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# Another playground rebuild in the works It was a case of arson at Caroline Wenzel

By **MONICA STARK**  
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As the beloved McKinley playground got rebuilt, two more were burned down.

Set ablaze during the night of July 31, the playground at John Sloat and the next night on Aug. 1 at the playground at Caroline Wenzel, the two cases are being treated as arson and authorities are pleading for the community's help keeping schools safe, especially during the remaining weeks before school starts.

On Friday, Aug. 2 Caroline Wenzel's new principal Yee Yang said the district had the structure torn down for safety reasons. "A good portion was pretty badly burned ... almost a quarter section of the play structure," he said.

Yang said the damage appeared to have started from

underneath and quickly melted a huge section that children have enjoyed climbing on. "Thankfully it wasn't wood, so only a quarter of it was burnt."

Brand new to Caroline Wenzel from Fruitridge Elementary (one of the schools that closed last year), Yang immediately felt sick to his stomach after hearing the news. "I can't imagine that somebody would come out to an elementary school- a place of community - a place where they utilize part of their daily lives and destroy it," he said.

It's surely not the best way to start off the year, but school will still start Sept. 3. He said the district is working hard on making sure they put in a new structure as soon as possible.

"There are processes we need to go through, so we may not get it before

school starts. I hope it will be done soon and I hope to have a playground to access," Yang said.

The district's insurance deductible of \$25,000 for each incident will come out of the general fund budget, further hampering the district's work to rebound from recessionary budget cuts. Playground

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# Levee maintenance supervisor discusses flood protection in the Pocket

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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*Editor's Note: This is part 17 in a series about the history of the Sacramento River.*

When it comes to the levee that runs along the Sacramento River in the Pocket, few people are more familiar with this important man-made embankment than Sacramento native Dave Williams.

Williams serves as the supervisor of a crew of utility craftworkers who provide maintenance along the levee through the state Department of Water Resources' Division of Flood Management.

Last week, Williams met with this publication to share details about his work and to educate the public about levee maintenance.

In addition to his veteran leadership, Williams is perhaps further qualified for his position, considering that he has lived near a levee in the Natomas area since 1957.

Williams explained that his work requires a fairly substantial amount of traveling in and near Sacramento.

"My area goes all the way to the Sacramento International Airport and all the way down to the town of Courtland," Williams said. "And then I have low lying creeks down in Rio Linda and Del Paso Heights and I have an area over in Yolo County, which is

from I Street, going upstream to (Interstate) 80."

As a prelude to more detailed discussions regarding the levee, Williams spoke about the makeup of the levee itself.

"The basic scenario of the levee (is) it looks like a Twinkie," Williams said. "It's got a harder shell on the outside, but the inside is soft with sugar sand or river sand. That's what they are made out of and then they capped it with a clay or fatty clay substance with top soil and other kinds (of soil) to keep kind of like a rain coat on it, so the water sheds off."

In discussing residential concerns regarding the levee, Williams noted that many people are focused on the topics of fire prevention and seepage from the river.

"The concerns are basically fire in the summer and seepage in the winter," Williams said. "I've been here 17 years and I have the most flood experience in our division and the only (problem) that I've seen here was seepage. And since they installed a slurry wall in the 1980s — and I think they did some in the early 1990s, when they went deeper in some areas — it cut down on seepage quite a bit. Actually, this whole Pocket area was technically a river bed at one time, so the sand strata goes from here to almost all the way to Land Park. So, that water, it will find a



Dave Williams observes the levee in the Pocket.

Photo by Lance Armstrong

(passage) way, but seepage is okay to a certain point. From the levee slope, you can go out into the streets and you'll see water percolating up through the sidewalks. That's normal. When you have seepage coming through the levee and you see it and it's clear, you're okay. Now, if you have seepage coming through the levee and it's like a chocolate color or a tan color, that means materials are being moved with that water, and it's moving from underneath the levee, and that's not good."

During a conversation regarding last week's article of this series about the 1904 levee break that flooded an estimated 10,000 acres in the Riverside-Pocket area, Williams said that he had heard that the cause of that flood was a weakening of the levee due to the burrowing of rodents. And he added that rodents continue to be an enemy of the levee when

it comes to its protection against flooding.

"Ground squirrels are 90 percent of the cause of levee failures, and if you control those, you pretty much control the integrity of your levee," Williams said. "(About) a year ago, it was like cut all the trees down. No, I think that's a bad idea. (Trees) aren't the cause of levee failure. The

cause of levee failure again is rodents. And by all means, please don't feed them."

And after being asked what methods are used to test the strength of the levee, Williams said, "All I know from that standpoint is we do core drills down inside the levee and they can tell what type

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# River: Tree trimming along the levee helps with visibility

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of strata is in there, which is different layers of rock, sand and gravel. And they can tell the density of the sand and the gravel and the mixture of all of it to come up with an integrity scale on it and the strength of the levee."

Williams said that it is important for the community to observe the levee and report any concerns that they might have regarding changes in its condition.

"I really appreciate the residents (reporting these concerns), any kind of problems that come out," Williams said. "I give my business card out as much as I can and tell them to let me know about any issues. When you get 10,000 other pairs of eyes (observing the levee's condition), it's definitely to everybody's advantage."

Some Pocket residents have noticed that Williams' crew has recently been trimming trees along the levee.

In discussing this activity, Williams said, "The tree trimming that we do on the land side and the water side is for visibility during inspections, during high water. That way we can see from the top of the levee all the way down the slope, across the toe and then into the properties. In this area, we do have seepage issues and in order for us to determine how bad the seepage is, we need a clear view from the top of the levee all the way down the slope and then some, probably 20 feet."

In commenting about the publicized possibility of a fu-

ture public trail on the levee above presently private properties in the Pocket, Williams said, "I don't want the bike trail and there are a couple reasons why I (feel that way). First off, that's going to take a lot of these residents, which I value highly, and take their privacy away. We don't want the residents to be always on guard, because now they're back doors are open, basically. And it's going to be a transient walkway. It's not going to be just for bikes. And from my standpoint, it's very hard to do (levee) maintenance with a bike trail, because you have to always stop your work as a bike is coming to you. You have to wait until they pass and then you continue on. That's time consuming. If the whole nine miles of this (levee) would be a bike trail, that would definitely slow down production. As far as I know, my department is not for it, because of maintenance issues. And that's our stand on it."

Williams believes that the possibility that a bicycle path will be placed along this portion of the levee is a "50-50 thing."

"It can go either way," he said. "You know, the squeaky wheel gets the grease."

During the latter part of his interview with this publication, Williams spoke about the importance for landowners residing along the levee to understand what kind of resident-created levee projects are allowable by law.

"There's a process that people have to (undergo) whenever they put stairs, trees, docks, anything that involves the levee system going under, over or through it or on it," Williams said. "A lot of people are putting things on this slope without even asking. They're putting the wrong types of materials on the slope. And when you put the wrong types of materials on it, rodents go underneath it and we can't see them. And if we can't see them, we're fighting an invisible enemy. We want (the levee) exposed, so we can see both sides of the slope."

Permits can be acquired through the Central Valley Flood Protection Board.

The board, which was known as the Reclamation Board until 2008, has been regulating a system of levees, weirs, bypasses and other floodwater directing structures since 1911.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Ron McGuire, a levee maintenance utility craftsworker, cuts a tree limb on the levee in the Pocket.

Williams said that his crew and department are trained in flood fighting methods, including emergency techniques for saving a levee.

"We're like firemen ready for a fire, but we're just flood fighters ready for a flood," said Williams, who was once involved in an emergency levee saving operation in which

three and a half miles of levee were saved in the San Joaquin County city of Ripon. "We just hope that these methods will keep Mother Nature at bay until we can get appropriate equipment in there, material and everything. But then, that's why maintenance is so important, to foresee issues before the water even comes."

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# Casa Garden art show benefits Sacramento Children's Home

The Los Niños Service League, nonprofit auxiliary of the Sacramento Children's Home, presents a unique experience to meet local artist David Lobenberg and Marcia Evans, wife of renown Henry Evans, on Friday, August 23, 5:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m., at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento. The exemplary artistic talent of both Lobenberg and Evans will be available for viewing and purchasing. For \$20, attendees of the "Art at Casa Gardens" will meet the artists and enjoy a good local wine and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are available at [www.casagardenrestaurant.org](http://www.casagardenrestaurant.org).

David Lobenberg has a Master Degree in Fine Art from UCLA and is an adjunct professor at Sacramento City College. He's been featured on our local KVIE television station and its Art Auction, and he excels in figurative and landscape watercolor and acrylic painting. He has completed commissioned works for former Cal-

ifornia Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the US Air Force Thunderbirds, the Amgen Tour of California, professional baseball players Barry Zito and Nick Swisher, the Sacramento Kings, Surewest, and the IMAX Corporation.

Marcia Evans represents her famed husband, Henry Evans (1918-1990). He began making botanical prints in 1958 and depicted over 1,400 subjects in 31 years. As a self-taught printer, botanist, and artist, he drew directly from living subjects, and by hand, used linoleum as a printing surface and an 1852 Washington Hand Press to make the prints, which he numbered, dated, and signed before destroying the linoleum blocks. His linocuts are found in great print collections of the Albertina in Vienna, the Library of Congress, and the New York Public Library, plus in various American museums and libraries and private collections in American and abroad.



Kayaker on the American River by David Lobenberg.

The Casa Garden Restaurant, open for nearly 40 years, is operated by over 250 active Los Niños Service League volunteers who supplement its five paid staff. All profits from the restaurant and its fund-raising events support the programs for children and families served by the Sacramento Children's Home, the oldest charity in the Sacramento

region. The restaurant serves lunch at 11:30 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m.; reservations are recommended. You can view the menu-of-the-week on the Casa's web site: [www.casagardenrestaurant.org](http://www.casagardenrestaurant.org). Information about having a special event at the restaurant is also available on the web site or by calling the restaurant directly at 916-452-2809.

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# Darrell's Notes

## National Night Out 2013

We had a great turnout for National Night Out this year. We made it to seven different events. We talked about issues affecting our community and the city as a whole. Issues that came up ranged from thoughts on the proposed Entertainment and Sports Complex to a large patch of overgrown shrubs that needed to be removed in Seymour Park. I enjoy National Night Out more now than when I was a police officer. These types of events give me tool to check the pulse of the community, ensuring we are doing our job. We are coming out of a tough couple of years with the city budget. We received quite a few compliments on how the parks are looking, the community events — especially the monthly third Thursday Food Truck Expo at Garcia Bend, and overall response from our city staff.

## Flood Control Update

At our last Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) meeting, we were given a status update on the Sacramento and American River levee system. The message from the update, provided by SAFCA, is the US Army Corps of Engineers is "getting out of the flood control business" and FEMA has updated their flood control policies. This means after August 2013 that the City and SAFCA will take the lead in providing new information for future levee accreditation.

What we want to make very clear is the understanding that the levees have not changed since the last time the US Army Corps performed work in 2007. The next steps will be to evaluate a set of criteria to submit to FEMA about the next accreditation process. With FEMA implementing more policies, there is a likelihood that work may need to be done, in the future, along the Sacramento River. As we receive more information from SAFCA, we will send out updates.

## Paying it Forward

There are small things in life that we all take for granted. We received an email approximately three weeks ago that made that point resonate more than usual. Last summer we had the pleasure of meeting a Mrs. Toyama during our Rebuilding Together "Rebuild Day" in Valley Hi. During that event we helped over twenty homeowners do everything from replacing a broken HVAC, to repainting their house, to replacing a kitchen and bathroom. It was surprising to receive an email from Mrs. Toyama and more surprising to find out why she was emailing us. During the period of over 100 degree days last month a large tree in the adjoining neighbors backyard split and fell, covering most of Mrs. Toyama's backyard. She called the landlord, who owned the property where the tree fell, no response. She called her insurance provider, they said it was a private matter and would have be dealt with in small claims court. She finally called our office and asked if the Urban Forestry Department could help. Unfortunately, Urban Forestry could not help. We had a plan, with some help from Randall Hom at Diversified Properties, Luann Shikasho, Lisa Ung, and Samantha Tov at ReMax/Gold, and Ken Avelino we were able to come together on a Sunday morning and remove the fallen tree. These types of small things are what make everyone enjoy their community. I want to thank all of the groups involved, who showed up early on a Sunday to help pay it forward.

## Did you KNOW?

### Grocery Outlet Update:

Grocery Outlet is on track to open, as originally announced, in mid-September. We have spoken to the new operators of the store, who are all residents of the Pocket. They are planning a grand opening celebration, with balloons, catering from Pocket Bistro, and ribbon cutting event. Once a date is set, we will send out an email update. Please also look for a grand opening sign at the shopping center.



## National Night Out had great turn out in the South area

By POLICE CAPTAIN NEIL SCHNEIDER

Thanks for a Terrific National Night Out. We had 23 NNO events in South Command. I was very pleased that my lieutenants either came in on their day off or worked late to attend as many neighborhoods as they could. The sergeants and officers also stopped by several neighborhoods.

Our goal was to make a personal appearance at each and every one. Did we make it? Who got left out? If we didn't make your event, then send me a reply. If you host an event next year, I will put yours at the top of the list.

We also had the U.S Attorney's office and the FBI join us. Two prosecuting attorneys and an agent assigned to National Security were with us at South Command. I took the husband/wife prosecuting team with me (and their 10 yr old son, who was celebrating his birthday). Little did I know that they live in the South Land Park neighborhood. The connections we made last night



were wonderful. It was fun to watch them relate not only as an important cog in our criminal justice system, but as neighbors and valued community members.

Again, I thank each and every neighborhood that hosted an event. The positive energy was unmatched!!! I'm all fired up!!! I hope you are too. We are only as strong as our neighborhoods!!!



# From LSD to OMG, this will make you LOL

By GREG BROWN  
greg@valcomnews.com

Nationally known political comedian Will Durst will be performing an all-new show called "BoomerRaging, from LSD to OMG" at the Sierra II Center in Curtis Park. It's a tribute to the history, growth, achievements, joys, and the looming doom of the Baby Boom Generation in today's youth obsessed society. One of the segments is, "Hey you punks, get off my wireless router!"

The show is Friday Aug. 23, 7 p.m. at the 24th Street Theater. There will be complimentary drinks from 6 to 6:50 p.m. before the show. Tickets are \$20 in advance.

Tickets may be purchased securely online at humortimes.com. And \$25/30 at the door. Or order over the phone at 455-1217.

I spoke with Will Durst over the Internet. I was going to do the Q and A via text message but my thumbs gave out. Here's it is:

**The title of your one-man show is From LSD To OMG, which made me LOL. What is the drug of choice of the Baby Boomers these days?**

That's the great thing. We Baby Boomers are still doing lots of drugs- only now there's a co-pay.

**Who's attending your show? Is it all baby boomers or are**

**the Gen X or Generation Z's also attending?**

It's just a funny, funny show. I'd say we're getting about 80 percent Baby Boomers and 20 percent others. Including Millennials and Gen Xers, and the Greatest Generation.

**What do you think next Generation should be called?**

Lucky. The Survivors. Enforced Mutators. Gill People.

**What topics are you riffing on in the show?**

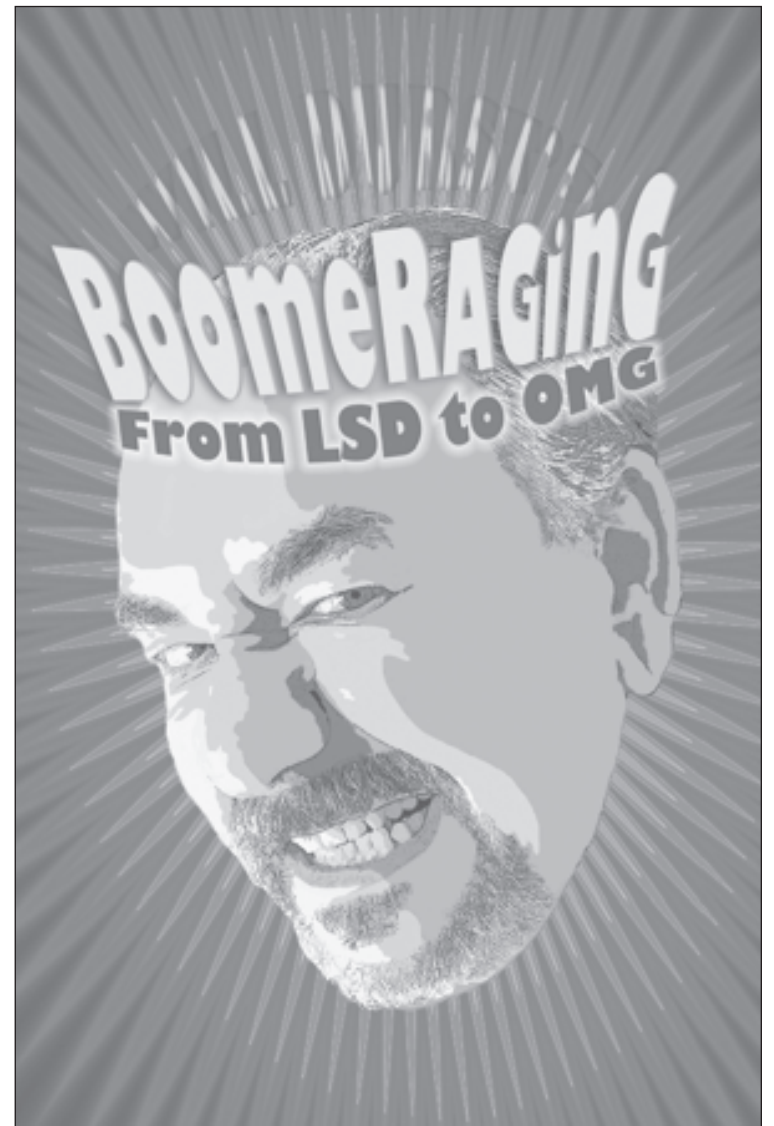
The big 3. Sex, drugs and politics. Bunch of other stuff. Pretty inspirational. Some nostalgia. But not a soupcon of regret.

**In your one-man show you use an overhead projector. It's like an old-fashioned power point presentation with jokes!**

Yes. That's the point. There's something warm and fuzzy and comforting about an overhead projector. And in perhaps too apt an analogy, 3M stopped making them last year. Cue the Jaws music.

**How are the Baby Boomers coping with all this modern technology?**

Baby Boomers are technologically limber. We are organic spores of the Space Race. Transistors, television, Tupperware, we were there for all of it. The fork with the built in calorie alarm. That was us. The only problem now, is the pace of change. Change keeps chang-



ing so changingly. You got to run twice as fast just to stay in the same place. And our knees ain't what they used to be.

**What first caught my eye about your one-man show at the Sierra 2 Center was complimentary drinks.**

Huh? What? Oh yeah, that's right — as much Ensure and

Metamucil as you can put down.

**Like the song says, What a drag it is getting old....what's so funny about losing bone density?**

Hey, those creaks in my bones keep me alert while driving.

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## Durst:

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And my knees are better at predicting the weather than the guy on TV.

#### Tweeting or Facebooking?

Yes. Indeed. You bet. Both. But it's frustrating. Finally figure out MySpace and it's over. "Soooo 2007." That's why I know Facebook is doomed. Because I'm on it. And my aunt is on it. No, no. My Aunt.

#### What are your thoughts on former NBA star turned politician Mayor Kevin Johnson?

Go KJ. Keep those Kings in the 916.

#### Rand Paul.

He's no Ron Paul.

#### Jerry Brown.

Was governor at the age of 36. And again at 72. So were going to have to go through this every 36 years. He'll be 108, just a head in a jar, but running again on the platform of "experience."

#### The Royal baby.

Feel bad for Harry who dropped to 4th in line of succession. 3 accidents are just so

much harder to arrange than 2. Of course, everybody living in the same house helps.

#### Do you have a favorite comedian?

Yes, Leonard Alfred Schneider.

#### What publications/websites do you read to get all your topical information?

Politico. NY Times. San Francisco Chronicle. ABC's The Note. USA Today. The Examiner. The Week.

#### What do you think of Sacramento?

Love the Sacratomato. Could live there in a minute if it weren't for a little thing you call August. Me and triple digits- not a match- the board goes back. An inveterate fog lover.

#### Where was your first onstage experience?

Can't remember. But I do know that at the age of 5, my mother says I asked her where I could go to go to school to learn to become a comedian. And have been at it ever since.

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# Hundreds get prescription glasses at Health & Wellness Fair

The line was already long by 6:00 a.m. and continued to grow as the Community Health & Wellness Fair got underway in Sacramento on Saturday, August 10. Hosted by Dr. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento) and Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento), the community's partnership with VSP Vision Care and other health organizations provided over 300 people with eye exams and prescription glasses and hundreds more with health screenings and resources.

"We're out in the community and we see so many people have health needs and are having trouble getting the health care they need," said Dr. Richard Pan. "I know we have had over 300 people sign up saying they are coming to the event so we know the need is tremendous. Hopefully we can make a small dent in that, but we know it's going to be ongoing work with our community partners to help get people healthy in Sacramento."

"I haven't been able to afford glasses so when a friend of mine told me about this event, we got here at 5:10 a.m.," said Kwateca Riviere of Sacramento. "I'm on Medi-Cal but they don't cover glasses so this event is really important for me and my family. I get headaches and have to squint and people think I'm frowning, but really I can't see. I need this because it has been hard to pass my driver's license exam and get a job."

Along with eye exams and glasses, the fair also provided demonstrations for healthy cooking with the non-profit teen organization The Fresh Producers, free medical screens for things like blood pressure, free dental screenings, back to school supplies and information about new health insurance opportunities under the Affordable Care Act. When the VSP Vision Care eye care vouchers ran out, people were still able to sign up for future appointments to ensure that no one in need who made time to arrive would be denied an opportunity to be examined.

"This was a good event because it helps you with things healthwise and schoolwise, that's why we are here," said Bilal Nazin of Sacramento. "We appreciate the job they are doing."

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# Playground: School district needs community's watchful eyes

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structures generally cost more than \$70,000.

The Sacramento City Unified School District is asking the community for help in keeping an eye out for arsonists, vandals and thieves for the remainder of summer break.

"Graffiti taggers, arsonists and metal thieves are robbing our students of money we need to support our schools," said Lopez. "It's unconscionable that in this time of fiscal crisis that these criminals would victimize schools and hurt our ability to educate kids."

All SCUSD campuses are locked and alarmed during breaks, and all security cameras are monitored. However, the

most effective anti-crime tool remains alert community members who "do the right thing and report suspected criminal activity," Lopez said. "The schools belong to the community," she added, "and we need the entire community to help us guard them."

For schools within Sacramento city limits call 264-5471. Residents outside city boundaries should call the county Sheriff's Department at 874-5115. School security can also be called 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 643-7444.

Anyone with information about these fires should call the Sacramento Fire Department Arson Tip Line at (916) 808-8732 or (877) 822-8477.



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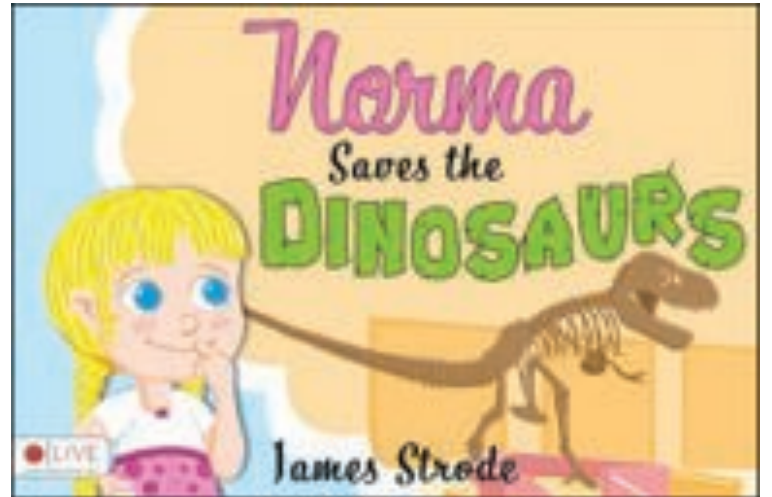
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## Sacramento author tackles dinosaur extinction in new children's book

Author James Strode announces the release of his new children's book, "Norma Saves the Dinosaurs."

In the story, readers are introduced to Norma, an inquisitive 6-year-old girl who wonders what happened to the dinosaurs. Her sincere interest and curiosity toward the dinosaurs brought questions like "Did God love the dinosaurs?" "Why were the dinosaurs on earth for so long?" "What was God doing with the dinosaurs?"

Strode's "Norma Saves the Dinosaurs" shares this



curious conversation with Norma and tries to answer the above questions and more. Not only will kids learn about what happened to the dinosaurs, but also how God feels about them—both the dinosaurs and mankind alike.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at [www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore), or by visiting [\[sandnoble.com\]\(http://sandnoble.com\) or \[amazon.com\]\(http://amazon.com\).](http://barne-</a></p>
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Strode teaches English to adults at the college level, and God has blessed him with a family, including Norma and his younger son, Jimmy. He is heavily involved in all aspects of their lives, from diapers to language development, and he spends his summers in fulltime Daddy daycare. He and his wife have a large mingled bilingual family in Sacramento.

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# GREEK FOOD AT ITS FINEST



By **MONICA STARK**  
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Two grandmas Faye Vallas and Voula Cazanis will be ganging up on chef Patrick Mulvaney at the YiaYia Cookoff while two or three non-Greek judges decide if they have what it takes to beat out the master chef with their eggplant moussaka.

The showdown happens Saturday Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. at the 50th annual Sacramento Greek Festival held at the convention center.

Faye and Voula are parishners and “they do a really good job cooking,” Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Parish Administrator Effie Theodor said. “Mulvaney — he doesn’t do Greek” so it’s OK he knows ahead of time what the grandmas are making, she said. “I think the grandmas will have an edge, but only a very small margin I’m sure,” she said. The press release pretty much summed it up: “We all know who we are rooting for.”

Chalk full of lamb or beef, onions and various spices all poured over rice or eaten with bread, Faye’s stifado, her Greek stew that is, sells really quickly at the festival. And Voula makes just about any Greek food item there is.

Mulvaney catered the church’s 90th anniversary much to everyone’s liking. So it should be interesting.

Prior to that, Rick Kushman, Sacramento Bee Wine Critic and New York Times Best Selling author, will be discussing the excellence of Greek wines at 3 p.m. at the festival. Those premium wines will be available from the bar to accompany festival dining.

And there will be other cooking demos throughout the festival, so here’s a tip: check out their schedule online.

The festival is jumping on the farm-to-fork bandwagon but truth be told, farm to fork works into the Greek’s culinary lifestyle. “It’s always been like that,” Theodor said.

“A lot of Greeks have their own gardens. They use their own fresh ingredients. We all have olive trees and fig

trees. Those are standard. (Greeks) like to plant things that will bear fruit.”

Theodor’s dad used to take them to the olive orchards where Country Club Plaza now is. “We would pick olives off the trees. We cured our own olives.”

She said at the festival it’s always interesting when someone asks if they have any butter for their bread. The answer is always, ‘no,’ but sometimes the explanation is that they used all their butter in the cooking. One word: Baklava.

Because if one truly needs a butter fix, they might be encouraged to just buy some Baklava as many layers of dough is separated with melted butter.

Volunteers have been cooking throughout the summer to prepare for the big weekend. For instance, a lot of the spanakopitas are already frozen and they are baked every single day at the festival.

While 50 years is a big deal and plenty reason to celebrate, the festival gradually has been getting bigger and better every year. “We’ve always been doing cooking demos and we are trying to add a few more (still),” she said.

Over by the bar, there will be a booth that sells squid. “The calamari is excellent. It’s very tender. You gotta get it early. We do sell out,” she said.

There will be a book and print signing by renowned Greek-American artist Gregory Kondos. Just off the phone with his wife, Media Relations Strategist Rosemary O’Brien said Kondos will be at the Festival on Friday and Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. “And, he is looking forward to enjoying Festival Fries!! They are yummy Greek French Fries with Feta and Greek seasoning!”

There will be the usual Greek “Plaka” shopping mart featuring clothing, pottery, jewelry, paintings and more. There will be a Greek dance instruction, live Greek music showcasing the celebrated Takis Kokotas, a Greek Taverna featuring Greek libation and an array of Mezethes (appetizers). And like usual, there will be a Greek



pastry shop (Zaharoplastion) featuring scrumptious desserts and cookies.

The kids zone will be back and put up center, right by the food so parents can eat and drink while their children have fun. “We see this as a family outing. We try to keep them all occupied,” Theodor said.

And when the kids get older, they might be recruited to help out at the festival, running food back and forth to wherever it’s needed.

Not to brag but we really do have tasty food. “It is good. I’ve been to others (Greek festivals). They’re not always as good. I think Sacramento does a very good job in presenting the various foods there are — not really wild spicy but food that appeals to a lot of people.. we do a good job ... We have a good community,” she said.

Theodor will be working the a la carte line on Saturday and Sunday where she’s sure to see a lot of familiar faces. “I see a lot of people I haven’t seen all year.” Like Christmas? “Yeah! Like Christmas.”

As the Church recently celebrated its 90th anniversary, major renovations and expansions are in the works. Inside the church building, they pulled up the carpeting and cleaned up the marble underneath. And they are currently raising funds for the expansion of the education and administration buildings that will replace their aging counterparts.

Currently the church is in the fundraising stage, though “we have some money in the bank and we are hoping to build in the next couple of years,” Theodor said.

Theodor’s expecting the new building will fit right into the neighborhood and she’s hoping the new space will be used for the annual festival. “The festival used to be

Photos courtesy of Effie Theodor

Above left: Baklava  
Above right photo from the left: Faye Vallas, Executive Chef Patrick Mulvaney, and Voula Cazanis.  
Left: Gregory Kondos, “White Boat”

## IF YOU GO:

**WHAT:** 50th annual Sacramento Greek Festival, featuring food, dancing, cooking workshops and more at the Sacramento Convention Center.

**WHEN:** Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1. Festival hours: Friday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 31: noon to 11 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 1: noon to 10 p.m.

**COST:** General admission for ages 12 and up is \$5. Children under 12 are free. There will be free admission on Friday Aug. 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For a complete listing of events, visit: [/www.annunciation.ca.goarch.org/?q=content/greek-festival-program](http://www.annunciation.ca.goarch.org/?q=content/greek-festival-program)

on the church grounds, but you just start growing and you don’t have space for cooking and storing stuff .. But, somewhere down the line once we rebuild that entire courtyard area, we are hoping to bring the festival back to the home grounds. That way you could do a tour of the church. It’s a different feel. It’s not just one big open area like the convention center.

It would be nice for people to be able to sip their coffee and enjoy the festival outdoors, but also have the opportunity to go inside if they want.

“We will have to see... probably will get the big crowds but will accommodate it somehow,” she said. She even suggested they might use parking lot as potential festival space, noting however: “It does a problem for parking. It would be a good problem to have. When we get to that we will figure it out. God helps us out a lot around here,” Theodor said.



# African American WW2 vets from Pocket celebrate 66 years of marriage

By MONICA STARK  
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Joe and Odessa Marshall both turned 90 years old this last spring and have been married for 66 years. While they both served in the military, they didn't meet each other until a few years after the end of World War II.

In an interview with the Pocket News, they both shared such love for each other's stories, often stopping to compliment the other.

"She looked great in a uniform and I got so attracted to her because of her personality. It was so different. I never met anybody like Odessa and I developed such a great respect for her. She's still my little poochie poo," Joe Marshall said about his lovely wife when they finally did meet back in the late 1940s.

But rewind. They didn't meet in the army and much of this story has to do with their time in the army, a time when troops were segregated and Black women were just getting the opportunity to go overseas.

Joe Marshall went into the army in 1942 and was discharged in 1944. He was living in Mississippi at the time and then went to training post in Fort Riley, Kansas in the Calvary, where he got good training from his sergeant. He then went to headquarters in Breakaville, Texas before heading overseas. He was shipped to Africa where he stayed in Morocco and Tunisia. From there, he went to Sicily, then to Italy when the war ended in Japan. He was in the first troops from Europe to go to Japan.

"Mama -- She has a totally different story. We didn't know each other in the military. She was inducted, I think, in the same year," Joe Marshall said.

Hailing from St. Louis, Missouri, Odessa joined the army there and was inducted in Fort Leonard Wood.

"I just started school and I wanted to do something different. I was 18. To get in the army I had to put my age up. I had to be 20 to get into the army, but anyway I started in school," Odessa Marshall recalled.

Odessa Marshall saw the ad in the paper about a Women's Auxiliary Corps also known colloquially as WAC. She interviewed, and soon got her training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa where she got four weeks for basic training under her belt before being sent to Arizona.

"They had the men in the army but didn't have women in the army, so they decided to have a women's army instead of just the women's auxiliary.



So then they started WAC in 1945. We were segregated, of course, at that time. They said they had opportunity for white WACs overseas, but not for Black WACs to go overseas."

Sooner or later First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt got the Black WACs to go overseas in World War II and Odessa Marshall was in that first group.

"I told my commanding officer I wanted to go overseas, but I told (the officer) I couldn't leave Dr. Giles because he couldn't do this work without me. He said we'll get that straightened out. He never called my military name; he always called me miss. He said before you go, I want to see you in my office. I said, 'OK.' He called me in to have a seat. He said: 'What is your problem?' I said 'I want to go overseas but I can't leave you because you won't be able to do your operations without me.'"

That was the first time Odessa Marshall ever saw Dr. Giles smile. "He was not the type of person to smile," she said. Dr. Giles asked her if she wanted to go overseas and of, course, Odessa said "yes." And it turned out, "He was able to do his operations just fine," she said.

Overseas, the army picked women to work as secretaries, telephone operators, but not a surgical technician. "My unit handled mail only. They had months and months of mail piled up," she recalled.

Odessa Marshall went to France and during furloughs visited a lot of



Photos courtesy  
Joe and Odessa Marshall.

places in Birmingham (United Kingdom). "From there, we went to Rouen, France," she said.

Both were discharged from the army, Joe Marshall in March of 1946 and Odessa Marshall in February 1945. They both ended up shortly after in St. Louis.

"We didn't know each of course," recalled Joe Marshall. "She lived on one end of town and I lived on the oth-

er. We went to school on the GI bill," he said.

"I took some extra work to become an RN. I enrolled in Tucker business college in March," she said.

Joe Marshall said: "When I walked in one morning, there were three students enrolled that day and (Odessa Marshall) was in the office. I came

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# Marshall's: Family is so instrumental in their lives

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in; we got to talking. She had on her army uniform and I knew right then she had been a WAC."

But he "had a very low opinion of WACs" because he had seen WACs in the army and "I had very little respect after things I'd seen overseas. But I didn't know anything about her character.

"Somehow I started noticing her in school. Of course, she looked good in a uniform ... I noticed something very unique about her. She got more respect in the school than anybody else. Her demeanor was such nobody played with her. She was always quiet, always nice, but she held herself in such a way all the guys respected her. The other girls were different, but they respected Odessa. That struck me like a bolt of lightning. Here's a WAC and she's got such a fine personality. I got interested in her because she was so right, so good."

That strong attraction and admiration developed into a loving relationship that has lasted to this day.

Joe Marshall got a decent job driving a tractor-trailer and was making enough money to support his family, but Odessa Marshall wanted so badly to move to Los Angeles. She had been out here once and she fell in love with the West.

Born and raised in Mississippi, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, Joe Marshall had all of his friends out there, not to men-

tion his good job. "I thought I could not just leave St. Louis," he said.

But Odessa Marshall became really sad. "I didn't want to leave and she got all melancholy. One day she went into one of those crying fits that I couldn't stand," he said.

But he went with it. He moved to Los Angeles before the rest of the family to earn some money for a house before the wife and kids came.

"I got pretty lonesome. I really did. I missed her so," Joe Marshall said. But he was lucky enough to get a job with a major company. "I knew I needed to get a house by the time the kids were coming. I was living at the YMCA. I had to find a house in LA and I didn't know LA. I had to find a house in the residential area," he said.

But he found an area in south LA where Black people could live. "We lived at 62nd ... I went up and down Western Avenue to different offices. It was about 5 that evening because no one would let me have a house, but money didn't matter. They didn't want six kids," he said.

But one of those days Joe Marshall met a girl closing up. "It was a front house and back house. It had two rooms. It was one bedroom, one kitchen, two rooms and a little laundry area in the living room. The girl took me to Williams, a struggling real



Joe Marshall



Odessa Marshall

estate guy; so he would take anyone. We had to rent."

When Odessa Marshall and the kids arrived, she had no problem finding a nursing job in LA. She took care of the children during the day and worked nights, while her husband worked during the day.

After they retired, they decided they didn't want to live there forever. So they decided to move to the Pocket area and have been here for about 20 years.

It is clear both are very proud of their service and remain patriotic to this day.

Two of their children are sadly no longer with the family. Their son Johnny was killed while serving the United States in the Iraq war on April 8, 2003. And their daughter, Debra died from cancer. Sons Joe, Jr. received his Phd; Richard is a business owner in LA; Jerry lives here. As for the daughters, Denise is a counselor at Cosumnes River College, Diane is an attorney and Donna is an RN who also teaches nursing.

"Family is so instrumental in our life; we just love each other," Joe Marshall said. They have family reunions six or seven times a year.

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# Scholarships available through Sacramento Pioneer Association

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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The Sacramento Pioneer Association – a 159-year-old organization that was founded by early prominent Sacramentans such as Gov. John Bigler, C.P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins, August Heilbron, B.F. Hastings and Dr. John Frederick Morse – is presently offering history themed scholarships for high school students.

During an interview with this publication last week, River Park resident Monica Pope, the association's president, shared details regarding the organization's scholarship opportunities.

"About 10 years ago, we began presenting scholarships to high school students who were passionate about the history of our region," Pope said. "These scholarships are available once a year and are awarded at our annual pioneer dinner every March."

Pope added that the scholarship review committee looks for the students' degree of commitment and personal growth as a result of volunteering, and authenticity in the interest of the volunteer endeavor.

The scholarships are available to junior and senior students in high schools in the Greater Sacramento area who have volunteered at museums that promote the history of Sacramento and surrounding regions.

These scholarships, which are in the amount of \$500 each, are designed to be used for the recipients' future historical education pursuits.

Pope said that the association is eager to spread the word about the scholarships, so more students have the opportunity to compete for these scholarships.

Since the establishment of the association's scholarship program, about 20 area students have been awarded scholarships, and no more than two scholarships have been presented in a single year.

The most recent recipients of the award were Sacramentans Amanda Wong and Marie Milan.

Wong, who volunteered as a historical interpreter at the 2011 Gold Rush Days in Old Sacramento and became a docent at the California State Railroad Museum in 2012, was inspired by her grandfather to study California history.

In her pioneer scholarship essay, Wong, in regard to a positive history research related experience with her grandfather, wrote: "We had never bonded until our shared love for American history was revealed. One

night, I was preparing for a presentation on the Chinese influence on the Gold Rush when my grandfather arrived. As I explained to him my activities, he surprised me with his prior knowledge. It surpassed mine completely. We begun (sic) to talk and debate our interpretations and realized that we shared very similar passions. After that, the similarities began to pile up. We found that while I was the editor in chief of my high school newspaper, he had been the editor of his college campus newspaper. Where I loved to study the impact of women on history, he loved to study the impact of the Chinese. In each other, we found kindred spirits."

In expressing her appreciation for her time as a docent, Wong wrote: "Since I have begun volunteering with the California State Rail Road (sic) Museum, I have learned to be confident in my words. This is something that will help me in the future. I plan to go into law, where I will be called to speak before others."

In her own essay, Milan, who served as a Sacramento History Museum volunteer, also shared details regarding her history related experiences.

Milan explained how the museum introduced her to segments of Sacramento history that she had not previously learned during her historical studies.

"Seeing the different pictures, letters and objects that surrounded me (at the museum) and represented a moment in time of Sacramento's history, I realized I had no idea about what role (Sacramento) had in the making of California," she wrote.

Milan made references to the importance of Sutter's Fort and the Gold Rush in California's history, and their significance in Sacramento's history.

And she also explained that her experiences at the museum and working with the tour guides of the underground tours section of the museum led to a memorable moment during an underground tour.

During that particular tour, she interacting with a couple who required additional assistance to enhance their tour experience.

Regarding that moment, Milan wrote: "After having been in the museum for about six months, I was glad that I had learned so much, because that day I found out that I now truly knew my Sacramento history. As the tour went on, I told them little stories and things that I thought were most interesting, and I remember how astonished they



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Monica Pope, president of the Sacramento Pioneer Association, shares details pertaining to the organization's scholarship program for 11th and 12th grade students.

were to find out that when the big ark storm hit in 1862, there was an inland sea that stretched almost 300 miles. That experience of being able to retell the history of Sacramento to another made me feel proud and successful for having shown this other side of Sacramento to someone else."

In concluding her essay, Milan wrote: "I am grateful to the museum and the people there that encouraged me, because without them I wouldn't have been able to acquire these qualities that help me in the field of engineering for which revolves around team work. Being able to talk to others and stand my ground on decisions are all things that I learned at the museum and are things that will carry on with me throughout my life."

Essays such as the ones written by Wong and Milan are part of the requirements that must be fulfilled in order to be considered a candidate for the association's scholarships.

All applicants must write a 500 to 1,000-word essay describing an enriching experience while volunteering for a historical organization in Sacramento. The essay must also include details regarding skills they learned during their volunteering experiences that relate to their future education and career.

Each nominee must also fill out a form that describes their interest in the cultural or natural history of the Sacramento area.

Additionally, applicants must provide one letter of recommendation from the nominator volunteer director/coordinator.



Photo courtesy of Sacramento Pioneer Association  
Scholarship winner Amanda Wong (left) stands alongside her father, and scholarship chair, Trish Setzer.

To be considered a candidate for a Sacramento Pioneer Association student volunteer history scholarship, students must fulfill the requirements for the award and submit their essay and a completed application form to the association by Dec. 10.

The scholarship winners, who will be selected by a review group committee designated by the association, will be presented their scholarship awards during the association's annual dinner at the Sutter Club at 1220 9th St. on March 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

To obtain a scholarship application, write to [lynco614@aol.com](mailto:lynco614@aol.com) or call Lynda Otto at (916) 447-7411.



# CALENDAR

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### Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

**Aug. 16:** Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. Topical weekly speakers and 'first meal for visitors on us'. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. [www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com](http://www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com) <<http://www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com>>, Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

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### Fire Station 13 Open House

**Aug. 17:** The Sacramento Fire Department will be hosting Fire Station Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 1100 43rd Ave. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station, and more! For more information, call 808-1011.

### Music in Carmichael Park

**Aug. 18:** Capitol Pops Concert Band, 50-piece concert band, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. [www.carmichaelpark.com](http://www.carmichaelpark.com).

### Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

**Aug. 20:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

### Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

**Aug. 20:** 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.

### East Sac Rotary

**Aug. 21:** Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

### Food trucks at Carmichael Park

**Aug. 21:** From 5 to 9 p.m., enjoy food from various food trucks at Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave.

### Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

**Aug. 22:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

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**Aug. 22:** Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. Topical weekly speakers and 'first meal for visitors on us'. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. [www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com](http://www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com), Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

### Gala opening reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres:

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## Jackie Greene Live at Fairytale Town

Aug. 24 Shows open at 6:30 p.m. Shows start at 8 p.m.

Sacramento favorite Jackie Greene returns to Fairytale Town for a fifth annual "Dance concert." Taking place on the park's Weather Center Stage, the outdoor concert supports Fairytale Town's education programs and park improvements. Ticket prices are \$25 to \$40. For concert rules and restrictions, please visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org). For more information, visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 899-7462.

## City of Elk Grove Multicultural Festival

Aug. 26 The City of Elk Grove is again hosting the annual Multicultural Festival at Elk Grove Regional Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature a variety of community-wide celebrations of diversity. More than 1,000 participants are expected to attend the popular event, which features ethnic foods, entertainment, music and children shows representing Elk Grove's diverse community. <http://www.elkgrove.org/multicultural-festival/>

## Fire Station 15 Open House

Aug. 24 The Sacramento Fire Department will be hosting Fire Station 15 Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 1181 Hincheyway Dr. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station, and more! For more information, call 916-451-1111.

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## Rotary Club of Antioch-Arcade, Carmichael

Aug. 27 Open speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Thursday. Antioch-Arcade meets at 6 p.m., Antioch-Carson and Fremont, 1120 Fulton Ave., (916) 425-2191, Carmichael meets at 7 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 944 Fair Oaks Blvd. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## East Sac Rotary

Aug. 28 Meets at 7 p.m., River Center, 811 17th St., Sacramento. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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**September 1:** Jim Martinez—acclaimed jazz pianist, playing both sacred and secular music will play during the worship service at 9:55 a.m. and a short concert on the patio during fellowship at 11 a.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, located at 3235 Pope Avenue. You may know Martinez from his Charlie Brown Christmas concerts. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call (916) 487-5192 or visit [northminsteronline.org](http://northminsteronline.org).

**Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael**

**Sept. 3:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6 p.m., Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting**

**Sept. 3:** 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.

**East Sac Rotary**

**Sept. 4:** Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**

**Sept. 5:** Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**Bi-Polar Anonymous**

**Sept. 6:** 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.

**Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown**

**Sept. 6:** Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com <<http://www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com>>, Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

**Fire Station 19 Open House**

**Sept. 7:** The Sacramento Fire Department will be hosting Fire Station Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 1700 Challenge Way. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station, and more! For more information, call 808-1011.

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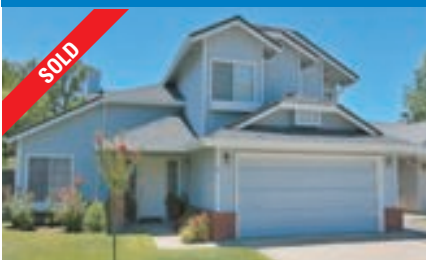
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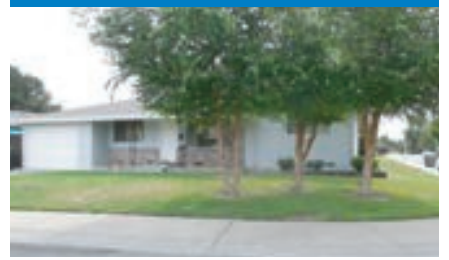
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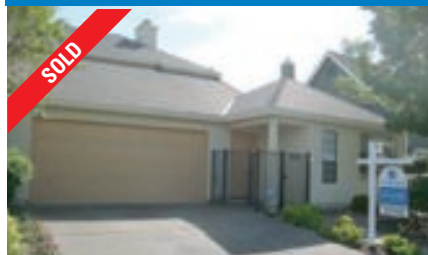
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