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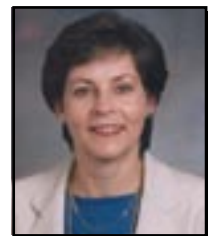
cerning elder abuse. Learn about local resources available to assist you. Sacramento City Council member Darrell Fong and State Assembly member, Mariko Yamada are confirmed speakers.

The seminar is sponsored by the Pocket Area Churches Together, members include Faith Presbyterian, Greenhaven Lutheran, Riverside Wesleyan and St. Anthony Catholic churches. Additional sponsors are the Asian Community Center and St. Anthony Senior Club.

A complimentary box lunch and snacks are included in this free event. Registration is limited so please contact Liz Gibson at 548-7531 or [lgibson5@comcast.net](mailto:lgibson5@comcast.net) to make a reservation by no later than Friday, Oct. 12.

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# Cyclist riding for combat wounded veterans visits local Elks lodge

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Cpl. Scot King, a member of Portland Lodge No. 142 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a man who has the notoriety of having been to every state in the continental United States. And although such an accomplishment is no-

table on its own, it is how and why he visited these states that draw the most attention.

As one who is passionate about serving veterans and their families, King dedicated himself to completing a two-year, 48-state journey on his bicycle to raise awareness and funds to assist combat wounded veterans.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, King, who served in the U.S.

Marine Corps from 1986 to 1990, rode into the parking lot of Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6.

He was greeted by an entry drive lined with American flags that had been placed at the site by past Exalted Ruler Richard Cherry and Veterans Service Chairman Wayne Bellows.

Additionally, American and Marine Corps flags were posted at the lodge's entrance.

# Elks: Cyclist travels from Salem, stops in Pocket

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land Elks Lodge in Maryland, adds 8,000 more miles to this journey.

When King arrived at the Sacramento Elks lodge on Riverside Boulevard in the Pocket area after riding from Vacaville, he was in high spirits for a variety of reasons, including the fact that he was only about two weeks away from completing his ride.

In commenting about his visit to Sacramento, King said, "The Elks today, they put all the flags out there and as I rode in, they were waiting for me. The city of Sacramento is beautiful. I'm not kidding. I came through Sacramento and it's a wonderful city. I can't say enough about the city. It's very nice, very nice."

"The people who were waiting for me were absolutely wonderful – the Elks – and I'm an Elk myself. Elks care and Elks share and they've opened up their arms for me and they're taking care of me."

As part of his welcoming at the Elks lodge, King was presented with a new bath towel, a bar of soap wrapped with a U.S. Marine Corp lanyard, and he was invited to use the lodge's shower room and spa facilities.

He was later an honored guest at the local Elks' weekly Wednesday night dinner.

At the dinner, a donation of \$2,000 from the lodge's veterans' fund and members was

made to King's fundraising project.

Bellows said that it was an honor to have King visit the Sacramento Elks lodge.

"It was an exciting feeling of patriotism to see this Marine ride in and finally to realize that we were going to have the honor of greeting him and (welcoming) him into our Elks lodge," Bellows said. "And he's riding to help the wounded veterans. That's a highly emotional, honorable task he's undertaken. You can't put words to it how much he's sacrificing."

## Remember the Wounded Ride nonprofit

Remember the Wounded Ride is not only a ride, but it was also established as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, which is "committed to assisting combat-wounded veterans and their families who find themselves in circumstances where assistance from the usual sources (government, military and Veterans Administration) are not covered or have been exhausted."

As part of the organization's mission, efforts are being made to educate the public regarding the effects of war on the American family and to honor the injured of America's wars and their families.

Ralph Hartman, vice president of Remember the

Wounded Ride, Inc., remembers being approached by King regarding his desire to ride for wounded veterans.

"Scot and I are both members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he came to the Elks (lodge in Portland) one night at one of our board meetings – I was the exalted ruler at the time – and proposed what he was doing and asking for some assistance, which we, of course, gave," Hartman said. "I personally liked what he was doing and why he was doing it and got involved with him. And the day he left for the ride (in 2010), I became vice president of the corporation."

Hartman also commented that it took someone with tremendous physical abilities to undertake such a bicycle ride.

"Most Americans couldn't ride five miles, let alone 14,000 (miles)," Hartman said.

Furthermore, most people do not ride a bicycle with a trailer and gear totaling more than 300 pounds.

While discussing his bicycle and trailer, King said, "I stick out like a sore thumb."

King explained that his decision to begin his fundraising journey by bicycle to 48 states occurred as a result of a "life-changing experience."

"It was in August of 2009, I had a life-changing experi-



Photo by Lance Armstrong  
Cpl. Scot King recently visited Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 as part of his 48-state bicycle ride to raise funds for wounded veterans.

ence with a homeless veteran in downtown Portland," Hartman said. "Two months after that happened, I lost my job (as a branch manager for a heating and ventilation wholesale company in Portland) and I decided, 'You know, now it's time to do something for others; and I started looking to see what I could do. I started doing some research and found some holes in the system and I started to go on a path to see how I could do this (wounded veterans assistance project). I was going to backpack across the United States, but my best friend said, 'It's going to take you too long

to do that. Why don't you ride a bike?'"

King's trip includes visits to 48 state capitals, meeting notable people, including gover-

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## Remember the Wounded Ride

As this article went to press, King was nearing completion of his solo bicycle ride, which is known as the Remember the Wounded Ride.

The ride was divided into two treks, with the first portion totaling 31 states and 6,025 miles, from Salem, Ore. to Washington, D.C., and being completed after five months on the road in October 2011. The second leg of his ride, which began on April 28 at the Kent Is-

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# Little Italy

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Most Sacramentans would likely have a look of confusion when asked about East Sacramento's "Little Italy." But Frank Ghilarducci is one who remembers this once thriving Italian neighborhood quite well.

After all, Frank, 78, grew up in the neighborhood, which was roughly located from 48th to 58th streets between H Street and Folsom Boulevard.

The story of his family's life in Little Italy began prior to

his own life, as Frank's parents, Salvatore and Marcella, moved into the neighborhood in 1929.

The house, which was a two-story structure, was located at 1154 49th St.

Salvatore, who was a 5-foot, 8-inch tall immigrant from Viareggio, Italy, arrived in the United States in the mid-1920s.

In 1926, Salvatore moved to Sacramento and acquired work as a clerk at the grocery store of Bonifazio Francesconi at 1931 3rd St.



Photo courtesy of Frank Ghilarducci  
Frank Ghilarducci lived in East Sacramento's Little Italy neighborhood from 1934 to 1952 before moving to the Pocket area.

Bonifazio had sponsored Salvatore to come to America from Italy in place of his brother – possibly Armando Francesconi – who was not able to immigrate to the United States until a later time.

The commute to his job was extremely short for Salvatore, since he resided in a living space above the grocery store. By the time that Salvatore moved to his 49th Street home, he was a married man and no longer working for Bonifazio.

Salvatore and Marcella were married at St. Mary's (Italian) Church at 1915 7th St. on Sept. 29, 1928.

Marcella, who was the daughter of Jacabo and Giselda (Cordoni) Dinelli, was born in Franklin, Mich. on June 17,

1906 and her family came to Sacramento in the early 1900s.

During his first year living in Little Italy, Salvatore was an employee of the Western States Grocery Co. (formerly Lindley & Co.), a wholesale grocery and coffee roasters business at 3rd and Q streets.

It was also at that time that Marcella began working as a clerk at the John Breuner Co. home furnishings store at 600-608 K St. She remained employed at this locally well-known business until about 1965.

During the early 1930s, Salvatore worked as a bread delivery driver for a local bakery.

And by 1935, he was working at Julius Restaurant at 301-303 J St. This popular Italian eatery was then owned by Ju-

lius L. Giamatti and Arthur P. and Orazio Puccinelli.

Salvatore's long career as a laborer for the city began in 1937.

Additionally, Salvatore eventually spent many years working as a bartender for Quirico "Bill" Dallosta at the Western Café at 2001 K St. at nights, while working his city job during daytime hours.

While living in the their 49th Street home, Salvatore and Marcella had two additions to their family – their first-born child, Al, who was born on June 27, 1931, and Frank, who was born on Feb. 2, 1934.

The family temporarily resided in the home of Jacopo Dinelli at 1381 48th St. in 1941 before moving into their own home on M Street a year later.

Frank said that he remembers the M Street house better than any of the three houses that he lived in during his years residing in Little Italy.

"The (M Street) house, which is still standing today, is a single-story structure with two bedrooms, one bath, a living room and a kitchen," Frank said.

Frank added that his family's M Street house also had a basement, where wine would be made each year.

"The (houses in the neighborhood) all had basements and I think at that time, they were allowed to make 200 gallons of wine a year per family," Frank said. "And they would start at one corner and each one would

## Little Italy: A place for trading

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take turns making the wine with the (press that had been rented) until they got finished at the end of the block. I can remember us kids going down in the basements, and it stunk like hell down there with the wine and the gnats. I remember watching (the adults) as they would take the tap and they would all take a little bit of wine and they would taste it. They would then put it up to the light and they would talk about it in Italian and, at this time, I didn't know what they were talking about."

Frank recalled that his uncle, Tullio Cottini, would drink wine with very undercooked bacon.

"My uncle, Tullio, who lived next door (at 5001 M St.), he would get himself a big glass of wine and he would put bacon in a cast iron skillet and put it on this side and put it on that side and then take it out. He had about four pieces (of bacon) every morning. He just heated it and had a glass of wine."

Frank described the Italians of Little Italy as people who would commonly trade among one another.

"Just about everybody (in Little Italy) had a garden back then," Frank said. "We had rabbits and my dad had the best vegetable garden. Tullio, next door, he had chickens, the Ghilarduccis (who were not related to Frank and his family) who lived two houses away (at 4917 M St.), they had something else, and we'd trade off."

In discussing his time in Little Italy, Frank had little difficul-

ty naming Italian families who resided in the area.

Among the Italian family surnames, which he mentioned, were: Baruffaldi, Samboceti, Cortopassi, DaPrato, Mori, Giannini, Guidotti and Costamagna.

Frank's best friends in the neighborhood were Lee Ghilarducci (who was not related to Frank) and Merino DelChairo.

And Frank's childhood memories include playing baseball in the gravel pit, where East Portal Park is now located.

During his years residing in Little Italy, Frank attended El Dorado School at 5255 J St., Kit Carson Junior High School at 1300 54th St. and Sacramento High School at 34th Street and Broadway. He graduated from the latter named school in 1951.

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He eventually spent 40 years working for the Capital Whole-

sale Electric Co., when it was located at 1235 S St.

Frank, who has resided in the Pocket area of Sacramento for the past 30 years, was married to Donna (Halm) Ghilarducci from 1956 to 1980, at which time she passed away.

His present wife is Kay (Parsons) Ghilarducci, who he married in 1990.

Through his two marriages, Frank has eight children, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Although Frank's childhood home on M Street was sold in about 1986 in order to pay for his mother's assistant living Alzheimer care facility costs, he still maintains his fond memories of his life in Little Italy.

"I cherish the years I spent in Little Italy," Frank said. "The families all got along so well together and there was always something to eat in the neighborhood and it always smelled so good. I feel sorry for many of the youth of today who don't have the type of closeness and upbringing that we had then. If I could go back (to Little Italy), I would."



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Salvatore and Marcella Ghilarducci are shown on their wedding day in 1928.

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talented local artisans will be available. Tickets for the evening event are available online at [www.casagardenrestaurant.org](http://www.casagardenrestaurant.org). On Saturday, the *Casa Boutique* will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for no entry fee, according to Mary Weaver, the event's chair. "And there will be live, interactive demonstrations by Open Studio at Lakeside."

Both events are held at the Casa Garden Restaurant and Meeting Center, 2760 Sutterville Rd. The event's motto "Shop Today for Their Tomorrow" reinforces the reasons why this event for the children at the Sacramento Children's Home is one not to miss.



Students from JFK High School traveled to Sacramento's Sister City Jinan, China over the summer to learn about Chinese culture. These are photos from their trip.

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## JFK students return from China, share their experiences

Special to The Pocket News

*Editor's note: Students from JFK High School traveled to Sacramento's Sister City Jinan, China over the summer to learn about Chinese culture. Here are some first-hand accounts of their time.*

**Daniel Li (JFK Senior):** I had a very unique opportunity of traveling across the world to Sacramento's Sister City Jinan as a youth ambassador. It was inspiring to me because I was enlightened by this extraordinary culture. I am very grateful for the opportunity that the Jinan-Sacramento Sister Cities Corporation provided me, this opportunity allowed me to experience China's educational system and culture first hand.

Spending time with my host family allowed me to experience the authentic Chinese culture. They brought me to several different places so that I would have a solid understanding of Chinese history and culture. It was completely different from what I had learned in the classroom. All the textbooks and class time could never amount to how much I learned from actually being therein the ancient streets of China, or Wu-

tongs. Although it was quite embarrassing, it was a great experience keeping a conversation with my host family going with the Chinese I learned from my teacher Mrs. Hatamiya. I learned so much even in the simplest conversations with my host family because I had to actively listen and form a response with my broken Chinese. The trip was filled with fun and learning.

China changed me as a human being. I definitely recommend all students to at least give Chinese level 1 a shot because Mrs. Hatamiya is the best teacher ever. Without her, I wouldn't have gotten the scholarship to go on this trip that changed my life forever.

**Ariel Heim (JFK Sophomore):** The trip to China was a very good overall experience. The food was great; the best food I tasted

while staying there were the dumplings and dough balls. The cultural aspect of it was also unforgettable, for example the Great Wall of China was very fun to climb although it was extremely hot. Now I can tell my friends and family that I climbed part of the Great Wall of China and show them my t-shirt. The Forbidden City was also an amazing experience. I even got to walk on the bridge that was originally made only for royal people. The Jade Museum was fun too, I got so much stuff for my family that was made out of jade and it was by far the best experience. I also visited community sites. I had a chance to visit the park, which was very big with a lot going on. It had great games and a huge monument that was beautiful. I also had the

chance to visit the Zoo, I got to see animals that you wouldn't normally see here and I also had the opportunity to feed bears which was so much different. The zoo even had water rides and a Ferris wheel. I had the fortune opportunity to see the whole park from the top of the Ferris wheel and it was a jaw-dropping sight. Lastly, the shopping was some-

thing to die for. The malls were very expensive but fortunately, we were able to go into underground market that had stores with amazing prices. I brought back a handful of good from China for a memory. This was one of the eye-opening experiences in my life; I was able to see a whole different culture through this trip.

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## Cyclist: Wants to be a role model

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nors, lieutenant governors, senators and congressmen, and visiting about 250 Elks lodges.

And since the ride was a solo project with no support vehicles or support crew, King had to either take care of bicycle repairs on his own or, in the cases of more technical problems, he sought the assistance of bicycle shops.

Some of these shops provided discounts or free service and parts as a way of contributing to the project.

### 55 flat tires!

Flat tires were the most common problem for King, as he had experienced 55 of them by the time he reached Sacramento.

For King, who has a son named Kalib, a fiancé named Jeaneane (who has a daughter named Kayla) and a dog named Quita, the number 48 is a very notable number.

Besides being 48 years old and visiting 48 states during his ride, King also made it his goal to acquire a state flag from each of the states he visited via his bicycle.

King said that his organization is planning to eventually have the 48 state flags that he was given during his ride raised at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland in 2013. The flags would be raised in honor of those who have served in the military from each perspective state.

King's involvement with helping veterans does not end with the completion of his ride, as he plans to give motivational speeches throughout the country and promote his books about American veterans. The first book of his series, "America's Heroes: Untold Stories of Honor, Courage and Sacrifice," was completed in 2011.

In commenting about his recognition as a hero for his dedication to wounded veterans, King said, "There are lots of people out there who are heroes. I'm just trying to do what I can to help others. And I'm hoping I make a good role model for young people. That's what I want to be, a role model for people and maybe (inspire) people to do something bigger than themselves and help others."

After his visit to Sacramento, King was once again back on his bicycle to edge closer to completing the latter stretch of his U.S. trip, which was scheduled to end at the state Capitol in Salem, Ore. on Saturday, Sept. 29.

For additional information regarding King's ride and Remember the Wounded, Inc. or to make a contribution to this organization, visit the Web site [www.rtwr.org](http://www.rtwr.org).

## School of Engineering and Science gets a solar learning lab

Special to the Pocket News

By planting Solar SunFlowers at Sacramento-area schools, SMUD is hoping to generate more than just electricity.

SMUD wants to generate interest in math and science – subjects that will help students develop the skills needed to adapt to a changing energy future.

Topped by six solar panels capable of generating nearly 400 watts of electricity, the Solar SunFlower is an 18-foot-high outdoor learning lab. Students can rotate the panels to see how much electricity the sun provides and study changes in the voltage and current being generated.

The energy readings are stored in a digital recorder that stores the information so students can use the data to perform calculations and conduct experiments. Students can also plug their iPods, laptops and electronic devices into the SunFlower for charging purposes.

With funding provided by SMUD's Community Solar program, SunFlowers have been installed at five local schools in the last year: the School of Engineering and Science in the Pocket area; Will Rogers Middle School in Carmichael; Leo Palmiter Junior and Senior High School in the Arden area; Oakdale School in North Highlands; and Harriet Eddy Middle School in Elk Grove.

"To see the students' reactions and to hear the questions they ask about the tech-



Photo courtesy  
Students of the School of Engineering and Science stand in front of the school's new Solar SunFlower, an 18-foot-high outdoor learning lab. Students can rotate the panels to see how much electricity the sun provides and study changes in the voltage and current being generated.

nology is worth every cent of the cost," said Brent Sloan, SMUD project manager for the SunFlower. "The SunFlower delivers the practical knowledge. You can see the wheels turning in their thought processes. It's a great learning tool."

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### LAKE FRONT

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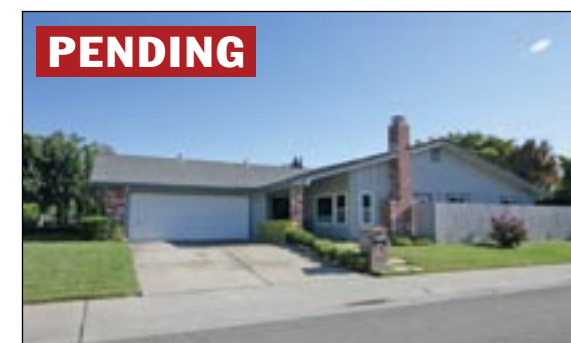
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## Pillow Party: Event gathers necessities for women with breast cancer

By BRENDA JEW WATERS  
Special for The Pocket News

A Pillow Party took place in the social hall of Central United Methodist Church. Yes, you heard right -- a pillow party.

This is not a typical one. You see, organizer Joan Eddy from Necessities Bags Sacramento, <http://necessitiesbagsac.org/>, gathers volunteers three to four times a year in the social hall of Central United Methodist Church to work in stations to cut and match beautiful, donated fabrics,

pin, machine-stitch, turn and iron the squares, stuff, and finally hand-stitch shut comfort pillows to be included in a Necessities Bag.

The Necessities Bag is a reusable tote filled with bandages, essentials for wound care, hygiene and personal comfort that is distributed by medical professionals in local hospitals to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer.

Typically, dozens of volunteers, both men and women, turn out 100 pillows in an evening. Following the potluck dinner on Sept. 10, a presen-

tation was given by Ally Goi, the 14-year-old daughter of Corlene Goi and Corlene's mother Grace Kotani, who have been volunteering at the pillow parties. Ally solicited donations to make and present 30 pillows on her own as part of her Girl Scout Silver Award. She is an eighth grader at Sam Brannan Middle School.

As a nonprofit, charitable organization, NBS depends on grants, donations, and sponsors to purchase most of the supplies--and on the many volunteers who lovingly hand-craft items and assemble the totes. If you can



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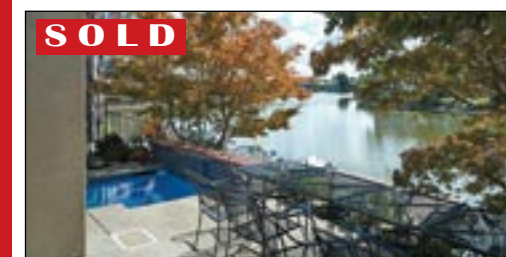


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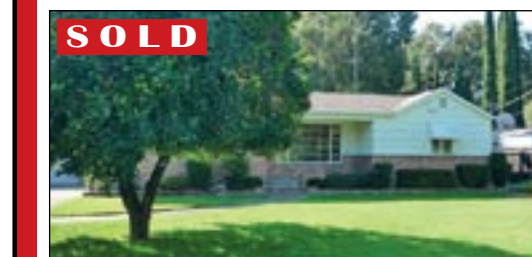
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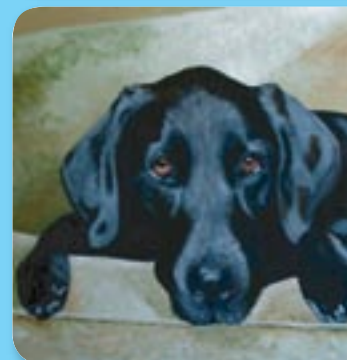
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Annual Competition Recognizes Communities that Prioritize Youth Education and Well-Being

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Sacramento County was named one of America's Promise Alliance's *100 Best Communities for Young People*. The national award was given to Sacramento County to recognize its outstanding and innovative work in addressing the high school dropout crisis and for its programs and services that make it an outstanding place for youth to live, learn and grow.

Sacramento County, a four-time *100 Best* winner, was again honored for serving youth through programs that focus on leadership, helping others and providing support for a successful future. Starting with the Sacramento County Youth Commission, young people are able to have a voice in local government. The commission comprises students ages 12 to 18 who participate in monthly meetings, community events and forums.

Sacramento County will receive a \$2,500 grant, signage identifying the community as one of the nation's *100 Best Communities for Young People*, and access to America's Promise Alliance's community development resources.

The *100 Best* competition is part of the Grad Nation campaign, a large and growing movement of dedicated individuals, organizations and communities working together to end the dropout crisis. The goal of Grad Nation is to raise the national high school graduation rate to 90 percent by 2020, with no school graduating fewer than 80 percent of its students on time.



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The photo was taken in the Pocket area, as the Space Shuttle Endeavour was coming back toward the Bay Area after turning around in Roseville on Friday, Sept. 21. According to the Associated Press, Endeavour, built as a replacement for space shuttle Challenger, completed 25 missions, spent 299 days in orbit, and orbited Earth 4,671 times while traveling 122,883,151 miles.

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Faces and Places  
**Festa do chicharros**

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A Mackerel Festival was held on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Sacramento Portuguese Holy Spirit Society, located at 6676 Pocket Rd. Kids activities included grape stomping and games. For more information, call 997-5074.



# Local nonprofit makes life easier for people in wheelchairs and their families

By DELL RICHARDS  
Special to the Pocket News

When Carla Gillett—an inventor who has a patent and prototype for a wind turbine with solar power—saw a totaled van at a storage company, she saw the potential: A specially equipped van for her husband, Stephen, who is in a wheelchair.

"The owner thought it would be parted out, but I knew exactly what I wanted to do with it," said the 56-year old who lives near Executive Airport. Gillett's husband has had multiple strokes and has been in a wheelchair since February.

Luckily, a friend told her that Paratransit, Inc.—the local nonprofit known for its blue-and-white mini-buses that give rides to the people with disabilities—had started a new division to sell and repair wheelchair-accessible vans.

Because Gillett said "... it needed a lot of repair," the work took three weeks.

Staff at Destinations Mobility pulled out seats to make space for a wheelchair, repaired the lift, changed out components in the dashboard and console—and much more. "We completely rebuilt the vehicle," said Richard Rosebush, division manager.

Unlike her old van, the new one now is "...up to code. With this van, my husband faces forward and is much safer," said Gillett.

For more than 211,280 people with disabilities and seniors in Sacramento County, being able to go places can be a huge problem. Without a specially equipped van, going to the store, a doctor's appointment, even out for a drive is impossible.

"While Paratransit provides rides on our wheelchair-accessible buses, we felt there was a huge need for personal vehicles for the people with disabilities," said Linda Deavens, Paratransit, Inc., CEO. "It's the California dream to have freedom of the road."

New, specially designed—or modified vehicles—can be very expensive, costing up to \$90,000. Lower-cost, used models rarely are available from traditional dealers.

Depending on the vehicle, modifications and mileage, Destinations Mobility is able to sell used and new vans from \$7,500 to \$50,000. In addition to selling used vans and taking trade-ins, Destinations Mobility also is one of the few businesses that are willing to service, repair and even re-make these particular vehicles.

"Since we opened recently, we've done a lot of repairs, including major ones like Carla's," said Rosebush.

"To me, it was worth the cost to get this van made for Stephen. The lift for his wheelchair makes it so easy to get him in and out of the van, it has given us our independence back," said Gillett.

Now that Gillett has a new van for her husband—and that project completed—she also can make sure

Stephen gets to his physical therapy appointments to regain his mobility.

She also can concentrate on promoting her renewable energy power system and other patents she has pending. "This allows me to continue my goals as well as Stephen's," said Gillett. "I can take Stephen with me everywhere now."

Destinations Mobility does business throughout California. The showroom is located at 2501 Florin Rd. and open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.destinationsmobility.com](http://www.destinationsmobility.com).

Founded in 1978, Paratransit, Inc., provides transportation services to individuals with disabilities, seniors and related agencies in Sacramento County. The local nonprofit also accepts vehicle—and boat—donations.

For more information, go to [www.paratransit.org](http://www.paratransit.org).



## 'Boo at the Zoo' to be held Oct. 30-31

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## Community outreach fair held at Elks No. 6

Photos by Linda Pohl

Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 held a free community outreach fair on Sunday, Sept. 30. Services included a hearing test, blood pressure and glucose check. Attendees included: Representatives from Shriners Hospital, Councilman Darrell Fong, Costco representatives, Sacramento K-9 Division and more. The Elks Lodge No. 6 is located at 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento.

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## OCTOBER

### Bi-Polar Anonymous

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

### Sacred Heart Fall Festival

Oct. 6: Live music, beer garden, food and wine, festival games and prizes. 856 69 St. 11 a.m. to dusk. Facebook event page: ti-nyurl.com/4yoxys

### Asian Food and Cultural Bazaar

Oct. 6: From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, menu items include: teriyaki chicken, sesame chicken, Korean beef, chow mein, sushi, udon and there will be entertainment by Tai-Ko Dan as well as a crafts sale and kids games. 6929 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento 95823.

### Paper shred event

Oct. 6: Save your confidential papers for our Shred Event. 9 a.m. to noon, Holy Spirit Parish, 3159 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. \$10 donation per file box. Proceeds go to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for food, clothing and emergency housing for those in need. (916) 443-5442

### Volunteer in the garden

Oct. 6: Jensen Garden, located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael, is holding a volunteer garden work day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring work gloves, hand pruners, lunch and a drink and join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. All skill levels are needed. Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ext. 23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

### Fire Station 8 open house

Oct. 6: Come visit Fire Station 8 at 5990 H St., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

### Sacramento Archives Crawl - Building Sacramento, Building Communities

Oct. 6: Four downtown Sacramento locations that include the California State Archives (1020 O Street), the California State Library (900 N St.), the Center for Sacramento History (551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd.) and the Sacramento Public Library (828 I St.) Event goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and it is free of charge; 808-7072 or www.sacarchivescrawl.blogspot.com

### Land Park Volunteer Corps

Oct. 6: 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 the group maintains, improves and beautifies William Land Park. First Saturday of every month, March to November. 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 ckpinsact@aol.com

### Pancake Breakfast

Oct. 6: Two light, delicious, warm pancakes, a tasty paty of sausage, Log Cabin syrup, tea and coffee, all for only \$3 per person. 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Every First Saturday of the month. Benefits the Wednesday Club. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

### 22nd annual SCNA's wine tasting, silent auction and beer garden

Oct. 6: Delicious food and drinks from local wineries, breweries and restaurants. Will include auction, raffles and door prizes. From 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento, 452-3005. \$35 for SCNA members, \$45 for non-members through Oct. 3, \$50 for everyone after Oct. 3, www.sierra2.org or 452-3005. Donations needed for silent auction, contact Melissa at mmckenzie55@comcast.net

### Annual shred event

Oct. 6: Save confidential papers. This fundraiser is for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Spirit Parish, where they take care of feeding, clothing, and paying emergency housing for those in need. \$10 donation per file box. 9 a.m. to noon, church parking lot. 3159 Land Park Dr., (916) 443-5441.

### Art, craft and plant sale

Oct. 6-7: The Shepard Garden and Art Center is hosting its annual fall art, craft and plant sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plant sales benefit local horticulture clubs. The two-day event takes place at the Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. 95816. (916) 808-8800, www.sgaac.org.

### Camellia Symphony Orchestra presents: 'Dark Depths to Bright Horizons'

Oct. 6: CSO continues the celebration of its 50th anniversary season with a concert featuring Mozart and Tchaikovsky at 4 p.m. at the newly renovated Sacramento

City College: Performing Arts Center located at 3835 Freepoint Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95822. (Parking is free on Saturday and patrons may park in the West Lot on campus.) Tickets for adults: \$28, Seniors (65 or better): \$24; students: \$15; children (12 and under): \$8. For tickets log onto www.camelliasympphony.org or call 929-6655.

### Two sugar skull and two masks workshops

Oct. 6: 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. at La Raza Galeria Posada/Miller Park Complex, located at 2700 Front St. Reservations recommended: 446-5133 or email larazagaleria@gmail.com, www.lrgp.org. Supplies and masks \$5 flat masks, \$10 3-D masks, \$10 sugar skulls.

### The Hipwaders at Elk Grove's Giant Pumpkin Festival

Oct. 7: Cosmunes Community Services District presents The Hipwaders who will be performing their quirky, jangle-pop for kids and families from 2:30 5 p.m., Elk Grove Community Park, 9950 Elk Grove Florin Rd. Elk Grove, Free. http://www.yourcsd.com/pumpkinfestival/default.aspx?visittortop

### DOGtober Fest

Oct. 7: Entertaining games for kids and dogs, hot dogs and root beer floats, free photos of your dogs for the 2013 Calendar and hot off the presses is the Carmichael Canine Corral Community Cookbook, which will be for sale. Event goes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Carmichael Park's canine corral at the corner of Fair Oaks Blvd. and Grant Avenue. For more information, contact Carla Barbaro at 717-8808 or cbarbaro@comcast.net

### Vegan Fall Fest and Picnic

Oct. 7: Featuring food vendors, smoothies, games, entertainment, kids' activities, a cupcake walk, vegan poetry slam, and more from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Southside Park 8th and T streets, Sacramento.

### Soroptimist Sierra Nevada and Sacramento Theatre Co. present 'The Miracle Worker'

Oct. 7: In honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, there will be a performance of the classic story of Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan. Doors open at 6 p.m. for wine, music and silent auction, 1419 H St., 7 p.m. \$45 tickets, includes one beverage, dessert and coffee. Proceeds benefit Soroptimist Sierra Nevada Region Fellowship Fund and My Sister's House. http://themiracleworker.brownpapertickets.com

### Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

Oct. 8: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

### Bad Art Night at McKinley Library

Oct. 9: At 6 p.m., a variety of arts and crafts supplies will be available to those interested in making the worst possible art piece to be entered to win a prize. Sad clowns and velvet Elvis fans, unite! 601 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Oct. 10: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Wednesday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

### Crochet Guild

Oct. 10: Crocheters of all levels of ability and all ages are invited to join the Sacramento Crochet Guild. Learn new crochet techniques, exhibit at State Fair, do charity work. Mentoring program. Show and tell. Mini classes. Library and newsletter available. Club member of the Crochet Guild of America. Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Seniors: \$6/yr. Enter from parking lot. Church of the Cross, 45th and H St., Sac. Karolyn (916) 457-4044

### Referrals Plus

Oct. 10: Referrals Plus, a women's networking group, helps women in business with connections, resources, promotions and ideas. We meet the 2nd Wed. of every month. 12:15 p.m. for meeting/luncheon in Greenhaven area. RSVP required. www.referralsplus.org

### Second annual 'One Book'

Oct. 26: Friends of the Sacramento Public Library will hold a "Constitution dinner" from 7 to 9 p.m. Menu selection includes: Ratification roast beef, convention chicken, legislative vegetarian lasagna, patriotic pizza. Dress as a founding father, society matron, or wear Old Glory's colors of red, white and blue. To be held at the Elks Lodge, No. 6, located at 6446 Riverside Blvd., Adults: \$30, children: \$10. Information, call Kathi Windheim at 392-0101 or email zaw2000@msn.com

### Fifty States, One Nation with

ArtBeast at McKinley Library Oct. 12: At 4 p.m., for children ages 5 to 12, learn how our country moved from a collection of states to a nation. Color and

decorate a map of the United States. 601 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento.

### Plant Sale to benefit local nonprofit

Oct. 13-14: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., a selection of hard to find and unusual perennials not generally seen in local nurseries. Plants from starters to gallons. Gifted Gardener 18<sup>th</sup> and J St, Sacramento. Benefits Sunburst Projects' efforts to provide a healthy meal and presents for annual Adopt-A-Child program. Sunburst Projects helps children and families with HIV/AIDS.

### Informational meeting about the 2012 ballot propositions

Oct. 13: At 10 a.m., the Citrus Heights/American River branch of American Association of University Women will host an informational meeting about the propositions on the November ballot. McGeorge School of Law students will present what changes the propositions will make, the legal, financial and unintended consequences of passage, and any constitutional issues arising from passage. Orangevale Grange Hall located at 5805 Walnut Avenue in Orangevale. \$5 donation. Contact Virginia Sturdevant for more information at 488-2006 or hands@surewest.net.

### JFK H.S. Marching Band and Color Guard car wash

Oct. 13: From 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in front of Kennedy High School, 6715 Gloria Drive

### Laurence Rosenthal to give piano concert:

Oct. 13: Seven-time Emmy Award winner, Two-time Oscar and Golden Globe nominee Laurence Rosenthal (www.LaurenceRosenthal.com) will present a piano concert and talk at 8 p.m. Reception to follow, with the opportunity to meet Mr. Rosenthal. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for students and seniors, and may be obtained at BrownPaperTickets.com or at the door. Trinity Episcopal Church, 2620 Capitol Ave. 446-2513.

### 'Rehearsal for Murder'

Oct. 12-Nov. 18: A play within a play, with murder and surprising revelations. \$19-\$21. Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael (916) 489-7529 www.cplayhouse.org

### Land Park Service Unit Girl

Oct. 13: From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Village Green in Land Park (near Sutterville Rd.)

### Free electronic waste drive fundraiser

Oct. 13: Participants won't even have to get out of their car. Pop the trunk or open the door and we will unload for you. It's a fundraiser for Earl Warren Elementary School grade level events. 5320 Lowell Street, Sacramento, 382-5930.

### Book sale fundraiser for Sacramento Women's Chorus

Oct. 13: All kinds of books - stock up for fall and winter reading with your blanket, glass, fireplace, peace and quiet. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 913 El Dorado Way in East Sacramento.

### Golden Valley Charter School's annual Harvest Festival:

Oct. 13: A celebration of autumn bounty with an inspiring day full of children's hand-crafts, nourishing food, storytelling, live music and entertainment, archery, petting zoo and other fun activities. This event is open to the general public and all are welcome so bring the whole family, free admission and entertainment. Please bring cash for fee-based activities, food and crafts from our Vendor Marketplace, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 9601 Lake Natoma Drive in Orangevale. www.goldenvalleycharterschool.org

### Free flu shots

Oct. 13: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Molina Medical is holding a free flu shot event at its Norwood clinic in Sacramento, located at 3946 Norwood Ave. After the first 100, vaccines will be \$15 per vaccine. 564-0521.

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## Take Back the Night march and rally

Oct. 13: It will be an evening of remembrance, celebration, and action to stand against all forms of violence against women and children. Resource fair at 5:30 p.m., rally at 6 p.m. and march at 8 p.m. The resource fair will continue throughout the rally to provide information about the crucial services offered in our community. Sacramento Native American Health Center parking lot at 2020 J St. [www.sactakebackthenight.org/sponsor](http://www.sactakebackthenight.org/sponsor)

## 'Family tree' climbing

Oct. 13: Learn how find ancestors, or revive a previous search, at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Family History Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 13, at the California State Archives, 1020 O St., in Sacramento. (916) 653-7715

## High Tea fundraiser for My Sister's House

Oct. 13: 4th annual high tea and silent auction to raise money for My Sister's House, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic violence in the region. The tea is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chinese Community Church, located at 5600 Gilgunn Way, Sacramento. \$45 for individual tickets or \$350 for a table of 10.

## Fire Station 4 open house

Oct. 13: Come visit Fire Station 4 at 3145 Granada Way, Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

## Volkssport walking

Oct. 13: Come join the Sacramento Walking Stricks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St. Those who wish to walk

before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65th St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus and back. Contact Barbara Nuss at (916) 283-4650, (916) 691-7618 or [nussb@surewest.net](mailto:nussb@surewest.net). Visit [www.SacramentoWalkingStricks.org](http://www.SacramentoWalkingStricks.org)

## Children's Sunshine Celebration

Oct. 13: Free event featuring master puppeteer and ventriloquist Tony Borders from 2 to 3 p.m. as well as a bounce house, petting zoo, pony rides, carnival games, face painting and more from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Greenhaven Lutheran Church, 475 Florin Rd., Gloria Dr. 428-8449.

## SPCA 2012 Gala—The Great Catsby!

Oct. 13: To be held at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa. For more information, and tickets, visit [www.spcaspa.org](http://www.spcaspa.org)

## Two sugar skull and two masks workshops

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## The Concert Band of CSUS performance

Oct. 15: 7:30 p.m. Music Recital Hall on the campus, 6000 J St. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 seniors and \$5 students, and available at the University Ticket Office, 278-4323. 278-5191.

## Who is running for San Juan Unified School Board?

Oct. 16: From 7 to 8:30 p.m. "Families That Can" will present a nonpartisan candidate

forum at California Montessori Project, located at La Sierra - Gibbons Room, 5330-A Gibbons Drive Carmichael 95608. Space is limited. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 12 by contacting Rachel Minnick at [rminnick@familyesthatcan.org](mailto:rminnick@familyesthatcan.org) or 529-3435

## Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

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## Sacramento State's Symphony Orchestra performance

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## 'Freedom of Expression with ArtWorks' at Arden-Dimick Library

Oct. 16: At 4 p.m. for children, ages 5 to 12. Express yourself using a variety of materials to create a unique art piece. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento.

## Manga Café: Kokeshi Dolls at Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Oct. 17: At 4 p.m., for youngsters, ages 5 to 18, create mini folk-art presidential wooden figures. 7340 24th Street Bypass, Sacramento.

## Summary in Art: Teen Book Reviews (for teens) at Ella K. McClatchy Library

Oct. 17: At 6 p.m., celebrate Teen Read Week and ARTober with an artistic review of a book you recently read. Turn a note card into an artistic summary of the book. The library will provide art supplies and the book reviews will be displayed on the branch's new Teen Area bulletin board. 2112 22nd Street, Sacramento

## SPCA Mobile Adoption

Oct. 18: Adoption trailer will be at Intel, 1900 Prairie City Road, Folsom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Duct Tape Masterpieces (for teens) at Arden-Dimick Library

Oct. 18: At 3 p.m., create your next artistic masterpiece using duct tape -- the most durable medium available. Use a variety of solid colors and patterns and get instructions for making wallets, roses, flip-flops and more. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento.

## 'Financially Savvy Seniors'

Oct. 18: The Pocket Area Churches Together, the Asian Community Center and the St. Anthony Senior Club are sponsoring this seminar to discuss identity theft, contractor and phone scams and family abuse of seniors. The seminar goes from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 660 Florin Rd., Sacramento.

## 'Dance Sites 2012: Faculty Dance Concert'

Oct. 17-21: CSUS faculty and guest choreographers come together to guide students through their first performance of the year in This always-anticipated annual evening of dance on the University Theatre main stage presents a wide range of music and dance styles. 6000 J St., Sacramento 95819.

## 40th annual Japan night dinner

Oct. 19: Sacramento Senator Lions Club is having its 40th Annual Japan Night Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento. The menu includes teriyaki chicken, sashimi, sushi, sunomono salad and miso soup. Ticket donation is \$35. All profits from this event are given back to the community through projects such as the Sacramento Zoo Sensory Garden, Sacramento Zoo's Mobile Zoo Project, My Sister's House, and Christmas Food Baskets for low-income families. Call Teri Pansick at (530) 676-0829, for more information.

## CORE Dance Collective presents 'The Doorway'

Oct. 18-27: Now entering its third season, The Doorway is the contemporary dance event of the year. Inspired by the unique personalities of rooms in a Victorian mansion, The Doorway follows dark and quirky characters entangled in the house. Tickets: \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance. Thursdays through Saturdays 7:30 p.m. Benvenuti Performing Arts Center, 4600 Blackrock Dr. Sacramento, 95835.

## Free flu shots

Oct. 20: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Molina Medical is holding a free flu shot event at its 55<sup>th</sup> St. Location: 7215 55th St. After the first 100, vaccines will be \$15 per vaccine. 564-0521.

## 'Camellia City Porcelain Artist 21st Annual Tea and Porcelain Art Show'

Oct. 20-21: A display of American style porcelain/china over-glaze painting, as part of the Arts and Crafts movement, in the late 1800 and 1900s will be on display on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sacramento Garden & Arts Center McKinley Park, located at 3330 McKinley Blvd. Tickets are available for a Christmas Tree drawing to benefit St. John's Shelter for Women and Children. See <http://www.eset.com> for more information.

## SPCA Mobile Adoption

Oct. 21: Adoption trailer will be at Trends-Treats, 8929 Madison Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Shrinky Dinks at Central Library

Oct. 21: At 3 p.m., families can create a freehand design or trace an image from a

book on amazing plastic. Bake it for a few minutes and the creation shrinks. , 828 I Street, Sacramento

## American Cancer Society's 'Making Strides Against Breast Cancer'

Oct. 21: Starts at 7 a.m. on the west steps of the State Capitol. For more information, see [http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=47299&pg=entry](http://makingstrides.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=47299&pg=entry)

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Oct. 17, 24, 31: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Wednesday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

## 'Drumming with ArtBeast' at Arcade Library

Oct. 18: At 4 p.m., for children, ages 5 to 12, kids can gather around a circle of drums and percussion instruments to create a community of rhythm. They will learn beats and enjoy playing various instruments. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.

## CSUS classical piano performance

Oct. 20: Ying Song performs as part of Sac State's Piano Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall on campus, 6000 J St. Song is on the faculty of the New School for Music at Mannes College. Her awards include Pro Piano Artist of the Year and the Sudler Prize for outstanding achievement from Stanford. Tickets are \$20 general and \$15 for students and seniors and available at the University Ticket Office, 278-4323 or <http://bit.ly/xRmEZ8>. Contact: 278-5191.

## Fall Fellowships and Food Festival

Oct. 20: The Chinese Community Church will have Chinese food and games from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. [www.cccsac.net](http://www.cccsac.net)

## Manga Café: Sticker Making at Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Oct. 24: At 4 p.m., Youngsters, ages 5 to 18, can watch anime, read manga and make stickers from old magazines or from their own art. 7340 24th Street Bypass, Sacramento.

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Oct. 25: Starting at 8 p.m., selections include "Moten Swing," by Benny Moten, and "Waltz for Dave" by Chick Corea in the Music Recital Hall on campus, 6000 J St. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 seniors and \$5 students and available at the University Ticket Office, 278-4323 or <http://bit.ly/xRmEZ8>. Contact: 278-5191.

## Stage Fright Haunted House

Oct. 25-27: The Performing and Fine Arts Academy's Drama Club presents costumed dancers, face-painting, concession stand, storytelling and more. Thursday and Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 5-9 p.m. \$2 per person. Natomas Charter School, 4600 Blackrock Dr., Sacramento. 803-5863

## 26th Annual Safe & Super Halloween: A Grimm Halloween

Oct. 26, 27, 28: From 5-9 p.m., the fairytales of Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm will come to life for three nights of family fun. Cost: Advance tickets are \$7 members and \$10 nonmembers. Beginning October 26, tickets are \$9 members and \$12 nonmembers. Children ages 1 and under are free. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento CA 95822, 808-7462, mail@fairytalestown.org, [www.fairytalestown.org](http://www.fairytalestown.org)

## Gala at the Garden and Casa Boutique

Oct. 26-27: Support programs of the Sacramento Children's Home by attending the "Gala at the Garden" on Friday, Oct. 26, featuring fine wines and hors d'oeuvres AND the first opportunity to shop "Casa Boutique". Tickets are available at [www.casagardenrestaurant.org](http://www.casagardenrestaurant.org) OR visit the "Casa Boutique" on Saturday, Oct. 27, no entry fee and see live demonstrations by Open Studio at Lakeside. Both events are at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd. Enjoy a unique shopping experience with one-of-a-kind gifts created by talented artisans. Shop today for tomorrow.

## Halloween crafts at Arcade Library

Oct. 27: At 2 p.m., for children, ages 5 to 12, children will get in the Halloween spirit with fun crafts, including paper bag ghosts, trick or treat bags, and more. They are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.

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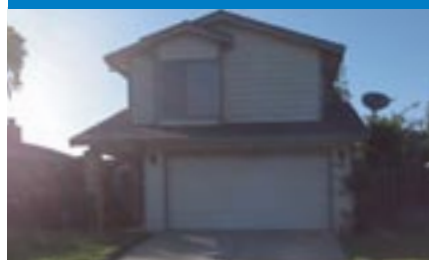
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