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Cimino family shares a passion for caring for seniors

By SUSAN LAIRD
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"I wish there were nicer facilities for placing seniors."

Although she didn't realize it at the time, those words spoken by Wilma Tanzini Cimino in the early 1970s would change the course of an entire family – and the ripple effect would go out to reach hundreds of families over the next four decades.

The Cimino Family resided in San Francisco back then. Dad John Cimino, Sr. was a cabinet maker and remodeler in the City. Mom Wilma Cimino had her hands full raising two daughters and three sons. They were a busy, caring and happy Seventh Day Adventist family.

In addition to raising a busy family, Wilma provided in-home care and served as a conservator for elderly clients in the community.

"The church would call, asking for help for parishioners," said Mark Cimino, the youngest of the three brothers. "Mom started caregiving as a business in 1973. We used to go with her to help Mrs.

Frelander, who was blind. That's where our lessons in caregiving began when we were children. We all took the bus to her home. Mom did the caregiving, our sisters did the housekeeping and we brothers did the entertaining."

"There were many elderly people we used to help that Mom was taking care of," said John, Jr., the eldest of the boys.

One day, an incident happened that changed the course of the family forever.

"Jane Herda was one of the people Mom was caring for," said Mark. "I still remember the commotion because Jane had called Mom and said, 'Wilma, this is Jane. My bed is on fire!'"

This was in the days before 9-1-1. Horrified, the Cimino family rushed to Herda's home. They could see flames flickering through the window panes. The elderly woman had been smoking in bed and inadvertently started a small fire. Fortunately, the Ciminos arrived in time and were able to put the fire out – and Herda, who

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159th STATE FAIR OPENS AT CAL EXPO

Fair holds long tradition in region

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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We are taking a ride down memory lane, including memories that are beyond anyone's lifetime where one can observe the fair's long tradition of fun-filled attractions.

The California State Fair has a long history, which has created fond memories for many Sacramento residents, others throughout the state and beyond.

1862 State Fair

One hundred and fifty years ago, the fair was only in its eighth year, and only a year had passed since the state legislature

And this year's fair, which opened July 12 and continues through July 29, is loaded with many attractions that will deliver a variety of new memories.



Photo courtesy of the California State Fair

See State Fair, page 5 This year's State Fair offers a wide variety of midway rides and other attractions.

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State Fair: Exhibits gain popularity

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designated Sacramento as the fair's permanent location.

This was the 1862 fair, which followed the city's great flood of 1861-62.

Persevering through this tragedy, which caused Venice-like waterway scenes through its streets, Sacramento was able to present a very successful fair.

The Sacramento Union noted in its Oct. 4, 1862 edition that the number of people who arrived at the 1862 fair exceeded expectations.

This article stated: "The ground at the park yesterday was fairly covered with people and carriages. At no time last year were there as many persons present as were there about two o'clock yesterday. The wonder was where the thousands present could have come from. It was a proud day for the State Fair, as well as for Sacramento, as a great many had predicted that the attempt to hold a fair this year would prove a mortifying failure."

During this Civil War-era fair, which was held from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, 1862, the public viewed displays showcasing the state's fine selection of fruits.

This exhibit, which was presented at the Pavilion at 6th and M streets (now Capitol Mall), was even more impressive, when considering the time of year that the fair was being held.

Wool and woolen goods were also on display at the Pavilion.

And at the park, the public also viewed exhibitions of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs and a machine for grinding sugar cane, and its accompanying evaporator.

The receipts for the 1862 fair, which included a closing evening ball at the Pavilion, totaled more than \$11,000.

Nearly 125 years have passed since the Sept. 12 opening of the two-week-long 1887 fair.

It was in that year that the State Fair suddenly had competition, as the local Mechanics' Institute opted to hold its annual exhibition from Sept. 1 through Oct. 8.

However, this conflict in scheduling did not impede the

1887 State Fair from achieving success.

In less than one week after the opening of the fair, The Union, in its Sept. 17, 1887 edition, declared the event a "complete success."

In its Sept. 16, 1887 edition, The Sacramento Bee reported that "strangers continue to pour into Sacramento on every train to attend the State Fair" and "every wagon road is lined with vehicles."

Among the greatest attractions at the 1887 fair were the horse races, which were reported upon in detail in the local, daily newspapers of the time.

Receiving much attention in the aforementioned edition of the Bee was a horse named Black Diamond.

In one report on Black Diamond's success, the Bee noted, "Those who had (bet on Black Diamond) from the start, and at big odds, were wild with delight."

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 1912 State Fair, which was only the third consecutive time the fair was held at the Stockton Boulevard fairgrounds.

As in previous years, the 1912 fair drew many spectators to its livestock shows.

The Sept. 14, 1912 edition of the Bee featured details about the fair's notable cattle, including Aralia De Ko, the then-world champion for butter fat.

In a single year, this Holstein produced 910 pounds of butter fat, 28,000 pounds of milk and 1,137 pounds of butter.

Held from Sept. 12-21, the 59th annual fair opened with

a downtown parade with cowboys and charioteers.

Other attractions included the first California State Fair Round-Up, which became an annual event, fireworks at the grandstand, and Odell, "The Bee Wizard," who enclosed himself in a cage and allowed bees to swarm all over his body, without suffering a single sting.

1937 State Fair

The popularity of the fair continued to increase throughout the years, leading to the event's distinction as the largest fair in the United States in 1938, when more than 600,000 people attended the fair.

This high attendance mark was made possible through the assistance of the fairgrounds' 1937 expansion from 80 acres to 155 acres. The expansion included a new racetrack grandstand and horse show arena.

The 1937 fair opened for the first day of its 10-day run on Friday morning, Sept. 3. The day represents the first time that the California State Fair began on a Friday.

The start of the fair was marked by thousands of school children who walked in a parade from McClatchy Park to the fairgrounds.

Popular attractions at the 1937 fair were horse shows, a \$1.5 million display of livestock, Foley & Burke carnival shows with various rides and machines, the Lottie Mayer disappearing water ballet, a pig-feeding contest, free motion pictures showings, concerts, a nightly fireworks show and the introduction of a new lily pond in front of the main fair building.

1987 State Fair

It can be difficult for many people to come to terms with

the fact that the 1987 State Fair opened 25 years ago this year.

Held Aug. 21 through Labor Day, Sept. 7, this fair opened with a ceremony in front of the main gate at Cal Expo.

The ceremony included performances by the 561st National Guard band and the California Raisin Advisory Board's Dancing Raisins, a tree planting by the Sacramento Tree Foundation and an entrance by the Para-Stars, a Sacramento skydiving team.

Other attractions of the 1987 fair were midway rides, harness racing, professional rodeos, pig races, live music, "Monster Truck Madness," Aztec Indian dancing, agricultural and crafts exhibits, an exotic birds display, fireworks at the grandstand and an evolution of communications display.

Special days of the 1987 fair included Raisin Day, Tomato Day, Cheese Day and Dairy Goat Industry Day.

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Pocket native 'Tom Mix' Silva followed musical dream

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Editor's Note: This is part two of a two-part series regarding the history of the Pocket's Antone Silva and Joao Luiz Silva families.

In continuing the story of Antone L. Silva and his wife, Maria (Mary), who had seven children, the couple's son, Anthony "Tony" L. Silva was raised to work on his father's farm along with his brother, Joseph.

As is typical for farm workers, Tony began his daily routine very early, as he would regularly milk the cows by lantern light at 5:30 a.m.

Upon returning from school each day, Tony fed the farm animals and once again milked the cows.

With his busy schedule, Tony, who was born in the Pocket on Nov. 25, 1906, often remained active for 16 hours per day.

Despite his hard work on the farm, Tony's thoughts were more on music than his work at hand. This mindset eventually led to friction with his father.

Music in the city

At that time, one of the sons of a farmer would be destined to take over the family farm after the father's retirement or demise. This tradition was far from Tony's desired intentions.

In 1925, Tony moved to San Francisco, where he lived for several years and held various jobs, while Joseph and his father worked on the ranch.

As a young man, one of Tony's interests was the cowboy life and he would often dress in cowboy attire.

His love for dressing in this manner led to his acquisition of the nickname, "Tom Mix." Tom Mix was a popular Western movie star of the day and appeared in nearly 300 films from 1909 to 1935.

To this day, people who remember Tony refer to him as "Tom Mix," since there has been multiple Tony Silvas in the history of the Pocket.

Sacramento music

After returning to the farm from San Francisco, Tony began to have music take command of his life.

His venture into music began through his singing lessons with well-known Sacramento vocalist Evangeline Baker.

Through his lessons with Baker, he gained the confidence to perform in recitals and various special occasions.

Tony's confidence as a singer grew much greater when, in 1937, he won two amateur singing contests that were conducted by Sacramento radio station KROY 1240 AM.

After winning these contests, Tony began singing on a weekly KROY program called "Ecos of Portugal."

It was through this radio program that he eventually met his future wife, Marie Furtado, who emigrated from the Azorean island of Flores when she was very young.

Singing sweethearts

Both Marie and Tony performed as vocalists on the KROY program, which was conducted by Maria Cabral.

As Tony and Marie became sweethearts, they would sing popular songs in dedication to one another, with Marie singing, "Amor," and Tony singing, "You Belong to My Heart."

They personally recorded these songs, which were later transferred to compact disc.

In addition to her solo performances on KROY, Marie also performed on the station with her Portuguese friends, Lillian Rose and Muriel Quintel.

This popular trio, which was known as "The Three Musketeers," also sang on a weekly Portuguese musical program on CBS-affiliated radio station, KGDM in Stockton.

Eventually, Tony and Marie were married in Sacramento on Sept. 13, 1941.



Photo courtesy of PHCS
Anthony "Tony" L. Silva was given the nickname, "Tom Mix," due to the fact that he would often dress like a cowboy.

Married with children

After their marriage, the couple moved into a home at 2648 17th Street.

While at this address, Tony and Marie's first child, Antoinette, was born.

After the death of his father, Tony and his family moved back to the old Pocket ranch, where he resided with his family in his parent's two-story home, which was built by Manuel Valine, a local contractor who was known as "Calisto."

It was there that Tony and Marie's second child, Timothy, was born.

In 1949, the family moved into the smaller house on the property.

Five years later, a new house was built for Tony and Marie at 7330 Pocket Road on the

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Silva: Tony's passion for music is passed on to his children

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corner of the property between his father's ranch and his uncle John's ranch.

Tony Silva and his family continued to reside in this house until 1970, at which time the house was sold, along with part of the farm. The family then purchased a house at 6745 Harmon Drive.

Return to the ranch

Following the death of Tony's mother on Feb. 4, 1971, Tony and Marie returned to the big farmhouse on the old Antone Silva ranch.

A year following the Dec. 10, 1984 death of Marie, Tony sold the old farmhouse and its accompanying property.

Selling historic farmlands in the Pocket was a common thing in those days, as farms were being sold for the redevelopment of the area.

This redevelopment marked the end of the era for pioneer Portuguese farming families.

After selling his home, Tony moved into an assisted living facility on Riverside Boulevard, near Florin Road.

A second marriage

Tony, who was elected to the board of directors of the Portuguese Historical and Cultural Society in 1990, was eventually involved in a brief second marriage.

Following his second marriage, Tony moved to Citrus Heights, where he began attending dances at the Moose Lodge.

At these dances, he met Martha Prater, whom he began dating.

Tony and Martha also enjoyed dancing to a combo at The Big Yellow House, a restaurant which was located at 1788 Tribute Road, near Cal Expo.

At this restaurant, Tony and Martha, who was also a soloist, would sing to the music until the late hours of the night.

A sad moment in Tony's life occurred in 2003, when Martha made the decision to move to Missouri to reside with her family.

Following Martha's departure, Tony moved into an assisted living facility in Walnut Creek to be close to his daughter, Antoinette.

Musical tradition continues

Tony's relationship with Antoinette was especially strong, since she had also developed talents as a musician.

For instance, during her youth, Antoinette sang with the Music Circus ensemble.

In 2006, Tony became a centenarian and Antoinette, Timothy and their families celebrated the occasion with a party that was held at the Lafayette Park Hotel in Walnut Creek.

Tony maintained his involvement in music as a vocalist for The Snappy Cats, a group that dressed in decorative costumes and featured piano, kazoos, tambourine and vocals. The group added to their performances with puppets.

Tony later became a resident of Atria Senior Living.

A full life

For Tony's 101st birthday, a celebration was held at Atria, and a San Jose-based Hispanic television station arrived at the party and filmed an interview with Tony and a performance by The Snappy Cats. The station later aired the recording.

As a sign of Tony and his group's popularity, more than

100 people attended the gathering.

After a full life, Tony passed away from an age-related illness at the age of 102 on Aug. 19, 2009.

And at his services, the recording of Tony singing, "You Belong to My Heart," was played.



Photo courtesy of PHCS
As a centenarian, Anthony "Tony" L. Silva maintained his involvement in music as a vocalist with The Snappy Cats. Tony is shown on the far right side of this photograph.

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Local youth artists 'step up' to be counted at State Fair

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For the last 158 years, Californians have proudly celebrated the talent and bounty of this great land at the annual California State Fair.

Whether in good times or tough ones, somehow the good folks of the Golden State manage to "step up to the plate" and show why there is always hope for the future.

Case in point, a number of Sacramento County's youth artists – those in middle school and high school – submitted artwork for the Youth Art & Design Expo at this year's State Fair. And the young people did very well.

In fact, there were some 840 entries from Sacramento County's young people that were judged good enough to win ribbons for first, second and third places, plus honorable mention. Not every entry was awarded a ribbon, so honorable mentions from this juried show are a significant accomplishment.

Private sponsors also stepped up to make additional awards available.

The titles of the submitted works are lively and imaginative – and seeing the creativity and talent of this younger generation is a great encouragement to fairgoers, as well as fun entertainment.

Here are a few of the schools in the Valley Community Newspapers readership area that are represented at this year's fair:

Arden Middle School

Jessica Allen received an impressive seven ribbons for multiple entries in dif-

ferent art categories at this year's fair. Her 3D sculpture, "Google," received an IMCO Ceramics Award and a second-place ribbon. Two more 3D sculptures, "Chicken" and "Peace of Pie" received honorable mentions. Jessica received two third place ribbons for "Lucid Mindset" (Pen, Pencil & Printmaking) and "Glow" (Photography). She received an additional honorable mention for "Tree of Life" (Pen, Pencil & Printmaking).

California Montessori Project

Sarah Bauer won two first place ribbons for her photography in the ages 5 to 9 category. Her images of "Graffiti Wall" and "One Lonely Light" are on display. She received an honorable mention for "Chinese Restaurant."

Christian Brothers High School

Morgan Gable won a second place ribbon for "Moon and Sun" (Wood items) and an honorable mention for "Cabin Sweet Cabin" (Any Other Craft or Hobby).

Julia Grajeda won the Best of Class trophy and a first place ribbon for her "Travel Backpack" in the Any Other Sewing Project category. She won two additional first place ribbons for "Plaid Sweatshirt" (Single Clothing Item) and "Pretty Pink Pillow" (Any Other Sewing Project).

Julie also won a red ribbon for "Tie-Dye Tote Bag" (Any Other Sewing Project) and a third place ribbon for "Purple Skirt" (Single Clothing Item).

Del Dayo Elementary

Ressa Eliza Artz received three ribbons at the fair: First place for "The Call of Autumn" (Quilts), first place for "Carmelo



The Youth Art & Design Expo at the California State Fair has a number of impressive entries this year, with many from Sacramento County students. Photo by Susan Laird

Mission" (Digitally Manipulated Photography) and an honorable mention for "Pondering Woodpecker" (Photography).

Nathaniel Heron received a third place ribbon for his entry, "Frosty Friend" (Mixed Media).

Mary Deterding Elementary

This local school had a significant number of entries at this year's fair.

Liliana Adkins won a second place ribbon for her Mixed Media category entry, "Transformation."

Azul Baker received an honorable mention for "Wild Warrior" (Any Other Craft or Hobby).

Christopher Chang won third place for "Eagles' Eye" (Paintings).

Harper Colby won a first place ribbon for his "Sea Turtle Seascape" (Paintings).

Benjamin Davis received an honorable mention for his "Ramshead Still Life" (Watercolor).

Sophia Deboer received an honorable mention for "New York" (Pen, Pencil & Printmaking).

Mark Elliott won a second place ribbon for his Pastel & Charcoal entry, "Chimera."

Bella Espinosa won two first place ribbons for "Pastel Piece" (Pastel & Char-

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Youth art: State Fair a venue for county 'bragging rights'

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coal) and "Plants in the Sunlight" (Watercolor).

Kailey Hall won the Prisma Award Art Excellence Award and a first place ribbon for "Leaves And Caterpillars" (Pen, Pencil & Printmaking).

Jack Harris won third place for "Still Life In Spain" (Watercolor).

William Heron won first place for his "Self Portrait" (Watercolor).

Tucker Marlin received an honorable mention for his Mixed Media entry, "The Super Gumball Machine."

Ethan McHugh won two third-place ribbons for "Monsters at Sea" (Mixed Media) and "Red Eyed Bird" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Ashley Poole won a second place ribbon for her 3D Sculpture entry, "The Spirit Of The Walrus."

Levi Rankin won the Fay Schusterman Award and first place for his Mixed Media work, "Dragons Of The Sun."

Hunter Witham received an honorable mention for "Pastoral Seraffito" (Mixed Media).

Hallie Yong received an honorable mention for her Pastel & Charcoal entry, "Cupcakes for Sale."

Vivian Zerkle won a second place ribbon for "Washington Monument" and a third place ribbon for "Cherry Blossom" both in the Photography category. She received honorable mentions for "Sinningia bullata" (Photography) and "Botany And A Bug" (Watercolor).

Mira Loma High School

Sarah Liu received honorable mentions for "Two Orchids in Bloom" and "Hibiscus With Leaves," both in the Pastel & Charcoal category.

Mission Avenue Open School

Jake Reuter received an honorable mention for "Crysanthim" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Tina Reuter won a first place ribbon for "Your Heart Is In My Hands" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School

Caroline Crowley received an honorable mention for her Watercolor entry, "Penguin."

Cecilia Crowley won a first-place ribbon for "Birch Trees" (Paintings) and two honorable mentions for "Beaded Garden" (3D Sculpture) and "Time" (Wood Items).

Presentation School

Jake Melavic won first place for "Coit Tower In Spring" (Watercolor).

Megan Melavic received two honorable mentions for "Owl" and "Sea Life" (both Pastel & Charcoal entries).

Rio Americano High School

Aaron Boulger won first place for "New Orleans Entertainer" and third place for "Domino Sugar" (both Photography). He received an honorable mention for "Mather Bunkers" (Photography).

Leah Curry won a second place ribbon for "Water Drop Rose" (Watercolor).

Austin Hicks won Best of Class and first place for "Taxi Tails" (Photography). Austin also won first place for "You Caught Me" and second place for "A Warning in Red" (both Photography).

Saint Francis High School

Always a powerhouse in the world of the arts, the Troubadours proved that they continue to have "the right stuff" at the State Fair. Art is just a one-semester requirement at St. Francis, but more than 80 percent of the student body take additional art classes.

Tessie Berghoff won third place for "The Dark Rose" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Katie Chappelle won third place for her untitled work in Photography.

Jessica Cosca won second place for "I'm Thirsty" (Photography).

Megan Daly won first place for "Synesthesia" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Morgan Finegan won second place for "Tears" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Megan Foy received an honorable mention for "Maya" (Paintings).

Jessica Gutierrez won third place for "Flora" and received an honorable mention for "Laconsentida" (both Photography).

Grace Hollingsworth won first place for "Angel" (Photography).

Clarissa James won third place for "Above Bunny Falls" (Paintings).

Jinyan Li received an honorable mention for "Blessed Mother" (Paintings).

Victoria Ogorodnikov received an honorable mention for "Spence In The Kitchen" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Bianca Quiroz received an honorable mention for "True Beauty & Snow Queen" (Digitally Manipulated Photography).

Gabriella Riegos won second place for "Tomassy" (Digitally Manipulated Photography).

Melanie Rogers-Mantel received honorable mentions for "Venice In Blue" (Paintings) and "Self Portrait" (Pastel & Charcoal).

Natalia Smith won third place for "Tiger" (Pen, Pencil & Printmaking).

Kenall Spector received an honorable mention for "The White Moon" (Digitally Manipulated Photography).

Danielle Villaluna won first place for "A Bus In London" (Pastel & Charcoal) and received an honorable mention for "Gypsy" (Mixed Media).

Sydney Wall won a third place ribbon for her "Self Portrait" (Photography).

Frances Wiese won a third place ribbon for "Native To The Sun" (Mixed Media).

Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish School

William Legrand received an honorable mention for "Foot-hill Cottage" (Paintings).

Kaj Olson won a third place ribbon for "Velvet Two" (Photography).

Saint Mary Elementary School

LeeAnn Matthews received much recognition for her sewing talents. LeeAnn won first place ribbons for "Blue Dot Skirt" (Single Clothing Item) and "Pillow Fight Pack" (Any Other Sewing Project), second place ribbons for "Calico Flower" (Quilts) and "It's a Hoot" (Quilts) and a third place ribbon for "Groovy Dot" (Single Item Clothing).

Amelia Ross received an honorable mention for "Hearts On A String" (3D Sculpture).

Fiona Ross won a third place ribbon for "Green Scarf" (Needlecraft).

Shalom School

Oliver Black won first place for his 3D Sculpture entry, "Folding Cup."

Daniel Levine won third place for "Hamburger" (3D Sculpture).

Zoe Osorio received an honorable mention for "Bloom-ing" (3D Sculpture).

Sutter Middle School

Benjamin Bauer won a third place ribbon for "Tic-Tac-Toe" and an honorable mention for "Patterns" (both Photography).

Santana Garcia won two third place ribbons for "Puddle of Youth" and "You Make Beautiful Things" (both Photography).

Caitlin McLaughlin won third place for "Beautiful Treasures" and received an honorable mention for "Unique" (both Pen, Pencil & Printmaking).

Aaron Won won first place for "Escape" and received honorable mentions for "Mysterious Garden" and "Reflection" (all Watercolor).

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Veteran coach teaches students success in tennis

By Sally King
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This past spring, Park Terrace Swim and Tennis Club in Land Park, sponsored the Pro Tennis Tournament, part of the United States Tennis Association Pro Circuit tennis tournaments.

Monty Basnyat, Park Terrace Pro, was a member of the steering committee that worked on bringing this tournament to Sacramento.

Basnyat, who has 20 years coaching experience, has been teaching at Park Terrace for seven years and playing tennis for 32 years.

"I started playing tennis at 6-years-old," Basnyat said. "My uncle played tennis and I would shag balls for him."

Basnyat has several tennis programs for children and adults at Park Terrace. The younger children ages 4 to 7 sign up for the Munchkin program. The 7- to 12-year-olds are placed in the Quick Start program. Right now there are about 60 kids in the junior program, which Basnyat says he finds exciting.

"My goal for these kids is that I want them to play tennis for the rest of their lives," Basnyat said. "It is really important for them to have a

positive experience with tennis."

Basnyat said he loves kids and he tries to create a pathway from being a complete beginner, to playing tennis in high school, and then in college. Kids come to his classes at all levels. Some start out learning which end of the racquet to hold, while others come ready to play in tournaments.

Basnyat is a firm believer for kids to be successful at tennis. He says it begins with the right type of balls and racquets.

Basnyat has his beginning students start out with a softer, larger compression ball and a smaller court. Using these softer balls, the ball is slower and doesn't bounce as high as a regular tennis ball, making it easier for a child with little coordination to hit the ball over the net.

Basnyat said the child is able to rally the ball, instead of chasing it all the time, making tennis fun. Europe has been using compression balls for 30 years. They have only been used in the United States for the past few years.

There are three sizes of compression balls. The red balls are the largest and 50 percent slower than the traditional tennis ball. The or-

ange ball is a little smaller and firmer than the red ball and the green dot ball is smaller and firmer than the orange ball. The student eventually graduates from the green dot ball to the traditional yellow ball.

Jenny Brown has two children taking lessons from Basnyat, and is an off-and-on student herself.

"I could not hit the ball with the racquet when I signed up for lessons," Brown said. "Basnyat assesses the players' skills and teaches tennis based on the individual's past experiences and works with his students to remain positive."

Brown said she tends to be critical of tennis pro's and said she watched Basnyat teach tennis for years. She said he helps his students with the mental part of tennis and she believes having beginning students use compression balls helps the students become successful tennis players.

Basnyat recently had a Quick Start camp with 35 kids attending. Most had no tennis experience. By using a compression ball, within three to four days they could play sets using regulation scoring.

The compression balls are used with Basnyat's adult program too. The adults find they are playing tennis much sooner, instead of spending the majority of their time chasing the ball.

Aniko Brueckner, a previous tennis student, said she loves Basnyat. Brueckner and

said both of her daughters are taking tennis lessons with Basnyat.

"Basnyat encourages his students," Brueckner said. "He stays on top of what is happening in tennis and you can tell it is his passion."

Basnyat said tennis teaches children important life skills, such as discipline, commitment and focus, all the things needed in dealing with life. Tennis is a mental sport and players have to learn how not to give up.

"Not being hard on yourself, being resilient, tennis is a single person sport. It is you, the ball and your opponent," Basnyat said. "On the court you have to depend on yourself."

Basnyat uses little tricks for his students to learn confidence and how to be responsible. He has them act out what a confident person does on the court, then what a person who has low confidence would do and what someone who is hard on himself would do on the court. He teaches his students how to give a proper handshake, looking the other person in the eye, smiling and making introductions.

"As a coach, the player's ability is not what matters, it is the eagerness to want to be out there that matters," Basnyat said. "At the end of the day, the kid who is eager and wants to play tennis, I will get them where they want to be in their tennis game."

Jason Wagner has two sons, Zeke and Leo, who are taking tennis lessons at Park Terrace with Basnyat. Wagner agreed with other parents they are fortunate to have Basnyat as a tennis coach.

"Basnyat stresses to his students they should set a goal of playing tennis in college," Wagner said. "I think that is a realistic goal."

Wagner said Zeke, his 12-year-old son, started out at Park Terrace taking both swim and tennis lessons. A few weeks into lessons, Wagner received a call from the swim coach asking why Zeke wasn't at swim practice. When Wagner checked into the situation, he found out his son was attending tennis lessons in the mornings, then finding people to play tennis with in the afternoons, rather than taking swim lessons.

Zeke was playing tennis with retired folks, young people — anyone who would play tennis with him.

Wagner said Basnyat makes tennis fun for the kids and makes sure these young players don't burn out on the game. Basnyat told Wagner when Wagner plays tennis with his son, make sure not to overdo it. Wagner said Basnyat sets up realistic goals for his students.

Basnyat wants his students not only to play tennis, but also to feel the joy of playing tennis and the parents of his students agree they are lucky to have Basnyat as the tennis coach at Park Terrace.



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This year's "Robin Hood-themed" fundraiser is for ages 21 and up and features a giant dance floor, costume contests, music by Celtic rock band Tempest and a performance by the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience.

Proceeds from the event will support the renovation of Fairytale Town's Sherwood Forest play set.

Since forming in 1988, Tempest has won rave reviews for their musical hybrid of high-energy folk rock with Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other world music elements. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, the act has released 15 critically acclaimed albums and played more than 2,000 gigs.

A performance by the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience will follow the concert. Founded in 2008 by Jay

Siren, the Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience has evolved into a dance academy, retail boutique and series of live entertainment and cabaret events throughout the greater Sacramento area and beyond.

The evening continues with dancing as DJ Matt from Extreme Productions spins top hits. A red carpet photo op and no-host food and beverages will be available throughout the evening.

Costumes are required, and contests will be held with prizes for the following categories: Raddest

Robin (best overall), Fairest Maiden (best female), Sinister Sheriff (best male), King and Queen of the Outlaws (best couple) and Merriest Men and Women (best group).

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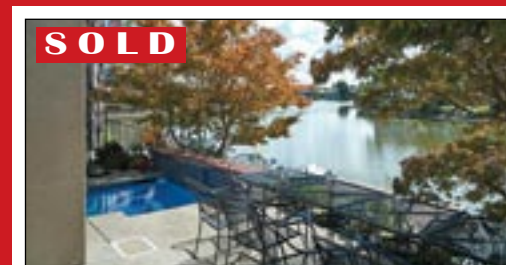


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At the Pocket Parade on July 4, the group was honoring the Marine Recon of Vietnam and marking the 62nd anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

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Cimino: Caring for seniors led to development of better care facilities

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could not get out of bed without help, was miraculously unharmed.

Wilma, realizing that Herda could not be alone any more, placed her in a nursing facility. Back in the 1970s, nursing homes were cold and institutional, and were perceived as places one went to die. Seniors rightfully avoided them for as long as possible.

That's when Wilma expressed her frustration that there weren't quality places for people like Jane Herda, who just needed assistance with daily living.

The Ciminos maintained contact with Herda for the rest of her life, an act the woman deeply appreciated. So much so, that when the older woman passed away, she left her house to Wilma.

"That was the beginning of the Easton Creek Villa, our family's first care facility in Burlingame," Mark said. "That house has a lot of meaning for our family, because we all got our start (in the caregiving and assisted living industries) there."

With a passion for serving the needs of seniors, CiminoCare, a family of senior care facilities, was born. The company's vision statement reads, "We responsibly operate Senior Living Communities, inspiring the heart, mind and soul to provide quality care, to connect with those we serve and to be leaders in our community and industry."

Unlike the cold, sterile facilities of the past, the Ciminos developed care facilities that could care for physical needs AND emotional needs. Rooms had real furniture and furnishings. Dining rooms looked like dining rooms and family rooms were intended for families to visit and enjoy one another. It was a radical concept for the time.

The company expanded to two additional residential care facilities for the elderly in Burlingame, then expanded into the Sacramento area. The three brothers, John Jr., Paul and Mark, all run facilities in the area. Each brother is passionate about the resources their facilities provide to the community.

Paul Cimino, the middle son, is in charge of The WaterLeaf at Land Park. The WaterLeaf provides assisted living for the elderly.

"Basically, you have to want to do this kind of work," Paul said. You have to be jazzed about helping other people. The care is the easy part, in some ways. You have look at the whole picture. We're here for the families - to give them piece of mind. I'm passionate about helping the families. They are in control."

Mark is the CEO of CiminoCare. He is a Rotarian with a passion for growing the talents and opportunities for those in the assisted living industry.



Pocket News photo by Susan Laird
The Cimino Brothers are part of a family dedicated to serving the needs of seniors, their families and the people who work to care for seniors. Left to right, Paul Cimino, John Cimino, Jr. and Mark Cimino.

"I went to law school and clerked during law school," Mark said. "I saw the potential for growth (in this industry). It's about influencing people's lives, influencing our team members. The people who go into this industry - they enter it because they care about other people. My passion is to provide my employees who serve seniors the opportunities to they might

not have otherwise had. The industry standard for employee turnover is about 45 percent. Our employee turnover is in the teens."

John Jr. runs The Meadows at Country Place, an assisted living facility in the Pocket-Greenhaven area of Sacramento.

"I really enjoy providing a place that people can be proud to visit," John said.



Faces and places July 7 events: Fire station open house

Photos by LINDA POHL
Special to The Pocket News

Fire Station 11, located at 785 Florin Road, held an open house on July 7. The station was built in 1986 and houses an engine company and a medical unit. Each year, the engine company responds to approximately 2,200 calls while the medical unit responds to 3,500 calls.




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Senior resource fair

Primrose Senior Living Center held a Senior Resource Fair on July 7 at St. Anthony Parish in Sacramento. Dr. William Au, Neurologist from Sutter Mind Institute was the guest speaker. The fair offered free blood pressure and glucose checks, hearing and memory tests, massage therapy and free foot exams.







Locals remember old Holstein dairy off Freeport Boulevard

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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As the Sacramento area has changed throughout the years, many of its once-rural areas are but a distant memory. One of these rural places of the past was the Sutti family's dairy off Freeport Boulevard.

Because many people today are unaware that this dairy ever existed, for history's sake it is important to document what details regarding this dairy remain.

One person who remembers many details is Elk Grove resident Barbara (Sutti) "Snooky" Palaca.

Dairy memories

Having once lived with her family on the dairy, which was located about three quarters of a mile west of the northern end of the old Municipal Airport/northern Sacramento Executive Airport, Palaca met with this publication to share her memories of the dairy.

"During my childhood, I lived on (the Sutti dairy) with my dad (Ernest), my mom (Emma) and my brother, Tom," Palaca said. "The dairy was approximately 220 acres, which my father began leasing in 1951. After leasing the property, he had about 250 head of (Holstein) cattle transported from his

ranch in (the now abandoned community of) Betteravia (in Santa Barbara County) to the dairy in Sacramento."

Palaca added that she believes the man who leased the dairy property to her father had the surname of Rasmussen.

Anatomy of a working ranch

Although Palaca was very young when she began living at the dairy, she is still able to recall the structures of the property.

"I lived there (at the dairy) from the time I was 6 to 8 years old," Palaca said. "There were seven buildings on the property. Of course, there was our house, which was about a 1,100-square-foot, flat-top building with two front doors. We also had a milk barn, which was probably the biggest building on the property. Next to the milk barn was a small storage building. There was an old wooden barn that was used for storing grains and cotton seeds that were fed to the cows. Attached to the old, wooden barn was a garage used for our cars and some farm equipment. There were also a couple of other buildings that were used as living quarters for the milking crew."

Also located on the property were corrals used to separate the bulls from



Photo courtesy of Barbara Palaca
See Dairy, page 21 Farm life. The Sutti dairy is shown from the front yard of the family house in this August 1953 photograph.

Dairy: Days off are scarce when working with cows on the ranch

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the cows. And because the bulls were so large and strong, the corral's fencing was constructed with 2-foot by 12-foot boards.

A shady fig tree

Although Palaca has a fairly vivid memory regarding the dairy's buildings, she said that her favorite part of the dairy was actually a large fig tree.

"In the backyard of the house was the most wonderful, gigantic – because I was only 6 years old – fig tree anyone could ever wish for," Palaca said. "It was my favorite place to be, to pretend to be whoever I wanted to be. It was the perfect hideaway."

Tom Sutti, who also resides in Elk Grove, additionally shared a few of his recollections from his days of residing on the dairy.

Teen memory

After chuckling a bit, he explained that one thing that remains in his mind is the day he caused some difficulty at the dairy.

"My dad was so mad at me one day, because I took the truck out (and created a considerably large problem)," Sutti said. "We fed the cattle and took wire out, because we could sell it. We stacked it in the back and there was a big pile and why I went through it (with the truck) was beyond me. Anyway, I

went through (the wire) and it got into the driveline and it wrapped completely around and it literally stopped the truck and he had to get in there with a wire cutter to get the wire off of there, so we could get (the truck) out of there. And he was literally really upset."

Dairy work ethic

In remembering his father, who passed away on Nov. 3, 1988 at the age of 71, Sutti said, "Dad was always a hard worker. He would work seven days a week, because with the cows, you don't take a day off. That's where I learned all my ethics for working. He taught me a lot over the years."

Tom Sutti said that he remembers watching his father feed and milk the Freeport Boulevard dairy's cows.

And at times, Sutti, who is four years older than his sister, would assist in feeding the cows.

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Although the Sutti's had planned on operating their Freeport Boulevard dairy for many more years, the dairy ceased operating in 1953.

Since the Sutti's were only leasing the property for their dairy, the family was forced to move their business to another location.

Property gone to houses

The Freeport Boulevard property was sold for a planned housing development and the Sutti's moved their dairy to a 300-acre piece of property that was located about five miles south of the town of Franklin. It was at that time that the Sutti's dairy became known as the Evergreen Dairy.

Eventually both Palaca and her brother attended Elk Grove High School, where Tom graduated in 1959 and Palaca graduated in 1963.

Holstein Way

Last week, Palaca went to the old ranch property for the first time in about 50 years and shared details regarding her visit.

"While I was driving up Holstein Way – which was the street name that was later given to the former dirt driveway to the dairy – during my visit to the old dairy property, I noticed that the slight incline in the road is still there, just as it was be-



Photo courtesy, Barbara Palaca
Authentic cowhand Ernest Sutti, shown on his horse, leased about 220 acres of property off Freeport Boulevard for his dairy in the early 1950s.

fore. At the top of this incline was where our house and the milk barn and storage barn were located. Unfortunately there are no reminders outside the signs for Holstein Way that the dairy, and some years of our lives, were ever there. Nonetheless both my brother and I still talk about the times when we were there (at the dairy) and the many fond times that we experienced growing up on such a memorable place in the Sacramento area."

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JULY

Capitol Mall Farmer's Market

July 19, 26: 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

July 19, 26: East End State Capitol Park Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, June-Sept. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 15th & L streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

July 19, 26: Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

July 19, 26: 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

July 19, 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market

July 19, 26: 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

July 19, 26: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. Noon, every Thurs. Golden Corral, 7700 W. Stockton Blvd., Sac. Charlie (916) 427-7136 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

Food Addicts Anonymous

July 19, 26: 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.

Hatha Yoga

July, meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 2:15 3:15 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sacramento (916) 808-5462.

Summer Family River Safety Program

July through 26: The Sunrise Recreation and Park District will be offering a unique 4-week Family River Safety Program aimed to provide immigrant families with water safety. The program consists of swim lessons for children and teens at Rusch Park Swimming Pool. Also, 3 days of river and lake safety classes for the entire family on Fridays, July 13, 20 and 27, 4-5 p.m. Call (916) 729-3958

'Arsenic and Old Lace'

July 20, 21, 22: It's murder most funny as the homicidal Brewster sisters relieve the loneliness of old men by inviting them for a

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Carmichael Farmer's Market

July 22, 29: 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

July 22, 29: 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

Community Sunday breakfast

July 22, 29: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

Families Anonymous

July 22, 29: Meet with other parents who are dealing with a daughter or son who is experiencing mental, emotional or addiction problems. Meets every Sunday without fail. 3 p.m. Del Norte Swimming and Tennis Club, 3040 Beccera Way, Sac. Jane (916) 402-2465

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

July 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org

Tai Chi

July 23, 30: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Monday. (916) 808-5462

Toastmasters

July 23, 30: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Ann Owens (916) 601-4652 www.klassytalkers.freehosthost.org

Fremont Park Farmer's Market

July 24, 31: Fremont Park Farmer's Market. Every Tuesday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 16th & P streets, Sacramento. www.california-grown.com

Roosevelt Park Farmer's Market

July 24, 31: Roosevelt Park Farmer's Market. Every Tuesday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 9th & P streets, Sacramento. www.california-grown.com

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

July 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

Rotary Club of Carmichael

July 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m., every Tues Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

Upholstery class

July 24, 25, 31: Learn how to upholster! All types: furniture, auto, boat. Adult ed class taught by an upholstery professional. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45 for four weeks. McClaskey Adult Center, 5241 J St., Sac. Jerry Prettyman (916) 806-2172

Elk Grove Regional Park Farmer's Market

July 25: Elk Grove Regional Park Farmer's Market. Every Wednesday, May-Aug. 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Elk Grove & Florin roads, Elk Grove. www.california-grown.com

Chavez Plaza Farmer's Market

July 25: Chavez Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Wednesday, May-Oct. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 10th & J streets, Sacramento. www.california-grown.com

Co-Dependents Anonymous

July 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Wednesdays. 7 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

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"Surviving in Our Toxic World"

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Thursday, July 26 - 7 to 9 p.m.
Robbie Water's Pocket-Greenhaven Library Meeting Room
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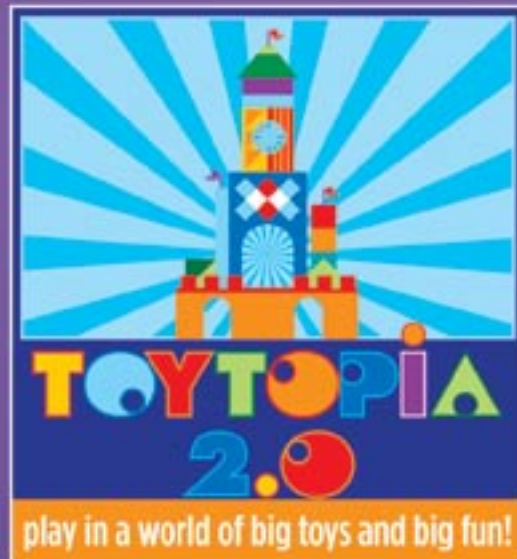
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Rotary Club of East Sacramento

July 25: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St., Sac. (in the 57th St. Antique Mall) www.rotary.org

Senior Wednesday Club

July 25: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinocle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. Meets Wednesdays. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Judi (916) 247-6020

Toastmasters

July 25: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

Ballroom Dances

July 20, 23, 27: Enjoy dancing to a live band every Tuesday and Friday. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. \$5/person. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

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July 21, 22: The Elly Award-winning Fairytale Town Troupers continue their fifth season with "Sinbad and Aladdin: The Arabian Knights," an epic adventure filled with thrilling swordplay, monsters, mischief and magic. The show will be presented on Saturdays and Sundays at noon and 1 p.m. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

Community Picnic

July 21: Zen Martial Arts is hosting a "Green" community picnic, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Coloma Community Center, 4635 T St., East Sac. Free event. Bring own plates, cups, etc. Enjoy bounce house, water wars, pot-luck foods. For more information, Mike (916) 678-0565.

Fire Station 1 open house

July 21: Come visit Fire Station 1 at 624 Q St., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Family Movie Night

July 21: The whole family will enjoy a free outdoor movie, next to Belle Coolege Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. Sac. 8 p.m. (916) 264-2920.

Sunday Summer Concert

July 22: Parkside Community Church will present a concert by the Sac Youth Band, 7 p.m. 5700 South Land Park Dr. Sac (916) 421-0492

Hawaiian Dance Program

July 24: Hawaiian Dances with the Ohana Dance Group at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. Free program in the Meeting Room.

et-Greenhaven Library, 2 p.m., 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. The dance group is a multi-generational "hula halau" where students of various ages, backgrounds, and abilities are exposed to the Hawaiian culture and music through traditional hula. For more information, call (916) 264-2920.

Kid Olympics

July 26: Jumping rope and hula hoping may not be Olympic sports, but you can still receive a medal. Kids can show off their athletic skills and get ready for the real Olympics with lots of sporty fun for all ages at the Belle Coolege Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. Sac (916) 264-2920.

'Toxic World' Documentary

July 26: "Surviving in Our Toxic World," by filmmaker Deborah J. Whitman, of Environmental Voices, 7 to 9 p.m., Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. Free program in the Meeting Room.

Fire Station 12 open house

July 28: Come visit Fire Station 12 at 4500 24th St., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

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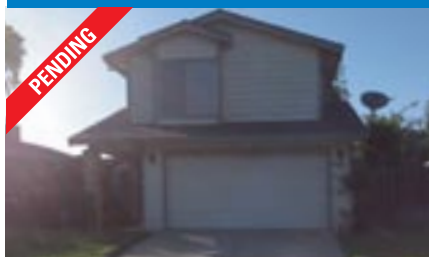
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