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Arden Arcade cityhood bid alive – for now

# Incorporation committee meets important deadline with LAFCo

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The hopeful area of Arden Arcade narrowly avoided what could have been a deadly blow to its attempt at cityhood with a last minute fundraising campaign to raise the necessary money for a fiscal analysis report.

The Sacramento County Local Agency Formation Commission (called LAFCo), the government entity that determines whether a community's application for cityhood is feasible, needed a payment of \$20,400 on Oct. 1 in order to carry out its reports on the viability of Arden Arcade as a city. The Arden Arcade Incorporation Committee thought it had all the money it needed from donors, but a check that was promised to them by an unnamed source was pulled back by the donor.

Without what committee chair Joel Archer called "a significant amount" from the donor, a last ditch effort got underway to raise the necessary funds before the deadline.

"It went right down to the wire," Archer said of the intense last week. "We had a lot of calls and e-mails from people saying that they would help donate and they didn't stop until the very end."

Despite the hectic week that was, Archer explained that his confidence in the community never wavered.

"We were pretty confident that (the money) would come in somehow," he said. "It was hectic, but each minute became more and more encouraging as average people stepped up and made it known that they want their voices heard."

The check for \$20,400 was delivered on Oct. 1 as promised, but a large portion of that could come back to help funding down the road. Of the \$20,400 raised, just \$6,000 is for the report while \$14,400 is for contingencies.

"We're looking for a bill to show us exactly what that money is going to be used for," Archer said. If a portion of that money is not used, it will go towards a contingency payment due in February totaling \$25,000.



Arden-Carmichael File Photo/Benn Hodapp

The incorporation committee behind the Arden Arcade cityhood bid has just passed a major fundraising threshold in their efforts.

Now that the monetary hurdle has been cleared (assuming the check clears in a few days), all that remains are the findings of the reports that are set to begin in the coming months. Archer has held steady in his belief that the area will be found both economically and environmentally viable.

"I'm pretty positive," he said. "We surpass Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova in revenue by far. We are one of the greatest suppliers of revenue in the area."

As far as his reasoning for wanting Arden Arcade to become a city, Archer remains firm.

"I would say that the writing is on the wall and that people want law enforcement to stay on our streets," he said. "Adopting a local city government is our best opportunity to do that."

Concerned citizens in the Arden Arcade area are encouraged to come out to a law enforcement meeting on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at Arcade Church. The last meeting of its kind drew between 500 and 600 people according to Archer. The meeting will focus on the discussion of law enforcement in Arden Arcade and what the area can expect as far as protection within their new city (if it becomes one) and how recent new cities like Rancho Cordova have been able to work with the county sheriff in a positive manner to keep the area safe.

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deli are touted as this year's special attraction.

Vendor booths and live music will fill the synagogue yard; children may indulge in bounce houses, henna tattoos and games. As part of the event's community outreach, the Sacramento Blood Source mobile unit will welcome walk-in blood donations. Anyone may attend this 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. festival at 4746 El Camino Ave.

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# Locally produced 'Sacramento Kids Corporation' celebrates first anniversary

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For the many of us who were forced into taking public speaking classes in either high school or college (or both), we know all too well the problems many people have in front of a small group of 20 or so people. This inability of some teenagers and adults to perform in front of peers makes what the stars of Sacramento's Kids Corporation all the more impressive.

The group, which has a weekly television show that runs on public access, focuses on kids being kids as well as giving the participants real experience for their futures as actors.

Carmichael resident Mike Martin, producer of Kids Corporation, detailed how the show came to be a reality.

"I always liked working with kids," he said. "I joined a film group a couple years ago and met a mother who had a child who wanted to be in a movie. I saw that she had talent and that gave me the idea for the show."

The show, which is shown every Saturday at 10 a.m. on cable channel 17, is comprised of children aged 7-17. Since the first show a year ago, 120 children from all around California (and as far away as Florida) have taken part.

"We put an ad out for kids to audition and we got tons of responses," Martin said. "At

first we mostly just let everyone join."

At any given time, Martin explained, there are about 20 kids on regular rotation for the show.

### Substance and style

The kid-friendly show is made up of comedy skits, celebrity interviews and song and dance numbers performed by the kids. And while the show is largely for fun, a number of the kids are involved because they see themselves as future stars of stage and screen.

"A lot of them have career aspirations for this," Martin said. "Many of them are in drama, have acted in plays and played parts in movies."

One such child is seven-year-old Claire Oldham who uses the stage name Claire Elizabeth. It's easy to see that a future in the business might truly be a possibility.

Claire, who would one day enjoy being on "a comedy show or a reporting show," said that she has enjoyed her time with the group.

"It's really fun," she said. "I like acting, singing and dancing."

And let's not forget interviewing. Claire had the opportunity to interview 2008 American Idol winner David Cook when he made a stop in Sacramento. The clip of the interview as well as several others can be found on the show's Web site, [www.kidscorporation.net](http://www.kidscorporation.net).

Claire got her start in children's theater and has since

made many new friends who share her enthusiasm for acting.

Claire's mother Rachel, a co-producer of the show, talked about how she got involved with the program.

"She had gone on a music video for Kids Corporation and was asked back," Rachel said. "I really liked what (Martin) was doing. He really listens to the kids' ideas. He gives them a lot of freedom to express themselves and uses their ideas if he can."

Claire's love for the spotlight is no sudden occurrence, according to Rachel.

"Since she was two and could say full sentences she wanted to be on TV," she said.

One of the reasons that Rachel allowed Claire to do the show was because it is so very kid-friendly.

"I think that it's a fun show on the silly side, but there is always an educational aspect whether the kids know it or not," she said. "I can let (Claire) watch it and not worry about having to change the channel for something inappropriate."

In addition to the show, there is what is known as Kids Corporation Live where the children go out and perform at community events like Omnifest, an event to help keep young people away from drugs.

The show is generally performed at Access Sacramento at the Colo-



Photo courtesy Kids Corporation

Sacramento's Kids Corporation, which has a weekly television show that runs on public access, focuses on kids being kids as well as giving the participants real experience for their futures as actors.

ma Community Center in East Sacramento's Elmhurst neighborhood and the Hawkins School of Performing Arts in Folsom.

The overall message that Martin wants to convey is that there are a lot of talented kids out there and that the show gives them an outlet to showcase that talent.

"There are so many kids who want to be on TV and these kids are really talent-

ed," he said. "And kids like to watch other kids."

Archived episodes of the show can be found on Comcast OnDemand through the "Get Local" tab. From there go to "Access Sacramento."

For parents who are interested in having their child becoming a part of Kids Corporation, the group can be reached via e-mail at [info.kidscorp@gmail.com](mailto:info.kidscorp@gmail.com).

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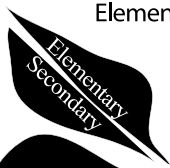
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# Local Chinese World War II veterans receive recognition, share vivid memories

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Chinese World War II veterans received a special public recognition this past weekend at the Chinatown Mall Culture Fair in downtown Sacramento. And following this recognition, they individually met one-on-one with the Arden-Carmichael News to share some of their personal wartime memories.

Their meetings with the newspaper fulfilled a two-fold purpose of preserving history, as well as drawing further attention to these men who gave the ultimate sacrifice of serving their country during this war.

Freeman Lee, event coordinator and commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Chung Mei Post #8358 in which local Chinese World War II veterans are members, led the event's recognition ceremony.

Standing before a large crowd in the Chinatown Mall plaza, Lee introduced the Chinese-American World War II veterans in attendance.

And speaking about Chinese-American World War II veterans, in general, Lee said, "On behalf of the Chung Mei Post, I want to honor the Chinese-American World War II veterans who fought and died for the freedom and liberties of all Americans."

Lee continued his speech, noting the many efforts of both local and nationwide Chinese-Americans, who

were drafted and volunteered for the war.

"A Sacramento newspaper reported during the war that three Yee families in Sacramento sent 12 sons to fight in World War II," Lee said. "In total, 13,499 Chinese-Americans fought in the war for the United States. They fought in Europe, Asia and Africa. They saw action in the invasion of Normandy, Battle of the Bulge, invasion of Okinawa, the Philippines, India and China. Chinese-American soldiers also helped build Gen. (Joseph) Stilwell's highway in Burma – also known as the Burma Road – and they flew with Gen. Claire Lee Chenault's Flying Tiger."

Lee explained that it was not uncommon for a large percentage of Chinese-Americans to participate in military activities during the war, considering that by U.S. law men with no dependants were the first to be drafted and that the Chinese Exclusion Act had created a bachelor's society of single Chinese men in America. Furthermore, many other Chinese-Americans volunteered for service during World War II.

Various local officials, including Mayor Kevin Johnson, District 4 Councilmember Rob Fong and District 2 County Supervisor Jimmie Yee, also participated in the event.

## Meeting men of history

In a brief, exclusive interview with the Arden-Carmi-



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
Land Park resident Joe Wayne Fong was one of several Chinese World War II veterans honored at the Chinatown Culture Fair last Sunday.



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
In addition to his World War II military background, Greenhaven area resident Ping Leong is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Chung Mei Post #8358 Honor Guard.

chael News, Johnson said that he appreciates the local Chinese-American community's efforts to pay tribute to Chinese-American veterans and veterans, in general.

"We as a country have not done as good of a job as we should of valuing, appreciating and supporting those who have fought and given their lives for the freedom that we all enjoy," Johnson said. "I am fully committed that we, as a city, do our part to lobby to make sure that all of our veterans get the respect, recognition and support that they deserve."

Lee said that World War II veterans continue to lose their lives at a rate of 2,000 per day and that because of this statistic, the need to preserve their memories of the war is becoming increasingly important.

Through the efforts of Lee and Steve Yee, who also assisted in coordinating the event, interview appointments were arranged, which resulted in the following information that was gathered through exclusive interviews with the following veterans:

## Milo Chun

The eldest of this veteran group at 91 years old, Chun, a 1939 graduate of McClellan High School, went to Camp Roberts for Army basic training in 1942 before

going to Fort Lewis in the state of Washington, where he joined the 3rd Infantry Division. Later, he was transferred to San Francisco's 30th Infantry Regiment, which eventually led him to Rome, Italy. His involvement also brought him to southern France to the Division of Artillery headquarters, Morocco and Austria.

While in combat in Morocco, Chun lost one of his close friends, who died in a battle.

In a separate battle, Chun, who later worked for about 26 years as an aircraft technician at McClellan Air Force Base, was hit by shrapnel from artillery shell and received a Purple Heart.

## Ping Leong

A Greenhaven area resident, Leong, 87, who was born in Phoenix, Ariz. to his Chinese-born parents, Quong and Chin Leong, said that he was drafted into the Army in December 1941, yet he was already serving as a volunteer in the Navy.

Opting to stay in the Navy, Leong studied aviation mechanics in aviation school in Oklahoma and was later sent to the New Hebrides islands, where ammunition and bombs were stored.

Leong, who was the lone person of Asian descent in his group, said that he was very

fortunate to survive a nighttime air attack by the Japanese in New Hebrides.

"The Japanese generally came at nighttime to survey the island," Leong said. "They couldn't see much at night, but there was enough light that they could drop bombs there every now and then. One time a bomb came so close to the ammunition storage that it could've blown the whole island apart with all the inhabitants there, so I was lucky to come back."

Like Chun, Leong also made a career working at McClellan, as he spent about 25 years there as an aircraft mechanic.

## Lawrence Chew

A native of Courtland and a former student at Galt High School, Chew, 84, is the grandson of Ah Chew, who came to the Sacramento Valley in about the 1850s.

Lawrence recalled his early transition from his former life to his wartime life.

"I got on a ship in the New York Harbor somewhere, passing by the Statue of Liberty and I looked up there and thought, 'What a sight,'" Lawrence said. "Here I was a farm boy who never left the farm and hardly went to a movie and here I was just looking at

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# World War II: 'I am happy and proud that I was able to serve'

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(the statue). It was beautiful. It was a sight to see."

Trained to use an M1 rifle during his basic training in Little Rock, Ark., Lawrence, who was the only Chinese-American in his company, described what it was like to enter the battlefields at the age of 19 in 1944.

"I was the only Chinese in the company and I was the shortest one, too, but I kept up with the big guys," Lawrence said. "I was fighting in combat, mostly in Germany, and it was a scary thing. At times I was so scared that I was shaking all over and I just couldn't move."

Reflecting upon his war service, Chew said, "I am happy and proud that I was able to serve (the United States), but as far as (receiving personal) recognition, I don't know. It's just something that had to be done in those days."

## Kern Chew

Like his brother Lawrence, Kern, 87, also joined the military during World War II.

Drafted in 1944, Kern completed 17 weeks of training at Camp Roberts and later became an infantry replacement for the 96th Division.

After completing aircraft landing training, Kern participated in the Battle of Okinawa.

Describing this battle, Kern said, "On April 1, 1945, we went in and there was not much opposition. We were lucky. The Marines, they got some, but we didn't have too much."

Kern added that his battalion was later involved in a noteworthy conflict.

"About 800 (Japanese) came in and our battalion took them all, but we lost a lot of people that night," Kern said.

With only six soldiers remaining out of his platoon of 40, Kern was involved in another combat on April 27, 1945, in which he was injured.

"I got shrapnel in my lung, shrapnel in my shoulder and I had some go into my neck and cut my vocal chord," Kern said. "I talk real low now, but my voice came back to me, so I was lucky."

After returning from the war, Kern, who now resides in the South Land Park area, eventually established a farming business, which he ran for 32 years in Sacramento, Yolo and Solano counties with his oldest brother, Chester.

## David Yee

A former member of the Army Air Forces, Yee, 88, was drafted into the service in November 1942 after graduating from Sacramento High School.

After spending about a year at McClellan, Yee reported to a recruiting center in San Francisco.

Trained to work with B-24 bombers, Yee, who currently lives in the Land Park area, joined the 455th Bombardment Group of the 15th Air Force.

Yee said that during his time with this group, he was shot down over Austria and became a Prisoner of War.

"We were shot down in German-controlled Austria and I was about the next to last person to parachute out of the plane," Yee said. "I was picked up by an old man with a rifle and I was escorted into town and was kept for two weeks in solitary confinement in a dark room. Overall, I was kept for approximately 11 or 12 months. I was finally able to break camp when all the guards disappeared."

Yee said that he believes that the German prison guards were killed during the night by Russian soldiers, who had arrived from the Eastern Front.

Thinking back on his years in the war, Yee said that he feels honored to have served his country.

"Something like (serving in World War II) doesn't come around every day," Yee said. "When Uncle Sam calls you to do something like that and you fulfill what he asks you to do, it's definitely a really big honor."

## Joe Wayne Fong

A Land Park area resident, Fong, 85, was drafted into the Army in August 1944.

After reporting to the preliminary induction office at the Japanese church at 4th and O streets, Fong was sent

to San Francisco and then to the Presidio in Monterey.

Traveling by train across the same tracks that were built by his Chinese ancestors, Fong arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., where he received his Army training.

Fong said that before leaving the United States, he had a strong feeling that he may not survive the war.

"I had a feeling that I may not come back, but that didn't bother me much, because as a soldier I wanted to help the country," Fong said.

A member of the 3rd Army, 90th Infantry, 773 Tank Destroyer Battalion Recon Co. under General George Patton, Fong was involved in several battles along the Rhine River.

Fong, who was a member of one of the first troops to go to Czechoslovakia in April 1945, said that he is



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
Sacramento residents Kern Chew (left) and his brother Lawrence Chew served the United States military during World War II.

proud to have served in the war.

"I feel that I have done something for the country and the people of the battalion and we all came out equally in one piece," Fong said. "I think we were sleeping with the angels."

## Fighting men

With the assistance of Chun, Leong, the Chew brothers, Yee, Fong and other Chinese-Americans during World War II, America's freedoms were preserved and the United States continues to prosper from their efforts.

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A peek into the past

# Rio Americano High: Creating memories since 1963

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Much was happening in the world in 1963, as The Beatles released their first album, the first James Bond film hit the big screen, Martin Luther King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, the Vietnam War was in full swing and right here in the Arden-Carmichael area, Rio Americano High School opened.

In a way, the opening of Rio Americano has two entries in the events of 1963, considering that the school first held its classes with 375 freshman students attending classes on a split schedule on the campus of Jonas Salk School – now Jonas Salk High-Tech Academy – at 2950 Hurley Way.

Rio Americano, which is often unofficially referred to by its students, staff and others closely familiar with the school as "Rio," transferred its students to its present campus at 4540 American River Drive on Monday, Nov. 18, 1963.

## Starting school

The first issue of the school's newspaper, which was temporarily known as The Rio Current (now The Mirada) and led by its editor Mardi Crow, reported

on the opening of the school, which was a continuous work in progress.

The 6-page publication, which was printed on 8 1/2-inch-by-13-inch paper and dated Dec. 6, 1963, included the following words:

"Excitement and confusion reigned supreme as Rio Americano's first day of classes on its campus got off to an official start. The hustle and bustle of hurrying engineers and construction workers added to the panic of a few lost students who couldn't find their way."

The report also stated that occupied rooms still needed finishing touches and that as the school grew, additional buildings would be added.

With any new high school, the immediate establishment of traditions is an essential priority and in understanding this point, student-created declarations and pledges were established during the school's first year of operation.

Included in these declarations and pledges, which were dated Feb. 2, 1964, were the following words: "The purpose of our school is to help us attain maximum intellectual growth and to help us become effective self-disciplined members of our democracy."



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
Brian T. Ginter, a former high school principal in Pennsylvania, is serving in his first year as Rio Americano High School's principal.

## Scholastic, athletic achievements

The 1965 Tesoro, Rio's second yearbook and the oldest yearbook on file in the school's archives, demonstrates early evidence of Rio's efforts to establish traditions through such things as the creation of its Raider mascot, green and gold school colors, clubs such as the band, pep, drama, literary and philoso-

phy clubs, rallies, dances, song and yell leaders, and spirit and rooster awards.

The 1965 yearbook also includes photographs and information about the school's 14 sports teams.

Rio's first football team, a freshman squad, finished with a 5-win, 2-loss

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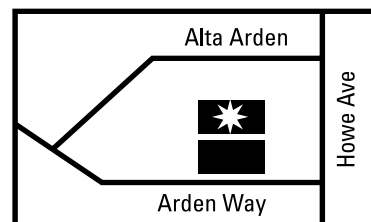
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# Rio Americano: 'Rio has definitely been known for its quality instruction'

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season, despite its heartbreaking, inaugural game loss in the final 50 seconds to Bella Vista High by a score of 12-7. The school's first win came a week later with a 27-7 rout of San Juan High.

Despite the success of various Rio football teams during the school's first 43 years, these teams lacked a very important element – a true home field.

But that all changed in 2006, when Rio's first stadium was opened just in time for its Oct. 7 homecoming game – a 30-8 victory against River City High. Prior to this time, all Rio home games were played at El Camino High.

Commenting on the new stadium for the 2007 Tesoro, then-Rio junior Annie Blythe said, "We finally have something to call our own and it has reflected on our school spirit."

Bob Burns, a 1975 Rio graduate, said that the school's lack of a football stadium was certainly not the school's only differences during its early years.

One of these differences, Bob noted, is that the school's landscape was much less developed during its earlier years.

"It was pretty wide open back then," said Burns, who was a member of Rio's track and golf teams. "I wouldn't have called it a pretty school, but now it's quite nice, but it took awhile."

## Creating the campus

Although very early school reports indicate that landscaping at Rio was considered a high priority, an article in The Sacramento Bee referred to the school's grounds as having been "a dust bowl in dry months and mud flats in the winter" as late as the 1990s.

Fortunately for the school, its grounds have received much needed attention during more recent years with a campus beautification program headed by a parent/student/staff landscaping committee in conjunction with the San Juan Unified School District.

This program included the addition of new concrete in the campus' two courtyards, the placement of trees at the center of the courtyard, the creation of larger sidewalks in the quad area, several concrete and stone benches surrounding trees, patio-style outdoor tables, elevated grounds, an automated sprinkler throughout the campus and a new outdoor stage.

Aaron Corona, Rio's custodial plant supervisor, who coordinates the campus' landscaping and maintenance, said that he oversaw all of these improvements during the past decade.

Corona recently recalled the vast improvements made to Rio's grounds. "In the dry months, there was no grass, which created a lot of dust, and

during the rainy season, we used to call an area in front of the cafeteria where it flooded, Lake Rio," Corona said. "Also, there was no outdoor seating for the kids to utilize the campus during lunchtime or class time. I worked with and continue to work with some wonderful people with a lot of great ideas and visions, which has resulted in a better looking campus and an improved learning environment for the students."

Burns said that another difference between past and present years at Rio is that the school formerly had an open campus.

"We used to go in all directions during lunchtime," Burns said. "Those who had cars would go to places like McDonald's, we would go to friends' houses and I didn't live far, so a lot of times I would walk home to my house off Ashton Drive."

Burns added that students were not the only people to leave the campus during lunchtime, noting that one of the school's first teachers, George Linde, would leave campus each mid-day to go to The Ram restaurant at Watt Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard.

Betty Miller, who taught drama, French and Readers Theater at Rio from 1969 to 2007, said that the school has a long history of quality staff, students and parent support.

"Rio has definitely been known for its quality instruction and staff who have gone above and beyond to have exceptional programs for the students," Miller said. "And the parents have always been very involved with Rio and have done outstanding work raising funds in support of the school."

## Special staff

When asked to name some of the notable teachers at Rio throughout the years, Miller said "There are many, but here are just a few who come to mind: Chuck Gebhardt, who started Rio's radio station and television program, Alan Haynes, who started the school's photography program, June Gatewood, who taught English and served as the department's chair for 39 years, and a famous couple, Dick and Linda Hansen, who were such great math teachers and met and married while teaching at Rio."

Another former teacher's name, which has been memorialized through the names of the school's gymnasium and an annual basketball tournament, is Jack Scott (1926-1975).

Considered a great role model for youth, Scott was the school's first football, baseball and basketball coach and he also served as the school's athletic director.



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This early 1960s artist's rendition shows a plan for Rio Americano High School, which is slightly different from the construction that was later completed.

Also notable among the school's history is its principals, which included the school's first principal Joseph Brewer, who served in this position for 11 years.

Lloyd Snelson succeeded Brewer and served in this position from 1975 until 1980.

More recently, Rob Hollingsworth, who is well noted for his assistance with the school's beautification program, served as principal from 2000 until earlier this year.

The school's current principal is Brian T. Ginter, who formerly served as principal at Warwick High School in Lititz, Penn., a city that has a strong connection to Sacramento as a former residence and the final resting place of John Sutter, Sr.

Ginter said that his decision to serve as Rio's principal was simple due to the school's many quality features.

"The job was attractive to me because of the school's strong parental involvement, the great reputation of its teachers and its stellar national recognition," Ginter said.

## Recent developments

During the early 1980s, Rio survived a potential closure as a list of five endangered high schools was narrowed down to Rio Americano and La Sierra high schools.

The purpose of closing a local high school was to assist the financially struggling district, which included 10 high schools, by saving it \$600,000 per year.

Fortunately for Rio, it was La Sierra, which received the bad news that it would be closed at the end of the 1982-83 school year.

In 2000, Rio was not as fortunate, as it experienced a devastating fire that destroyed the C/D section of the school, which included its theater and counseling offices.

During its 46-year history, some notable students have attended Rio, including model Barbara Klein (1968), who is best known as Barbi Benton, the former Playboy Playmate who was a longtime girlfriend of Hugh Hefner, Debbie Meyer (1970), a 3-time Olympic gold medalist in swimming, former Congressman Doug Ose (1973), Trevor Matich (1979), a 12-year National Football League lineman, actress Jane Sibbett (1980), who had a recurring part on television's sitcom, "Friends," Mike Flanagan (1991), former NFL center, Sasha Victorine (1996), a Major League Soccer midfielder, John Bowker (2001), a first baseman for the San Francisco Giants, and James Williams (2003), who participated in last year's Summer Olympics as a member of the U.S. fencing team.

In addition to its notable individuals, Rio has also gained attention for its overall academic achievements, many sports championships and its nationally-recognized music department.

Among Rio's many successful graduates is the school's current social science teacher and student government advisor Christy Thomas of the Class of 1994.

As someone who has seen both sides of the spectrum from both a student and teacher perspective, Thomas said that she appreciates the school's many traditions and its commitment to providing quality education.

"Rio is a great school for this community and although it is certainly not one of the city's oldest high schools, it nonetheless has a rich history of traditions and academic excellence that will continue to be strong into the future," she said.



A special commentary

# Community of Carmichael marks centennial in style

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Carmichael's centennial celebration took place on Sept. 26 and it was quite the event. It took me 20 minutes of circling the expanse of parking within Carmichael Park to find even a single parking spot, and even then, I had to ask a nearby worker if it was all right to park there. His unknowing shrug was good enough for me.

I arrived around noon near the spot where the fireworks were to be later fired off. I had passed the field that housed dozens of classic cars on my way to my somewhat-legal parking destination, so I decided that was to be my first stop.

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*"This special event was more than coupons, cars and Chihuahuas..."*

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The cars were amazing. The weather was not. It was near 100 degrees in late September. And despite the fact that I suffered heat stroke 12 times on the short walk to the field, the cars made up for it.

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Members of Boy Scout troop No. 255 in Carmichael presents the color at opening ceremony.

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# Centennial: A day like no other

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There were mustangs, hot rods and even some of those 1930s gangster-looking cars of which I don't know the make.

Ray Marchese, head of the Capuccino Cruisers, told me about the display. He explained that fliers were passed out all over Sacramento and that the 70-plus cars in attendance were there for a registration fee of 20 dollars.

After getting my fill of extremely awesome cars I made my way towards the retail portion of the event. However, in a move that will shock absolutely no one, I was immediately sidetracked by a group of a dozen or so tiny dogs playing in a portable enclosure.

I would like to think that it's because I knew it could be a fun angle to my story that I made a beeline for them, but really I just turn into a complete child when dogs are nearby. Luckily for me, I did actually manage to get some information about them.

The dogs (and owners) were from the Itty Bitty Dog Meet-up Group. The organizer of the group, Joan Lutz, talked about the group as well as her three Chihuahuas. The group meets each week at Carmichael Park in an effort to socialize the dogs. There was also a representative from PJ's Small Dog Rescue. The non-profit rescue can be contacted at (916) 482-2280 for those interested in adopting.

I was eventually able to drag myself away from the handbag-sized pooches and moved on to the food area. By some miracle, I was able to escape without buying any of it, but I did see several kids walking around with cups of shaved ice twice the size of their heads. Although with how hot it was I

can see the attraction. I contemplated walking up to the counter and asking vendors to dump an entire case on my head like some sort of strange postgame ritual. (Only the thought of crying children and negative publicity for my employers kept this from happening.)

By the time I had left I had stayed for an hour or so, checking out the goings on. On my way back to my car, which hopefully would not have a ticket pinned lovingly between my wiper and windshield, I walked by the horse and carriage that took visitors around the expanse of the park. He was a big horse. Tall, broad and shiny brown, he was definitely a highlight of the day.

As I approached my car (sans ticket), I realized that I was carrying enough fliers to successfully black out every window in my house. I got several Denny's coupons that only now do I realize have already expired. But watch out, world. This coupon for three weeks free at Reid Family Martial Arts has trouble written all over it.

Still, this special event was more than coupons, cars and Chihuahuas – or even the time capsule buried to preserve this bit of today for tomorrow. The Founders Day celebration was about celebrating the tight-knit community that is Carmichael. There were neighbors and friends meeting and talking. There were people spending time getting to know one-another. Even 100 years after its founding, Carmichael is still a place where the pillars of this community are not made from mortar and bricks, but the people living next door.



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Sacramento Symphonic Winds plays the National Anthem as Carmichael's Honorary Mayor Peter Tateishi presides and Boy Scouts troop No. 255 salutes the flag.



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David Petersen paints scenes from the classic car show on display at the Founders Day event.



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Jennifer Branaugh paints Tiffany Jensen's face at Founders Day.



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Dignitaries at the event, which included Rep. Dan Lungren, state Assemblyman Roger Niello, and Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters, are pictured at the time capsule site.



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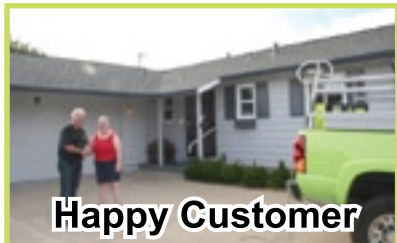
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# Art on display in Sierra Oaks office

Windermere Dunnigan Realtors hosts semi-annual art shows at their locations in Land Park and Sierra Oaks. In May, the group hosts the event in Land Park; in September, the event is held at the Sierra Oaks office. This year, the event was held Thursday, Sept. 24. According to realtor Paula Swayne, the Windermere Dunnigan Realtors invite local artists to share their wonderful inspirations with the neighborhood and give them the opportunity to sell their artwork. The event was well attended, with scores of area residents checking out the locally produced artwork.



The Dowd Family, pictured left to right, Courtney, Natalie and Ginny, attended the semi-annual art show.

All photos by Arden-Carmichael News photographer Melissa Andrews.



Artist Gina Leyton proudly placed her work on display at the art show.



Susan Rabinovitz was one of the artists featured at the event.



These pieces by Leslie McCarron were featured at the Sierra Oaks Windermere Dunnigan art show.

# Hubbard Styling Q & A

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**Question: What is the best way to build an easy, workable wardrobe on a budget?**

**Answer:** To accomplish your goal, you'll need to do a little no-budget homework. Start researching and looking through magazines available free at libraries. Go to fabric stores and survey the fabric collections for colors. Surf Internet sites of personalities and top designers. Browse high-end specialty boutiques and department stores, paying close attention to the way garments are structured and embellished. Keep track of sales, clip coupons and note any offers that come to you in the mail, but don't shop until you complete the next step.

Compare what you have to this list of recommended wardrobe basics: One classic three-piece suit to include matching slacks, skirt and jacket in wool; one casual two-piece outfit to include matching slacks and jacket in bottom-weight cotton, rayon or gabardine wool; one good fitting pair of straight-legged denim jeans; one white cotton button-down shirt or light colored silk blouse; two shirts or tops in any washable fabric; one sweater and matching shell set in cashmere or wool; one shift dress in lightweight wool or rayon; one all weather coat; coordinating jewelry, scarf, handbag, hat and footwear.

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# Bring up the band: Local music acts work to reach fans

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Before most bands get signed to a major record label, many have to first start playing their music locally in their hometown. Unsigned bands must be recognized and supported by fellow friends and family before "making it big" and it often takes years for bands to be discovered.

Nonetheless, every band has a personal story on how all each group member met and what influenced the group to create music as a collaborative band.

## A band's story

Up and coming: A band from Sacramento known as Running Riot consists of four local males; Cody Howle sings and plays guitar, Kevin Hayes plays bass, Vinnie Guidera plays guitar, and Ian MacDonald plays drums.

"Cody and Kevin started the band in high school at Christian Brothers. That was with two other friends,

Matt and Aaron, who played guitar and drums. When Matt left, Vinnie became the new lead guitar player and when Aaron left, I became the drummer," said MacDonald.

In five years, the Running Riot band members will be in their thirties and still hope to tour and promote their music as well as produce a few records.

"As long as it continues to be fun, that's all that matters," said MacDonald. "We all like different types of music and artists, but the few bands we have in common are Thrice, who are a huge influence on our music, and A Wilhelm Scream. Each of us has our own distinct style."

Shepton Mallet, another band who lives and performs in Sacramento, is made up of sophomore boys from El Camino Fundamental High School. The band was formed by Max Hopson who plays guitar, and by Austin Leach, who plays bass, back in 2006. After recruiting and dismissing several members over the past three years, the line up today includes Alex Brufladt,

Andrew Maino, Dustin Cooknick, Austin Leach and Max Hopson.

"We hope to be a well-established band in the local scene, having some EPs out, and playing at least 100 days out of the year," the band agreed.

"EP" stands for Extended Play, where bands get to record more songs that they did not include on their CDs. EPs are usually songs that are "singles," not a song that is part of an entire CD.

"Iron Maiden was our keystone, but after covering bands such as Judas Priest, Black Sabbath, Halloween and Saxon, we found our true sound," Brufladt, Maino, Cooknick, Leach, and Hopson concluded.

While some bands spend hours and hours struggling to come up with a creative band name, others find it more useful to devote their time creating lyrics and a melody and thinking of a collaborative name afterwards. This applies to Nick Micheels, Josh Reeder-Esparza, and Matt Swartzendruber, who temporarily refer to themselves as "the trio."

"The three of us all plan to study at the Berklee College of Music, and will continue to play music together there," explained Swartzendruber. "We have many influences since we all listen to a wide variety of music, so we enjoy Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimi Hendrix, John Mayer, The Meters, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Michael Buble, and Steely Dan."

For those who are interested in taking instrument lessons, Swartzendruber said, "Josh and I teach guitar and bass lessons at Orange Couch Studio. Please visit [www.site.orangecouchstudio.com](http://www.site.orangecouchstudio.com) for more information. I can also be contacted at [matt@orangecouchstudio.com](mailto:matt@orangecouchstudio.com)," he said.

Though some may not realize it, joining a band creates bonding between musicians and can help people become more confident not just performing onstage, but having self-confidence in general. Looking back, those who are in a band now will be proud of their accomplishments if their band was successful.

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## OCTOBER

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### Straw into Gold

The Hart Senior Center will once again host the "Straw Into Gold" poetry writing workshop for Seniors. Led by Julia Connor, Sacramento Poet Laureate 2005-2009, this workshop offers an outstanding opportunity for seniors to hone their writing skills in a creative, spontaneous environment. The workshop will be held Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00, September 3 through November 12. Registration is required, but there is no cost for this workshop. Please contact the Hart Senior Center at (916) 808-5462 for more information.

### Past Tents exhibit opens

"Past Tents: The Way We Camped" is a humorous excursion through one of our favorite pastimes, exploring camping in California from post-Gold Rush times to the mid-1900s. Through three exhibit themes - Round the Campground, Hitting the Trail, and Open Roads, Open Fires - visitors enjoy contemporary prints of rare historic photographs and objects from the collections of the California Historical Society and the Bancroft Library. The Sacramento History Museum invites all to enjoy this exhibition beginning Friday, Sept. 4, closing January 3, 2010. The Sacramento History Museum, operated under the auspices of the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation, is located at 101 "I" Street, Old Sacramento, CA. The museum is open every day (excluding major holidays) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: (916) 808-7059.

## OCTOBER 7

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### San Juan Unified College Night

Families should mark their calendars for our once a year district wide College Night held in conjunction with the Northern California College consortium, which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 6- 8 p.m. at Rio Americano High School. More than 120 colleges, technical schools, military and advising programs are represented as students can learn more about their options after high school graduation. Students and their families can also attend FREE seminars on Navigating the College Course, Writing their Personal Statements for their College applications, Community College and Financial Aid. Check back on your school website for more information this fall.

### Understanding dementia

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## OCTOBER 8

### Computer Club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Oct. 8, from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA. The club will be celebrating its 21st anniversary with member presentations and a finger-food

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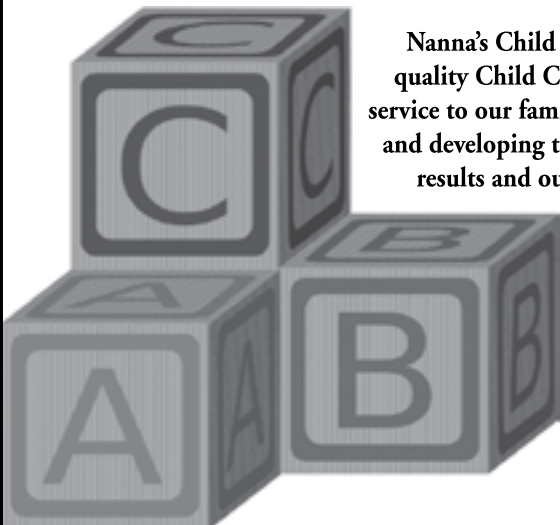
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potluck. First-time visitors are welcome to bring a finger-food item as well. A problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. For additional information, call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at [www.missionoakscomputerclub.org](http://www.missionoakscomputerclub.org).

## Swine Flu lecture

The Influenza A H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic will be the topic of discussion at the Shriners Hospital Lecture Series on Thursday, October 8. The one-hour lecture begins at 12 noon at Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California, 2425 Stockton Boulevard. The community is invited to attend the lecture, which is approved for one hour of continuing medical education credit. Reservations are not required and the lecture is free. For further information about the lecture call (916) 453-2041.

## National Health Federation

The Sacramento Chapter of the National Health Federation meets at the SMUD Auditorium (the old SMUD Building) on 6201 S Street, Sacramento. A free lecture, "Health for the Holographic Cell" presented by Victoria Morse, Ph.D. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

## OCTOBER 9

### Barbershop quartet

A barbershop quartet will perform at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Friday, Oct. 9. Seatings at 11:15 a.m.

or 1:15 p.m. Main entrée is roast pork loin with berry chutney and mixed green salad or Asian chicken salad with dried cranberries. Dessert is an apple pecan cake with caramel sauce. Tickets are \$20 per person and reservations are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. For reservations, call 916-452-2809.

## Organic Gardening

On October 9, 2009, the Organic Gardening Club of Sacramento County will meet at the Carmichael Park Administration Building, Room 1, 5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, at 10 a.m. The program "Old City Cemetery: Perennials and Roses" will be presented by Barbara Oliva, Curator of Heritage Roses. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

## OCTOBER 10

### Family Magic Show

Held Saturday, October 10, 2009, doors open 6:30 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5/person at the door, 5 years old & under free. Register online & get \$1.00 discount per person, [www.morpd.com](http://www.morpd.com). This gathering of top named magicians in Northern California comes to share their MAGIC with you. All ages will enjoy their mysteries with "OOOhs" and "AAAs" and thoughts of "How did they do that?" Held at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. For more information, call 972-0336.

### Fe Galley art reception

Fe Gallery presents "Celebration." You are cordially invited to attend our second year anniversary party with art, food and fun! Our guest artist for October is Fused Glass Artist Cindy Rubado. She will be joining

Mental Artist Stephen Lyman and Fused Glass Artist Sheena Wolfe for our Second Saturday celebration and opening from 6am to 9pm. There will be a metal demonstration by Stephen Lyman beginning 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](http://www.FeGallery.com) or call, (916) 456-4455. Daytime gallery hours are currently from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 10am to noon. The current show will run throughout October.

### Learn about H1N1 flu

The Ethel Hart Center will host Sacramento County Public Health Officer Glennah Trochet, M.D., on Saturday, October 10 at 10:30am. Dr. Trochet will discuss H1N1 Influenza and how members of the community can prepare and protect themselves

from this new virus. This free meeting will be held at the Ethel Hart Center located at 915 - 27th Street in Sacramento. Please sign up by phoning 808-5462. Free.

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### Children's Sonshine Celebration

Greenhaven Lutheran Church is hosting a Children's Sonshine Celebration Saturday, Oct. 10. A carnival - which includes four bounce houses, a juggler, a raffle, a petting zoo and pony rides - runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a puppeteer will perform from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free to the public and will be held at the church, 475 Florin Rd. For more information, call (916) 428-8449 or visit [www.sonshinecelebration.com](http://www.sonshinecelebration.com).

### Polio eradication fundraiser

Held by the Pocket/Greenhaven Rotary Club, a Polio Worldwide Eradication Fundraiser will be Oct. 10 at Round Table Pizza. It will run from noon until 9:00 p.m. and 20 percent of purchases (excluding drinks and items purchased with coupons) will go toward Rotary's Project, "Polio Plus" to eradicate polio worldwide.

### Mothers of Multiples club

The Sacramento Mothers of Multiples club will be hosting a Clothing and Equipment Sale on Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come see the bargains on new and gently used baby, children, youth and maternity clothing, as well as toys, baby equipment books and more! The event will be at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, located at 2391 St. Mark's Way, Sacramento, 95864. For more information, e-mail [smomsale@yahoo.com](mailto:smomsale@yahoo.com).

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# Well-known East Lawn Memorial Park established 105 years ago this month

## Historic Sacramento cemetery includes graves of renowned people

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This month marks a grand milestone for one of East Sacramento's major landmarks, as East Lawn Memorial Park at the present-day address of 4300 Folsom Blvd. on the former M Street Road turns 105 years old.

Established in October 1904, the cemetery was founded on 42 acres of the old Newton Booth place, which was previously known as Twin Oaks Farm.

Louis Breuner of the city's old Breuner's furniture fame purchased the property, which was at the time located in a very rural area.

The location of the cemetery, which was designed with an artistic, park-like effect, was not randomly selected, but instead was chosen due to its high elevation.

East Lawn was born through an ongoing problem in the city's history – flooding.

The Sacramento Bee in 1905 explained the floodwaters connection with the establishment of East Lawn, noting "When the floodwaters of the Sacramento River came through the Edwards break last year and inundated the City Cemetery (now Sacramento Historic City Cemetery on Broadway, between Riverside Boulevard and Muir Way) to such an extent that headboards floated away and there was no place to bury the dead, Mr. Breuner became imbued with the idea that a beautiful lawn cemetery could be built at the Twin Oaks Farm, where the ground is high and forever free from floods."

East Lawn, which added a crematorium in 1911 and a mausoleum in 1926, also includes a chapel, a florist and a second, smaller mausoleum.

As for the cemetery's burials, like many large, historic cemeteries, East Lawn has its fair share of notable, permanent residents.

And fortunately for the cemetery and the general public, Fair Oaks native William Pettite has labored extensively to create a recently updated, 35-page, colorful booklet, which includes a collection of brief summaries of some of the most renowned of these residents.

### Famous residents

Among these residents listed in Pettite's booklet is early Sacramento hotel

and landowner, William Land (1837-1911), whose name is well preserved through the 166.5-acre William Land Park, which was constructed through \$250,000 bequeathed by Land for the establishment of "a recreation spot for the children and a pleasure ground for the poor."

Those seeking to find Land's gravesite should have no problem encountering its whereabouts, since it sits on the highest peak in the city and includes an ancient Greek architecture-style, pillared mausoleum.

Pettite's booklet, which is available at the historic mausoleum at the center of the cemetery, also features the following notable names:

*Newton J. Earp* (1837-1928): Brother to the "storybook marshal" Wyatt Earp, the Kentucky-born Newton served in the Civil War and on "peace committees" to bring law and order to the West.

*John Breuner* (1828-1890): German immigrant and founder of Breuner's furniture, which was the first furniture store in California – a single-story cabinet shop at 6th and K streets. John Breuner was the father of John Breuner, Jr. and the aforementioned Louis Breuner, who both operated the store following his death.

*Dorothy Milette Bern* (1886-1932): Referred to in various books and films as the "mystery woman" in actress Jean Harlow's life, Dorothy was once married to film director Paul Bern, who later married Harlow. Dorothy allegedly shot and killed Bern in Beverly Hills. Two days later, Dorothy apparently committed suicide by jumping off the Delta King riverboat near Walnut Grove.

*Joseph H. McKinney* (18??-1850): McKinney was the first law enforcement officer in California to be killed in the line of duty. Sheriff McKinney was killed by land squatters on Aug. 15, 1850.

*Clarence Larkin* (1891-1937): Larkin, who lost his life during the Folsom Prison riot of 1937, became the only California warden to be killed in the line of duty. His life and service was honored at the Memorial Auditorium with one of the largest funerals ever held in Sacramento.

*James R. Garlick* (1888-1962): James established the James R. Garlick Funeral Home at 1517 11th St. – later 2001 P St. – at the age of 20 and a year later, he became the youngest person ever elected to the city's board of education. James' grandfather, Aaron, came across the plains with Mormon leader Brigham Young and was



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
(above) The final resting place of early Sacramento hotel and land owner, William Land, sits on the highest peak in the city at East Lawn Memorial Park.  
(inset) This vintage neon sign with a functioning and accurate clock advertises for East Sacramento's historic East Lawn Memorial Park.

among the many people who arrived in Sacramento in 1849.

Another notable gravesite is the common grave of the approximated 4,685 who were exhumed and transferred in the mid-1950s from the New Helvetia Cemetery at Alhambra Boulevard and J streets, where Sutter Middle School is now located.

### One of a kind

In addition to compiling information about renowned individuals buried in East Lawn Memorial Park, Pettite, whose extensive resume includes serving as secretary/trustee of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District and working as a coroner in Idaho, also completed a study on county cemeteries.

With his knowledge about many cemeteries, Pettite has concluded that East Lawn Memorial Park is the best developed and the most attractive of any cemetery in Sacramento County.

"It's the premier cemetery," Pettite said. "Having worked and made a study of all the county cemetery districts years ago for the board of supervisors, I came across East Lawn in my studies and I found it to be the most beautiful cemetery I had ever seen."

In addition to East Lawn Memorial Park, other sites make up the East Lawn family of cemeteries and mortuaries. They are: East Lawn Elk Grove at 9189 East Stockton Blvd. in Elk Grove, Albert Brown Mortuary at 3476 Piedmont Ave. in Oakland and in Sacramento, Sierra Hills Memorial Park and East Lawn Mor-

tuary at 5757 Greenback Lane, Sierra Hills Pet Cemetery at 6700 Verner Ave. and Andrews and Greulich Mortuary at 3939 Fruitridge Road.

East Lawn President Alan Fisher, a Sacramento native and a 1974 graduate of Hiram Johnson High School, said that East Lawn works diligently to adhere to its mission to effectively join with families in creating meaningful celebrations and tributes to honor their loved ones.

"We really do strive to be the premier cemetery, funeral, cremation services provider in the communities we serve, so we do our best to make sure that the experience is meaningful," Fisher said.

### Place past lives on

In reviewing the rich history of East Lawn Memorial Park, Dr. Bob LaPerriere, who is a member of the East Lawn Advisory Committee, a board member of the Old City Cemetery Committee and co-chair of the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission, described the cemetery as an extremely valuable regional asset.

"(East Lawn Memorial Park) is indeed our greatest repository of the past and should be thought of as a memorial, not only to the people lying at rest there, but to the history of the entire region," LaPerriere said.

For additional information about East Lawn Memorial Park and other East Lawn operated cemeteries and mortuaries, call (916) 732-2000 or visit the Web site [www.eastlawn.com](http://www.eastlawn.com).



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