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East Sacramento's Burnett Miller remembered

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Burnett Miller, a longtime resident of East Sacramento and a member of a local pioneering family, left an indelible mark in the capital city.

The former Sacramento mayor, businessman, philanthropist, preservationist, art collector and world traveler died on Oct. 14 at the age of 95.

Miller began his life as a descendent of the founders of one of Sacramento's oldest existing businesses, Burnett & Sons. The lumber and millwork business – which Miller would eventually own and operate – was established as Telegraph Mill in 1869 by his great-great grandfather, Philetus Burnett, and his great-grandfather, Henry Burnett.

Miller's local family history is even richer, as Philetus came to Sacramento City in 1849.

By 1917, the Burnett family's longtime history in East Sacramento began through Miller's grandfather, George Burnett, who purchased a home in the neighborhood that would eventually become known as the Fabulous Forties.

After graduating from C.K. McClatchy High School in June 1941 and attending the University of Santa Clara (now Santa Clara University), Miller was called to active duty through his ROTC unit.

While serving his country in the Army, Miller fought and was injured in the Battle of the Bulge, and was involved in liberating a concentration camp in Austria. He received both the Purple Heart and Silver Star medals.

Miller's service in World War II later drew the attention of the historical documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. He included an interview with Miller in his 2007 documentary, "The War."

Following his service in the war, Miller finished his college studies at Georgetown University.

Miller's early involvement in politics included assisting in Adlai Stevenson's presidential campaign in 1960.

His interest in serving his city led to his service as a member of the Sacramento City Council from 1971 to 1977. He returned to the council in 1982, when he filled the mayoral seat that was vacated by Phil Isenberg, who had become a state Assemblyman.

Among Miller's greatest contributions came through philanthropy and preservation.

His philanthropic efforts included fundraising for the Sacramento History Center, the Crocker Art Museum, and the Center for Contemporary Art, Sacramento.

An annual fundraiser for the Sacramento Poetry Center was held at the Miller residence.

As another indication of his love for the arts, Miller was a founding member of the Community of Writers at Squaw Valley, in 1969.

Miller also left his mark in Old Sacramento, as he assisted in the restoration of several historic structures in that area, and played a significant role in the establishment of the Sacramento History Museum in Old Sacramento.

One of Miller's favorite events occurred each year on the day after Christmas.

Miller and his second wife, Mimi, who he married more than a half-century ago, opened their home on that day for a social gathering celebrating Boxing Day, a holiday that originated in the United Kingdom.

At various times, the Millers housed exchange students. Mimi estimated that about 10 students from foreign countries lived in their home.

As a man who remained active during his life, Miller regularly played tennis at the Sutter Lawn Tennis Club. One of his favorite tennis partners was another notable Sacramentan, the internationally renowned artist, Wayne Thiebaud.

Peter Broumas, business manager at Sutter Lawn, expressed sadness with the passing of Miller.

"I met Burnett in 1998 when I was the general manager of the club," he said. "He was a special man in my life. I will miss seeing and talking with him."

Broumas added that Miller was a beloved member of the club.

"It was his club, a hideaway from the business of everyday life," he said.

"Every day at 11 (a.m.), Burnett came dressed in his tennis whites to socialize and play tennis with long-

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time friends. The group was known as 'The Old Guard.'

"Burnett was highly respected by all and a faithful member of the club. His passing has truly left a void at Sutter Lawn. He will be missed and remembered."

Eight-seven-year-old Dick Gann, another one of Miller's former tennis partners, described Miller as a very talented tennis player with a great sense of humor.

"You can't believe how fast he was on a tennis court," he said. "He moved like a deer. And his sense of humor was great, because we said a lot of back and forth stuff while we were playing tennis, and the comments he made when he made his shot about how good or how bad it was. He was just a very interesting person.

"We're all going to miss him. He was well liked. I don't think he had an enemy in the world."

Mimi, who traveled to about 60 countries with her husband, said she believes that Miller had a very fulfilling life.

"I think he would want to be remembered as somebody who contributed to a life well spent," she said. "And he did that."

Sacramento native Phil Angelides, who served as state treasurer from 1999 to 2007 and ran for governor in 2006, said that he met Miller in 1961, when his family joined Sutter Lawn.

"This is a family friendship, relationship that goes back decades," he said.

Although Angelides challenged Miller for his council seat in 1973, he recalled being complimented by Miller at that time.

"What I remember that year is him telling people, 'Hey, it's great that Phil's getting involved. It's terrific.' And telling his kids, it's good to see young people involved."

Angelides added that had he not run against Miller, he believes he would have cast a vote for him in 1973.

"I would have voted for him by election day in 1973, because of what I saw during that campaign, absolutely," he said. "He was obviously a terrific guy and I saw that by the way he conducted himself."

Despite being much younger than Miller, Angelides recognized the councilman as a man of style with his plaid suits and sideburns, and love for modern art.

"He was the hipster vanguard of the older generation," he said.

Angelides summarized Miller as one who lived life to its fullest.

"What a wonderful life," he said. "In his passing, all of us are sad, but we marvel at how full and wonderful of a life he led."



Photo courtesy of the Miller family

Burnett Miller is shown during his time as mayor of Sacramento in 1982.

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Know your neighbor: **Richard Davis, Congressional Gold Medal winner**





By Peter Rabbon
Special to Valley Community Newspapers

Richard Davis, a Sacramento resident since 1978, is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, CPL (1943-46), and as a Montford Point Marine, a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest government honor that can be awarded to a civilian.

Since the American Revolution, Congress has commissioned gold medals as its highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions. Each medal honors a particular individual, institution, or event. George Washington was the first recipient of this honor. Another group to receive this honor in 2012 were the Montford Point Marines who served between 1942 and 1949 and fought in WWII.

In June of 1941, President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802, banning discriminatory employment practices "because of race, creed, color, or national origin" by Federal agencies and all unions and companies engaged in war-related work. This included the United States Marines Corps who up to this time had excluded African Americans from joining.

The Executive Order banned discrimination but it did not ban segregation. Thus was born Montford Point, the marine recruit training camp built specifically for African-American men. The camp was located about 2 miles from a main marine all-white training facility, Camp Lejeune, near Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Richard Davis, a 17-year-old 1942 high school graduate, born and raised in Los Angeles (Compton), was drafted in September when he turned 18 and became part of the first group of young black men inducted into the Marine Corps.

When he reported to the Pacific Electric Station, he was directed to a separate room, and was not part of the young marine inductees headed to Camp Pendelton. Rather he boarded a train with other black men to Montford Point, North Carolina. He was just starting his journey to learn about racism and segregation.

They had sleeping berths until they reached Texas. At that point, he learned about the "law of the land" and was removed from the car with sleeping berths and placed into an open coach. When they changed trains in Washington DC, in the terminal he saw signs above the drinking fountains and restrooms, marking indicating which were for whites and for blacks. This was his first trip outside of California and it was becoming a revelation. Living in California all his young life, he was exposed to racism but he had never experienced segregation. It was a shock to learn this was "the law". Trains, restrooms, water fountains, buses, what was next?

What was next? Six months of boot camp at a segregated training camp built specifically for blacks, the Montford Point camp. In hindsight, Richard says the extraordinarily strict discipline he learned in boot camp served him well to survive and succeed not only his military ser-

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LIFE IN THE VILLAGE

By JAN DALSKE
East Sacramento News

45 Brownies

I had to be seven years old to join the Brownies. The Brownies were the first group that girls could join in a bigger group called the Girl Scouts. I was finally old enough to sign up, and my friends Cathy and Sue were going to be in the same group. And, Sue's mother, Fern was going to be our Leader. My mother had already found the light brown dress that I needed, and the cute brownie hat. She even had some socks that I could wear with my Brownie uniform. I was so happy that I was finally able to become a Brownie.

But, I was still curious about what it was that Brownies did. I already knew that they had fun, and I knew that you had to learn something called a promise when you became a Brownie. Fern had told me that when you were a Brownie you got to do interesting and useful things with other girls that were our age. I knew that they camped, and made things with their hands. They told stories and played games and learned songs and dances. I would meet other girls that were Brownies. I found out that there were girls who lived in other parts of the world who were also Brownies. Girl Scouting was a club for girls only.

A Girl Scout troop was a club where every member makes the Girl Scout Promise, practices the Girl Scout Law, and chooses fun things to do from the list of Girl Scout activities. A Girl Scout belongs to a national and an international organization. And they wore the trefoil pin. You can be a Girl Scout when you were seven to ten years of age, and the oldest girls were eighteen years of age. The first thing we had to do was to learn the Girl Scout Promise. It was: "On my honor, I will try; to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times, and to obey the Girl Scout Laws". But I did not know what the Girl Scout Laws were, not yet anyway.

I found out that there were Ten Laws and I learned what they meant. The first one is that A Girl Scout's Honor is be Trusted. You have to tell the truth, play fair, and do your work honestly. You can be trusted with other people's money, possessions or confidences. And, you keep your promises. The second law is that A Girl Scout is Loyal. She is true to the things that she thinks are right and good. She is faithful to her family, her friends, her school, and her religion. The third law is that A Girl Scout' Duty is to be Useful and to help others. She does her share of duties at home, school, camp or wherever she may be. She looks for opportunities to help other people in many little ways and prepares herself through her Girl Scout work so that she is able to help in big ways, too.

The fourth one is that A Girl Scout is a Friend to all and a sister to every other girl scout. She has a feeling of good will toward people, regardless of nationality, creed, or color. She makes an special point of being friendly to all the members of her troop and to Girl Scouts everywhere. The fifth one is that A Girl Scout is Courteous. She is thoughtful of other people's feelings. Courtesy is more than saying "thank you" and "excuse me". It is consideration for others, although their ideas, ways of living, and beliefs may differ from her own. The sixth one is A Girl Scout is a friend to animals. She sees that her own pets receive good care, and she protects all animals from neglect, cruelty, and unfair treatment. She does not kill any creature unnecessarily.

The seventh one is that A Girl Scout Obeys Orders. She respects the laws of her community and the requests of those who are responsible for her. The eighth one is that A Girl Scout is Cheerful. She does here daily job pleasantly. She is not discouraged when things seem hard. She never grumbles or whines when things are going against her. The ninth one is that A Girl Scout is Thrifty. She uses materials, money, time, and energy wisely so that she may have them when she needs them and have some to spare for others. The tenth one is that A Girl Scout is Clean in Thought, Word, and Deed. She directs her thoughts toward worth-while things so that she will not stoop to words or deeds that would bring shame upon her or upon others.

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But this is no diet club. Its members have seen their lives and families torn apart by their eating habits. Some suffer from diabetes as a result of their obesity. Many are underweight as a result of bulimia. Others confess that years of abuse has left their digestive system ravaged. Many have tried therapy, they have been to rehab. Overeaters Anonymous is their last hope.

OA works on the basis that overeating is an addiction. But rather than booze or drugs, the substance of choice is food. Like alcoholism, compulsive eating is an illness that's on you all the time. And like any addiction, it's very secretive, say many OA members.

"I would eat dinner with my boyfriend and then sneak food upstairs to eat secretly."

"I've eaten all my daughter's Halloween candy."

"The movies used to be my crack house. All that sugar and a dark room to hide in."

People at the OA meeting nod in recognition.

OA is run entirely off the donations of its members. It operates by a policy of "attraction, not promotion" to find fellow sufferers.

Outside OA meetings there is little sympathy for people who overeat. One woman fights back tears as she tells the group about her recent suicide attempt. At her last OA meeting, a woman had given her a phone number and offered to be her sponsor. She decided to give her a call.

"I seriously believe she has saved my life," she says.

One of the problems is that compulsive eating is not widely recognized. Those who suffer often feel their problem is treated flippantly or with disbelief. And the feeling of powerlessness in the face of certain foods is something that all OA members have in common. One woman describes the way her insides would "light up" after just one taste of sugary food and how once she started she couldn't stop.

This might sound familiar, but for overeaters that doesn't just happen once in a while but every time they eat.

"A really good description of compulsive overeating is that on Christmas Day everyone overeats. Everyone gets to that point of feeling really full and uncomfortable. But then they go to bed and the difference is they wake up the next day and they don't do it again. If you're a compulsive eater you do."

"Before I went to OA I would never have told anyone how I felt. I wouldn't let anyone in. Now I have a great sponsor who I speak to every day. Having the community is such a great part of it. It's an illness that's with you all day so you need to be able to have something or someone you can rely on every day. And you need other people to relate to so you realize you're not alone."

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vice but also his professional and personal life after his discharge.

Rich remembers going into Jacksonville on his first liberty and the proprietor ordered him out of the store and called law enforcement. The Military and local police arrived. The MP from Camp Lejeune convinced the local police to not take Rich and his cohorts to the local jail. The following day at Camp Montford Point, the marines were instructed, for their own safety, not to go into town.

After boot camp, Rich was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force, 7th Separate Infantry Battalion, 5th Ammunition Company starting his Asiatic Pacific tour of duty for two years involved with the handling and management of ammunition. Locations included Guam, Okinawa, Palau, and the Hawaiian Islands. Throughout the tour, he was still in a segregated company.

After WWII ended and his company was going to be disbanded, Rich tried to join USMC Marine Air Wings, but they were not accepting blacks, so Rich decided it was time to rejoin civilian life.

Once a civilian in California, Rich happily blended back into life without segregation in southern California. He started working part time and attending school. Thanks to the support from the GI-Bill, he ultimately graduated from Pepperdine University in 1952. Thereafter, his 35-year professional career focused within education as a teacher, administrator, and counselor and education consultant. Rich retired from the Sacramento Office of Education in 1986.

Today, Rich enjoys retirement with his wife Dolores of 71 years and having frequent family trips and dinners with his three daughters, Marilyn, Jackie, Sandy, and his grandson Alex, all who live in the Greenhaven-Pocket neighborhood. Occasionally, as he looks at his Congressional Medal of Honor showcased in their living room, he reminisces about his time with the Marines, thinking about how tough those days were, but how it shaped his life and values, and unknown to him at the time the groundbreaking that was occurring.



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Faces and Places: Spooktacular



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The Tahoe Park neighborhood came together for a ghoulish celebration of our local community on Friday, Oct. 26. Scary Halloween entertainment for all ages (including pets) was a hit. The Spook-Tacular featured food trucks, carnival games, haunted house, arts and crafts, beer garden, costume contest for adults, children, pets and bikes. There was a community donation drive and much more!

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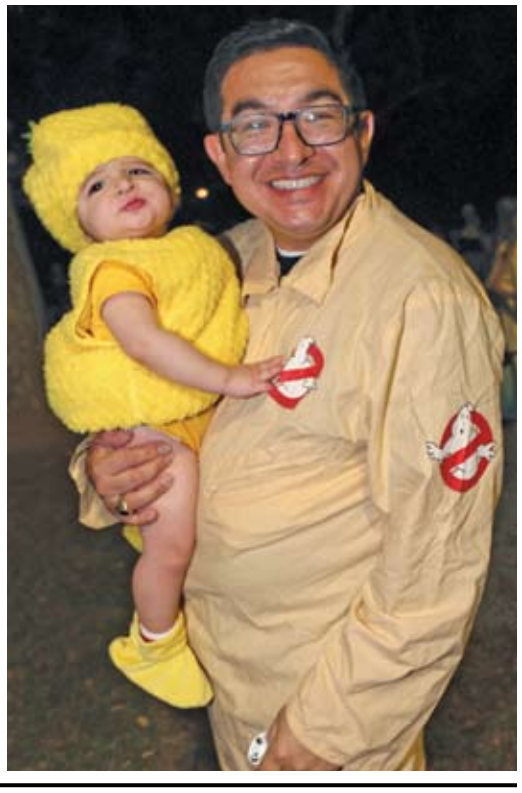
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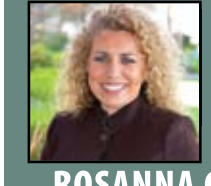






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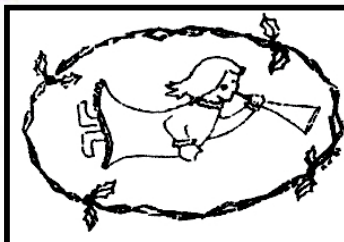


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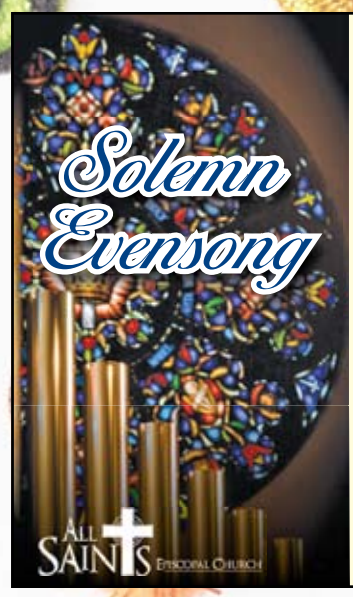
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East Sac's Channel Bakeries is long gone, but not forgotten

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By LANCE ARMSTRONG



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The old Channel Pie Shop building at the northeast corner of Alhambra Boulevard and Casita Way is pictured last week.

A fairly inconspicuous-looking, brick building stands at the northeast corner of Alhambra Boulevard and Casita Way. But there was once a time when this building was home to one of East Sacramento's more popular businesses: the Channel Pie Shop.

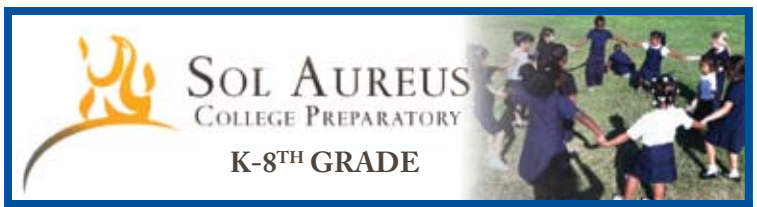
During this bakery's many years of operation, it maintained its notoriety for producing fresh, high-quality pies, doughnuts and pastries.

Although the shop began operating at this site in the fall of 1934, its history dates back even earlier in East Sacramento.

This bakery's first location was opened in 1932 in the McKinley Terrace subdivision, which was established six years earlier between C, D, 35th and 36th streets. The subdivision was located across the street from the American Can Co., which produced metal cans for canning fruits and vegetables.

Among the earlier structures built in that subdivision was the then-future bakery building at 3566 C St.

After housing the medicine manufacturers, Essential Products Co., from 1928 to 1931, the building became vacant, thus providing the availability for its next tenant: the Channel Pie Shop.



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The original proprietors of the bakery were DeWitt Clinton Welch (1897-1982), of Sacramento, and David Ray McKinley Sr. (1896-1986), of Fresno.

By 1934, Welch and McKinley had swapped cities, with Welch moving to Fresno, and McKinley, with his merely coincidental name, moving to McKinley Terrace in a home at 3551 D St. It was also around that time that McKinley became the sole owner of the business.

In April of that year, the Sacramento City Council voted to rezone three lots on Alhambra Boulevard and Casita Way, about a block north of the Libby, McNeill & Libby cannery. That rezone allowed the Channel Pie Shop to have a 75-foot by 112-foot, single-story building constructed at that site.

That $13,000 project began in June 1934, and the contractor for the building was H.W. Robinson.

The new home of the Channel Pie Shop was completed in November 1934, and it originally had the address of 1531 Alhambra Blvd.

An advertisement in the Sept. 29, 1937 edition of The Pony Express – the student-run newspaper of Sacramento Junior College (now Sacramento City College) – notes that the Supreme Court passed and awarded the "nationally famous 'seal of tested quality'" to the Channel Pie Shop.

In the same advertisement, the public is encouraged to ask their grocer for the "new Channel doughnuts."

"(The doughnuts are) light, fluffy, golden-fresh, easily digested, nutritious and supremely delicious," reads the advertisement.

East Sacramento native Deno Paoli, who will turn 93 next month, said that during his youth he would go out of his way to get his favorite pastry from the Channel Pie Shop.

"I used to ride my bicycle down there (from his home at 49th and J streets), because they used to have a pastry that I liked," he said. "It looked like a doughnut. It maybe cost me a nickel.

"I was a kid then. I must have been 12, 13, 14 years old. That had to be in the late 1930s. I had a sweet tooth, and hell, I rode my bicycle down there. I used to go down there with George Cook, who (in 1960, purchased El Dorado) Savings and Loan, out of Placerville."

The bakery's address began to be recognized as 1509 Alhambra Blvd. in 1941.

The 1940s brought America's involvement in World War II, and it was during that era that Channel pies were delivered to Mather and McClellan fields.

In 1942, a one-story, brick addition to the bakery, measuring 75 feet long along Alhambra Boulevard and 80 feet long along O Street, was completed.

It was also in 1942 that the company added wholesale operations to its productions.

About four years later, the business began using the address, 3110 O St.

Included in the Sept. 3, 1941 edition of The Sacramento Bee is an advertisement featuring a sale for pineapple pies for 25 cents each.

The bakery's pies made a lasting impression on many people in the Sacramento area.

One such individual is Jerry Kaeser, who grew up a short distance from the bakery at 1335 32nd St.

"I could smell the aroma coming from there occasionally," he said.

Kaeser added that he also remembers eating pies from the Channel Pie Shop.

"We bought one once in a while," he said. "I lived right across the street from Arata Bros. grocery store (at 3195

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Folsom Blvd., which carried Channel pies)."

Ed Schell, who was a co-owner of Bird's Market at the southeast corner of 29th and E streets during the 1950s and 1960s, also recalled Channel pies.

"I remember (the bakery), because they made great pies for stores," he said. "We had full-sized pies from (that) pie shop at our store. There were apple and cherry, and I think they had a Boston cream pie that was real good. They had some of the best pies around and the price was very fair."

Schell said that Bird's Market would purchase six to 10 pies at a time for the market from a delivery driver who would arrive once a week in an old Chevrolet panel delivery truck.

He added that because of the popularity of the pies, he visited the pie shop on various occasions.

"If the delivery was already out and some people ordered them, we would go after them," he said. "We were real close – 29th and E (streets to) Alhambra (Boulevard) and O (Street)."

In addition to grocery stores, Channel products could also be purchased at Lykins Candy Store, which opened at 3715 J St. in East Sacramento in about 1947.

Along with candy made on the premises daily, Lykins also offered pastries, doughnuts and cakes made by Channel Bakers.

The name, Channel Bakers, began to appear in various historic references for the company as early as 1939.

An Associated Press article that was published in The Bee on April 4, 1960 describes Channel Bakers as a firm with headquarters in Sacramento, and warehouses and facilities in Stockton, Modesto and Fresno.

Besides his work in the bakery industry, McKinley also made his mark in local radio. He was one of the original owners of Sacramento's third commercial radio station, KCRA-AM, which debuted on April 23, 1945.

During the following year, two boys, ages 7 and 8, were caught after one of them threw a lit match into the bakery. They admitted having started several other small fires in the neighborhood.

Also a part of the bakery's history is the presence of Daisy Bakery, which also operated at 3110 O St.

That business, which offered pies, cakes, doughnuts, pastries and bread, was managed by its president, David Ray McKinley Jr. (1921-1999), who would later teach a government class at Hiram W. Johnson High School and serve on the City Council.

One of Daisy's unique items was its Copenhagen toffee loaf, which was a cross between coffee cake and bread. The business, which made deliveries to homes, also made chicken pies.

On Feb. 21, 1960, an unexplained explosion occurred in an oven at Daisy Bakery.

Three weeks later, The Bee reported that Sacramento police were investigating an attempt to dynamite a bakery in Santa Clara County.

The article notes that owners of the bakeries mentioned that they had then-recently experienced labor disputes, and that the Santa Clara County bakery had been supplying some pastries to the Sacramento bakery.

The history of the old Channel Pie Shop/Channel Bakers/Daisy Bakery does not have a pleasant ending.

An advertisement in the Dec. 11, 1960 edition of The Bee mentions that a bankruptcy sale would be held at the company's former, 3110 O St. location two days later.

The advertisement mentions that about $400,000 in inventory, including bakery machinery, shop and office equipment and trucks, would be available.



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Shown in this 1936 photograph is the Channel Pie Shop at 1531 Alhambra Blvd.



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Channel Pie Shop owner David McKinley Sr. lived in this house at 3180 Carly Way, about two blocks from his business, in the mid-1930s. Also residing in the home were his wife, Lillian, and son, David Jr.

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EVENT DETAILS and TIMELINE

At noon on Friday, November 23, the market doors will open at the Scottish Rite Center, and visitors will enter to find nearly every inch of the building covered in sparkling decorations, as dozens of volunteer musicians and holiday performers treat them to the sights and sounds of the holidays.

At each of the displays, visitors can browse selections of fine art and functional works including glass, fiber and textiles, wood, ceramics, paper, photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry, and even artisan chocolates, all offered at a variety of price points. What's more, each of the participating artists will be available to greet visitors, answer questions, and share details of their artistic journeys and processes.

"While people love the music and the holiday festivities, the opportunity to meet the artists is one of the biggest reasons people come to the event year after year," said CALS market co-chair, Connie Spickelmier. "Buying art for yourself or giving it as a gift is meaningful itself, but when a work of art catches your eye and you get to meet its creator, it becomes a true conversation piece. It means so much more than giving or receiving something that is mass produced or typically sold at a shopping mall."

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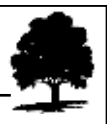
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Sacramento City Unified School District kicked off elementary sports program at all schools

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On Wednesday, Oct. 3, Sacramento City Unified School District kicked off an elementary sports program that will serve over 22,000 children participating in sports throughout the year at all 45 elementary schools. The new sports program is good for kids and will also boost student attendance rates to help generate potentially millions more in revenue to address the district's budget deficit. Kids will have the opportunity to play flag football in the fall, basketball in the spring, or participate in a running program that runs year-round. A press conference was held at the kick off ith district officials, community leaders, and representatives from the Be Here student attendance campaign prior to the start of the first flag football game.

"We had a great kickoff that was supported by our superintendent, board, mayor city council, and SCUSD labor partners. Throughout the district we had several hundred students, parents, staff and community members participate," wrote Greg Purcell, SCUSD's athletics coordinator, in a statement.

The day-to-day activity portion of the elementary sports program is the running program STRIDE (SacCity Tracks Running to Improve Daily Education), which is led by Ellen Moore from the Sacramento Running Association, Purcell explained.

STRIDE is for all students grades 1-6. Flag Football and basketball are co-ed sports for students in grades 4-6. Parents and students can sign up for flag football and basketball at elementarysports.scusd.edu. Students in STRIDE are signed up by coaches at the school sites.

STRIDE and Flag Football are underway. Basketball begins February 13 All activities range from 3-10 hours per week. Coaches are teachers, parents, classified staff and community members. The funding comes primarily from the district and a small amount from the city of Sacramento.









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SAINT JOHN'S PROGRAM FOR REAL CHANGE TO HOLD ANNUAL PARTY FOR CHANGE FUNDRAISER:
Saint John's Program for Real Change, Sacramento's largest comprehensive program addressing the needs of homeless mothers and their children, will hold its annual Party for Change fundraising event on Saturday, November 3, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Mather Jet Center, 10510 Superfortress Ave. in Mather. This elegant black tie/red sock soiree provides critical support for homeless families in crisis to move from homelessness to self-sustainability, while offering an unforgettable experience at the intersection of local farm-fresh food, art, wine and music. Hosted by KVIE's Rob Stewart of "Rob on the Road" and KCRA Anchor Kellie DeMarco, the event will feature contemporary American cuisine by Chef Brad Checchi of popular East Sacramento restaurant Canon, music by Las Vegas DJ E-Noc, dance and aerialist performances by the Sacramento Contemporary Dance Theatre and a live auction with auctioneer David Sobon.
"This is a wonderful opportunity for the Sacramento community to make a difference in the lives of homeless women and children," comments Kim Hiltachk, Party for Change committee co-chair. "Women and children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population, not only here in Sacramento, but also nationwide. Saint John's has helped to lift more than 30,000 women and children up and out of homelessness and dependability to lives of confidence and self-sustainability since its inception in 1985. The money raised through this gala event will go directly to support the up t o 1,000 women and children served by Satin John's per year."
Sponsorship opportunities are still available, and individual tickets to the event can be purchased on line on a first-come, first served basis at $250. Visit www.saintjohnsprogram.org/partyforchange. To volunteer at the event, contact Christy Glime, cglime@saintjohnsprogram.org.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6

READ TO A DOG – Love animals? Then come read to a trained therapy dog from Lend-A-Heart. This is a great program for reluctant readers – the dogs are great listeners! Children may bring their own books or borrow from the library. This monthly, school-aged program takes place Tuesday, November 6 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

TWEEN COMICS CLUB – Join us for this free, fun program! Enjoy snacks and discuss our comic book of the month while we do a craft activity based our book. Copies of this month's book will be available at the front desk the month prior to the meeting. This month's book: Witch Boy by Molly Osterag. Recommended for ages 10-13. Friday, November 9 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

HART SENIOR CENTER WRITING WORKSHOP: Writing bootcamp from 10 a.m. to noon is comprised of 2, 5, 10 minute writing prompts designed to break a sweat and get those creative juices going. You'll write, read aloud (optional), and write again. All genres welcome. Registration fee is $12. 915 27th St.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

SURPRISE! Enjoy beautiful fall day outdoors independently. Friends of the Riverbanks invites you to this monthly event, which generally meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. (note there are exceptions so check the calendar), at Sutter's Landing Park at the VERY end of 28th Street in Sacramento. Bring water and sunblock, and a change of clothes for young ones who are sure to get sandy, muddy, and wet. Children under 13 must wear life jackets if they go into the water, per law. Leave your dogs at home and please bike, walk, or carpool if you can to keep our carbon footprint as small as possible. Directions: Head north on 28th Street, cross C Street and then the railroad tracks. Continue to the last parking lot where the park abuts the American River Parkway.

13TH ANNUAL CROCKER HOLIDAY ARTISAN MARKET: 100+ artists have been juried and selected, and preparations are underway for the 13th annual Crocker Holiday Artisan Market, a three-day art bazaar that will take place on Thanksgiving weekend at Sacramento's Scottish Rite Center. Now a community holiday tradition, the festive event is highlighted by the presence of dozens of local and regional artists, who personally welcome more than 5,000 visitors who come to shop for one-of-a-kind, artful gifts and enjoy a world of creative delights at the market each year. The market is offered in partnership between the Crocker and Creative Arts League, Sacramento (CALS). In addition to supporting participating artists, proceeds from the market will help to fund the Crocker's exhibitions and programs, and essential community programs offered by CALS including arts outreach to Mustard Seed School and low-cost art tours throughout the region.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

PARTICIPATE IN 34RD ARNHA ANNUAL WILDLIFE COUNT: Friends of the Riverbanks invites you to this monthly event, which generally meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. (note there are exceptions so check the calendar), at Sutter's Landing Park at the VERY end of 28th Street in Sacramento. Bring water and sunblock, and a change of clothes for young ones who are sure to get sandy, muddy, and wet. Children under 13 must wear life jackets if they go into the water, per law. Leave your dogs at home and please bike, walk, or carpool if you can to keep our carbon footprint as small as possible. Directions: Head north on 28th Street, cross C Street and then the railroad tracks. Continue to the last parking lot where the park abuts the American River Parkway.

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NEW YEAR'S GATHERING:
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SATURDAY, FEB. 2

DREAM VARIATIONS: A SYMPHONIC CELEBRATION OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE:
The Sacramento Youth Symphony presents a major community concert event celebrating the ongoing contributions by African-Americans to our country's artistic landscape. Musical selections will include celebrated works by Duke Ellington, William Grant Still, Emmy Award-winning composer John Wineglass, and much more. An impressive roster of special guests will join the orchestra on-stage for this special event. Some of our guests include: Emcee-Omari Tau; Speaker-Courtney Dempsey; Guest Artists-Jay Mason, Chase Spruill 4th, Indigo Moore, Julian Dixon, Leslie Sandefur, & Sheryl Counter. Tickets: General $25, Students/Children/Seniors $20. For more information, visit www.sacramentoyouthsymphony.org

ONGOING

WOMEN WITH GOOD SPIRITS-MONTHLY MEETING:
Women With Good Spirits is a women's social group that meets once a month. A local non-profit or charity is invited to speak. Currently, monthly meetings are held at Selland's Market Café (915 Broadway, Sacramento) on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There is a requested minimum donation

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CORN - HOLE EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT AT SACTOWN UNION BREWERY:
Be a part of the Sports Social Club. XOSO Sports Host Corn - Hole League Every Thursday Night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Sactown Union Brewery, 1210 66th St. VISIT www.xososports.com to register. Because even adults need recess.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP:
Every first Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: Is your friend or family member in a domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking situation? This free, drop-in group is for you. Learn how to support your loved one, and receive some support yourself among people who are in the same situation. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

#METOO SUPPORT GROUP:
Every third Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Location: Sacramento. Call 916-428-3271 for exact location. Description: This drop-in support group is free, confidential, open to all genders, and available to sexual assault survivors at any point in their healing. Feel free to call My Sister's House for more information: 916-428-3271.

STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ANNOUNCED:
The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2018 - 2019 academic year. The program offers 14 categories of scholarships ranging from $1,000 - $2,500 each with varying eligibility requirements. Categories include: agriculture, art, academic excellence, business, culinary/hospitality/event management, education, international relations, trade school, viticulture and enology. Applicants may apply for one scholarship category of their choice per year and will be evaluated based on academics, community service, quality of essay and recommendation. Top scholarship winners in select categories may be invited to compete for the $5,000 Ironstone Concours Foundation Scholarship Scholarships are not renewable; however, students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria. The Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program is a collaboration between the Friends of the California State Fair, the California Exposition & State Fair, the California State Fair Agricultural Advisory Council, the Ironstone Concours Foundation, Blue Diamond Growers and Western Fairs Association. International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), an independent scholarship management company, hosts the online application process and disburses awards for the program. The deadline to apply is March 2, 2018. Learn more at CAStateFair.org/scholarship. For questions about the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program, please email scholarship@calexpo.com.

SAC UNIFIED POETRY SLAM:
Jenny Lynn and Joe Montoya's Poetry Unplugged present The Sac Unified Poetry Slam every third Friday at Luna's, 1414 16th St., starting at 7:30 p.m. The show is unpredictable. The special guests and judges won't be known until they sign up. The slam is three rounds. This is a FREE show with purchase at the cafe, donations are encouraged to cover PSI venue dues and show staffing. $5 to slam (except youth 18 and under) winner takes the whole pot. Luna's Cafe will be serving the freshest juices and licuados in town, nothing frozen or concentrated. The menu also includes sandwiches, salads, our famous quesadilla, fresh-ground coffee, mochas, and other espresso drinks. A nice selection of beer and wine is also offered. Enjoy it all in the comfortable atmosphere of Luna's, one of this area's original cafe galleries. Supporting artists of all kinds for over 30 years.

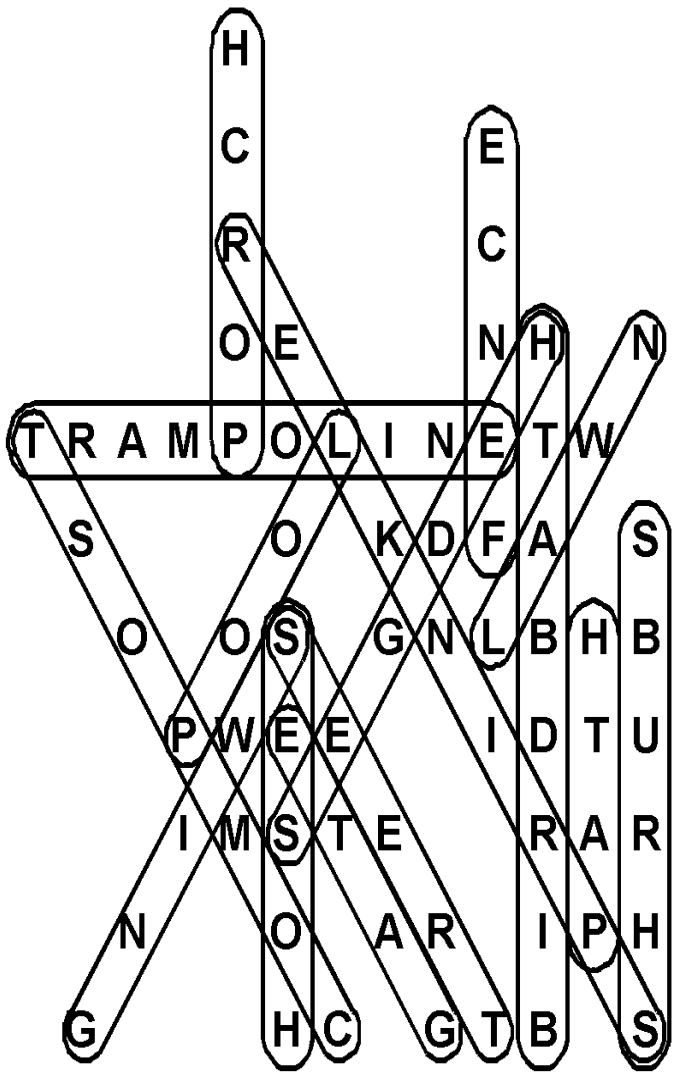
JANE AUSTEN READING GROUP AT ELLA K. MCCLATCHY LIBRARY:
This monthly group reads the works of Jane Austen and meets the third Saturday of each month in the Ella K. McClatchy library from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. All Austen fans are welcome. 2112 22nd St.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IS SEEKING LOCAL HOST FAMILIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENTS:
ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), in cooperation with your community high school, is looking for local families to host boys and girls between the ages of 15 to 18 from a variety of countries: Norway, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Japan, to name a few. ASSE students are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture while they practice their English. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families. Host families welcome these students into their family, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience. The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. ASSE students are selected based on academics and personality, and host families can choose their student from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests. To become an ASSE Host Family or to find out how to become involved with ASSE in your community, please call the ASSE Western Regional Office at 1-800-733-2773 or go to www.host.asse.com to begin your host family application. Students are eager to learn about their American host family, so begin the process of welcoming your new son or daughter today!

KNITTING CIRCLE AT MCKINLEY LIBRARY –
Any adult interested in knitting — even an absolute beginner — is invited to join. Participants can learn to knit, or get help on current projects and advice from expert knitters. Don't forget to bring your knitting needles and yarn. Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

TEEN SPACE AT MCKINLEY LIBRARY –
Looking for something fun to do after school? Need a place where you're free to hang out with your friends and have a snack? Come to the McKinley Library Teen Space, Wednesdays from 3p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at McKinley Library, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento.

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