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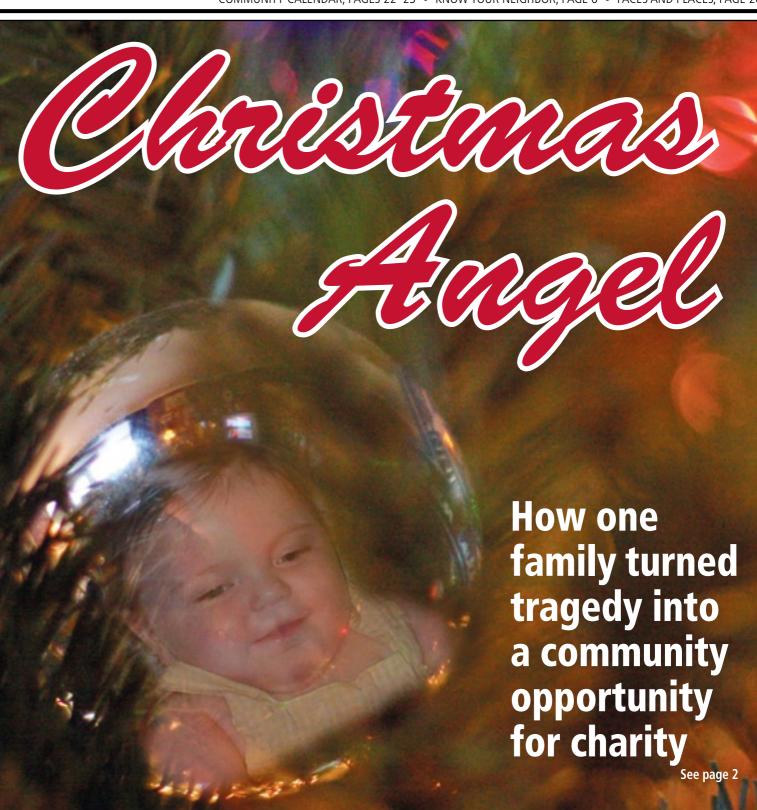
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Annual Christmas light show and toy drive benefits kids at Sutter Memorial

Second annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive Event is Dec. 13

By SUSAN LAIRD Arden-Carmichael News Writer susan@valcomnews.com

Christmas is for children. Whether one is a tiny tot, or young in spirit, it is a time of hope. Christmas is a time to focus on those things that bring beauty and goodness into the lives of each human being. In the Christian tradition, it is a time to remember God's great love for all humanity, and to look forward to His promises of redemption through Christ.

One year ago, a grieving Arden Arcade family decided on the spur of the moment to turn their personal tragedy into something that could give hope to others.

In 2004, little Rosalia Ann Carollo lost her battle with a devastating childhood illness. She was almost two years old. Rosie's parents, George and Nicole Carollo, were devastated.

Rosie came into the world on June 27, 2002. She was a beautiful eight pound, two ounce bundle of joy – the expression of her parent's greatest hopes. She developed normally for the first five months of her life. Then Nicole noticed that their little girl wasn't making the progress a six-month-old child should be making

"I noticed that Rosie hadn't yet started to roll over," Nicole said. "I asked our pediatrician about that. He told me, 'Oh, there's a range of normal,' and said that she would eventually roll over."

Soon after the visit to the pediatrician, on Dec. 15, the Carollos' world changed. Rosie started to have strange spasms. Additional trips to the doctor's office brought forth a devastating diagnosis: one of the most serious childhood epilepsies, called "infantile spasms." Rosie had thousands each day.

Infantile spasms are a serious form of epilepsy because each seizure causes an "electrical storm" inside the child's brain. It is the equivalent of crashing a computer and resetting it — with each seizure. When the brain "crashes" so violently, it is impossible to retain skills previously learned — or to continue to learn.

Despite the grim outlook of this condition, the Carollos remained hopeful for a positive outcome as they started treatment for their daughter right away. Multiple medications, therapy, special diets and trips to clinics as far away as Detroit were unable to stop the seizures. Yet, in spite of all this suffering, Rosie seemed to have a strength and resolve that amazed the adults around her.

"Her only goal seemed to be able to smile," Nicole said. "She brought smiles to everyone around her. She was amazing."

Rosie's brain never had enough recovery time from the daily seizures to make further development. Little by little, she slipped back...eventually losing muscle tone, developing breathing problems and other health issues.



Photo courtesy

Little Rosie Carollo was known for her smile and her ability to bring smiles to others. Her family is holding the second annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive in her memory. Donations benefit the children at the Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital.

Event Details:

The Second annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive event is Sunday, Dec. 13, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital. Cash and check donations for the Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital are also welcome. The Carollo home is located at 3961 Fair Oaks Boulevard, at the corner of Fair Oaks and San Ramon Way.

On April 10, 2004, Rosie lost her struggle and left this life.

"At that time, I was four months pregnant with our daughter, Claire," Nicole said. "And thank goodness, I was. It gave us something to focus on, because the grief (of losing Rosie) was so great."

The Carollo family has grown to include three more children: Claire, age five; Grace, age two; and Lily, age one. Rosie remains very much included in the family, as the "big sister in Heaven."

Life has continued on, as it has a way of doing. Easters came and went. Christmases came also.

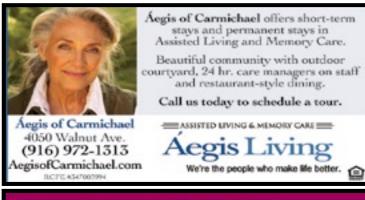
"Then, last year, as George and I were walking through the neighborhood, looking for ideas on light decorations for our new house, and idea came to us," Nicole said. "We noticed that some families had barrels in their front yards for food donations by those who would come by to enjoy the Christmas lights. We thought, 'Let's do something for Rosie. Let's do toys and give them to the children at Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital."

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Local seniors to bring burlesque back to Sacramento

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Arden-Carmichael News Writer lance@valcomnews.com

Recently sitting around a table at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 67 Hall in Sacramento, a group of mostly senior women was vibrantly, yet quite seriously discussing the details of an upcoming event at the building.

No, the topic at hand was not a retirement party, a crab feed, a used book fair or a bingo night. But instead, discussions at this meeting were in vast contrast to many discussions that one might imagine hearing at such a gather-

The purpose of the meeting, which was the second of its kind, was to discuss the group's efforts to bring back burlesque to Sacramento.

For those who need a quick crash course in Burlesque 101, burlesque is by definition - compliments



Photo courtesy of Patty Russell Patty Russell was a burlesque dancer from the 1950s to the early 1970s.



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong Sacramento resident Patty Russell shows off a photograph of herself taken during her heyday as a burlesque

of the Random House Dictionary – a "humorous and provocative stage show, featuring slapstick humor, comic skits, bawdy songs, 1960s. striptease acts and a scantily-clad female chorus."

This art form, which in America dates back to the

early 19th century, served as an entertainment staple for many decades before its decline in the late

Acting out

Providing a background of how 10 people came to

unite at the VFW Hall with plans to present a Feb. 14 burlesque show at the hall, former professional burlesque dancer and Sacramento resident Patty Russell explained that bringing burlesque back to Sacramento has been a personal

dream that is fast becoming a reality.

The dream to revive burlesque came up about 15 years ago," said Russell, who was known on stage during her dancing years from

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the late 1950s to the early 1970s as Patty O'Farrell. "I started to realize that the younger people did not know the word 'burlesque.' All they know is what's going on now (in today's strip clubs) with the pole dancing, lap dancing, whatever. Well, no, that isn't burlesque. Burlesque is an art and it's where you can have a couple come in and watch you and the women enjoy it just as much as the men. There's nothing nasty about it or anything.

When asked how she became a burlesque dancer, Russell, 74, explained that while working for the Pacific Bell telephone company in St. Louis in the late 1950s, she had a career changing idea.

"All of a sudden, I just got a thing that I wanted to dance," Russell said.

Fortunately for Russell, she discovered an agent, named Mike Riaff, who was willing to assist her in fulfilling her then-newfound dream.

After reviewing the possibilities of a career in dancing for Russell, Riaff told her that the only thing she qualified for was burlesque.

In hearing this, Russell asked, "What's burlesque?"

Learning that it was a dance performance act that involved strip tease, Russell said that she told the agent, "Well, as long as I can dance doing it, that's okay, as long as I dance."

Russell performed her first burlesque show at the age of 22 in a small theater in Louisville, Ky.

Russell, who spent many years as a burlesque dancer in various U.S. venues, including such Sacramento area venues as The Road House at 4205 W. Capitol Ave., The Driftwood at 3308 C St. and Roeder's Gourmet restaurant (formerly The Red Rose and later Neptune's Table) at 5990 South Land Park Drive, said that she never lost her affinity for the art of burlesque.

Her passion was later fueled through her friendship with Merle Cale, who grew up in East Sacramento.

Cale, a 1933 graduate of Sacramento High School and the president of women's auxiliary of the VFW Post 67, attracted the attention of Russell due to her extreme love for dancing.

Putting on a show

Defying her age, Cale, 94, plans to bring her many years of dancing experience to the event, as she will perform dances in a seductive, glittering dress.

Cale, whose aunt Leona Henning was a burlesque dancer at the now-closed Roxie Theatre at 912 9th St. in Sacramento, said that she has a strong passion for entertaining.

"I've always wanted to be on the stage," Cale said. "I got married on the stage at the California Theatre (in Oak Park) in 1935, but I didn't perform there."



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong

The local committee dedicated to bringing burlesque back to the capital city gathers outside the VFW Post 67 Hall in Sacramento following the group's second meeting.

Other members of the committee for the upcoming event include: Pocket area resident Jan Wilson, the event's producer; East Sacramento area resident Malenda Smith, who will sing at the event; Carl Cloud - who may serve as the event's emcee' - and his wife Kathy Cloud of the North Highlands area; Natomas resident Jerry Youngblood, a former Arthur Murray's dance instructor; south Sacramento resident Joanne Menebroker, who will dance in the event; Elk Grove resident Pebblez Pearcy, an assistant to the producer; and Freeport/Land Park area resident Mike Samuels.

Wilson recruited Samuels for the project after she learned that he was a former drummer for the band, Little Ronnie and the Chromatics. The band performed during burlesque shows at The Driftwood during the late 1960s and may have even played while Russell was dancing.

Wilson said that she has grown to appreciate the importance of presenting this

"What started as an opportunity to fulfill one woman's dream has blossomed into not only a chance to raise money for veterans, but also to revive an interest in this by-gone form of entertainment."

Seniors take the stage

The event, which will be held at the VFW Hall at 2784 Stockton Blvd. on Valentine's Day at 2 p.m. and will be open to guests 18 years old and older, will feature various musical acts and professional burlesque dancing, raffle prizes and 50-cent beers.

Following the event, the committee will meet to discuss the possibility of taking the show on the road and presenting it to other California cities.

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Arden Fair Mall has grown, evolved with the times

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Arden-Carmichael News Writer lance@valcomnews.com

With the holiday shopping season's arrival with the traditional Black Friday or the day following Thanksgiving when store's slash prices and customers come in droves to find the best deals, it is a good time to review the history of the Arden-Arcade area's most dominant shopping destination - Arden Fair Mall.

In 1957 – 11 years after the opening of the area's first shopping center, Town and Country Village – Arden Fair Mall on Arden Way emerged within a still considerably rural area where farm animals and a wide variety of wildlife roamed on open land.

But that was then and this is now, as Arden-Arcade, which was determined by the Census Bureau to be among the nation's 10 largest unincorporated communities as early as 1961, and the mall have grown with the times.

To the mall

Local residents received early word regarding the future construction of the mall, which was then referred to as the Swanston Estates Shopping Center, in the Dec. 25, 1954 edition of The Sacramento

Complete with an artist's rendition of how the mall was intended to appear, the report summarized the project, which would be constructed near the North Sacramento Freeway (today's Business 80/Capital City Freeway).

It was also reported in the article that the project's developers Philip F. Heraty and William Gannon had revealed that the estimated \$20 million to \$30 million mall would include a \$2.5 million Sears Roebuck and Co. department store.

Besides Sears, which had a designated 30-acre site within the project, the precise location of the mall's



Arden Fair Mall has experienced much growth throughout its 52-year existence. Originally established as a single-story, openair mall, Arden Fair is now an enclosed, two-story, architecturally modern mall, featuring its anchor stores, Sears, Nordstrom, Macy's and JCPenney.

other future businesses had not been determined.

The mall, which was initially a single-story, openair complex located on 74.24 acres, experienced much early success, which led to various expansions, including the addition of 200,000-square-foot Hale's department store in 1960.

By 1962, the mall consisted of Sears, Hale's, Kress, Woolworth's, the Carousel restaurant and bar, Leed's Shoe Store, Thom McAn Shoes, Sacramento Savings and Loan, Gallenkamp Shoes, Rogers Jewelry, Smiths Clothiers, Beverly, Heeseman clothier and Lane Bryant, which

still operates in its original lo-

Expanding, evolving

About a year later, construction was underway on a \$1.5 million, 110,000-square-foot addition to the mall.

The project, which was developed by the Kassis Investment Co., included space for such businesses as a Stop-N-Shop supermarket, Thrifty Drug Store, Cork'n' Bottle liquor store, one of the state's first General Electric service centers and a Sperry and Hutchinson Green Stamps redemption center.

The addition also featured a center for restaurants, called the Arden Fair Food Circus.

Long before the arrival of the mall's present-day food court, Arden Fair drew many visitors to its 27,000-squarefoot Food Circus, which was developed as a result of the success of Country Club Plaza's popular Gourmet Lane.

Serving as a sort of food mall within the mall, the Food Circus was a one-stop destination spot for food and snack offerings from such businesses as Pagluica's, Frank Fat's, The Steak Pit, Jumbo's Burger Basket, Hof Brau, Hot Dog on a Stick, Frank's Fisherman's Wharf, Carnation Ice Cream and Pastry, Country Candies, The Nut Shop and Tastee Do-Nut Parlor. Overall, the Food Circus included about 15 businesses.

Like Sears, Weinstock's department store, which later replaced Hale's, also served as a longtime anchor of the mall.

In front of Weinstock's, which has been the site of Macy's since 1996, was a Super Slide that was used by many people, who slid down its slopes on burlap, gunny sack bags.

Mall memories

Arden Fair employees Stan Bray and Steve Reed have

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fond memories of visiting the mall during the 1960s.

Bray, Arden Fair's assistant manager of operations, said that his connection to the mall continuously dates back to his teenage years.

"I used to work for a magician at the Food Circus when I was about 13 or 14 years old," said Bray, a 1975 graduate of the now-closed La Sierra High School. "Every Saturday and Sunday we'd put on magic shows and I was (the magician) Mr. Whammy's assistant. He used to work for Ringling Bros., so he had all the tricks and all kinds of animals like show goats and show monkeys and show dogs. I'd load up all the stuff in the secret compartments or bring in the dog or whatever. He would give me \$5 per show and my money would go to feed my own animals (at home) on an old chicken ranch off of Madison Avenue by Hemlock (Street)."

Bray said that other members of his family were also connected to the mall, as his mother, Janet, managed the Tastee Do-Nut Parlor and his brother, Derrick, managed Wallpapers To Go.

After leaving his magician's assistant position, Bray, who is in his 36th consecutive year working at Arden Fair, was hired by Frank Kassis as a Food Circus busboy, which led to other jobs at the mall, including his former job as a maintenance worker.

"I started working here in 1973 and I've had every job (at the mall) that you can think of," Bray said. "I tell people that when I look at a wall (at Arden Fair), it's like X-ray, because I know what's in that wall, I know what's on the other side of that wall; I can just keep on going."

Reed, the mall's security and guest services manager, said that as a teenager, Arden Fair was one of his favorite places to visit with his close friends, Butch Godfrey and Jim O'Neil.

"The first time I came to the mall was in about 1961," said Reed, a 1965 graduate

of Bella Vista High School in Fair Oaks. "I was a freshman at Bella Vista and the biggest thing was going to the Food Circus and I would also go to (Thrifty) with my buddies (Godfrey and O'Neil) and get ice cream cones for just a nickel (each). The Food Circus had all these various restaurants with food from different countries, so you could go in and eat different cuisines from different cultures. Back then, Arden Fair and Country Club were the places to go. We'd go over to Country Club and cruise the parking lot and then with whatever money we had, we'd go to Arden Fair."

Reed's association with Arden Fair continued after his high school years, as he worked as a trash bailer and stock boy for Weinstock's.

After serving about two years in the Vietnam War, Reed, whose sister-in-law Diane Grissom once worked in Weinstock's cosmetics department, continued his work at Weinstock's while earning a pair of teaching credentials and a bachelor's degree in communications at Sacramento State College (now Sacramento State University).

Reed taught classes at local schools, including Arden and Jonas Salk, before becoming a Sacramento Police officer, patrolling the mall's grounds as an off-duty officer and being hired as the mall's security manager 10 years ago.

Remaking Arden Fair

Arden Fair underwent a major renovation in about 1969, when it was converted into an indoor mall.

For those who recall Arden Fair during the 1970s, a listing of some of the stores shown on a 1974 blueprint map on file with the mall's management should bring back plenty of memories.

Included on the map is the Food Circus and aforementioned businesses that continued to operate at the mall such as Weinstock's, the Thrifty Drug Store and Roger's Jewelry, as well as a variety of other stores.

These stores include: House of Fabrics, Olin Mills Photography, Arden 4 Cinemas, Kay-Ross Fashions, Pic-A-Dilly women's clothing store, See's Candy, Karmelkorn Shop, Beadazzled retail jewelry store, the Plum Tree gift shop and Imperial Barbers.

A pair of other Arden Fair stores during this era were Mervyn's department store and Corti Bros. grocery store.

Bray said that the area just west of the mall remained fairly rural in the 1970s.

"In the early 1970s, I would go across the street from Arden Fair, because I used to be a falconer. Across the way was all barbed wire and there was not one building there. It was all sheep over there. I would climb trees looking for owls. I never found an owl, but there were a lot of red ants."

Bray added that in Arden Fair's early years, a road led through the middle of the mall to a neighborhood, which was located alongside a cow pasture.

He also said that the area to the east of the mall, where the architecturally unique Best Products – now Best Buy – was located was an open field where local youth often road motorcycles.

Getting to the mall of today

Although Arden Fair has experienced a variety of changes throughout the years, no project affected the image and prosperity of the mall more than its 1989 expansion, which doubled the size of the mall.

The project increased Arden Fair from a single-level, 196,000-square-foot mall to a two-level mall totaling more than a million square feet and including connecting bridges and escalators.

The mall also includes a pair of parking garages, one built in 1989 and the other in



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong
The demand for on-site parking is at a high level at Arden Fair Mall during the
holiday shopping season. Fortunately for shoppers, the mall offers a free shuttle
service to and from a free parking lot at the nearby Cal Expo, as well as a valet

Bray said that despite the addition of these garages, the demand for on-site parking during the holidays has continuously exceeded the mall's estimated 5,400 parking spaces.

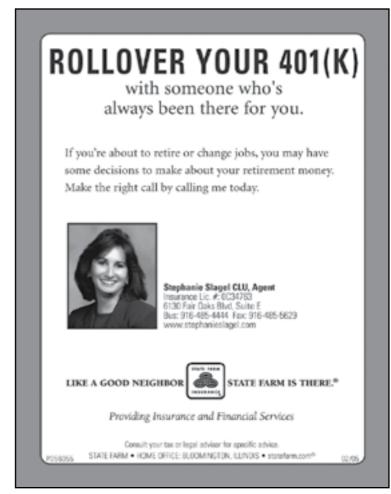
"After the (1989) expansion, there were more people who wanted to come to Arden Fair (during the holidays) than (on-site) parking (could accommodate), so we had to create a way to help that, so we started the off-site (free) shuttle (to and from the nearby Cal Expo) and we have

been doing that for 20 years," Bray said.

As Arden Fair looks to the future, the mall, Bray explained, intends to maintain its efforts to evolve with the times.

"We have to keep up with the times and that's why we're constantly changing things and improving things and making it better and making it fresher," Bray said.

And if history continues to repeat itself at Arden Fair, the mall should have a very bright future.



Local toy drive supports California military families

Special to The Arden-Carmichael News

It's that time of year again, when local residents have an opportunity to help California military families.

Toys for the Troops' Kids delivers donated gifts to the children of American military personnel who are deployed away from home at Christmastime or whose military parent has been killed in action since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. In their 2008 effort, they shipped 15,000 toys to the families of 18 military commands in California and Nevada. Children of deployed members of the Air Force, Army, Marine and Naval bases, and deployed National Guard units received several toys each.

Their goal in the 2009 effort is to increase distributions by collecting

Their motivation is summed up in a statement available at their Web site, www.toysforthetroopskids.org.

"While we experience great successes, no matter how much we may grow, we are always mindful of the individual children and military families who struggle emotionally, and perhaps financially, at Christmastime, with a parent away from home," according to the post. "Our gifts to these families are our small way of saying thanks for those sacrifices. On behalf of those families, we thank all who have helped us serve those kids."

Donation sites

Toys for the Troops' Kids will have many "satellite" collection points, thanks

to the great support of the Sacramento community and region, and its wonderful people who make Toys for the Troops' Kids a success. Their main donation sites will operate from Dec. 5 to Dec. 22, 2009, at Sunrise Festival Shopping Center (located at Greenback Lane and Sunrise Boulevard in Citrus Heights) and Lake Crest Village Shopping Center (located at Florin Road and Greenhaven Drive in Sacramento).

The story behind the toys

In November of 2003, the CRVA Veterans' Club in Sacramento sought a way to acknowledge the dedication and service of parents serving in uniform. Many of these military personnel are sacrificing everything, while being separated from their families during the Holidays. The beneficiaries of this first annual Toy Drive were the families at Travis Air Force Base and the California National Guard. The goal was to provide two toys per child of every military parent deployed overseas.

The first effort in 2003 was a booming success; all requests from both Travis AFB and the California National Guard were fulfilled.

Based on the overwhelming response and the volume of toys collected in 2003, Toys for the Troops' Kids was born, expanded the scope for Christmas 2004 and added the families of Beale AFB to the list of beneficiaries. Again, the Toy Drive far exceeded expectations for all three military commands.

In 2005, the Toy Drive took another big step and added Lemoore Naval Air Station to the now-growing list of beneficiaries receiving toys for the kids of troops serving overseas. For Christmas 2005, the Toy Drive exceeded expectations as before. In succeeding years, the Toy Drive has expanded to cover all of California and parts of Nevada. As many as 25,000 toys have been distributed in a single

Past toy drives, as well as last year's effort, were all made possible by the co-sponsorship of generous benefactors, as well as individual donations of new, unwrapped toys, cash and other in-kind services.

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The goal behind Toys for the Troops' Kids is to deliver gifts to the families of 18 military commands in California and Nevada.

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Thanksgiving Memories



Janey Way's Generation Bowl

By MARTY RELLES Arden-Carmichael News Columnist marty@valcomnews.com

In college football, they play the Rose Bowl and the Orange Bowl. Professional football has the Super Bowl. On Janey Way, we played the Generation Bowl. This story tells how that game came into

When I grew up on Janey Way, Thanksgiving Day meant football. Our family always attended the Turkey Day football game between Sacramento High and Mc-Clatchy High at Hughes Stadium. My uncle George Relles coached football at Sacramento High and the family turned out to support his teams. However, my uncle eventually moved on to become athletic director at Hiram Johnson High School. So after my generation graduated from high school, we spent Thanksgiving in the neighborhood. On one of those Thanksgiving days, a group of us loitered in front of the Relles' house tossing a football around. Then, one of the boys said, "Let's go play football at Phoebe Hearst School." So, off we went down to Phoebe Hearst. When we arrived there, we saw the younger generation Janey Way boys readying to play a game of flag football. Naturally, they called over and challenged us to game. We eagerly accepted.

What then ensued was sixty minutes of knock down drag-emout football. When all was said and done the elder generation had triumphed by a big margin. This was not unexpected, as the older boys were bigger and

"What then ensued was sixty minutes of knock down dragem-out football."

more experienced. Standing around after the game we all agreed to return next year to play a second "Generation Bowl." That began the tradition of the Generation Bowl on Janey Way.

These two generations played the game three more times with the rivalry ending in tie: two victories each. The game went into a hiatus then and was not played for several years. But, in the late 1970s, a third generation of Janey Way boys had come of age. They challenged the second generation to a football game. They played that game the day after Thanksgiving, though they continued to call it the Generation Bowl. They played that game for several years. They even videotaped some of the games. The boys always held a dinner party after the game where they ate pizza, drank beverages and watched the video tape of the game. I actually returned at age 40 and played in a few of those games with the second generation team. The games were always hard fought, bone bruising games and fortunately no one ever suffered a serious injury. The rivalry was spirited and fun.

Sadly, the Generation Bowl eventually ran its course. No fourth generation of boys came along. All three generations of players have now reached their fifties. But, we still reminisce about our Generation Bowl battles on football turf, another happy Janey Way memory.

Carollo: 'We had over 700 items donated that one night'

The Carollos spent a lot of time at Sutter Memorial. Rosie spent one month there, including one Easter Nicole will never forget.

"I had always wanted to do one of those big Easter baskets for Rosie," she said. "But there was never any time to do one because we were so busy with her medical situation. Then, one day at the hospital, the Child Life Program came by Rosie's room with this huge Easter basket filled with toys and wonderful things. I've never forgotten it. We were so appreciative and amazed by their generosity. The idea of a toy drive seemed perfect: here was something we could do to honor the memory of our daughter and help other families at the same time."

So, with just a sign on the lawn and one e-mail, the Carollos started their first Christmas light show and toy drive in 2008. The results were astounding.

We had over 700 items donated that one night," Nicole said. "And nearly \$300 in cash donated also. George and I looked at each other and said, 'Wow, look at what Rosie has done!"

Toy Drive 2009

This year, George and Nicole are putting more lights up for the Dec. 13 event. Volvo Rents on Silica Avenue is generously donating a boom lift to help George to put up many of the Christmas lights in the tall trees on the property. Sam's Club on El Camino Avenue is helping out by donating hot chocolate and cookies. Family members and friends are also helping to make the second annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive an event to remember.

If everything falls into place, George hopes to include a Thomas the Tank Engine train set this year, and perhaps a gingerbread house with smoke.

Santa Claus will be there for the little ones, and the Sacramento Fire Station on Eastern Avenue will be sending a fire engine (complete with firefighters) for the enjoyment of inquisitive kids and parents.

The Second annual Rosie Carollo Christmas Lights and Toy Drive event is Sunday, Dec. 13, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital. Cash and check donations for the Sutter Memorial Children's Hospital are also welcome. The Carollo home is located at 3961 Fair Oaks Boulevard, at the corner of Fair Oaks and San Ramon Way.

The entire Carollo family will deliver the gifts to the hospital after the

"This is great for our children," Nicole said. "Even though they can't visit with the children who will be receiving the gifts - because of the danger of passing on illnesses - it's still a great way for them to learn how to give back?

And to connect with a big sister who would have been in second grade

Nicole has no regrets, however. She believes that Rosie's brief life on this earth continues to have great meaning and purpose, especially through the annual light show and toy drive.

Without a doubt, this is the most joyful night of the year for me," she



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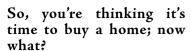
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Buying a (first) home?

Three steps to success: prioritize, educate yourself, get help

Lyon Real Estate Special to The Arden-Carmichael News

According to the California Association of Realtors, 67 percent of potential first time buyers in California (as of June 30 the latest report available) can now purchase a median priced home. That compares to just 26 percent two years ago. Prices have fallen dramatically and as an added bonus, interest rates are historically low too.



It's normal to have some anxiety over buying a home - it's a big commitment. However, a helpful way to sort out home buying complexities is by first taking time to "prioritize the pri-orities." It adds an objective framework around an exciting but emotional experience. Then, educate yourself about the market and seek out an experienced ad-

Monetary Priorities

New home anxiety often centers on money issues: How much can I /we qualify for? What are the payments, the down payment? What kind of payment am I going to be comfortable with? Address these questions early on by either using an on-line mortgage calculator (keeping in mind that this will only provide a rough estimate) or talking to a lender about getting pre-approved. Knowing that you've got a pre-approval in your pocket gives you confidence as you begin looking for your new home.

Family and Individual Priorities

With input from the entire family, make a list of what is important to you.



neighborhood, Consider space requirements and features - number of bedrooms, a pool etc. Could you handle a "fixer" instead of a "move in ready" home? Include access to schools, community activities and the work commute on your list. Also pinpoint individual privacy, lifestyle and activity needs of family members. For example, do you like to entertain? And don't forget to consider that the space needs of children will change significantly as they grow and mature.

Rank your "wish list" as to "required", "desirable" and "acceptable" priorities, then pare these down to the top 5 "must have" choices. Now you're ready to find your new home.

Look and Learn

Well over 80 percent of Buyers today spend three to six months "window shopping online" before actually entering the market place. In our current market, Buyers also need to consider which part of the market segment they will be involved in: price, neighborhood, or function (a home with RV storage for example); and educate themselves about current market conditions in the segment that affects them. But keep in mind that what is true

today may not be true when you are ready to buy - you will need to get updated. For example, just 6 months ago, buyers were avoiding short sales; but over the past few months short sale transactions are beginning to increase dramatically.

Buyers should also learn the differences between Owned Bank listings (REOs), "Short Sales" and traditional owner sellers and how these types of sellers can affect their plans. Get good advice. Work with a seasoned agent who can explain how the buying process and transaction time frame may differ with each of these types of sales and what is happing in the marketplace today.

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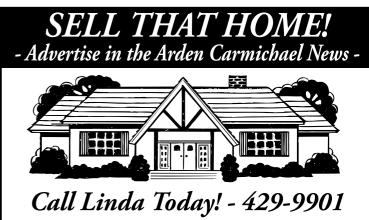
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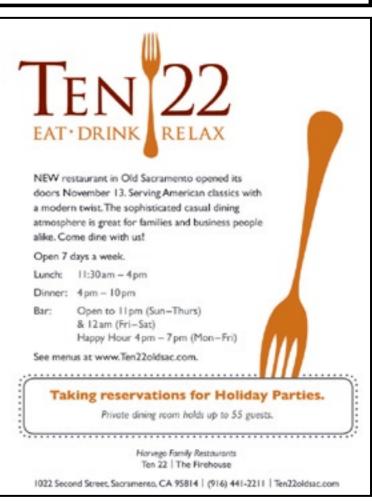
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A seasoned Realtor will match your priorities with what you can afford, guide you around pitfalls, and is responsible for ensuring that your interests are protected. It doesn't cost a Buyer anything to be represented by a Realtor and it might save you a bundle in anxiety and legal exposure.

In conclusion, first establish your priorities, then educate yourself about the market and finally adapt your approach to achieve your objectives. Well-prepared and well-informed buyers cannot control the market place, but can place themselves in a position to better pick the optimum point at which they get into the market for a home that meets their goals.

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The cars and pickups streamed steadily through all day until after closing at 1 p.m. Five bins were filled and moved to CEAR, which will recycle the contents. All computer hard drives will be shredded to protect any information that was still left on them.

Approximately 50,000 pounds of e-waste was recycled, meeting the scouts' goals of "Going Green with the Boy Scouts" and providing a much-needed service to the region.

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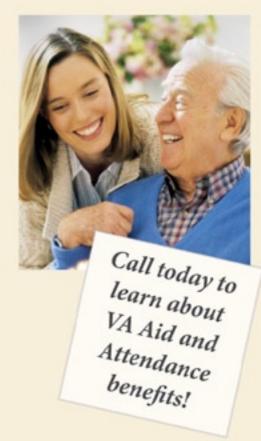
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November 27

Canned Food Drive & Free Admission Day at Fairytale Town

Fairytale Town gives thanks to the Sacramento community by conducting a canned food drive on Friday, November 27, 2009 (the day after Thanksgiving) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participating families will receive Free Admission to Fairvtale Town in exchange for donating canned and packaged goods. All donations will benefit Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services' Holiday Spirit of Giving Food Drive.

November 29

Messiah Sing-Along

It's a holiday tradition: Messiah Sing-Along is presented by the Camellia Symphony and Camerata California at the Faith Presbyterian Church, 625 Florin Road on Sunday, Nov. 29. The event will start at 3 p.m. with a Holiday Sale. The Messiah Sing-Along will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15. 10 and under are free. To purchase tickets, call (916) 929-6655 or visit www.camelliasymphony.org.

DECEMBER

Christmas services

Faith Presbyterian Church at 625 Florin Road welcomes you to it's Christmas Services: Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26 - Sunday Services, held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Dec. 2, 9 and 16 (Wednesday) Advent Dinner at 6 p.m., followed by worship at 6:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 1

Great Books Discussion

Local book group will discuss articles in the book "Keeping Things Whole: Readings in Environmental Science" at our 1st Tuesday of the month meetings at 1p.m. For December 1: "The Biosphere" by Vladimir I. Vernadsky. Free. Info: 808-5462. Ethel Hart Center 915 27th Street Sacramento 95816.

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December 2

Casa Christmas event

Coming again to the Casa, a talented group of City College students performing Vocals and "Last-Minute Christmas," is December 2. Seatings are at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The meal will consist of Chicken Sonora with a mixed green salad or Mediterranean chicken salad. Dessert is a Double Chocolate Mocha Cake, First-come-firstserved group reservations. One contact person, one check. Cancellations are 10 days prior to lunch. Food selection and pre-pay ment required. For reservations, call (916) 452-2809. Tickets at \$20 per person.

Stroke Signs, Symptoms and Prevention

Methodist Hospital of Sacramento will present information on the signs and symptoms of stroke. Learn about stroke prevention tips from Methodist Hospital doctors, nurses and dietitians. Blood pressure screenings and body fat and BMI testing will also be available. For more information, please contact Erin MacEneaney at 423-6198. The event runs from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center of Elk Grove, 8830 Sharkey Avenue, Elk Grove.

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Latino Dance and Culture Group

Come dance to the beat of all types of Latin music! Featured DJ music and delicious Mexican food! Held at the Ethel Hart Community Center, 915 27th St., from 6:15-8:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$3. For more information, call Barbara Alarcon 400-4514.

DECEMBER 4

Organic Gardening

On December 4, 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 for a Holiday potluck. Call 916-635-6724 for information.

DECEMBER 5

Jensen Garden Workday Volunteers

The Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden work days one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ex23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

Pruning Clinic

The Historic Rose Garden in the Historic City Cemetery will present Pruning Clinics on December 5 from 10-11:00 a.m. Enter at the Cemetery Main Gate to learn why pruning roses is important and how pruning should be done. Both heritage roses and modern roses will be discussed. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. For information, call (916) 443-2146.

Advent Faire

To begin preparations for the Christmas Holidays, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, invites everyone to the Advent Faire, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Make It and Take It" Christmas crafts are featured. There are gifts and decorations (including Christmas green arrangements and decorated Christmas houses) to make with the assistance of Santa's helpers and an opportunity to win a unique quilt fashioned by Northminster's quilters. There are craft activities for all ages. All crafts are free. To make this event complete, a light lunch will be offered. Bring your friends and family. For more information, call 487-5192 or visit northminsteronline.org.

Book Sale

To help holiday shoppers looking to save money as well as the library, the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library are sponsoring a Pre-Holiday Warehouse Sale. Public sale hours will be noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 12. Friends' members only are invited to shop from 9 am to noon on Saturday, December 5, and prospective members may join at the door for \$15. The sale will be held in the Friends' warehouse, at the rear of their Book Den store, 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, between Power Inn Road and Florin-Perkins Road just south of 14th Avenue. More than 100,000 paperback and hard-bound books, audio books, videos, and other materials will be available at prices ranging from \$.50to \$2.00. The Book Den store at the same site will be open during the Warehouse Sale. At the Book Den shoppers select from individually priced better books, including collectibles, and other materials, with most books priced at \$3 to \$10. The Book Den is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm, but during this special sale it will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds, after expenses, benefit the Sacramento Public Library. For more information call the Book Den at 916-731-8493 or email fspl@att.net.

DECEMBER 5-6

Holiday Open House and Studio Sale

15th annual Holiday Open House and Studio Sale at Schumacher Ceramics in Clarksburg on December 5th & 6th from 11am-5pm. Bob and Sonya Schumacher will have new ceramic pieces for all those on your gift-giving list. We will have new work from our returning potters and artists featured in the gallery, and paintings by Patris. On Saturday we will have jazz by Guitarbari of Davis, and on Sunday we will have the preview release of the DVD by Sonya Schumacher entitled: "Clay Conversations". 36530 Riverview Drive, Clarksburg, CA; Call for directions, (916) 744-1062.



DECEMBER 6

McKinley Song Circle

McKinley Children's Song Circle with the Shadechasers will perform for free Dec. 6 at 3-4:30 p.m. in the Clunie Clubhouse, 601 Alhambra Blvd, Families welcome. Brand new songbooks for singers available. For more information and directions, call 531-4110. The Shadechasers is a local folk group of 10 members playing Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Malvina Reynolds, Raffi, and other singable family music suitable for children's activities. We sing and dance, and encourage families to sing together whenever they can. Now we have a new songbook with about 60 songs to share with our group.

Christmas Crèche

Come experience the wonder of Christ's birth depicted in hundreds of nativities from around the world. The Third Annual Elk Grove Nativity, or "Christmas Crèche," will be held Friday, Dec. 4 through Sunday, Dec. 6. Friday Dec. 4 the event is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday the event will be open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The diverse collection represents many countries and cultures and each of the crèche's are crafted from a variety of materials. This year, organizers plan to display more than 400 nativities from around the world. In addition to the grand variety of nativities, local talent will perform. This Christmas Crèche is open to everyone throughout the Sacramento area. The Third Annual Elk Grove Nativity will be held at the Bruceville Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 9910 Bruceville Rd. in Elk Grove. For more information, please visit the website at elkgrovenativity.org. The Nativity Open House is free of charge.

DECEMBER 9

Root Cellar

Sacramento Genealogical Society General Membership meeting 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Citrus Heights Community Clubhouse 6921 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights. Program to be determined plus holiday festivities. Free. Visitors welcome. Contact Sammie Hudgens at (916) 481-4830 or www. rootcellar.org

DECEMBER 10

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "Computer Technology in Today's Automobiles." A problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at www.missionoakscomput-

California Citizens for Health Freedom, Sacramento Chapter

The California Citizens for Health Freedom, Sacramento Chapter will meet on December 10, 2009, at the SMUD Auditorium (the old SMUD Building) on 6201 S Street, Sacramento. A free lecture, "Bring Health and Happiness - Getting a New Start for 2010" presented by Chaplain Tom Kopko, M.A., B.A. Call 916-635-6724 for in-

DECEMBER 11

"Beginning a Business" seminar

Twin Rivers Adult School will offer a free seminar "Business Concepts for Entrepreneurs." Thinking about starting your own business? Need to jump start your existing business? Considering a virtual online business? This presentation will highlight business structures and operational planning, accounting with Quick Books, and promotional materials development. Join us on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., and again at 6:00 p.m. for this and other information as presented in our new Business Concepts course. SCORE counselors are scheduled to be on-site to answer questions regarding SBA loans and other related resources. This seminar will be held at Twin Rivers Adult School, 3220 Winona Way, North Highlands, CA 95660. For more information, call David at (916) 996-7554 or email bt4a@live.com.

DECEMBER **11-12**

Galena Street East Holiday Tapestry

Galena Street East, a dynamic group of young performers specializing in music and dance, will perform their 37th Annual Holiday Tapestry production, "Wishes". Voted the "Best of Sacramento" in 2008, this lively, entertaining performing ensemble has captivated audiences for over 36 years with their diverse repertoire of music and dances that also includes traditional folk dances from many countries, including Hungary, Ireland, Korea, and the United States. This is a fabulous event for families as our young ambassadors, ages 5-19, dazzle audiences with their fabulous costumes, song, and dance. Shows are Friday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The performances are at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium; 6879 14th Ave. Tickets are \$15/general admission; \$12/children, students, & seniors; \$10/ groups of 10 or more. For more information, call (916) 731-4090; www.galenas-

DECEMBER 12

Military Widows

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter No. 5, will meet December 12, 2009, at the Lions Gate at McClellan Park at 11: 15 a.m. for a Christmas luncheon and entertainment, Call 916-635-6724 for information

DECEMBER 12-13

Fremont Presbyterian Church

Glorious Sounds of Christmas, a Christmas Concert is at Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr. The free event begins at

DECEMBER 13

Special concert in Carmichael

Bring the entire family to this holiday concert entitled "Symphonies and Sing-Along!" the second concert in our "Command Performance!" season, December 13, 3 p.m. at the La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd. in Carmichael. The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult community band conducted by Dr. Les Lehr. Tickets: Child/ Student/ Senior (60+) free; others \$5, sold at the door. For more information, call (916) 489-2576 or visit www. sacwinds.org.

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JANUARY 22

Annual hot crab feed

Annual HOT Crab Feed & Auction Benefitting Courtyard School. Featuring the Captain Bob's famous HOT CRAB! Delivered live to the event, prepared onsite and served HOT to your table. All you can eat HOT crab, pasta, bread and salad! No to go bags, please. Tickets are \$50 per person; limited seating at 300. \$450 if you order a table of 10. The event will benefit Courtvard School and will feature raffle items, live and silent auction as well as a dessert auction. The evening starts at 6pm with a social/cocktail hour followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Located at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. Tickets can be purchased at the school: 205 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. For more information contact the school at 916-442-5395.

JANUARY 23

Women's Self-Defense Class/ **WEAVE Fund Raiser**

Held Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Coloma Community Center, 4623 T St., from 1 to 2 p.m., learn the tools necessary to increase your awareness, defend yourself from bodily harm, and turbo-charge your life by becoming self-empowered in this safe, fun, and non-embarrassing seminar for women. The instructor has taught active law enforcement and security guards the same proven techniques that you will learn. Start the new year feeling smart, safe, and strong! This Women's Self-Defense Seminar is being offered to the community for free as a fundraiser for WEAVE by Zen Martial Arts and Sacramento Parks and Recreation, Donations for WEAVE will be accepted at the class. Receipts available. For more information, call 530-613-6779 or visit ZenMar-



St. John the Evangelist School

5701 Locust Avenue, Carmichael



December 12 & 13 at 6:30 PM

"Cherished Memories"

An fun evening of music and stories of the Holiday Season! Holiday Coffee Reception follows

December 19 at 5 to 8 PM

Family Night Inn

A Community Family Night featuring activities holiday craft projects and goodies!

December 21 at 7 PM

Service Of Remembrance

A gathering to honor and remember those who cannot be with us this Holiday Season

December 24 at 7 PM

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Join us in a reverent and beautiful celebration of the Eve of Our Savior's birth with Music, Scripture and Song.

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