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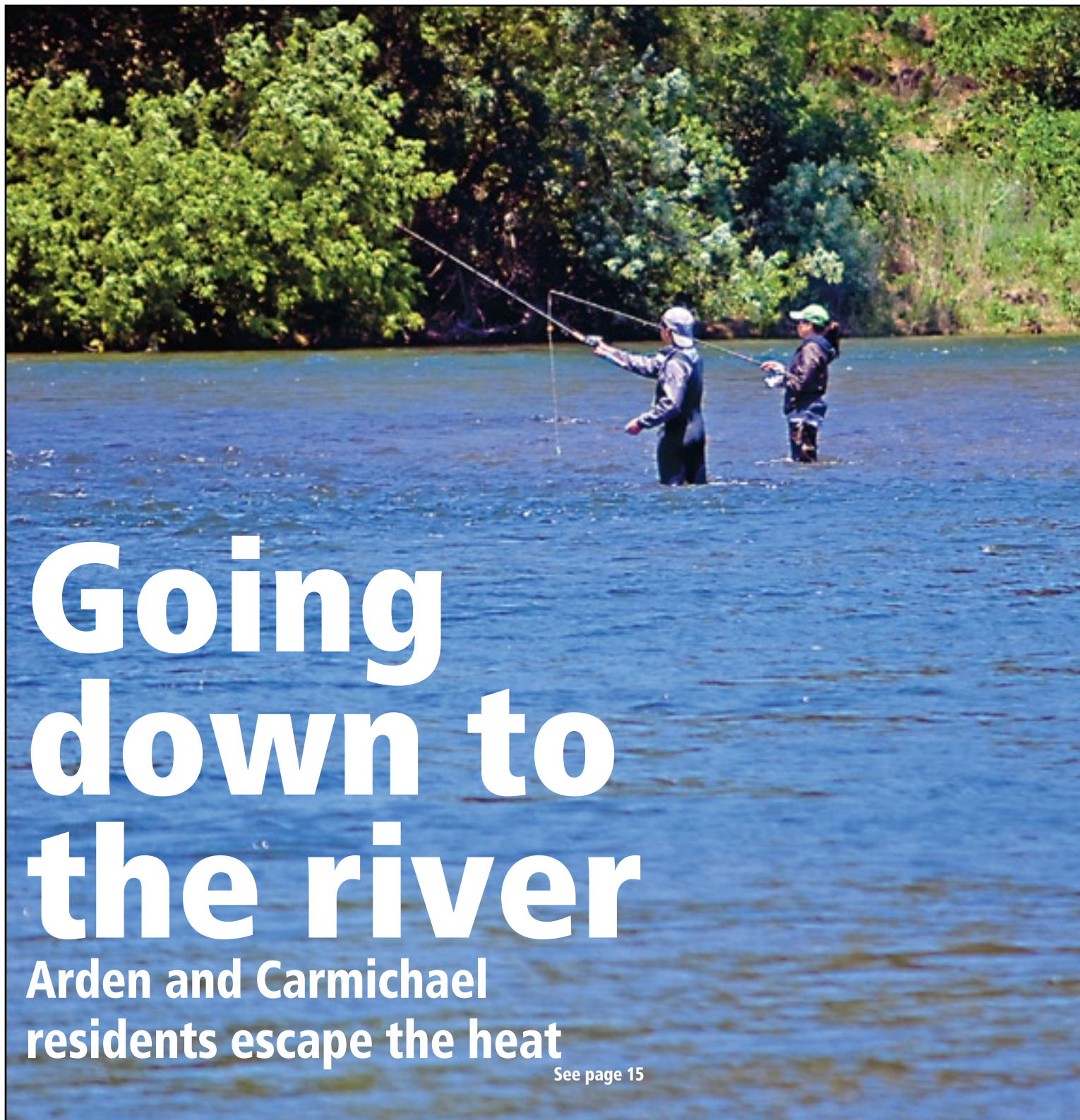
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# Kickin' it in Carmichael Oh, oh, listen to the music

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Residents of Carmichael know all too well that winter can turn into summer with little transition in between. But summer's fiery grasp stayed away just long enough to allow for a pleasant setting for the annual Community Band Festival at Carmichael Park.

The band shell at the park has always created a welcoming setting for the event, both for the band and patrons alike. The surrounding trees created ample shade for the hundreds in attendance who brought their picnic blankets, folding chairs and dancing shoes. Despite the mild temperature, vendors were on hand selling juice popsicles and soft drinks.

This year marked the 18th annual event, which ran June 6-7. Thirteen bands in all made their way to the park to show off their particular brand of old-time classics and contemporary favorites.

The event was well attended with folks young and old alike sharing in the experience. Kids no taller than their parents' kneecaps wandered freely in the family environment, always looking for something else to do. Many decided to bring out their canine companions to enjoy in the festivities as well.

On Sunday the Capitol Pops Concert Band performed. Like many of the bands in attendance, the Pops have played in the festival for many years. Their program reflected the mood of many of the bands that played the weekend. Included were a medley of old Broadway hits, a song dedicated to the parade style of New Orleans, Louis Armstrong's classic "What a Wonderful World," Duke Ellington's unforgettable "Caravan" and a crowd-pleasing finale of music from the popular "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies.

The crowd ate it up, but even the old standards and movie favorites were not enough to keep some kids from escaping to play on the park's playground equipment. Little ones are not known for their ability to sit still and enjoy.

As is the tradition at the event, the bands went behind the shell to pose for a group photo after they played their set. The end result is always great, but the setup for the picture is an uncomfortable scene full of unhappy, tired musicians and confusing directions from the photographer. It's hard not to chuckle when you see 75 people crammed so tightly together they can tell what everyone had for breakfast.

After the painstaking picture process, the bands sign up to buy their picture to commemorate the event, all the while the next band has taken over the shell to play their tunes.

Each band played roughly a 40-minute set, leaving time to clear out and allow the next band to get in place and set up the accouterments for their unique brand of performance.

The event kicked off on Saturday at 1 p.m. with the North Bay Wind Ensemble. One of the things that makes the event

so popular is its tradition of having bands that play music that people young and old will enjoy. The River City Concert Band, for instance, played an arrangement of Disney melodies called "A Disneyland Celebration." In addition, there was the occasional oddball song that gave the crowd a laugh. In North Bay Wind Ensemble's case that was their final number, entitled "The Roosters Lay Eggs in Kansas."

The 13 bands in attendance were the North Bay Wind Ensemble, Roseville Community Band, Pleasanton Community Concert Band, Association of the United States Army "Sounds of Freedom" Military Concert Band, Elk Grove Community Band, Three Note Band, Capitol Pops Concert Band, Solano Winds, Sacramento Symphonic Winds, Capital City Concert Band, Sacramento Concert Band, River City Concert Band and "The Governor's Own" 59th Army Band - CA National Guard.

Those in attendance seemed to enjoy the festivities as more and more people approached the shade with folding chairs in hand, set to spend a few hours listening to music on an afternoon that came just quick enough to evade the cruel grasp of Sacramento's blazing summer.

*Summer's fiery grasp stayed away just long enough to allow for a pleasant setting...*

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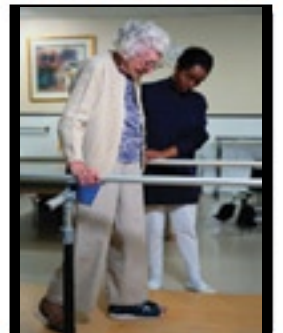
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# Heavy metal and high art comes to life at Fe Gallery

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Thanks to an organization created by the city of Sacramento, art lovers can stroll about the streets of East Sacramento and get their fill of all things artistic. The Second Saturday Art Walk is a way for local artists to have their works seen, enjoyed and possibly even sold to admiring patrons. The second Saturday in June falls on the 13th, and East Sacramento's Fe Gallery is one of many art houses participating.

Located at 1100 65th St., the Fe Gallery (the letters "f" and "e" represent the elemental symbol for iron) has been in business since October 2007 and has quickly found a niche by bringing local artists together to show their works to the community.

Millie Porter, curator and co-owner with husband and metal artist Stephan Lyman, talked about why the gallery is the place to be come the second Saturday of each month.

"We're one of the few galleries that does demonstrations," she said. "People are fascinated by our metal workshops and I think people are going to love the glass blowing demonstration (in June). It also allows people to see what a working metal studio looks like.

The gallery has two artists in residence (Lyman and fused glass artist Sheena Wolfe)

whose work is shown at all times. Each month the gallery selects a number of local artists to be featured in the gallery for that month. In May, the gallery showed the work of photographer Rudy Calpo and glass artist Phil Teefy.

June's featured artists are bronze sculptor Darby Patterson, painter Lynnette Diem and blown glass artist Rene Steinke.

Diem, whose displayed works will be a series of paintings of river rocks, spoke of her inclusion in the gallery's event. She said that she submitted slides of her work to the gallery and it went to the gallery's jury that decides who to accept and who to deny.

She received her master's degree in art from Cal State Northridge and currently teaches art at Davis High School. She said that she has been an artist for more than 20 years, then conceded that "it's actually closer to 30 now."

Her 15 selected works will be on display and for sale at the gallery (the pieces range in price from \$300-\$1,200 according to Diem), but she hopes that at the very least people enjoy the experience of seeing her art.

"I think people will enjoy the tranquility of my work," she said.

As far as his side of running the business, Lyman cracked that "Millie handles all the interested artists who want to be showed. I'm just an artist, I do the fun stuff."

Porter, who prefers to think of herself as someone who does "a little of this and a little of that" rather than a curator, said that there are more reasons to come out and enjoy Second Saturday at Fe Gallery. The gallery offers appetizers such as cheese, grapes, crackers and wine. For the meat-loving section of the populace, there is a tri-tip smoker on the premises that also makes an appearance.

June's installment in the Second Saturday franchise will include a sculpting demonstration by bronze sculptor Patterson and a glass blowing demo by Steinke. The demos will take place

during Second Saturday hours, which are from 6 to 9 p.m.

The gallery is an extension of Fence World Iron World at 1100 65th Street in Sacramento. Those wishing to see the artistic works but are unable to make it out for Second Saturday can

visit the gallery during regular daytime hours, which are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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The next Second Saturday falls on June 13 and East Sacramento's Fe Gallery is one of many art houses participating.

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A peek into the past

# Carmichael's 'Central Park' has been a popular gathering place since 1949

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Many additions and changes have occurred throughout the history of Carmichael and among the most important of such things was the creation and improvements to Carmichael Park.

Sitting down with The Arden-Carmichael News last week, Carmichael Recreation and Park District Administrator Jack Harrison described the importance of the park to the community.

"I think Carmichael Park is special for several reasons," Harrison said. "One is its long history. The park district has been here since 1945 and the park came on shortly thereafter (in 1949). Secondly, it's on the main thoroughfare in the community on Fair Oaks Boulevard, so it's very visible to the thousands who pass by every day."

Harrison also described the park as one of the area's most important gathering places.

"If you look around the community, there really isn't a civic center or city hall, so there's a central park," Harrison said. "Like in New York, we think this is Carmichael's Central Park. This is where people meet and everybody knows where Carmichael Park is and most people in the community have been here for something."

Harrison, himself, is no newcomer to the park, having first visited the park in 1974, which was the year he moved to Carmichael with his family from Huntington Beach.

"My son played Little League here, my daughter played girls' softball here, I coached Little League here and my son worked here during the summers as a basketball coach," Harrison said. "So,

my family has been involved with the park district and this park, in particular, since 1974."

Harrison added that the popularity of this community park can easily be attributed to its size and the number of its amenities.

"There are a variety of things that a person and groups can do here, which is not typical in most parks that are smaller, because, of course, they can't support that amount of facilities," Harrison said. "Carmichael Park is a very large park - 38 acres - and it has a lot of different facilities that meet a lot of different interests."

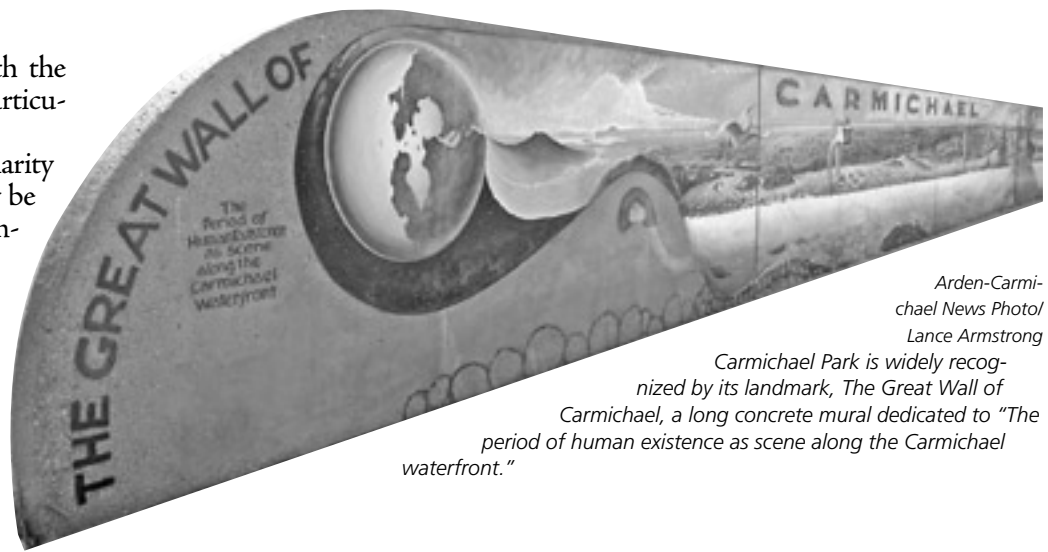
## People and playing

Among the most popular of these facilities are the park's five ball fields, which during the summer months are active with the girls' softball program, which draws hundreds of people to the park. This program typically utilizes all five fields simultaneously.

Senior men's softball games are also played at various times on two of the fields.

Joe Price, who coaches the Carmichael Yard Sharks, a nationally-traveling Amateur Softball Association Under-18 Girls' team, said that he appreciates the availability of the park's fields and the park district's plans to improve the fields.

"A representative from the Carmichael Recreation and Park District was out on Saturday (May 30) talking to us about how they're going to improve the field and that's an outstanding thing, because we definitely need that," Price said. "They are old, but still very nice fields. I've lived



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Carmichael Park is widely recognized by its landmark, The Great Wall of Carmichael, a long concrete mural dedicated to "The period of human existence as scene along the Carmichael waterfront."

here in Carmichael for over 30 years, I played here back then in (slow pitch recreation) league games and I have been coaching out here for 20-plus years. It's always been a nice park, it's pleasant and they keep it nice and clean."

In terms of the number of park guests for a single event, girls' softball, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which is held on the day prior to Easter, and the summer band concerts draw the most visitors to the park.

But it is not unusual to see large groups of people gathering at the park on the weekends for unofficial events such as parties and barbecues.

In regard to the park's official events, many in the community enjoy attending the summer band concerts, which are performed in the half-century-old bandshell.

Wayne Karpowich, who lives nearby the park, said that he is one of the most dedicated regulars of this event, adding that he has not missed a concert at the park for about seven years.

"The concerts in the park are great and I am here every time," Karpowich

said. "This is a mellow park with a lot of very friendly people and it's a great place to attend live music. I really like the musicians they have here, with some of my favorites being The Governor's Own, the John Skinner Band, Capital Pops (Concert Band) and the River City Concert Band. Sometimes I come here by myself, but next time I'm going to bring my girlfriend to see the music. As usual, it should be a really fun time."

This year, the concert series, which is currently underway, includes nine dates and continues through July 18.

On the southwest side of the park, people can be seen playing tennis during the night and day on the park's six courts.

Last week, tennis player Malissa Finch took a break from a practice with her friend, Lou Valdez, to express her appreciation for the park's courts.

"The courts are very well maintained and there is usually a pretty good group of people out here," Finch said.

Finch added that she enjoys the park's many offerings, in general, but she is dis-

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# Carmichael Park: 'This is a mellow park with a lot of very friendly people'

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appointed that the aquatic center has not yet been built.

## Building on the tradition

Currently, efforts are being made by the district to raise funds for an aquatics center at the park to replace the park's now defunct pool, which was a popular summer spot for locals from 1952 to 2002.

The pool is not the only thing absent from the early years of the park, said Keith Maddison, Carmichael Recreation and Park District parks services manager.

"There used to be a petting zoo here when I was a kid where the group picnic rental facility is located," Maddison said. "I came here (in the 1960s) with my mom (Karen Troe) and my brother (Jay Maddison) and they had a bunch of smaller animals that you could pet like goats, a pig, a sheep, rabbits and chickens."

Maddison, who moved to the area in 1962, added that he also remembers a former entrance to the park, off Fair Oaks Boulevard, with a large metal arch that cars would drive under.

One of the oldest buildings of the park – which eventually grew to its current size through parcel expansions in 1967 and 1975 – is the community clubhouse, which is available for rent and is used for community organization



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
Carmichael Recreation and Park District Administrator Jack Harrison describes Carmichael Park as "Carmichael's Central Park."

meetings, district board meetings, weddings and receptions.

Also located at the park is the Veterans Memorial Building, which is used for local veteran gatherings, small meetings, classes and a preschool program.

Other amenities of the park include lighted basketball courts, an off-leash dog park with separate areas for large



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
Carmichael area residents (left to right), Jre Hayden, Kyle Hosier and Denzel Booker participate in a pickup basketball game at Carmichael Park.

and small dogs, playgrounds and horse-shoe pits. And although the park does not include walking trails, the park is a popular site for many walkers, who enjoy the scenic environment that the park provides.

## A park for the people

With the many offerings of the park, people in the area should consider them-

selves fortunate to have such a fine community asset as Carmichael Park, Harrison said.

"There are people in this park every day of the year, regardless of the time of the year, because there are so many things to do here," Harrison said. "This is definitely a very important park and a wonderful place for the people of the community."

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# Father knows best: Bonding with Jesuit High's Bonfiglio

By **BENN HODAPP**  
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Not many people can lay claim to the fact that they are both a hall of famer and a president without lying on one or both accounts. But in Rev. Greg Bonfiglio's case, both are true.

Father Bonfiglio (bon-philly-o) is the president of Jesuit High School here in Carmichael. His journey to the position was a bit different than you might think.

### Bonfiglio's path

Born and raised in San Jose, Bonfiglio was always drawn to the water. Throughout high school he was a swimmer, but when he got to college at Santa Clara University, another aquatic sport caught his attention.

*"Sports are an important part of our mission because it helps the development of the person in mind, body and purpose."*

Bonfiglio started rowing in the five seat of one of the school's eight-man boats. So good were he and his boat mates, they ended up ranked No. 1 in the west coast in the lightweight division. Years later, Bonfiglio and his teammates would be enshrined in the Santa Clara University Athletic Hall of Fame.

As far as academics went, Bonfiglio was unsure of what he wanted to do.

"I wanted to be a history teacher," he said. "But the

teaching profession was very impacted at the time."

He ended up getting a BS in commerce, though he admits with a laugh, "I had no desire to go into business. I hoped something would strike my interest - nothing did."

Religion was something that had always interested him, so in order to become ordained, Bonfiglio knew that the next step was to get a Masters in Theology.

After attaining that degree, Bonfiglio went down to Mexico in the summers of 1993 and 1994 to work on his Spanish as well as work with the less fortunate.

"I asked to be sent down there," he said. "I was very in-



Photo courtesy

Rev. Greg Bonfiglio is the president of Jesuit High School here in Carmichael. His athletic background, as well as Jesuit's longstanding athletic tradition, is integral in furthering the school's causes.

terested in working with the poor."

While there, his Spanish grew by the day as he was im-

mersed in the language for months at a time.

He came to Sacramento in 1998 when he became the superior Jesuit at the high school as well as teaching sophomore theology.

In 2000, while in Sydney, Australia to complete a religious requirement, Bonfiglio first heard his name mentioned as a candidate for the job of president at Jesuit. He declined to put his name in the running.

While there, however, he was re-acquainted with an old love - rowing.

He started rowing with the Masters Club in Sydney and eventually found his way onto an eight-man boat for a team from New South Wales, Australia. So good was this team that they competed in the Australian Masters National Rowing Championships in May 2002.

Later that year Bonfiglio's name was once again brought up into the presidential discussion, only this time he agreed.

The board of trustees named Bonfiglio to the post of president where he has been ever since. As president, he acts as the CEO where he delegates to the

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# Jesuit: Bonfiglio is tutor, teacher, rower, friend

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principal and in turn is reported to by the principal.

## Friend and Father

Father Ed Fassett, the principal of Jesuit since 2006, spoke glowingly about Bonfiglio's presence at the school.

"I think he's a great listener," Fassett said. "He's open to conflicting ideas and gives everyone a fair shake. He's a great people person and he enjoys being in public."

Bonfiglio admits that while he enjoys his job, he does miss aspects of his old one.

"The hardest part is not having regular contact with students," he said. "But what I like the most about my job is that I get to tell the public of the stories of what my colleagues do."

His athletic background, as well as Jesuit's long-standing athletic tradition, is integral in furthering the school's causes.

"Our athletics help further our mission," he said. "Sports are an important part of our mission because it helps the development of the person in mind, body and purpose."

The hard work and team atmosphere of sports are a great way to teach the students how to live, according to Bonfiglio.

As for his own athletic endeavors, Bonfiglio still rows. He is part of the River City Rowing Club and can be found flying through the water at the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento.

The Hall of Fame list for Santa Clara University can be found at <http://www.santaclarabroncos.com/genrel/050401aab.html>. His team is listed first and was inducted as a unit. His name, along with the names of his teammates, can be found at the bottom of the page.

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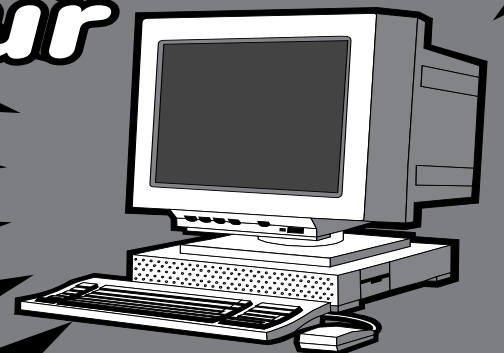
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# Century rides: The many different reasons for riding 100 miles

By CARMEN MICSA  
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The steady rain coming down on Saturday, May 2, did not manage to dampen the spirits of approximately 400 bike riders who took part in Tour de Cure in Roseville to raise money for diabetes, a disease that kills more people every year in America than breast cancer and AIDS combined, according to the Diabetes Association Organization's Web site.

An important community event, participating in Tour de Cure gives everyone the chance to ride 10 miles, 50K, 100k and 100 miles.

"The proceeds go back to the community by funding research for diabetes, educating the public about preventing diabetes and by advocating for people with diabetes," said Mark Orgeron, the associate manager for the American Diabetes Association.

"A lot of riders ride for one of two reasons: either the cause has touched their life in some way, or they are avid cyclists who enjoy riding and helping a great cause – and sometimes both," he added.

For me, this was the third year participating in the event as the captain of my own team Racket'N'Wheels. This year was particularly special, as I had decided to do the century ride (100-mile ride) in memory of my beloved father who died of diabetes at the early age of 53. Having done the 100k-ride last year, I felt that I needed to push myself and show my dad that his never-ending faith in my

abilities, as well as his constant moral and spiritual support, resonated vividly in my soul and mind during my entire ride that I had completed in 10 hours. My ride took longer than I had expected, as I had to fight with the rain, as well as constantly stop to check the map for directions. My pleas for help from God, my father and ultimately the entire universe to get me through the steep, rolling hills of Christian Valley and Auburn to the finish line at the Hewlett Packard office in Roseville made me comprehend how close we are to living. Through the ride, I spent the time pondering life without its regular restrictions, when we have an attainable goal set in our minds and hearts.

One of my fellow riders, Don Oakley, 57, president of VSP (Vision Service Plan) and the cycle instructor at the 24-Hour Fitness Center, encouraged me at the beginning of the ride with his wisdom and nonchalance about riding a century ride. He already rode 100 century rides in the past 20 years.

"Make sure you pace yourself early while getting a feel for the road," Oakley said. "Stay within yourself – eat and drink a lot," he added.

To Carol Ansier, a 45-year-old accountant looking for a job right now, riding 100 miles one time in her lifetime wasn't easy, but she did it and kept on riding. As a member of the Sacramento Bike Hikers, she believes that the fuel put in one's body definitely makes a difference in one's performance.



Photo Courtesy Carmen Micsa

Arden-Carmichael writer Carmen Micsa participated in the Tour de Cure in Roseville May 2.

"It's good to carry snacks with you and eat a little bit each time you take a break (best to eat before you get hungry). Drink water (or other liquids) before, during, and after the ride," she added.

Ansier thinks that bicycling is a great sport with immeasurable mental and physical benefits.

"I often have a problem or situation weighing heavy on my mind and while out on my bike I either come up with a solution, or I'm able to put the situation in perspective. Just like magic! I

plan to bicycle for many, many, many more years to come. I believe that exercise is the key to aging gracefully," she said.

For more information on other century rides and how to get started, go to <http://www.tourofcalifornia.org>. For more information on diabetes, go to [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

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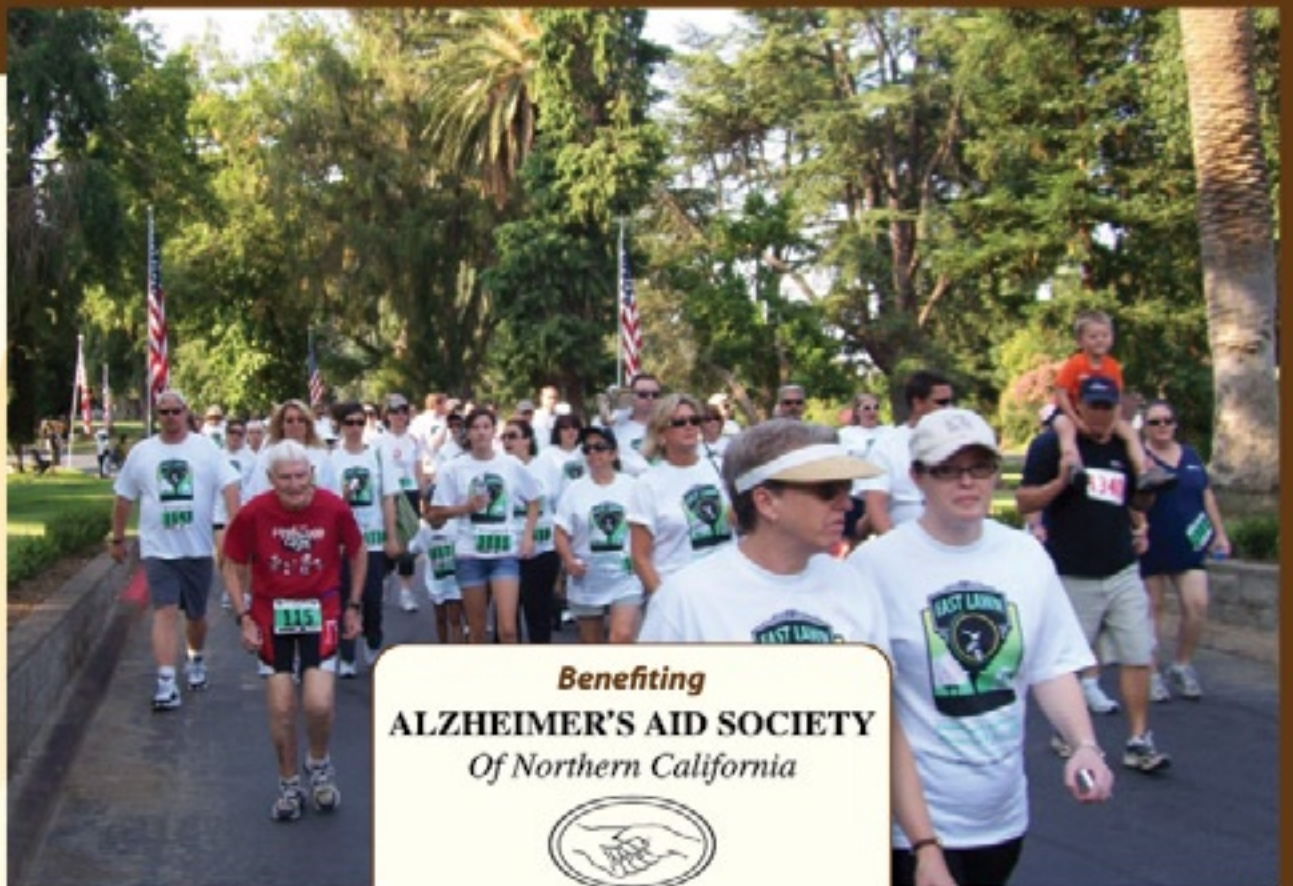
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*Pictured clockwise from the waterfowl: Looking majestic in the summer sun, this beautiful bird coasts along the cool waters of the American River; fishing pole in hand and in water up to his knees, an angler returns to shore after casting his line into the American River; three young men enjoy the banks of the American River, skipping smooth stones along the shallow parts.*



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# Answering your questions on local law enforcement

By OFFICER MICHELLE LAZARK  
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Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

*Editor's note: Ask Officer Michelle your question by emailing her at [mlazark@pd.cityofsacramento.org](mailto:mlazark@pd.cityofsacramento.org) or visit her online blog at <http://blog.sacpd.org>.*

## Stop barking dogs

I have a neighbor whose dog barks nearly constantly most days. I talked to her about it, her response was "between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. it is perfectly alright for a dog to bark," and "none of the other neighbors have complained." This has

been going on over a month. She also said, "If you could tell me how to keep other animals from running thru my yard maybe he would not bark."

Michelle, this dog is barking for attention, not at something or someone. Lately he

has resorted to barking for a few minutes then crying and/or howling. I am not sure how many of the other neighbors are at home during the day to hear this – perhaps I am the only one to spend time in my yard or keep my windows open. Maybe I should turn on

the radio up loud or something so I cannot hear it. Before I go so far as to lodge an "official" complaint, is there an ordinance or law concerning barking dogs? What would constitute a breach of this ordinance?

*Thanks, Lori*

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*Officer Michelle*

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A day for the dogs

# Four-legged friends rejoice: Sutter's Landing Dog Park opens

By **BENN HODAPP**  
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When the landfill known as Sutter's Landing closed its doors in 1992, the city of Sacramento was left with an area full of promise but lacking direction. An important step in fulfilling the land's potential was unlocked on May 23 with the opening of the Sutter's Landing Dog Park.

A crowd of hundreds piled through the gates with their canine friends, ready to experience something that was a long time coming.

"There was a pent up demand for this," said local resident and City Attorney Eileen Teichert. "People around here who have small properties need this."

Teichert was joined in the festivities by Jackson, her five-year-old Pug who clung to her side and scoped out the goings on.

District 3 councilmember Steve Cohn was on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and he explained how the park came into being.

The general idea for a park was hatched in 1994, he said. The cleaning out of the remains of the landfill took some time, but in 1999, the park began to take shape. A bike trail was one of the first steps.

In 2005, Cohn said, the city started thinking more specifically into what the park would offer. Thanks to a \$2.5 million check from the Capital Reinvestment Fund as well as lease revenue from billboards on I-80, there was enough money to put the plan into effect.

Construction began early this year, but it was more than meets the eye. Much of the process of turning a landfill into a dog park goes unseen because it happens underground.

The asphalt floor of the landfill was lined with layers of clay, soil and bark to ensure full drainage of all water. The trees that dot the park are the first to grow in the lot in more than 100 years, boasted Cohn.

Jackie Kuhwarth, founder and president of the Sacramento Dog Owners Group (sacdog.org), was one of the biggest advocates of the park. Despite the fact that the park shrunk from a proposed 17 acres down to its current three-acre size, Kuhwarth is pleased with the start. She said that she and her two Basenjis, Ben and Cooper, will utilize the park a great deal.

The park consists of two fenced-in areas. One area is for dogs up to 25 pounds and the other is for larger dogs over 25 pounds. Each section has been landscaped to have hills and ample running room for the curious critters. The three-acre park is the largest in Sacramento according to Cohn.

## Dog day morning

The opening was a huge success, as seemingly hundreds of dogs couldn't wait to charge through the gates and mingle with their four-legged brethren. Well, mostly four-legged, that is.

One of the stars of the show was two-year-old Rottweiler Cain who was born with a deformity on his front left paw. His owners, Kim Kearsing and Abby Maurer, explained the process that led to their dog's starring appearance.

"The vet told us that the best thing to do would be to amputate his leg," Kearsing said.

Cain has been hobbled for nearly a year now, but he doesn't even seem to notice. He sprinted along happily with 160-pound Great Dane buddy Oliver who treated Cain like part of the family.

The dogs that showed up ranged from handbag-riding Chihuahuas to the largest dog in attendance, a 185-pound Great Dane named Coco, who was ac-



East Sacramento News Photo/Benn Hodapp

Dogs (and their owners) await entry during the May 23 ribbon-cutting ceremony for East Sacramento's new dog park.



City Attorney Eileen Teichert and Jackson the Pug at the new Sutter's Landing dog park.



District 3 City Councilmember Steve Cohn cuts the ribbon at the Sutter's Landing dog park.

companied by "big" sister Piddles, a tiny terrier that was no more than 10 pounds.

Dave Katten and Ruby, his five-year-old Corgi, were out enjoying the festivities as well. Katten lives a block away from the park and he is delighted with how it looks. "We're going to come down here every day," he said.

Despite the great start to the park, Cohn said that this is just the beginning for Sutter's Landing. By next spring there will be courts for basketball, bocce ball and handball; a restroom to replace the current portable toilets; and further beautification processes to cover up the remaining vestiges of the park's former use.

Cohn said that when the park is fully developed, it will be the size of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Time will tell if that becomes a reality, but on this day at least, it was a wonderful dog day afternoon.

Sutter's Landing is on 28th street past C Street and just past the railroad tracks.



Jackie Kuhwarth, founder and president of the Sacramento Dog Owners Group (sacdog.org), attended the opening of the new dog park with Basenjis Ben and Cooper.



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## JUNE

### African art at Central Library

A special exhibition of traditional African art will be on display, now through Sunday, June 14, at the Central Library, 828 I St., Sacramento. The beauty of African art is simply an element of its function.

Objects of daily use, such as bowls, containers, baskets and boxes, are also aesthetically pleasing, being carefully made and often beautifully decorated. For more information, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

### Pops in the Park

Councilman Steve Cohn and the Pops in the Park Committee are pleased to present the 15th annual "Pops in the Park" summer concert series. All concerts are free and open to the public and begin at 6:00 p.m. Food and beverages will be for sale. People should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The concerts are June 13 with "Aaron King and The Imperials" at Glen Hall Park, Sandburg and Carlson drives—and

a Second Saturday showcase featuring Rob-in Leddy Giustina; June 20 with George Bruno Big Band at Bertha Henschel Park, 45th Street and Brand Way—also Sidney Pope and Union Awards and wading pool open for free; June 27 with Kate Gaffney at McKinley Park, 33rd and H streets. For additional information, please visit [www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com](http://www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com) or call (916) 808-5240.

### Art at SFCA

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center presents "Inner Views" from June 9 through June 27. The event is sponsored by the Northern California Arts. The show will present original artwork by local artists. Visit the Sacramento Fine Arts Center at 5330-B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Visit them online at [www.sacfinearts.org](http://www.sacfinearts.org).

## JUNE 11

### Computer Club Meeting

Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet from 1-3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. Subject will be Picasa 3 Update to the free Google program for managing digital images by Ann Kerr. A question and answer session will follow the meeting. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call 366-1687 or visit <http://missionoakscomputerclub.org>.

## JUNE 12

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Disease at a seminar at 10 a.m. at Carmichael Oaks, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. The event is hosted with Parkinson's Association. RSVP to 944-2323.

## JUNE 13

### Rummage Sale

The Sacramento Buddhist Church at 2401 Riverside Blvd. is having a huge church benefit Rummage Sale on June 13 from 8 to 4 p.m.

### Enjoy the art

Glass Artist Rene Steinke, Bronze Artist Darby Patterson and Multi-Media Artist Lynnette will be featured in at Fe Gallery in June, along with Metal Artist Stephen Lyman and Fused Glass Artist Sheena Wolfe. An artist reception will be held Saturday June 13 from 6-9 p.m. There will be glass blowing demonstration and a bronze molding demonstration throughout the evening. Fe Gallery is located at 1100 65th Street (north of Folsom Blvd., corner of 65th and Elvas), East Sacramento. For more information about the artists and the gallery visit [www.FeGallery.com](http://www.FeGallery.com). Fe Gallery, (916) 456-4455, is an extension of Fence World Iron World and daytime gallery hours are currently from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

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### Hiram Johnson class reunion

The Hiram Johnson Class of '79 is having their 30-year reunion aboard a luxury yacht cruising the Sacramento River. For more information, contact Jeanette Galvan, 397-2315, [wandafun@pacbell.net](mailto:wandafun@pacbell.net).

### Effie Yeaw Ice Cream Social

Held on Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., this event is a fundraiser to benefit the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. The event will also feature stories from Ted Robinson, a well-known speaker and author of "Water in My Veins: The Pauper Who Saved the President," his memoirs of serving in the military with JFK. Ice cream and other refreshments in the Robinson's lovely garden in the Arden-Arcade area. Call (916) 489-4918 to make your reservations. Tickets are \$25 per person and limited to ages 14 and older.

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### Susan Peters at the Park

County Supervisor Susan Peters will be holding "Office Hours" on Saturday afternoon in East Sacramento immediately before the popular "Pops in the Park" summer concert begins at Glen Hall Park in the neighborhood of River Park. Peters will set up a table at the park for residents who wish to drop by and discuss with her items of interest between 4 and 5:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary; visits will be handled on a first come first served basis.

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## JUNE 17

### NARFE Luncheon

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Town & Country Chapter #1674, will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 17 at Sam's Hof Brau, 2500 Watt Avenue. Lunch starts at 11 a.m., and the speaker, Gary Young, of the Renaissance Society will start at noon. All current and retired federal employees are invited, however, NARFE membership is not required. Info: Clarence Howard at (916) 972-9348.

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High praise for high school students

# Rio Americano musicians get top awards from Down Beat

By **BENN HODAPP**  
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The seemingly endless list of accolades for Rio Americano High School's music program grew just a bit longer last month as six student musicians were honored with some of the biggest awards in jazz.

Guitarist Victor San Pedro won the Down Beat Magazine award for high school outstanding performance for a Jazz Soloist, and the combo comprised of Zach Giberson (alto sax and guitar), Zach Darf (tenor sax), Kai Ambrose (piano), Nathan Swedlow (Bass) and Cashel Barnett (drums) took home the award for high school outstanding performance for a Jazz Group.

Rio Americano music teacher Josh Murray was visibly proud of his students' accomplishment.

"I was thrilled and honored," he said.

For those unfamiliar with Down Beat magazine, Murray explained it as "the authority on jazz and has been since the 1930s. It is read by everyone in the jazz community and is as big as it gets." The magazine, which is published in Elmhurst, Ill., has been at the forefront of the jazz scene at large for more than 70 years. This year marked the 32nd year of the Student Music Awards.

San Pedro, a 15-year-old sophomore, discovered his gift for the guitar in a peculiar way. Growing up, San Pedro played the pia-



*Photo by Leslie Barger*  
Rio Americano High School musicians, pictured from left to right, Cashel Barnett, Nathan Swedlow, Zach Darf, Kai Ambrose and Zach Giberson took home the award for high school outstanding performance by a Jazz Group.

no. And while he concedes that he had some pretty impressive skills on the ivory, it was not long before he lost interest. In seventh grade, he picked up a guitar for the first time and the result was something remarkable.

"During my very first guitar lesson I just kind of got it," San Pedro said.

It was just meant to be, it seems.

His success as a player cannot solely be chalked up to prodigy-like skill. It is his work ethic and desire to improve that has astounded teacher and peers alike.

Said Murray, "Victor is one of the most talented and hardest working kids we have ever had."

Hard working indeed.

San Pedro's practice habits are not for the faint of heart. For the percentage of people who cannot move a muscle without nine hours of sleep, his schedule leaves a lot to be desired.

A normal day for him is getting up at 4:45 a.m. and practicing.

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# Band: There were more than 800 entries sent in from all over the country

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ing for an hour. He then gets ready for the day and arrives at school for jazz band during zero period at 7 a.m. Throughout the day he goes to class like every other high school student and manages to keep up a solid grade point average. When he gets home, it's homework, practice, eat, practice and finally, sleep. His head will not normally hit the pillow until 12 a.m. before doing it all again the next day.

He estimates that he practices anywhere from four-to-six hours a day, a regimen that is not lost on his teacher.

Murray hesitates to call San Pedro a prodigy to his face because of the undue pressure that word can put on someone so young. But behind closed doors he heaps praise atop the gifted youngster.

"I know he's tried to hide saying that," San Pedro said. "I am really flattered that he thinks that about me. I don't really know what to say."

His band mates, too, are well aware of his commitment to the craft.

Giberson, a member of the award-winning combo, called him "a prodigy of effort." He also called his winning of the soloist award "appropriate" and described the solos he sent in on his tape as "amazing." High praise from a fellow international award winner.

*Of the several awards given out to local schools, Murray simply said, "Sacramento has become a hotbed for young talent."*

As for Giberson and his combo mates, their win was a little more surprising. After listening to a recording of the combo at a jazz festival at Sac State in November, Giberson sent off the tape to be adjudicated by the magazine.

One little problem: "He didn't even tell us he sent it in," pianist Ambrose said.

When representatives of the magazine came to the school and announced the awards, the members of the combo were in total shock. Tenor sax player Darf said that it was a complete surprise. "We just thanked (Giberson) for sending it in," he said.

Perhaps the most curious thing of all is that everyone in the group agreed that the performance, which was their first at a competition, was not their best. That says something for their best it would seem.

There were more than 800 entries sent in from all over the country as well as internationally from junior high schools, high schools and colleges. Other area schools honored included Folsom Middle

School (winner of three awards), Sutter Middle School, Folsom High School (two awards) and Sac State (four awards).

Of the several awards given out to local schools, Murray simply said, "Sacramento has become a hotbed for young talent."

For more information about Down Beat Magazine, you can find it online at [www.downbeat.com](http://www.downbeat.com).



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Guitarist Victor San Pedro won the Down Beat Magazine award for high school outstanding performance.



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Meticulously maintained w/designer colors, mahogany floors & custom lighting to add to the warmth & charm of this special property. Well-equipped kit features corian counters & lots of storage. 2 fireplaces w/marble surrounds. Enjoy the professionally landscaped backyard w/fountain. \$450,000 See [www.1101PerazzoCir.com](http://www.1101PerazzoCir.com)

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### UNIVERSITY PARK

Spacious and free-standing Powell-built home with over 2400 square feet. Popular model with sunny kitchen, formal dining room and a family room off kitchen. Lots of privacy and 2 car attached garage. Beautiful flooring, roof is only a few years old. See [www.2014UniversityParkDr.isnow4sale.com](http://www.2014UniversityParkDr.isnow4sale.com) \$445,000

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### CARMICHAEL OVERLOOKING THE RIVER!

6 Bedrooms 5 1/2 baths, office, huge bonus/exercise/playroom. Great kitchen and family room combo. Pool, steam room, sports court all on beautiful private, lush setting. 5 heat and air systems. 4 car garage. 2 staircases and high ceilings. See [www.7036GrantAve.com](http://www.7036GrantAve.com) \$2,275,000

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### ARDEN PARK

Spacious ranch home with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths plus bonus family room located in the desirable Arden Park neighborhood. Formal living room and dining room with hardwood floors and a charming kitchen with an adjoining sunroom. Pool and bonus detached office. See [www.LaGoletaWay.com](http://www.LaGoletaWay.com) \$889,000

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### DESIRABLE OLD SIERRA OAKS

2 story home on one half acre. Complete remodel features raised ceilings, tile floors, lots of glass. Gorgeous grounds with pool. Gourmet kitchen and large breakfast room. Large formal dining room. 5 bedrooms + office. See [www.411CrockerRd.com](http://www.411CrockerRd.com) \$1,775,000

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### CUSTOM LOT

This is the last custom lot on a very private cul-de-sac of 11 home sites. Current owner has custom designed home plans available for review. Situated close to river, parks and shopping in Carmichael off Fair Oaks Blvd. Build your dream home! See [www.windermere.com](http://www.windermere.com) \$134,900

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