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Sacramento resident Shlanda Breeden was crowned Mrs. California Heartshine

Sacramento resident Shlanda Breeden was crowned Mrs. California Heartshine, awarding her the opportunity to represent the Golden State on the national stage at Disneyland next year. As Mrs. California, Shalnda is using her reign to act as a community leader and advocate on behalf of her community while partnering with organizations geared towards aiding animals that are battling diseases.

Service is at the forefront of Shlanda's passions. She created her own personal initiative: Canine for Cancer after her dog named Dutch. A bullmastiff, Dutch was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Many people are forced to put their pet down when facing the high costs of veterinarian care that comes with being a pet owner. But with Shlanda's initiative, she provides life-saving financial information to pet owners to direct them on ways to cut down expenses for their pet's veterinary care. Shlanda has partnered and volunteered with the Sacramento SPCA's annual fundraising event the Doggy Dash, which is held each year in William Land Park. Shlanda is now raising funds for Canines for Cancer by partnering with the Heart Shine Organization for the Pageant for a Cure event.

Outside of her dedication to service and animal care, Shlanda is a multifaceted titleholder. She is currently a student at Grand Canyon University and will a bachelor's in business management

in October. She also works as an accounting officer for the state of California and is the owner of a pet party business called Kit Kat Poochie Parties. At the parties, she provides cakes with beef, chicken, lamb, turkey, and salmon fillings. Shlanda has a love for sports and is a die-hard Dallas Cowboy fan.

An ambassador, leader, and educator, Shlanda plans to use her title to continue spreading the word that pet owners can afford medication for their fur friends while being financially responsible.

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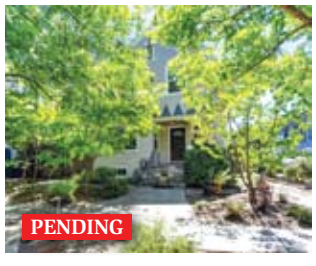
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Grand Dutch Colonial in Curtis Park!



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2728 Portola Way Sacramento,CA 95818 $1,099,990

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and leadership skills through positive experiences, community service events, personal development workshops, modeling, and performing opportunities.

Upon hearing about her crowning, Shalnda told this publication that she was so excited and surprised to be crowned state Queen Mrs. California. "I thought what a blessing to be chosen to have such an important role as State Queen," she said.

As State Queen, she said her title means she can utilize her platform to educate people on how to better take care of their sick pets financially to where it is cost-effective.

Shlanda said the first thing that came to her mind was -- how would I be able to afford to get the medication that I need to help my fur baby get better?





So she took on a second job knowing the medication alone would be very costly. During her journey caring for Dutch, she came across a veterinarian who suggested not getting the medicine through the veterinarian because it's more expensive that way. She took his advice and went



to an outside pharmacy based in Scottsdale, Arizona called Diamond Back and purchased a chemo pill for Dutch. "I believe at the time the chemo pill was $89 instead of me paying over $200 at the veterinarian hospital. The Prednisone that she needed to get to keep Dutch eating was only $1 at Walmart. Suffice it to say, she





learned you can go to an outside pharmacy to get medication for your pet instead of going through the veterinarian's office. "It's much cheaper that way. Some veterinarian doctors won't do it, but most



will. You just must find out which veterinarian doctors are willing to do that for you," she said.

- Editor Monica Stark contributed to this report.

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LAND PARK

A Hidden Gem in the heart of Land Park w/ large lot and custom features. Lg picture window in LR overlooks front yard. Formal Dining Room leads to a Chefs kitchen with built-in custom dining area, bay window, white cabinetry, stainless appliances and granite counters. The TV room and desk area also open to the kitchen and have a sliding French door to outdoor patio. There are many built-ins, extra storage, laundry room and wood flooring. Downstairs has a master suite with custom designed bath, over-sized shower, Heath ceramic tile, wood floors and French doors to brick patio. Additional downstairs bedroom is used as an office with built-in shelves and long desk area & remodeled 2nd bathroom. 3 upstairs dormer bdrms & 3rd bath all open to landing area. Mature garden, brick patio w/pergola, path to guest house and built-in pool for summer fun. The 2-story guest house sits above and behind the 2- car garage. A Must See! 1367 8th Avenue $1,605,000.



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Faces and Places: Luau at ACC's Maple Tree Village

Friends at Maple Tree Village, ACC held an afternoon of food and fun on Friday, Aug. 12. The afternoon was filled with music, live hula dancing and a traditional luau buffet with special themed drinks and treats. There was a musical presentation, followed by a lunch buffet which all ended with an afternoon with Hawaiian hula dancers.

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On Aug. 20 and 21, the Sacramento Banana Festival returned for the first time since 2018 with more multicultural arts and interactive exhibits, live entertainment, banana cuisine and fun than ever for all ages. Under the 2022 theme 'Banana International,' this two-day, family-friendly festival celebrated the different cultures in Asia, Africa and the Americas that use the banana as a source of food, art and culture.

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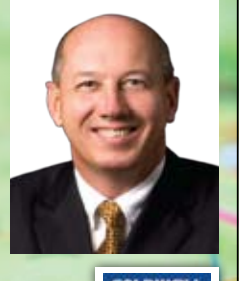
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Pocket Girls Softball make tremendous strides, despite lack of resources

Pocket Girls Softball teams have been making history this last season. They are under the umbrella the USA Softball and play regionally in their Sacramento Valley Association. The region ranges from just east of the Bay Area to Tahoe, from Stockton to Redding. They compete against large cities and are a small neighborhood league.

The 10U Pocket Aces finished 3rd in USA Softball of Sacramento's Association Championship and qualified for Western Nationals in Portland, Oregon in late July. The 12U Pocket Aces won the Association Championship becoming regional champs and traveled to Corona in late July with hopes of coming back National Champions. They went 5-0 in the tournament with wins over Davis, Elk Grove, Roseville, and 2 big come from behind vs. Rocklin in their last at-bats in both games. They are the 1st Pocket team to win the association outright ever. This team dominated regional play this season to the tune of a 35-4 record and 4 tournament championships out of 7 total tournaments. USA Softball Spring Series II Champs, USA Softball Spring Series III Champs, USA Softball Spring Series III Champs, and USA Softball Sacramento Association Regional Champs.

The 14U Pocket Aces took 2nd place in the association tournament and have also qualified for Western Nationals in Corona. This is significant because this is the 1st time in many years they have even had enough at that age group to field a 14U team whatsoever, says Daniel M. Del Mazzio, Pocket Girls Softball Secretary.

Part of the story is the fact that there are no resources at their disposal. Boys little league has reserved every city field, even softball fields so they can have baseball practice. "Our current facility at Caroline Wenzel Elementary is an absolute joke. We have no water, no electricity - this is significant because we therefore cannot run an efficient snack bar to help fund our league, and worst of all, no restrooms," says Del Mazzio. He said SCUSD maintenance hasn't worked on the field at all and even locked them off of the facilities earlier this year due to the teacher strike and not being able to provide "adequate maintenance and secu-

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rity," which Del Mazzio says they have never done in the first place. There is no trash system in place and beyond that there is a rodent infestation with thousands of gopher holes causing safety concerns on every field.

"Long story short, substandard field conditions, no water, no power, no restrooms, vermin; but still have three teams that (competed) for a national championship (last) month. We are the little engine that could" says Del Mazzio.

For 53 years Pocket Girls Softball has been a neighborhood league here in Pocket, but due to other leagues closing their doors they are now the only girls softball league in South Sacramento and there is a tremendous opportunity if there were adequate resources.





Del Mazzio says the Board of Directors is trying to navigate how to stay afloat without a legitimate home to house the league. Boundaries stretch from the Sac River to HWY 99, from Downtown to Consumnes River Blvd. Within those same boundaries are 5 separate boys little leagues all of which have permits for nearly every city park, including city parks that have softball fields. They use those fields for baseball practices, while they share fields for practices and have to go to Elk Grove to play many of the games. Softball leagues in Sacramento have been relegated to using whatever School District fields are available for many years now.

Del Mazzio said the school district has been a terrible partner in all of this. "No power, no water, no restrooms, rodents, grass isn't mowed, and no support whatsoever. Do you know how hard it is to maintain a softball diamond without access to water? The dirt is rock hard and the girls are constantly getting scraped up beyond belief. Also, no electricity makes it nearly impossible to power a snack bar that can help fund our league because we can't heat or refrigerate," he said.

This year, the league invested thousands into power generators so that they could do some sort of fundraising, but again nothing can be refrigerated overnight which poses significant hurdles to our operations. Also, no electricity makes is very, very hard to maintain our fields, which we do all ourselves because the school district does not.

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Beyond that, they pay thousands annually for a porta-potty service since they have no restrooms to offer participants and guests. "It is absolutely absurd and a miracle we are still in existence. Being a small neighborhood league made it easier to keep things going, but now that we are growing tremendously it isn't feasible and we won't make it past the next 2 seasons as-is. We desperately need a home specifically for softball," Del Mazzio said.





















Moments in time

• On **Sept. 22, 1776**, in New York City, Nathan Hale, a captain in the Continental Army, is executed by the British for spying. Before being executed, legend holds that Hale said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." There is no historical record to prove that Hale actually made this statement.

• On **Sept. 23, 1846**, German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovers the planet Neptune at the Berlin Observatory. The blue gas giant has a diameter four times that of Earth and completes an orbit of the sun once every 165 years.

• **On Sept. 24, 1902**, pioneering cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepare food by advocating the use of standardized measurements in recipes, opens Miss Farmer's School of Cookery in Boston. Farmer later educated medical professionals about the importance of proper nutrition for the sick.

• On **Sept. 24, 1975**, "Three Days of the Condor," a political thriller starring Robert Redford, opens. In the film, Redford played a low-level CIA employee being stalked by an assassin. The film was based on the novel "Six Days of the Condor" by James Grady.

• On **Sept. 20, 1988**, at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, American diver Greg Louganis wins the gold medal on the springboard despite nearly knocking himself unconscious during a qualifying round dive the previous day. Bloodied and dazed, he received five stitches from a doctor before returning to the board.

• On **Sept. 19, 1995**, a manifesto by the Unabomber is published in the hope that someone will recognize the person who, for 17 years, killed and maimed innocent people by sending homemade bombs through the mail. David Kaczynski linked the writing style to that of his older brother Ted, who was later convicted of the attacks.

• On **Sept. 21, 2008**, the last game at historic Yankee Stadium — "The House That Ruth Built" — is played. In the finale, the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles, 7-3, as future Hall-of-Famer Mariano Rivera closed the game with a perfect ninth inning.

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Pictured is an exterior view of the historic farmhouse's chimney.



The property includes to homes built about a century apart.

Land Park farmhouse receives historic designation

By Lance Armstrong

The Sacramento City Council, on Aug. 23, unanimously adopted an ordinance to have the C.G. Hidden Farmhouse listed as a landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources.

With Council Member Sean Loloee absent from this public hearing, the final vote tallied 8-0.

This two-and-a-half-story, brick structure, which was built in the 1860s, is located at 420 4th Ave. in the Land Park area.

The council's unanimous support of the ordinance followed the city's Preservation Commission's recommendation, last May, that the council adopt the ordinance.

According to the city staff report for this hearing, the building's historic designation helps "ensure its preservation and encourage rehabilitation consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties."

Recognized as a rare, intact, pre-1900 farmhouse, this structure also represents agricultural history in the area.

"The brick building creates a tangible link between Sacramento's rural past and the emergence of the city as one of California's most important agricultural and commercial centers," notes the staff report.

It is also noted in the report that the "relatively large" lot that includes the farmhouse provides a historic setting that retains the structure's integrity.

Also included on the property is a single-story, brick house that was built in 1966.

Given that it was built in the 19th century, the C.G. Hidden Farmhouse predates the naming of the Land Park neighborhood.

Former Sacramento Mayor William Land (1837-1911), who was one of the city's wealthiest residents, bequeathed $250,000 for what would become William Land Park in the 1920s. It was the creation of the park that led to the naming of the neighborhood.

The 1860s construction date of the old farmhouse was derived through historic sources that recognize Charles G. "C.G." Hidden as the property's owner at that time.

An 1860 swamp and overflow lands survey is the earliest source that recognizes Hidden's association with this property.

A native of Vermont, Hidden is listed in the 1859-60 city directory as then residing at 11th and I streets.

On Sacramento County's first assessor's parcel map, which was created in 1866, Hidden is referred to as the owner of the property where the historic farmhouse currently stands.

Supporting the farmhouse's construction in the 1860s are laws pertaining to swamp lands, notes the staff report.

"The Swamp Land Acts were a number of federal laws that turned federal land over to states that would agree to drain that land," reads the report. "Once drained, states could sell the property to private landowners.

"Since 1860 was the first year California participated in the Swamp Land Act reclamation process, this parcel would have been owned by the state of California – and the federal government – prior to the survey and transfer to C.G. Hidden around 1860."

Also supporting the belief that this farmhouse was built in the 1860s was a requirement at that time that private property owners improve their lands with residences, irrigation infrastructure, and agricultural accessory buildings such as barns and hop production structures.

Hidden, who had a wife named Mary, died at about the age of 64 on Jan. 8, 1882. He was interred at the city cemetery – today's Sacramento Historic City Cemetery at 1000 Broadway, just west of Riverside Boulevard.

During the Aug. 23 council meeting, Becky Cale, who co-

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owns the property with her husband, Richard, spoke about the historic house and its property, which includes heritage oaks and walnut trees.

"My husband and I have had the opportunity of maintaining and stewarding this property since 2003," she said. "We've always known that it's a unique and special property, and it has been amazing to learn from the preservation department staff report that this is a rare, surviving example of a brick structure from the early 1860s.

"Reading about the agricultural history and the various uses of the property over the last 160 years since the farmhouse was built by Charles G. Hidden has been truly fascinating."

Cale added that in addition to the city's preservation staff, a couple of architectural historians also commented on the farmhouse.

"(They) suggested how rare it is to find a brick structure from this era still remaining, and it's in good shape to boot," she said.

The analysis and ultimate approval of the historic farmhouse as a Sacramento landmark was initiated through a request by the Cales during the summer of 2021.

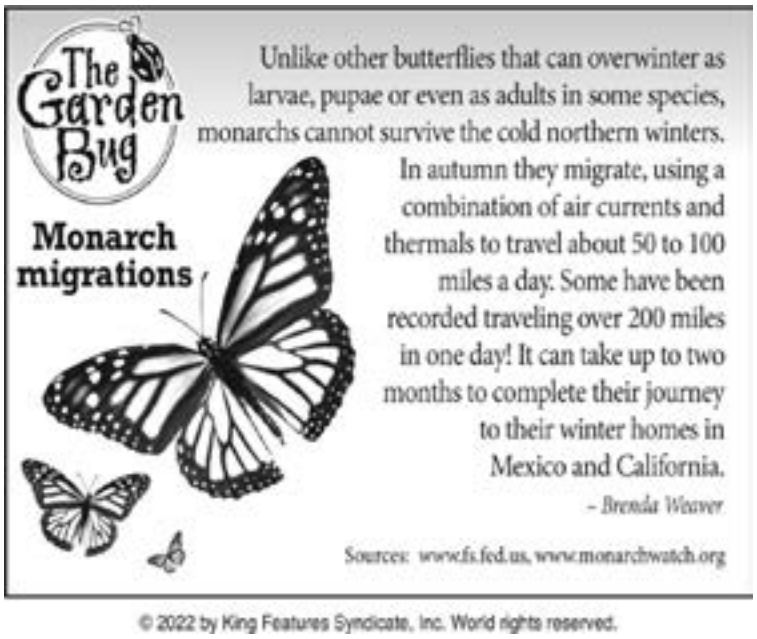
Cale concluded her speech to the council during their Aug. 23 meeting by requesting that they unanimously adopt the ordinance to have the C.G. Hidden Farmhouse listed as a landmark on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources.

"In an effort to ensure this unique and rare surviving historical resource associated with the early settlement and development patterns of Sacramento and the state of California is preserved for generations to come, my husband and I respectfully request your unanimous support on this vote," she said.

Without providing comments, the council unanimously adopted that ordinance.



Shown above is a view of the lower floor of the historic farmhouse.



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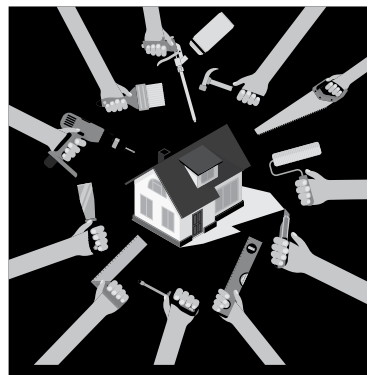
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