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Community asked for comment as cityhood measure surfaces

By **BENN HODAPP**
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Arden Arcade has cleared a few hurdles on its way to becoming a city in the past three months, but all is not clear in its run towards cityhood. Residents, some of whom may have been unaware of the push for cityhood, will have a chance to hear both sides once and for all at a community meeting on Thursday, July 23.

Joel Archer, chairman of the Arden Arcade Incorporation Committee, talked about the importance of the meeting and why people should attend.

"It's important that they hear both sides of the story and how each side will affect them," he said.

Archer holds firm in his opinion that if an incorporation measure fails on the November 2010 ballot, annexation of Arden Arcade by the city of Sacramento is up next. A possible source of new revenue for cash-strapped Sacramento, annexation, according to Archer, would reportedly lead to a tripling of utility taxes; parks and water districts would be absorbed by the city; and area revenue would be used for the city of Sacramento. Archer put it bluntly when he argued against annexation.

"(Annexation) would mean another downtown government with high taxes," he said.

Archer also called Sacramento's government "broken" and that Sacramento County is "a dying entity."

Despite some local residents' confusion on the is-

sue (with some completely unaware of the incorporation movement when the Arden-Carmichael News covered this story in April), Archer thinks that the community is becoming more open to the prospect of becoming a city.

"It is important that the community get involved," he said. "We have seen overwhelming support in recent days."

Cityhood vs. county served

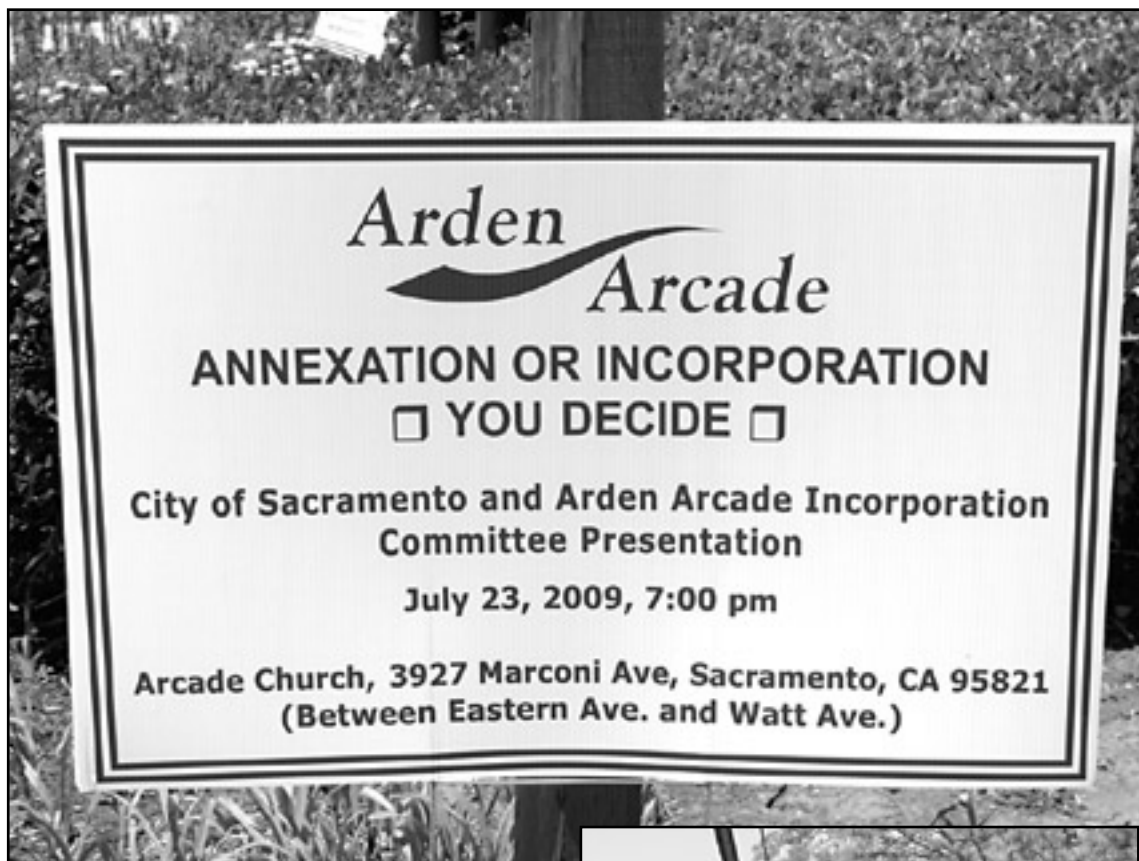
One of the arguments against Arden Arcade becoming a city is that the current economic climate may not be conducive for the area to attain cityhood – it's a lot of money to run a city.

Archer thinks that the city's revenue, which is largely driven by Country Club Plaza, Town and Country Village and Auburn Blvd., is more than enough to support the city.

"We have no worries in that regard," he said. "This area is a cash cow."

Archer also spoke of an updated fiscal analysis that was done recently for the area and he said it "far surpassed" one done for Citrus Heights in its bid for cityhood 10 years ago.

As part of the incorporation process, the Local Agency Formation Committee of Sacramento County (the county manager of incorporation applications) started environmental and fiscal impact reports to determine whether the new municipal entity will be viable. These studies, commenced July 1, come with quite a price tag: \$89,083. Local community members donated the money for the reports.



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Benn Hodapp (above) Local residents will have a chance to hear both sides of the incorporation movement once and for all at a community meeting on Thursday July 23.



(right) Joel Archer, chairman of the Arden Arcade Incorporation Committee, said if an incorporation measure fails on the November 2010 ballot, annexation of the Arden Arcade community by the city of Sacramento is up next.

Raise your voice

The incorporation informational meeting, which will take place at Arcade Church, 3927 Marconi Ave., at 7 p.m., is being advertised throughout the area in the form of campaign-style signs under the heading "Annexation or Incorporation -- You Decide."

The meeting will discuss law enforcement and fees and taxes for the new city if incorporation is approved by voters. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the meeting where residents can ask questions and voice concerns.

"I'm more confident now than ever," Archer said. "Residents want an efficient and effective government."

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- Joel Archer, chairman of the Arden Arcade Incorporation Committee

Dante Club has rich tradition in Arden-Carmichael area, capital region

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Known for their love of family, culture and community, Italians have a very rich tradition and history in the Sacramento area. And one of their most recognized local social centers is undoubtedly the Dante Club.

Located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., the Dante Club, which was named in honor of the great Italian writer and poet of the Middle Ages, Dante Alighieri, earlier met at its first permanent location at 1511 P St. in downtown Sacramento.

Dante Club General Manager Jeff Roseman, who grew up in East Sacramento's historic Little Italy, described the purpose of the formation of the club.

"The club, which today is limited to 380 members, was founded (in Sacramento) to acclimate the Italian-Americans coming in off of Ellis Island (in the 1920s) and moving out west to a new lifestyle in the United States," Roseman said. "At the time, most Italians were living downtown between 10th and 20th streets. The

(Italian) neighborhoods around 40th to 50th streets didn't evolve until later."

And it was because of the fact that Italian-Americans first made their way to work and live in Sacramento in the downtown area that the Dante Club was first located in the same area.

A 1922 article in The Sacramento Bee shows the existence of the Dante Club at least four years prior to the establishment of its first permanent home.

The article announced that the club, which was said to be "composed of Italian residents of Sacramento," would be presenting a program of music and play at the Tuesday clubhouse at 2722 L St., across from Sutter's Fort. The program served as a benefit for St. Mary's Italian Church.

Another pre-permanent club home event was the club's annual picnic, which began in 1925.

The event, which included dancing, was originally chaired by Roger Giorgi, who was assisted by A.L. Bondi, D. Cordano, F. Consiglieri and others.

According to a 1976 Dante Club program, the purpose



The Dante Club is located on 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Sacramento.

Photo courtesy of the Dante Club

of the Dante Club is to encourage music, drama, art, athletics and social activities.

To celebrate the club's first permanent home – a former residence that was purchased and renovated by the club – a two-day public celebration was held on the weekend of June 19-20, 1926.

The event included speaking, entertainment, refreshments served by girls in Italian attire, and games, including the traditional Italian game of bocce.

Speakers at the event included Superior Judge Peter J. Shields, Mayor A.E. Goddard and City Manager H.C. Bottorff.

One of the first events ever held at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium was the inaugural Dante Club public dance, which

was held on April 30, 1927 – about two months following the venue's official opening.

R. Giorgi served as the chairman of the dance's committee and Fred Boitano worked as the event's floor manager.

By December 1927, construction of the club's own banquet and ballroom was completed on the east side of its P Street site.

The stage's curtain featured an image of the meeting of Dante and Beatrice and on the east wall was a bas-relief, featuring a life-size image of Dante.

One of the earliest plays held on the stage was a 1932 production of "Empress Flavia."

The play, which was written in verse in the Tuscan vernacular, was acquired by

the Dante Club from a library of a convent in Italy.

Although the club sponsored a variety of events during its early years, it became mostly known in the community for sponsoring soccer and baseball teams.

The Dante Club's own soccer teams performed in the Sacramento Soccer League's First Division and the Sacramento Municipal League.

In addition to the Dante Club's men, who strictly gather as a social club today, 38 women formed the club's women's auxiliary in 1926.

The original mission of the auxiliary was to "encourage, preserve, protect and perpetuate the positions of our country by Americanization and good citizenship to engage in religious, charitable, social and educational activities; to encourage music, drama, art and literature and to aid, support and increase such advancements through educational scholarships."

Throughout the years, the auxiliary, which today has 175 members and like the men strictly meet as a social club, has provided a variety of community services and contributions, including wrapping surgical bandages and purchasing war bonds during World War II, supporting the city's now-de-

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funct Italian school and the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra, assisting with Christmas sales and mailings and purchasing an oxygenator for the Sutter Hospitals Medical Research Foundation.

The women's auxiliary, who continue to meet monthly, was also formerly very active in producing fundraising fashion shows.

After three decades, it was decided by the club's general membership that relocation from the old building was absolutely necessary.

Although some members did not care to relocate, a fire eventually destroyed the old club headquarters, leaving its members no choice but to move.

Under the direction of the club's past president Nick Martinelli Sr., a committee was formed that worked to relocate the club to its current site in 1960.

With the continued success of the club, the mortgage on the building was paid off a decade later.

The building, which features accommodations for banquets and parties for as many as 700 people, includes sit-down, Italian-Ameri-

can dining, a full service bar, a hardwood dance floor and an outdoor gazebo and picnic area.

In addition to the venue's use for Dante Club meetings and events, the banquet facility is also rented out for a variety of other events.

During one such event, while running for governor of California in 1962, Richard Nixon played piano on the club's stage.

The club also offers a public, reservations-required, Family Night Dinner on the first Tuesday of every month with a no host bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Nearing its 50th anniversary, the current Dante Club building serves as a befitting testament to the club's past and present members, who have shared the commitment, camaraderie and fellowship of this historic club.

For additional information about the Dante Club, call (916) 925-8230 or visit the Web site www.dante-club.com.



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(above) The Dante Club's main dining room is available for rentals.

(left) The full-service bar is available for banquets at no additional charge.

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School Sites

Schools	Dates				Route
	6/22 - 7/17	8/24 - 9/4	6/22 - 7/17	8/24 - 9/4	
Carmichael	M - W	M - W	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	801
Dyer Kelly	T - Th	T - Th	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	806
Edison	M - W	M - W	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	808
Greer	T - Th	T - Th	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	811
Skycrest	M - W	M - W	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	815
Arlington	T - Th	T - Th	8:15-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	816
Coyle	M - W	M - W	8:15-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	816
Star King	T - Th	T - Th	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	809
Northridge	M - W	M - W	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	815
Trajan	T - Th	T - Th	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	820
Arden	M - W	M - W	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	817
Carnegie	T - Th	T - Th	7:45-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	820
Churchill	M - W	M - W	8:15-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	821
Rogers	T - Th	T - Th	8:00-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	825
Salk	M - W	M - W	7:45-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	826
Sylvan	T - Th	T - Th	7:45-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	832
Encina	M - W	M - W	7:30-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	833
Mesa Verde	T - Th	T - Th	7:30-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	831
Del Campo	M - W	M - W	7:45-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	824
Rio Americano	T - Th	T - Th	7:45-11:15	9:15 - 11:15	818

School Sites-Saturdays

5 Saturdays	Schools	Pick Up	Location	Return
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	Arden	9:00 AM	Welcome Center	11:30 AM
	Encina	9:10 AM	Dyer-Kelly	11:50 AM
	Dyer-Kelly	9:35 AM	Encina	12:05 PM
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	SJ Central	10:00 AM	Arden	12:10 PM
	Greer	10:35 AM	Welcome Center	12:30 PM
	Edison	10:45 AM	Churchill	1:05 PM
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	Churchill	11:10 AM	Edison	1:25 PM
	SJ Central	11:20 AM	Greer	1:30 PM
	Mesa	10:35 AM	Welcome Center	1:10 PM
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	Sylvan	10:45 AM	Rogers	1:25 PM
	Del Campo	11:00 AM	Del Campo	1:30 PM
	Rogers	11:10 AM	Sylvan	1:45 PM
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	SJ Central	11:30 AM	Mesa	1:50 PM
	Salk	12:00 PM	Welcome Center	2:30 PM
	Rio Americano	12:25 PM	Star King	2:40 PM
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	Star King	12:40 PM	Rio Americano	2:50 PM
	SJ Central	1:00 PM	Salk	3:10 AM
	Skycrest	9:55 AM	Welcome Center	12:45 PM
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	Arlington	10:15 AM	Carmichael	12:50 PM
	Coyle	10:30 AM	Coyle	1:00 PM
	Carmichael	10:50 AM	Arlington	1:10 PM
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	SJ Central	11:00 AM	Skycrest	1:25 PM
	Trajan	11:40 AM	Welcome Center	2:15 PM
	Carnegie	11:50 AM	Northridge	2:45 PM
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	Northridge	12:05 PM	Carnegie	2:55 PM
	SJ Central	12:45 PM	Trajan	3:05 PM

Community Routes

Wait Area	Start	Pick Up	Return
Every Tuesday 21, 28, 4, 11, 18	Wiestenstein School	9:34	12:12
	Watt past Arden at the RT stop	9:35	12:08
	Watt past El Camino at the RT stop	9:42	12:04
	Watt past Marconi at the RT stop	9:46	11:59
	Watt and Whitney at the RT stop	9:50	11:55
	SJ Central	10:00	11:45
Sunrise Area	Start	Pick Up	Return
Every Wed 22, 29, 5, 12	Sunrise past Winding Way at RT stop	8:55	12:05
	Sunrise past Sunset at the RT stop	8:59	12:09
	Sunrise past Madison at the RT stop	9:01	12:13
	Sunrise past Birdsong at the RT stop	9:07	12:17
	Greenback before Durich at RT stop	9:11	12:21
	Greenback past Sylvan at RT stop	9:14	12:23
	Greenback past VanMaren at RT stop	9:15	12:25
	Auburn, after Greenback at RT stop	9:24	12:30
	Auburn past Manzanita at RT stop	9:28	12:34
	Auburn past Garfield at RT stop	9:32	12:38
	Auburn past Madison at RT stop	9:36	12:40
18, 25, 1, 8, 15	Auburn past Orange Grove at RT stop	9:40	12:42
	Watt after Auburn at RT stop	9:50	12:48
	SJ Central	10:00	11:45
Fair Oaks Area	Start	Pick Up	Return
Every Thursday 23, 30, 6, 13, 20	Arden past Fulton at RT stop	9:30	12:15
	Arden past Morse at RT stop	9:34	12:11
	Arden past Eastern at RT stop	9:38	12:07
	Fair Oaks Past Walnut at RT stop		12:03
	Fair Oaks after turn at RT stop	9:42	
	Fair Oaks past El Camino at RT stop		11:59
	Fair Oaks past Van Alstien at RT stop	9:46	
	Fair Oaks past Marconi at RT stop	9:50	11:55
	SJ Central	10:00	11:45



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Transitioning back to school without overloading your child

Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

(NAPS) – We can all remember the excitement, anxiety and enhanced level of activity that take place as a new school year begins. This time of year brings increased expectations as well as new routines, new friends, a new teacher and possibly a new school.

Simultaneously, families review the type and number of activities in which they want to enroll their children. While research studies recognize the benefits of extracurricular activities, juggling these changes can be overwhelming to even the most well-adjusted child.

“It is important to consider your child’s interests and ability to adjust when plan-

ning activities,” says Janeal Roberts, Vice President of Education for Champions, a nationwide provider of before- and after-school programs. “Being aware of your child’s needs and preparing for this transition can be the key to a successful and fun school year.”

Roberts offers the following tips to help parents schedule children for success:

- Look at each child as an individual. All children are different and have different talents and varying abilities to manage their time and handle change. Be sure to take this into consideration, especially if your family has more than one child.



Juggling after-school activities can overwhelm children. A centralized after-school program can minimize the stress.

- Establish expectations and priorities with your child. Ask yourself “what is most important to me?” and “what do I want for my child?” Be sure to involve your children and consider their input in your decision. Your family’s schedule should reflect these goals. Revisit these priorities with your children regularly, engage them in discussions, celebrate successes and review challenges and lessons learned.

- Wait before you commit or overextend your child. Look for extracurricular

activities that can be added after school schedules are established. Waiting 30 days to add a new activity after the school year begins can give you and your child the time needed to settle into a routine.

- Streamline and organize activities. It’s not the additional one to two hours a week of soccer or dance that causes stress or frustration, but the added time and rush to get from place to place. Look for centralized after-school programs that provide multiple activities on-site to

reduce running from place to place.

- Establish family routines and traditions early. Make a calendar that clearly lists meal-times, bedtime, homework, chores, activities and other important family commitments that your child is expected to attend. Review and reinforce the schedule with your children to help establish routines.

- Plan for downtime, don’t wait for it. There is a lot to be gained from unstructured activities. Reserve downtime so that your child can accept an unexpected invitation, be spontaneous and appreciate the times when “there is nothing to do.”

Working together with your child to find the schedule that works for your family will ensure a comfortable balance and teach children to understand their own tolerance. Discussing these challenges will help as your children transition into middle school and their teenage years.

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Bowling- Gold Rush Style, B.F. Hastings Building, 10:00-4:30.....free

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Cut costs, not corners for back to school this year

Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

(NAPSI) - According to the National Retail Federation, parents of school-aged children estimated they spent nearly \$600 on back-to-school purchases last year. How can you cut back this year without cutting corners? Consider these tips for making smart choices:

Host a swap party

Instead of organizing a yard sale for strangers, have friends over to trade gently used items you no longer want or use. Swap parties are an inexpensive, social and eco-friendly way to stock up on clothes, shoes, books, athletic equipment and anything else your kids might need in exchange for things they've already outgrown. Invite friends with similar school-aged children and tastes, and ask them to bring items in good condition they're willing to swap in exchange for something someone else brings. Let guests know in advance if there's a particular theme, such as children's clothing, or if anything goes.

Do your homework on school supplies

Your child's teacher will likely send him or her home with a laundry list of school supplies, but before you hit the stores, do a little homework and shop around to get the best value. For example, did you know print shops sometimes have large quantities of misprinted promotional pencils? They'll often unload these for pennies and the erasers usually last longer than on bargain pencils. Consider online auction sites for higher-ticket items such as scientific calculators that high school students need. You might be surprised by how discounted these items are once the required semester of pre-calculus is over. If you have several children, keep a large plastic tub at home and stock up on supplies when you see sales at drugstores, closeout shops and thrift stores. After all, you'll need pens, paper and folders again.

Invest in technology

Think all "must-have" PCs and printers also come with a side of sticker shock? Think again. Some of this year's products are designed to work together seamlessly so compatibility isn't an issue. For example, products from HP include the latest software so your kids can stay ahead of the curve and are backed by industry-leading service and support. The latest lineup features a shiny, piano-black finish that makes them a stylish fit for any home or dorm room--with PC/printer pairings available at about half the price of some notebooks. The 16-inch HP Pavilion dv6 (starts at \$649) and the wireless HP Photosmart C4780 All-in-One (\$129) offer style, performance and value to meet the entire family's computing and printing needs.

Carpool to and from school

Though carpooling is not a new concept, it's one of the easiest ways to save money, fossil fuels and time. Instead of lining up behind your neighbor in the school drop-off zone or alongside all the other parents after soccer practice, organize a friendly car pool and take turns transporting the kids. Organizations such as Divide the Ride (www.dividetheride.com) can help you coordinate



Savvy parents have learned to save on supplies when sending their offspring off to school.

car pools with others you know and trust. That way, the kids get where they need to go, helping you "go green" and save some green along the way.

Plan ahead when packing lunches

To help keep lunchtime budgets and unhealthy habits at a minimum, buy commonly eaten and long-lasting items such as apples, carrots, pretzels and juice boxes at club stores to keep costs low. Use coupons and stock up on family favorites such as chicken when it's

on sale, freezing some if necessary. Tonight's baked chicken could be chicken wraps tomorrow. Throw in a piece of fruit, a granola bar and a thermos of milk and you can keep your

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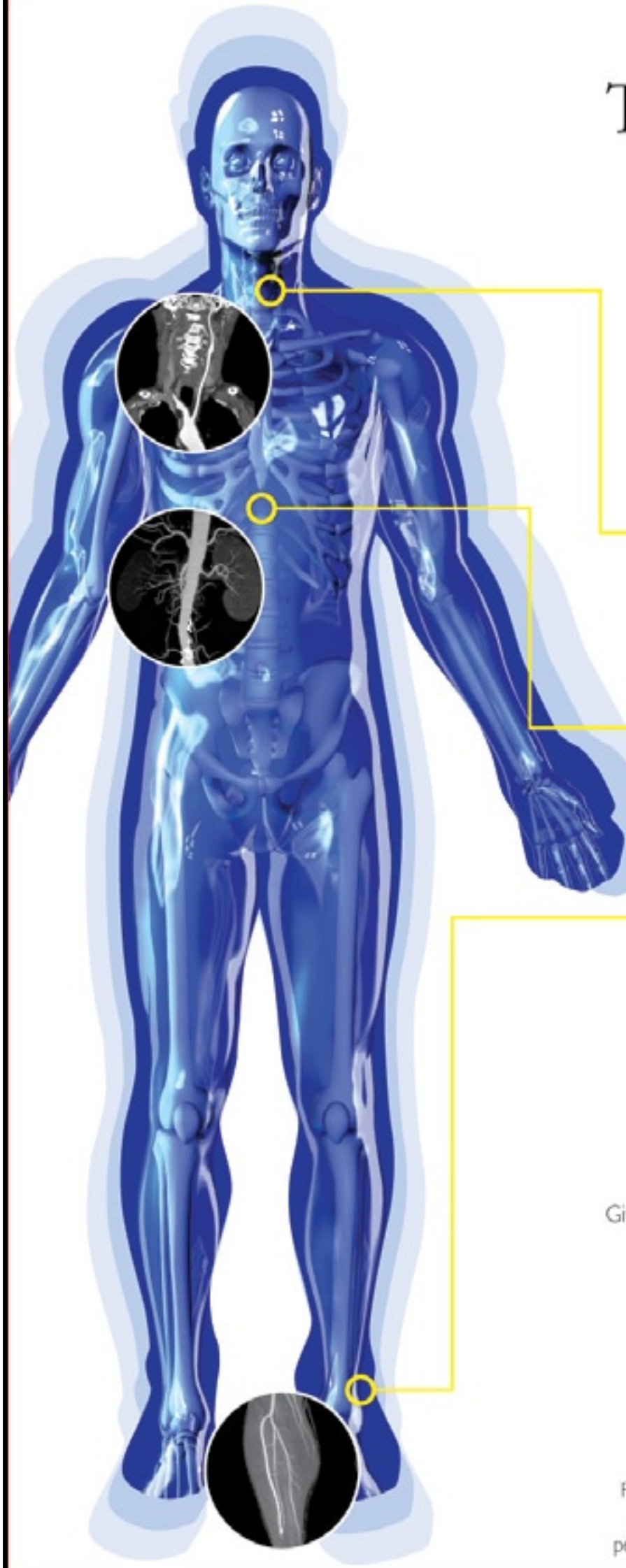
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Needed: Superintendent

By **ELIZABETH VALENTE**
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Susan Miller, who has held the superintendent's position on an interim basis since former Superintendent M. Magdalena Carrillo Mejia left a year ago, has extended her July 1 resignation until the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Trustees officially announces a new superintendent has been hired.

As of July 13, SCUSD administrators said, "a candidate has not been named, yet, or a confirmed offered."

As of press time July 21, no candidate had taken the position. Of the potential candidates rumored for the position is Jonathan Raymond, currently the chief accountability officer for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina. News reports point to Raymond as being favored for the role.

"Right now there is no firm timeline but we hope to have someone in the office before the start of school on Sept. 8," said Maria L. Lopez, spokeswoman for the school district.

Since May, Ray and Associates, Inc., the firm hired by the trustees to identify superintendent candidates, have reviewed nearly 50 possible replacements for Miller. From the trustees' request, the firm fielded applicants that have a background in business and finance and an "individual with visionary leadership and

strong administrative skills to lead a district of 48,000 students."

"Several board members agree with me that the candidate needs to know how to put together business plans, who understands 21st century leadership, the business sector, strategic planning, marketing, and working well with governmental agencies," explained Roy Grimes, president of the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Trustees and the Pocket area representative on the board.

A lot of the requirements for the new superintendent position came from public comment. It was the trustees' decision to have an open search. According to Grimes, the process has not led with an approval from everyone in the community, but he added there are a lot of checks and balances in the process.

Like many school districts across the state, the new superintendent will face budget issues, possibly more school closures, layoffs, and achievement gap between minority students.

"We do have a gap in ethnic diversity in our school district, it obviously does not match up," said Grimes. "Community of interest want to see diversity reflected in leadership of the district and that is something the board and the new superintendent will have to look at and deal with."

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(NAPSI) - **1. Save for your down payment.**

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gage Insurance (PMI). PMI is an additional cost built into your mortgage that protects the mortgage lender in the event of a default. There are a variety of programs that can assist first-time homebuyers or low- to moderate-income families. Check with the Federal Housing Administration or the state's housing authorities for more information.

2. Shop for a mortgage before you shop for a home.

Most real estate professionals recommend that you obtain a credit pre-approval before you begin looking for a home. Getting preapproved generally means you receive a loan commitment from your mortgage company before you have found a home, based on a review of your credit and finances. Credit requirements are more stringent than they've been in years past, so you should review your credit report, find out what your credit score is and immediately contact the credit reporting bureaus to correct any errors.

3. Become familiar with all mortgage-related terms.

The SmartEdge Website also offers a real estate and home-financing glossary, which defines important home-buying terms such as Annual Percentage Rate (APR) and escrow. Knowing certain terminology can help you better understand and converse with a real estate agent or a loan officer.

4. Ask for a comparative market analysis (CMA) be-



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fore you make a purchase offer.

The best way to avoid offering too much for a home is to ask for a written CMA, which your real estate professional should be able to provide. This will show recent sales prices of comparable neighborhood homes and the asking price of nearby homes. The CMA can be shown to the seller when you make your offer. This may justify your purchase offer and show the seller why your offer is reasonable.

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Peek into the past

Tradition of historic Corti Bros. grocery store continues

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After 62 years of service in the community, one of East Sacramento's most popular grocers, Corti Bros., is going strong.

But it was not that long ago that the store was faced with a major dilemma when its building lease ran dry and the store was not offered a new lease.

But due to the community's love for this popular, historic Italian grocery store, many people in the city rallied to save the store at this location.

These efforts proved to be effective and Corti Bros. is moving forward with its mission to provide a unique shopping experience in East Sacramento.

Rick Mindermann, the store's director, said that he is quite aware that it was the community who saved Corti Bros. at its current location.

"Basically, (the new lease) is a testament to the loyalty of our customers," said Mindermann, who has worked at Corti Bros. for the past 30 years. "And in my opinion, it is a testament to the intelligence of these customers who realize Corti Bros. is a special, unique business."

Tradition alive at Corti's

To a casual observer, who knows little to nothing about the history and offerings of this grocery store, which sits at the southwest corner of Folsom Boulevard and 59th Street, the

happenings associated with this business would almost undoubtedly come as a surprise.

First time visitors of the store are often amazed to see Corti Bros.' vast selection of unique food and beverage items.

Mindermann is quick to credit Darrell Corti, who co-owns the store with his brother-in-law Allan Darrah.

"We're just very fortunate to have the passion and the mind of Darrell Corti, because he gives us the edge to maintain ourselves in this very unique niche food and wine business," said Mindermann, who also serves as Corti's personal assistant.

Corti, who speaks about a half-dozen languages, travels the world in search of notable products he can share with his customers.

Growing up working for the store's original owners, Corti's father Frank and his uncle Gino, Darrell Corti has had a long career in the specialty grocery business.

This experience included owning his former Freeport Boulevard, Arden Fair Mall, Arden Way/Fair Oaks Boulevard and Citrus Heights locations.

The man behind the name

Along with his passion for continuously improving his East Sacramento store's offerings, Corti, 67, has also gained much national and international fame.

Speaking of Corti, who was a recipient of the Who's Who in Cook-

ing in America award in 1989 and was inducted into the Vintners Hall of Fame last year, Mindermann said, "The knowledge and passion for food and wine that he maintains is spread throughout the business that is Corti Bros."

Mindermann, who is a 30-year Corti Bros. employee and is part of a management team averaging about 25 years working at the store per person, added that Corti Bros. continuously fills orders from customers throughout the United States.

"Darrell writes this newsletter that he has been writing for close to 40 years and it goes out to close to 5,000 people all over the country," Mindermann said. "We have a toll-free number and through our Web site, we sell products literally to almost every state in the country. We probably have regular customers in almost every state. Aside from our brick and mortar here (in East Sacramento), Corti Bros. has seeds and roots all over the country with customers. And many of them have not even met us."

Mindermann added that Corti is very well respected throughout the world for his knowledge of food and wine.

What's so special?

On a local level, Corti Bros. has customers who regularly travel to the store from within a 100-mile radius from such places as Reno, San Francisco, Jackson, Sutter Creek, Stockton, Marysville, Colusa, Galt and Davis.

One such customer, Elk Grove resident John Pan, said that Corti Bros.' unique food selection is worth his routine 24-mile drives to and from the store.

"The main reason that I come here is this is the only place you can buy Saags German franks," Pan said. "At \$8 a pound, that's more than steak, but to me it's worth it. And would you believe, I even come down here for Pepperidge Farms cookies. They carry a coconut cookie that you can't find in regular grocery stores."

When asked to provide details regarding Corti Bros.' unique food and wine selections, Mindermann first focused on the store's wines.

"Because of Darrell's reputation – locally, regionally, nationally, internationally – we are a proving ground or a major bench-



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong

Corti Bros. generally carries wines from at least 20 to 25 countries and eight U.S. states.

mark (for wines)," Mindermann said. "People want us to taste their wines and they want to have us acknowledge their wine. They certainly want to know what we think, so every week sales reps, brokers and wineries from all over send us wine to sample. We sample an average of 100-plus bottles of wine every three to four weeks. Every bottle of wine that's on our shelves has been tasted by (a Corti Bros. wine expert or another expert in the industry)."

With this notoriety and experience in wine tasting and Corti's many travels, Corti Bros. offers some of the better, good valued wines from throughout the world.

Overall, looking at the shelves at Corti Bros., one can generally find wines from at least 20 to 25 countries and eight U.S. states.

Corti Bros. is also dedicated to providing basic necessities for quality cooking and offering common and unique foods and ingredients.

As a new recipe begins to gain popularity, Mindermann said that many customers call Corti Bros. first, because "They know that (Corti Bros.) will either have it or they'll know where they can get it."

Continuing, Mindermann said that a couple of the store's most popular items are a Vignalta herbed sea salt – a sea salt from Venice that is used to cure fresh herbs from the Vignalta Wine Estate – and (Spanish and Portuguese) tuna, one from the Bay of Biscay and one from the Azores Islands.

When it comes to Corti Bros. meats, no one knows better than Mike Carroll, the store's meat manager.

Carroll, who like Mindermann has been a Corti Bros. employee since 1978, said that the meat department places exceptional attention on customer service.

"It's not just about getting a customer the cut of meat that they want, but it's also about helping them know how to cook it," Carroll said. "A lot of people want a roast, but they're intimidated what to do with it, especially the younger people."

In regard to the store's meat selection, Carroll said that the meat department specializes in prime beef and also carries choice beef.

"Better grocery stores carry choice beef, while the others carry select (beef), so we're two notches ahead of most stores," Carroll said.

The meat department also table grinds its own hamburger meat and carries milk-fed veal, California fresh lamb, Berkshire pork, air-chilled and organic chicken and daily-delivered fresh fish.

And of course, as an Italian grocer, Corti Bros. offers a variety of pastas and pasta sauces, including its popular, homemade raviolis and meat sauce, which Corti Bros. has been preparing for its customers since the earliest years of the store when it was located at 8th and I streets and 32nd Street and Folsom Boulevard.

To the future

As the tradition of Corti Bros. continues, the store retains its old customers while attracting new customers, thus maintaining the living legacy of this longtime popular regional business.

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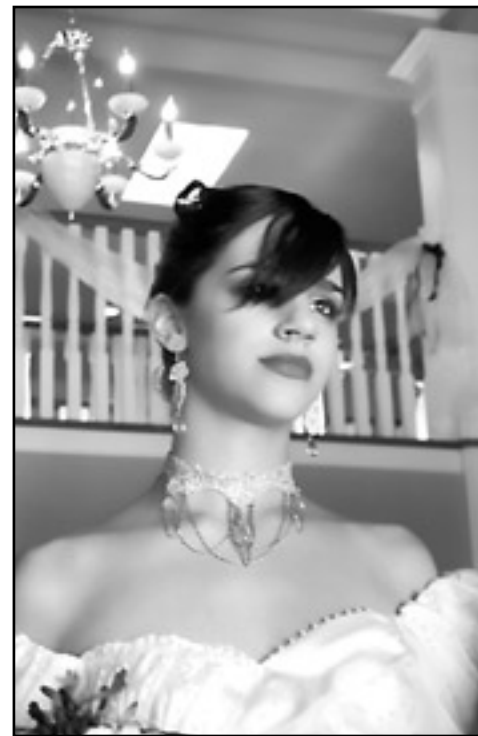
Faces and places I do, all over again

Late last month, Aegis Living of Carmichael held a vintage bridal fashion show and hosted couples seeking to renew their marital vows. The event provided an interesting dichotomy, as dress styles changed quite often, but decades of commitment remain solid.

Photos by Kati Garner



Clarence and Madeline Rich share a laugh while they renewed their wedding vows. Residents of Aegis Living in Carmichael, they decided to tie the knot again during the Aegis-sponsored Vintage Bridal Show. Clarence, 88 and Madeline, 87 have two daughters, three granddaughters and one great granddaughter. No honeymoon is planned. They have been married 68 years.



A model shows off one of the vintage bridal gowns during a bridal fashion show at Aegis Living in Carmichael.



Models in the Vintage Bridal Show stroll past the audience at Aegis Living.



A model shows off one of the vintage bridal gowns during a bridal fashion show at Aegis Living in Carmichael.

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JULY

Small works, miniatures exhibition

Small Works, miniatures and maquettes features a broad array of small works, from turn of the century female sculptor Camille Claudel, shown currently in the Louvre, to young college students Christopher Dubois and Wesley Wright. This free exhibition, which runs from July 8 through August 23, attempts to display the diversity of miniatures as a whole, and will include a number of well-known national and international phenomena. A juried collection, Small Works provides emerging artists the opportunity to showcase their work among established greats. Visit the show at John Natsoulas Gallery, 521 First St., in Davis. The gallery opens at 11 a.m. For more information, call (530) 756-3938.

Music Camp

Northminster Presbyterian Church is offering a week-long music camp for 2nd - 12th graders from July 6 to 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3235 Pope Ave. Children will have the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments including guitar, percussion, song flute, and chimes, do drumming, work with props and set decorations as well as partic-

ipate in singing and movement. They will also be putting a musical together. The musical, Fruit for Thought, will be performed on Sunday, July 12, during the worship service (9:55 a.m.) Children are asked to bring their lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The cost is \$25. For more information, call 487-5192 or visit Northminsteronline.org.

Summer Concert Series

Parkside Community Church, 5700 S. Land Park Dr., will host area musicians to present Seven Summer Sundays + One Concert Series. The series funds the work and mission of Parkside Community Church. Suggested donations for each concert are: \$10 per person; \$30 per family; and a "Season Special" of \$65 per person for all eight concerts. Tickets may be purchased at the church office between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the door, or by phone at 421-0492. The concerts are the Sequential Sundays at 7 p.m. from July 12 to August 30. For more info, call 391-3317.

JULY 22

Lower House Payment

Attend this free seminar to get answers on short sales vs. loan modifications. The meeting is 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on 4305 Freeport Blvd. RSVP Deb Luna or Anthony Carrillo at www.cookrealty.net or 834-6266.

Accordion Club meeting

The Golden State Accordion Club welcomes the public to our meeting on Wednesday. Warm-up music by one of our featured players, David Lee, starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. You can bring dinner or snacks. No host bar. Admission is \$4.

JULY 23

Senior Legal Hotline Workshop

Reverse Mortgages. Are they as good as the brokers offering them make them sound? How do they work? How can you determine if one may work for you? 1 p.m. Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Free. 808-5462.

JULY 23

Special informative seminar

Take in information at "Fibromyalgia: Truth, Hope and Results" on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Tony Baratta, who has successfully treated hundreds of patients with Fibromyalgia, will present this class. The class is free. RSVP at 979-0716 or e-mail tony-baratta@sbcglobal.net.

JULY 24

Movie night at Arden Hills

With summer in full swing, Friday night is "Movie Night" at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa on July 24. Your family will love watching the kid-favorite animated movie "Toy Story" outdoors under the stars at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa, 1220 Arden Hills Lane, Sacramento, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more, call 916-482-6111 or visit www.ardenhills.net.

JULY 24-25

Retirement planning fair

A free retirement planning fair for members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) will be held Friday and Saturday, July 24-25 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento. The fair will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Contact: (916) 795-3990.

JULY 25

Lunch give-away

KSL Inc. Sack lunch Give-A-Way starting at 11 a.m. The event will provide a nutritious sack lunch to the kids in the Mead-

owview area on this day. KSL Inc. will visit the various park within the area as well as Coral Gable Apts., Nedrea Ct., Jarden Villa Apts., and Whispering Pines Apts.

Carmichael Concerts

Held at the Carmichael Park Danny Bishop Memorial Pavilion, 5750 Grant Ave., in Carmichael, see Mick Martin and the Blues Rockers, Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Aegis Living of Carmichael and Point West Insurance Associates. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for this free community event. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy the evening watching these concerts under the trees.

Gourmet Cooking With Chef

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Desserts don't have to make you feel guilty if you choose your ingredients and recipes carefully. Participate in a special gourmet cooking class about how to make Cherry Cream Cookies that are delicious and healthy, too at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa, 1220 Arden Hills Lane, Sacramento, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more, call 916-482-6111 or visit www.ardenhills.net.

Taiko Dan Concert

Sacramento Taiko Dan is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a concert at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre on July 25, 7:00 p.m. Sacramento Community Center Theater, 13th and L streets, in Sacramento. All seats \$20. Tickets on sale now at Tickets.com, the Community Center Box Office, Oto's Marketplace, The Yorozu, Osaka-Ya. For more information, please call 916-444-5667, email booking@sactaiko.org, or visit www.sactaiko.org.

JULY 27

Laugh Out Loud Yoga

Guided by Certified Laughter Yoga Leader Judy Knott, free classes meet once or twice a month in the Land Park and Elk Grove areas at 9:00 a.m. for just under an hour.

This class will be held at Belle Cooledge Library. Laughter Yoga was created by a medical doctor in India and has spread to over 60 countries. For more information, call 539-1716.

JULY 29

Meal Planning 101 Class

Tired of the same old meals each week? It's time to shake it up, learn how to liven up your shopping list with new foods, healthy ingredients and swap favorite recipes, too! Don't miss a special "Meal Planning 101" wellness class at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa, 1220 Arden Hills Lane, Sacramento, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more, call 916-482-6111 or visit www.ardenhills.net.

AUGUST 1

Screen on the Green

As part of the "Screen on the Green" movie series, see "Babe, The Gallant Pig" Saturday at East Portal Park, 51st and M streets, for free.

Military widows meeting

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter No. 5, will meet on August 1, 2009, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11:30 a.m. Join us for lunch and program, "How to Avoid Being a Victim of Fraud" by Peggy Osbourn from the Attorney General's Office. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

Family film night

Join The Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) Saturday for a free family event as they present "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" in Fremont Park. Avoid the commute and enjoy barbequed hamburgers and hot dogs starting at 6pm! Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the movie. Admission is free and the movie is anticipated to start at dusk (around 8:30 p.m.). For more information about this event, visit www.cadanet.org or call 322-2114 or 384-7210.

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AUGUST 6

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AUGUST 8

Luther Burbank Class Reunion

Classmates: Attend the reunion for the Luther Burbank High School Class of 1989 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Ticket are \$75 per person. Contact information is at www.lbhsclassof89.com.

Miracle on Second Saturday

Staging a Miracle (SAM) is a First United Methodist Church program developed to offer high-quality music and arts education to the children of the City of Sacramento, regardless of their ability to pay. The program culminates in a series of performances on Second Saturday, August 8. Free or donation on Saturday, August 8th, to enter, performances at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Courtyard, 2100 J St.

Lunch give-away

KSL Inc. Sack lunch Give-A-Way starting at 11 a.m. The event will provide a nutritious sack lunch to the kids in the Meadowview area on this day. KSL Inc. will visit Country Wood Apts., California Place, and Orangewood Apts.

Book-binding workshop

Sharon Tanovitz, of Art Ellis Supply, will demonstrate how to make a piano hinge book at a free art workshop at 1----- p.m., Saturday, August 8, at Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. This free class is for adults only, and all skill levels are welcome. Book binding materials will be supplied, but participants must bring the following tools: scissors, pencil, glue PVA, glue brush, bone folder, and ruler. These tools can be purchased at art supply stores. The art program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. For details, telephone the Sacramento Public Library (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Fe Gallery Artist Reception

Metal and Wood Artist Steven Florman and Fused Glass Artist Krista Flood will join Fe Gallery Resident Artists Stephen Lyman (metal art) and Sheena Wolfe (fused glass) for a Second Saturday Reception Aug. 8 from 6-9pm. There will be an art demonstration at 7:30pm. 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 or call, (916) 456-4455. Daytime gallery hours are currently from 8:30am to 4pm Monday through Friday and Saturday 10am to

noon. The current show will run throughout August.

AUGUST 13

Computer Club meeting

Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet from 1----- to 3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. Adam Lacey, Applications, Etc., will present a potpourri of subjects: Upgrading to a new computer, Backing up your data to CD, On-line and/or hard drive, and Transferring data. A question and answer session follows the meeting. Visitors are welcome. For additional information call 366-1687, or visit our Web site at <http://missionoakscomputerclub.org>.

Greater Broadway Partnership meeting

The next meeting is August 13 at 5 p.m. at the Broadway Career Center, 915 Broadway. Please check out their new Web site, www.greaterbroadwaypartnership.com, to keep informed of news and announcements.

AUGUST 14-16

Ragtime Festival

The 11th Annual Sutter Creek Ragtime Festival will be held Friday from 4 p.m. through Sunday, August 16 at 4 p.m. There will be 31 musicians and groups playing in five different venues on Main Street, Sutter Creek. Special events include

Silent Movies, a Youth Concert, and two concerts featuring all the musicians. Early Bird special All Event Badges are on sale for \$60 before July 15, and \$70 after. Daily badges, concert tickets and Silent movies tickets are also available. Reserve your badge now through the Mother Lode Ragtime Society, 11310 Prospect Drive #10, pmb 12, Jackson, Ca. 95642. For more information call 209-223-0867, e-mail jasser09@yahoo.com, or visit www.suttercreekragtime.com.

AUGUST 15

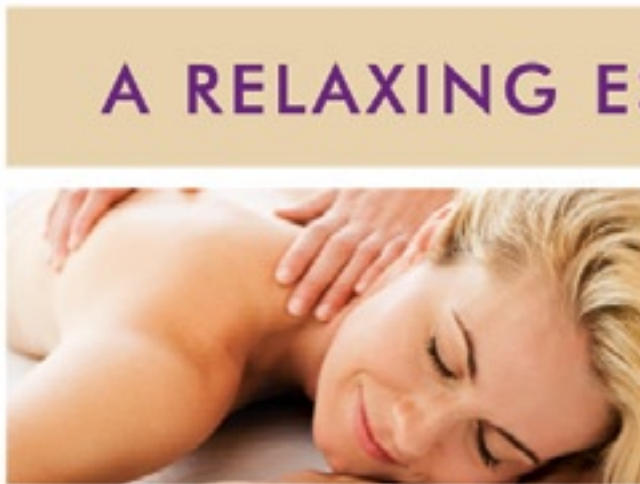
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Elmhurst Ice Cream Social

The Elmhurst Parent's Group will host an Ice Cream Social and Family Resource Fair on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Coloma Community Center. The event features free ice cream, water play, carnival games, music by Music Matt, a visit from the Sacramento Fire Department, a visit from the Sacramento Police Department, a family resource fair, and lots of fun for the whole family. Please bring a



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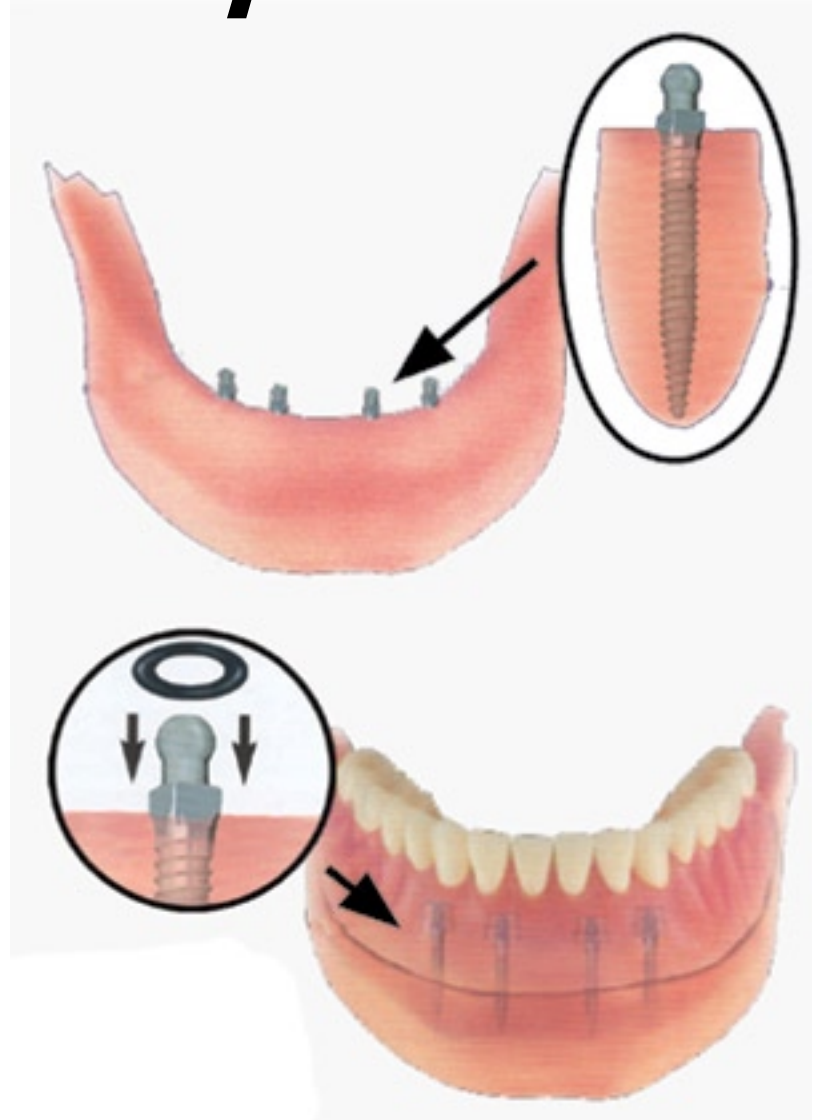


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Desirable Sierra Oaks 4 bedroom 3 full baths with great floor plan and generous room sizes. Living room has stunning travertine fireplace. Family room has wood beamed vaulted ceiling. Remote 4th bed and bath. Location, location, close to American River Parkway. See www.3321AmericanRiverDr.epropertysites.com \$739,000

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ARDEN OAKS AREA

Prestigious Arden Oaks Neighborhood at an affordable price! Wonderful 4 bedroom family home with a very open and spacious floor plan. Remodeled and updated and shows like a dream! Large backyard is perfect for entertaining or just letting the children and pets run and play. See www.4221WindingCreek.com \$549,000

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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 \$849,000

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SIERRA OAKS

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CUSTOM LOT

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