imported from Italy or New York."

John so enjoys making pizzas that customers sometimes laughingly accuse him of not wanting to

hand it over to them. He seems to work with a perpetual smile on his face as he crafts each pizza.

"I love my customers as much as I love my pizza," he said. "This place is all about family. My philosophy is: a pizzeria should be a place where you can bring your family, your team after the game, your girlfriend or boyfriend on a first date. Kids ought to be able to move around and be kids in a comfortable setting."

The sizes of the pizzas at Giovanni's are as generous as the size of the spacious restaurant. A double-header benefit for large groups looking for good values. A large pizza pie at Giovanni's is a generous 16 inches across.

John is also known for his support of local schools and charities. Many a Giovanni's pizza has raised funds for a worthy cause. This year also marks one decade of supporting fundraisers for leukemia and lymphoma research. He believes that giving back is important.

"You've got to keep a positive mindset," John said. "There's a lot of action behind what I do. I care about this business and the community. We help everyone



Pocket News file photo, Tom Paniagua
THE JOY OF PIZZA makes crafting pizzas all a part of a life well lived for Giovanni's Old World New York Pizzeria co-owner John Ruffaine.

in the community, especially the kids. It's all about the kids. Those kids are the future.

"Be generous," he advises business owners and others. "I think something's missing in society today. It seems like it's all about 'me-me-me.' I just don't get that. When you give back to the community, people in the neighborhood know it. I love being part of the

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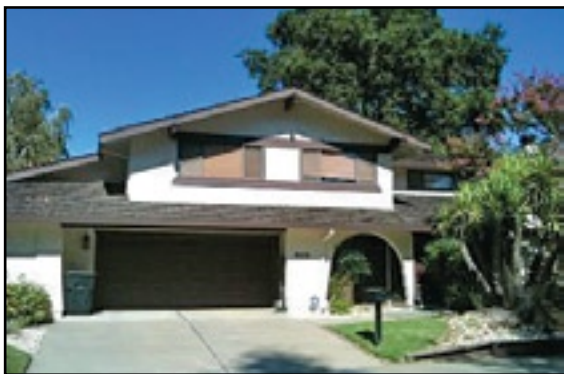
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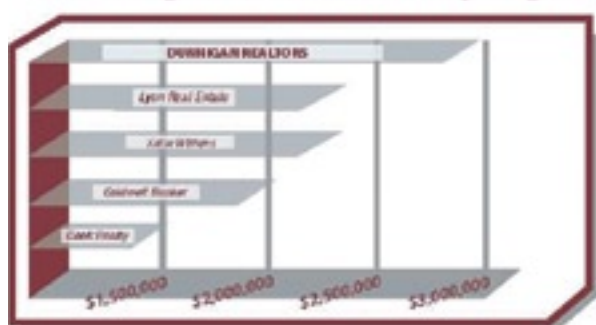
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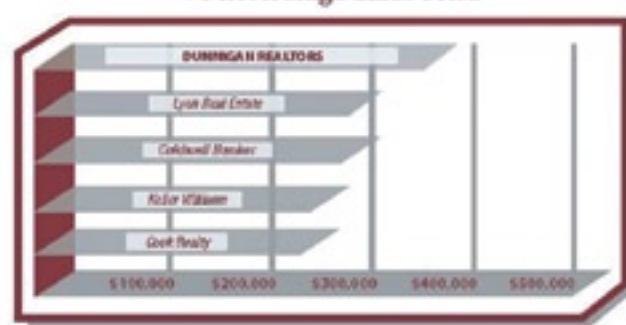
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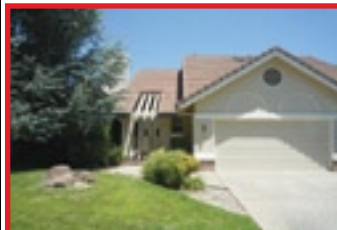
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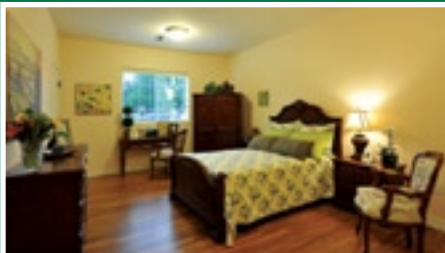
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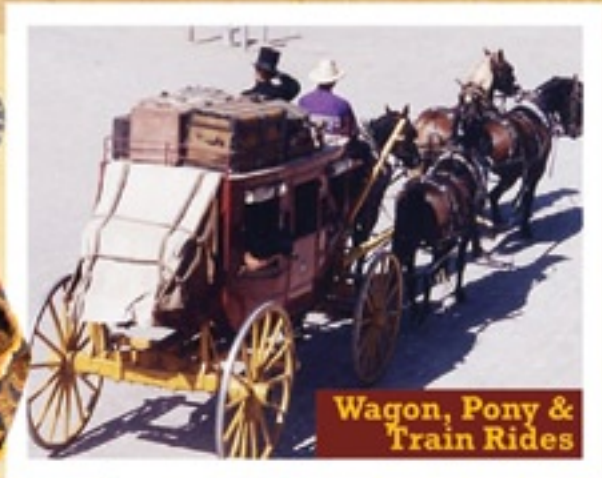
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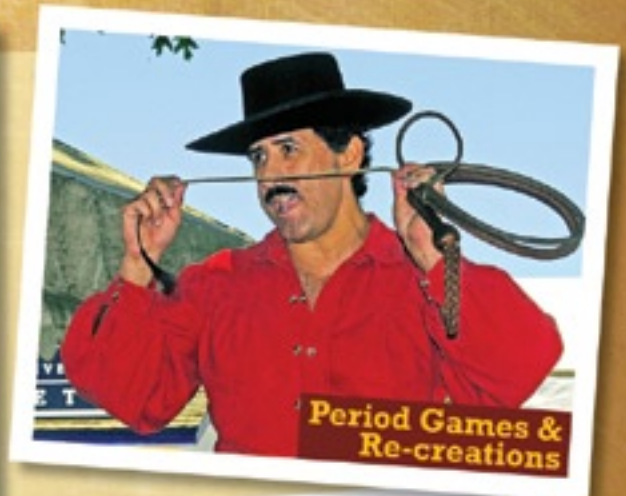
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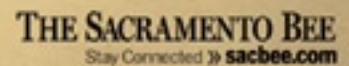
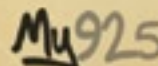
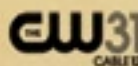
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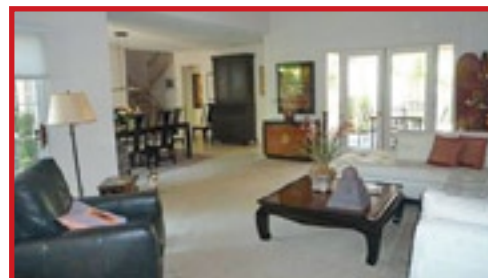
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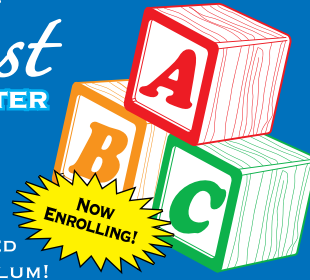


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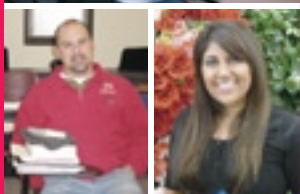
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In January 2000, Sheryl began volunteering for the Alzheimer's Aid Society facilitating support groups and later was asked to be a member of the Board of Directors. By January 2010, she was asked to take on the position of President of the Alzheimer's Aid Society. This has been her passion since she began volunteering over 10 years ago.

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C.K. McClatchy High School 1976
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Landscapes from the Age of Impressionism

Through Sept. 18: This exhibition of approximately 40 paintings includes many of the finest examples of mid-19th through early 20th-century French and American landscapes from the collection of the Brooklyn Museum. These works form a broad survey of landscape painting as practiced by leading French artists such as Gustave Courbet and Claude Monet, as well as their most significant American followers, including Childe Hassam and John Singer Sargent. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.

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Sutterville Heights Optimist Club
Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 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

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Rotary Club of Point West

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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
Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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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Land Park Volunteer Corps




Sept. 3: Got work gloves and a "let's get down to business" attitude? Then the Land Park Volunteer Corps is for you! Come join members of the community as we maintain, improve and beautify lovely William Land Park. First Saturday of every month, March - Nov. Free. 8 a.m. meet behind Fairytale Town, 8:25 a.m.-11 a.m., work on projects as assigned. Light breakfast, lunch provided by local businesses. (916) 718-3030 ckpinsacto@aol.com

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Popular pony rides at William Land Park have rich history

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Long before the days of Fairytale Town in William Land Park, local children, as well as children visiting from outside the city, had plenty of places to attract their attention at the park. And one of the things that many of these children looked forward to was taking rides on the ponies that were maintained by Sacramento native Eddie Fernandes.

Although the pony rides, which are located near the entrance of Funderland (formerly Kiddie Land) at the corner of 16th and 17th avenues in the park, are no longer managed by the Fernandes family, the rides continue to be operated today.

The Fernandes era

Assisting in the efforts to tell the story of Eddie Fernandes, former pony ride workers, Eddie's daughter, Donna (Fernandes) Nieto, Eddie's son, Larry Fernandes, and Dave Rakela, recently shared their memories about the concessions.



EDDIE FERNANDES leads a line of ponies to William Land Park.

Photo courtesy, the Fernandes family

Because her father owned the pony rides, Donna said that she grew up with the notoriety of being the daughter of the "pony ride man."

"When I was growing up, my friends and other people,

when they found out that my father owned the ponies at William Land Park, it was, 'Oh, wow, you're dad owns the ponies at William Land Park. You get free rides?' Well, of course I got free rides. It always blew me away that they thought my dad would charge me for a pony ride."

Larry added that during his childhood, a unique aspect about telling people about what his father did for a living was having them respond by saying, "Oh, I know him."

The pony rides, which follow a scenic trail in the shade of many large trees, were under the direction of the Fernandes family for 32 years, beginning in 1948, when Eddie took over the reins of the business.

Donna said that she believes that the man who was in charge of the rides prior to this time had established the business only a few years earlier.

Although Larry remembers meeting the former owner of the business, he unfortunately could not remember the man's name.

In order to purchase the ponies and take over the pony ride business, Eddie, who had previously been an apprentice mechanic for the E.A. Boyd Co., a Chrysler and Plymouth distributor at 1125 Alhambra Blvd., borrowed money from his mother, Claudina Fernandes, a Portuguese immigrant, and his brother, A.J. Fernandes, who was employed as a county weights and measures worker.

During the earlier years of the business, the horses were boarded outside the park and would be walked to the park each day in single-file lines down such streets as Riverside Boulevard, South Land Park Drive and Rio Lane.

In about the mid-1960s, the city had a barn built for the ponies in the park about a quarter-mile from the site of the pony rides.

Larry, who worked for his father from 1955 to 1963, described his duties at the pony rides.

"I started out in the back picking up the (pony) mess," Larry said. "Then I made sure that the ponies kept going around the circle and didn't decide to stray and try to eat grass or take

off for a run. And I made sure the kids didn't kick the ponies (while they were riding them). We didn't allow that, because then they would run."

Many of the workers helped the children on and off the ponies, which during this era had such names as Pee Wee, Blondie, Flash and Silver.

The workers also fastened and unfastened a safety belt around each child.

Regarding the belts, Donna said, "That was their trade off for liability at that time."

Dave chuckled as he explained a very vivid memory about working at the pony rides.

"My brother (Bob, who later became a commercial artist in Sacramento) worked there," Dave said. "He was up front and he got me the job working in the back. That was a very humbling job, because I can remember the girls who came to ride the ponies were about my age and here I am at the back sweeping urine around and picking up the golden nuggets. So, that was kind of embarrassing for me."

Donna said that her father was very passionate about his

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LAND PARK PONY RIDES owner Lynn Hagemann stands next to her small mule, Ladybug.

Ponies: Generations of Sacramento children have enjoyed the ponies in the park

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work and was endeared by many people, including his young workers.

"My dad really was a mentor to a lot of teenage boys," Donna said. "They all loved him for some reason or another. He had a dynamic personality. But when he meant business, he meant business. Even though he was only 5-foot, 1-inch-tall, they listened to him and they minded him. And those boys, after they stopped working for my dad, they would always come over to our house and visit. And when my dad passed away, they were all there. It was a huge funeral. There was something about my dad that just attracted people. He just had this personality that was kind of like when you walked in a room, the light went on."

Eddie died of a heart attack at the age of 48 on July 4, 1969, while on the job doing something he truly loved — working with the ponies and the public.

For the following decade, Eddie's widow, Evelyn, a native of Tennessee, operated the pony rides.

The Hagemann era

Since the end of the Fernandes family's era with the pony rides, besides a few years when the pony ride concessions were owned by a wom-

an, named Norma, who introduced entirely different ponies to the park, Sheridan (Placer County) resident Lynn Hagemann has been in charge of the rides' operations.

Hagemann was born in Canada, but has lived in California since she was one year-old. She has 15 ponies, a small mule and two average-size horses available for riding. The current horses have such names as Blackie, Candy, Rocky, Carmel, Hot Shot, Cody, Bubba, Wrangler and Ladybug.

One of the original ponies that worked during Hagemann's time as the business's owner is Buster, who is 31 years old and is living his retirement years in Sheridan.

Hagemann said that Buster is quite a celebrity when it comes to the park's pony rides.

"I swear at least half of Sacramento has ridden Buster, the little pony," Hagemann said.

Hagemann, who had previous experience assisting with

pony rides when she was 14 years old in Fremont and later at the Nut Tree in Vacaville, added that in being an outdoor person and an animal lover, she has enjoyed her time operating this historic business at the park.

A memorable place

Like many adults throughout the region, Roseville native Margie (Trevizo) McNeil said that she has fond memories of riding ponies at William Land Park during her childhood.

"I rode these horses (at the park) when I was three years old and I'm 57," McNeil said. "I used to come here with my family from Roseville. It was always a tradition for us to come here and ride the horses."

The pony rides are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except on Mondays.

For additional information regarding the pony rides at William Land Park, call (916) 645-1161.

'I rode these horses (at the park) when I was three years old and (now) I'm 57.'
- Margie McNeil

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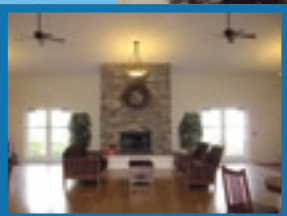
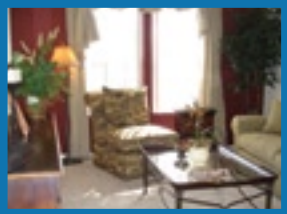
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Community Sunday breakfast

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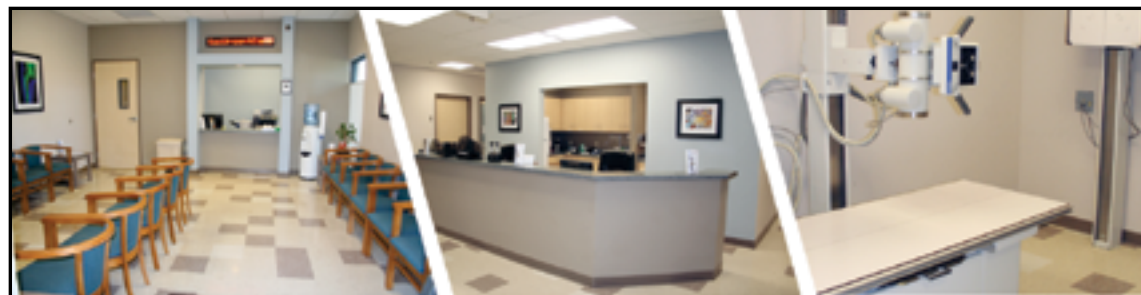


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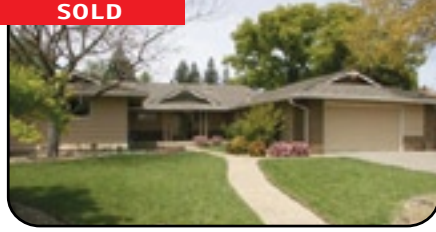
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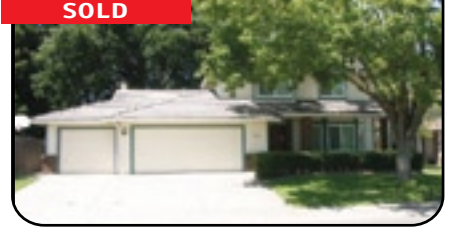
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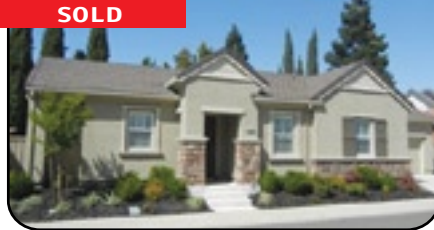
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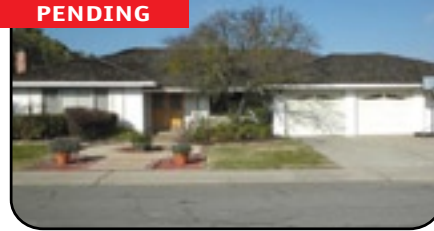
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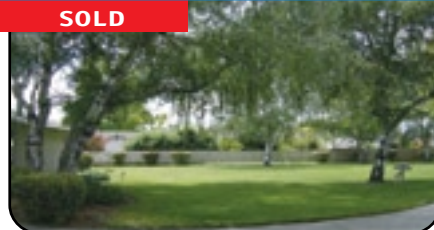
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