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Peace Award from Northminster Presbyterian to Cristo Rey teen

Tasvir Singh, a senior at Cristo Rey High School, has been awarded an \$800 grant from Carmichael's Northminster Presbyterian Church in recognition of her efforts to further peace and reconciliation in school, church and community.

While at Cristo Rey High School, which combines a college preparatory education with work-study, Tasvir worked at Sutter General Hospital, maintained a 4.0-plus grade point average for all four years, and was named class valedictorian.

She has been editor of the school paper, a peer tutor in the academic success tutoring program, and played an integral part in the planning, organizing, and participating in the school's Holocaust Remembrance Week. She wishes to become a pharmacist and make a change in the life of others.

Tasvir states that her involvement in the work-study program and the academic success tutoring program "has taught me to appreciate each and every person that I meet, no matter what walk of life he or she may come from. I have learned to look past our differences and more at our similarities, and have realized that I shouldn't be afraid to learn about other cultures because I'm not of that culture, or because I don't want to look out of my element. I have learned to strive to learn



more about cultures and races different from my own because this is what brings us together, and that is precisely what can help us prevent future injustice."

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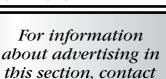
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Carmichael's 'Fliptastic!' wins national championship

By BENN HODAPP Arden-Carmichael News Writer benn@valcomnews.com

In a matter of months, Carmichael's "Fliptastic!," a facility for youth gymnastics, has gone from non-existent to grand opening to national champion. The facility sent its team of nine level-5 gymnasts to the USA Gymnastics Nationals in Zionsville, Ind., June 25-27. The team competed against seven others from across the country including teams from Texas, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

They knew going in that it was going to be a tough road to that No. 1 spot, but the team had every intention of walking away with that big trophy. They scored an all-time team best 18.250 (the scoring is done on a 20-point scale), out-dueling their rivals from Texas in the process.

"It was our first time ever scoring in the 18s," coach Mandy Lister said of the performance. "I was really happy with how we performed, but I didn't know that we were in position to win."

"I knew," said 10-yearold team member Kaitlyn O'Donnell, almost interrupting her humble coach with a wry smile.

The event consisted of each team doing a jump routine (mini-trampoline, tumbling and vault) and a floor routine which was judged based on a number of required elements. Each routine was then given a score out of 10 points and the two scores were added together for the final tally. The Fliptastic! crew garnered scores of 8.950 on their jump routine and a sparkling 9.300 on floor. They edged out Bay State Gymnastics from North Dartmouth, Mass., which put up an 18.208. The razor-thin margin of 42 thousandths of a point shows just how important every jump, tumble and flip can be in a tournament of this magnitude.
Those rival Texans (Biron

Gymnastics) finished fourth.
Both O'Donnell and 17year-old teammate Christin
Weiskircher were surprised

that the floor routine received

a higher score as they both said that the team is stronger in the tumbling events.

The event is an annual one, but since Fliptastic! just opened in January of this year, this was the first time that the team participated. There were 22 teams in the group gymnastics category and the whole event included some 300 gymnasts.

Coach Lister had a bit of advice for youngsters who want to get involved in gymnastics.

"Group gymnastics is the way to go," she said. "It teaches kids the value of playing for your team as opposed to just rooting for yourself. It's for all age groups and it starts out at level 1, which most anyone can do."

In order to qualify for nationals, teams must compete in at least one event that is sanctioned by USAG. Coming away with a score better than 16 out of 20 earns that team the right to participate at nationals. Fliptastic! took part in eight sanctioned events prior to nationals and scored in the 17s each time out.

The team from Carmichael was comprised of O'Donnell,

10; Jayme Jones, 10; Molly Wilson, 10; Erin Wilson, 11; Holly Fasollo, 12; Emily Shelton, 13; Emmaleigh Carlton, 16; Weiskircher, 17 and Veronica Shoemaker, 17.

It was a long day for the girls as they awaited the final scoring at the awards ceremony. As each place from eighth to first was called, the team sighed collectively, thankful that their name was bumped up one spot further. As the announcement got to the second place finisher, only Fliptastic! and Bay State remained.

"Everyone was saying 'Come on Bay State. Come on Bay State," said Lister.

When they knew that they had come out on top, Lister said everyone on the team cried, including the coaches.

"I didn't cry," said O'Donnell defiantly. After all, she knew it all along.

About Fliptastic!

Fliptastic! Gymnastics offers programs for boys and girls of all ages (infant on up) to participate in gymnastics, dance and cheer. The facility is located at 6404 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more information, call (916) 487-3547.

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Ryleigh Schoemer, 11, after doing a flip into the foam pit at Fliptastic! in Carmi-

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Fair's CEO speaks about anticipation of successful 2010 fair

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

The California State Fair will enter a new era this July 14, when the annual event, which is now celebrating its 158th year, opens with its new early schedule, which will continue through Aug. 1.

Last year, the fair's Board of Directors voted to have the fair open in July in an attempt to increase the fair's attendance.

A major influence in the board's decision was the fact that since 2003, many California schools had begun their school years prior to Labor Day – the day that had traditionally become the final day of the fair each year.

Norb Bartosik, the fair's CEO, said that although it was no simple task to accom-

plish this date change, it was determined to be a very necessary change.

'We've done our homework with the date change and it took us almost three years to study before we made our recommendations to the board and after last year's fair and watching the weekday attendance during the day be off more than 50 percent, we believe that this is the right move," Bartosik said. "The sad part was that that the State Fair had traditionally always closed on Labor Day, but it's never been at the expense of the school year. We can't compete. You can't get kids to come to school tours that early in the season. Teachers are trying to settle their classes in and get (students) into chairs, not on buses to do tours at the fair.

You know, organized chaos is one thing, but it's just the wrong time. If we were a month and a half later, I'd say school tours during the State Fair would have been great. But you can't get that type of cooperation or the program to work the way we both mutually needed to make that successful. So, the date change was the important part of it."

With this date change, coupled with various new attractions, Bartosik said that the fair's management is hoping to see 750,000 to 1 million visitors at this year's fair, which would be a vast improvement compared to the about 676,000 people who attended last year's fair.

"I would love to see (that many) people return to the



East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong California State Fair CEO Norb Bartosik is looking forward to a successful 2010

fair and visit this year, but we'll see what the economy brings us," Bartosik said. "It's still a tough time out there, but we're hoping that we've offered enough new features and things that are different for people to come out and try us again and see the things that we've got to

fair. The fair runs July 14 through Aug. 1.

Positive trends

offer."

Bartosik explained that another positive sign pointing in the direction of increased attendance for this year's fair can be found in the fair's focus group survey, which indicates that 20 to 30 percent more people will attend the fair due to its school schedule-friendly early starting date.

"We're hearing from people now that this is a good time of the year and that since the kids aren't in school, they'll be there more often and that they can come during the week when it's less crowded. All of those kinds of things that you would expect to hear and we are."

Although the majority of people appear to support

or at least have no problem with the fair's schedule change, there are those who did not want the schedule changed for the sake of tradition.

But Bartosik said that it is important to change with the times, even if it means altering the fair's traditional schedule.

"This date change was something we had to look at and I don't think we'll lose a lot of the loyalists (of the traditional schedule)," Bartosik said. "I think that they're going to come no matter what. There were a couple of people who told me that I was messing with a 150-year tradition and that I better be right. I also have to take that with the research that we have and that those kinds of things can't please everybody all the time.

"Things have changed around us, but we don't live the same way we lived. We don't have the same kind of competition. We have more competition than we had even 10 years ago. There are

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more concerts in the market, there's more programs in the market, there are all kinds of things that are different. (Students) are going back to school earlier. It's all of those things. The tradition was that the State Fair was the last fair of the year. But even through Labor Day, there are now six or seven fairs that operate after us. And so, all of those things have changed while we've tried to hold tradition and it was time that we decided to start setting some new terms and new ways of doing things and establishing a new tradition that makes the most sense for us."

Excitement and energy

Overall, there is a sense of renewed energy with this year's State Fair, as the advance numbers are up, as well as the hype regarding the fair from the billboards and other advertisements to the anticipation of its new sched-

In addition to this renewed energy, Bartosik said that early ticket sales show that the fair's change to a new schedule is already proving to be a

"We anticipate that we've resolved a lot of those issues and early indications from our pre-sale is that we're ahead of last year and we believe that that's a positive sign," Bartosik

Another change to this year's fair that should increase its success is its various reduced prices, which will be attractively combined with the fair's many free entertainment offerings.

Among the most notable price reductions will be seen on fair guests' food bills, as through a promotion, the fair worked with its vendors to lower food prices by 25 percent, predominantly throughout the grounds.

Additionally, discounts are available for those who decide to plan ahead by purchasing advance tickets.

Bartosik said that he hopes that many people take advantage of the special offers and many oth-



vendors outside of the Magnificent Midway, Kids Park and Miller Lite Grandstand have lowered their prices by 25-percent

er attractions of this year's

"I'd like to say that (the State Fair) is the single best value that you're going to find anywhere in Northern Ċalifornia," Bartosik said. "(Fairgoers should) take advantage of the discounts we have to offer. Buy early and be able to enjoy (the fair) as many times as you can and don't plan on just coming out for an hour or two. You can't see the entire State Fair in one day. There is so much here that we have to offer and you (can) just kind of bask in the revelry of the showcase of California and have fun while

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Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's 40th annual festival July 10-11

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Birders of a feather will flock together as the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association presents its 40th Wildlife Art Festival, Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11, Double Tree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way. Designed specifically for families, the event celebrates traditional wildlife artworks with contests, displays of carvings, fine art, antique decoys, sculpture and interactive kids activities.

Whether you're an avid outdoor enthusiast, woodworker, birdwatcher, hunter, or fisherman, the weekend festival is an opportunity to marvel at the intricacies involved with the art of capturing wildlife in carvings, sculpture and paintings. The second longest running festival in the nation, the event benefits the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's public education programs that emphasize the beauty of our native bird population and the original American art form of decoy carving, right here in the Pacific Flyway.

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The Pacific Flyway Decoy Association is a 501 C 3 non-profit public charity association, dedicated to the preservation of wildfowl art through education. The organization was selected as a "Legacy Project" in 1999 by U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, and the organization's remarkable history is now archived in the Library of Congress. Since 1982, the festival has been held at Sacramento's Double Tree Hotel, right in the heart of the Pacific Flyway.

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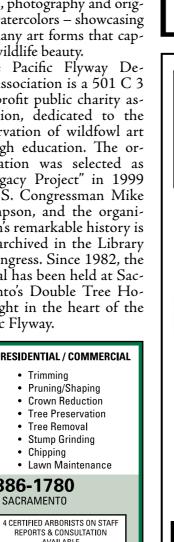
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Another in a series of Community Conversations will happen at coffee houses throughout Sacramento neighborhoods on Tuesday, July 13 at 7 p.m. The series, sponsored by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation in partnership with Capital Public Radio and the Sacramento Bee is designed to bring neighbors together to enjoy the time-honored tradition of civil discourse. The topic of the discussion is "Budget Cuts: What are we willing to do without and what are we willing to do about the rest?"

The events will be facilitated at eight coffee shops and encourage people to express their ideas and opinions. Each conversation is subsequently summarized on the Community Conversation Web site and participants are encouraged to continue the discussion as well as offer ideas for future

Neighbors in communities served by Valley Community News are invited to events at Espresso Metro, 2104 11th Ave., Land Park/ Curtis Park, and at the Starbucks in the Nugget Center on Florin Road in the Pocket. East Sacramento residents will be served by the College Glen Starbucks at 8393 Folsom Blvd. No reservations are necessary. For information, call the Sacramento Community Foundation at (916) 921-7723. The Web site to learn more about the series is www.communityconversations.net.

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Janey Way Memories



The story of **Jack Vance**



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

Jack Vance moved to Janey Way early in the 1960s. He bought a house at the entrance to Janey Way next to the Ducray house. Initially his relationship with us seemed strained. He had a wife, but no children. He was sort of a recluse. When a football once rolled on to Jack's lawn, he admonished us for walking on it to retrieve the ball. This didn't sit well with us.

Then one day, things changed. As a group of us sat on the Ducrays' lawn talking loudly, Jack walked by holding two large dogs on a leash. Surprisingly, Jim Ducray stood up and intercepted Jack as he walked by.

"What kind of dogs are those?" Jim asked.
"They are American Bulldogs," said Jack, "Do you want to pet them?"

Jim knelt down and stroked the well-behaved dogs. He asked Jack if they belonged to him.

"No," said Jack, "I train dogs for a living. I also work as a judge in dog shows. I want these dogs to learn good behavior around people. That's why I walk them around the

Soon we all walked up to pet the beautiful dogs. They

clearly enjoyed the attention we gave them.

"Sit now," Jack said to the dogs, and they sat up straight and barely moved. We spent several minutes asking Jack questions about how he trained his dogs. After that, he walked off smartly, with the dogs in tow and behaving like the well-bred animals they were.

Subsequently, our relationship with Jack Vance changed. If a ball rolled on his lawn, he picked it up and threw it back to us. When he walked his dogs of various breeds down the street, we stopped him and admired the handsome dogs. Other times, we'd just say, "Hi Jack, nice dogs."

Years later after we all moved out of the neighborhood to start are own lives, Jim Ducray bought a large purebred dog. He went back to Janey Way to ask Jack how to handle the dog. Jack gave him clear instructions on how to train the spirited young animal.

Over time, Jack had become an integral part of our neighborhood. Our parents had warmed up to him too. Unlike old Joe, who lived on the other side of the Ducray house, Jack had come to like the children of Janey Way. Though he had no children, in a way, we were all his kids. We, in turn, learned to appreciate his skill in training animals.

Jack Vance died several years ago. He had lived on Janey Way for over forty years. In his later years, his health failed him, so he required 24-hour in-home care. When he died, he left his house to the man who provided that care. That fellow and his wife continue to live on Janey Way.

I can't help but think that the relationship we developed with Jack changed him as a person. It mellowed him. He became more tolerant of other people. His dogs became a connection to the children and the parents in our neighborhood, and Janey Way turned into his last stop on the road of life. His is another inspirational Janey Way memory.

Big Value: California State Fair hopes discounts will woo families

Arden-Carmichael News Writer susan@valcomnews.com

Had a craving for food on a stick lately? Or have you wanted to take the kids to the State Fair, but just never found the time because of school activities? On a budget?

The 2010 California State Fair at Cal Expo is taking all of those challenges into consideration, and is taking an unprecedented step: it is opening a month early, with discounts on admission, specials on rides and reduced food prices.

Opening day at the fair is July 14, and the fair will run through Aug. 1.

Fair officials hope that this change in date will help families to re-establish the tradition of going to the fair together before the start of the school year. Fair attendance has been down significantly - some 45 percent - since 2002. Most of the decline was attributed to families being unable to attend the fair, due to earlier and earlier starts to the school year in California school districts. Gone are the days - for most - of school starting the day after Labor Day.

Ticket prices slashed

Pre-sale admission to the fair and its attractions has been slashed from 13 to 87 percent, depending on what packages are purchased. Discounts are available until July 13. Then, regular admission rates will apply.

A pre-sale "Poppy Pack" includes admission for four, tickets for four rides and one parking pass. It retails for \$39.95, a savings of 43 percent. Poppy Packs are available online at bigfun.org. They are not available at the gate.

The best buy for fair lovers is the State Fair Season Pass, which is discounted 87 percent to \$29.99 per person. The season pass is a new creation, and includes admission to Raging Waters during the run of the fair.

Those who love the rides on the Midway can purchase an Unlimited Rides Wristband that is valid on most rides for \$28, a pre-fair savings of 20 percent.

Pre-sale discounts on general admission for youth (\$6), seniors (\$8) and adults (\$10) are good until the day before the fair. On opening day, admission will go up an additional \$2 for all categories.

Tickets can be purchased at www.bigfun.org.



Poppy the Bear is the mascot of the California State Fair, and is a big hit with children of all ages.

Read 2 Ride

Kids in the eighth grade and younger who read two books and fill out an online form (available at tinyurl.com/2f7phcu) will receive tickets for two free rides at the fair. Children should bring their completed forms to the main gate. Avid readers will want to know that they can only redeem one form per day.

Cheap(er) eats

Here's news: all food at the State Fair will be 25 percent less than last summer. This should make the decision-making easier for those who can't decide between choosing a traditional corndog or a deep-fried Twinkie on a stick. Families on a budget may be able to treat the kids a little more easily, too.

Scaly things are cool

Reptiles are definitely "in" at the State Fair this year, as two new exhibits are unveiled: a "Days of the Dinosaur Exhibit" and an allnew "Jungle and Reptile Adventure." These exhibits are familyfriendly, fun and educational.

The indoor dinosaur exhibit is impressive - it will feature more than a dozen life-sized dinosaur robots. There will be skeleton replicas, hands-on activities and more. For a preview of the exhibit, visit YouTube at tinyurl.com/ 2aryv23. Admission to this amazing exhibit is free to fair visitors

- a great value by itself alone. The outdoor "Jungle and Reptile Adventure" will be located in the Floriculture tent. It will feature a variety of birds, amphibians and reptiles - including colonies of alligators and large tortoises.

The standard favorites are all there for those who love the fair: the agricultural exhibits, the farm animals, the racing horses and dachshunds, the arts and cultural exhibits, the rides on the Midway, the contests of skill, the vendors hawking amazing products and more. It may be wild, wacky and fun...but that's what summer fairs and family outings are for. This summer's California State Fair promises to make some wonderful memories. And that's priceless.



Photo courtesy of California State Fa Big eats for less: Food and beverages will be discounted by 25 percent at this year's California State



Photo courtesy of California State Fai Kids and critters: The California State Fair highlights the state's number one industry: agriculture. Young people who are involved in programs such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America will show the animals they have raised this year at

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Faces and places

Scenes of Fourth of July in Carmichael

The Carmichael Elks held their annual Independence Day Parade July 4. Hundreds attended the even, filling Carmichael in a sea of red, white and blue.

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Sacramento's parks have rich history in the capital city

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Certainly, just about anyone who has lived in Sacramento for a few years or more is quite familiar with the city's wealth in parks.

From the larger parks such as McKinley Park and William Land Park to a wide variety of smaller parks, Sacramento offers plenty of parks for leisure and entertainment.

So plentiful is the park system in the capital city that more than 200 developed parks and open spaces are available to the community and its visitors.

But despite common knowledge that Sacramentans are fortunate to have access to such public places, fewer people know the richness of the city's park history.

Undoubtedly, many of Sacramento's parks are quite old, with some of these parks having roots that date back to the days of the Gold Rush and the city's founder, John Augustus Sutter, Jr.

Helping to set the stage for the local park system, Sutter, Jr. donated 10 "squares" or "plazas" for "public use of the inhabitants."

This generous gift to the city was to be applied to such public purposes as the future incorporated authorities, from time to time, would declare and determine.

The following is a history of the "squares" donated by Sutter, Jr. to the people of Sacramento.

Cesar Chavez Plaza

The first of these "squares" to be developed was today's Cesar Chavez Plaza, located between 9th, 10th, I and J streets. The park received this name in 1997 in honor of Chavez (1927-1993), the Chicano civil rights leader, who organized the United Farm Workers Union.

Known to many today as the site of a farmers market (Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May through October), a free summer concert series, community rallies or simply a leisure place to relax, this "square" has been an essential part of the city, since becoming a park in 1873.

The process of creating the plaza, which is located just south of the historic city hall building, was challenging, considering that when work began on the site in 1872, the "square" was much deeper than the nearby streets levels. The raising of many acres in this part of the city about a decade earlier as a barrier against floods had given the future park site its bowl-like appearance.

During about a five-month period, the "bowl" was filled in and by the spring of 1873, the plaza was an attractive site with Kentucky blue grass, 14-foot sidewalks and a surrounding



The 1889 Andrew Jackson Stevens Memorial, shown in this c. 1905 photograph at City Plaza – today's Cesar Chavez Plaza - is the city's oldest monument.

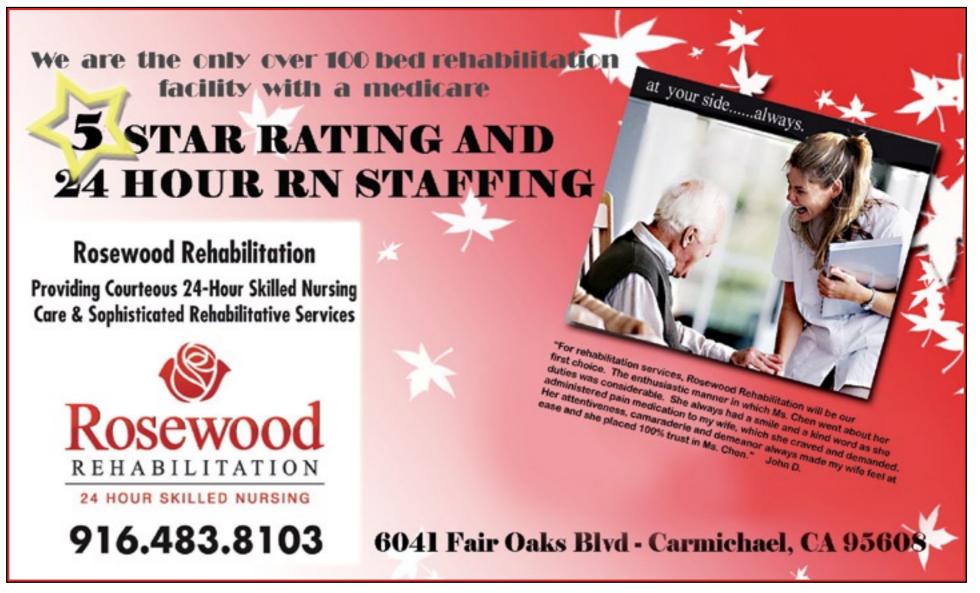
Later improvements included an iron fountain (later replaced by the current concrete fountain in 1928), the Andrew Jackson Stevens and Cesar Chavez memorials, additional sidewalks and a variety of trees and

Other unique facts about this park include that it was considered as a future site for the state Capitol building in the 1850s and an underground parking garage in the 1940s.

Marshall Park

This "square," located between 27th, 28th, I and J streets, was once used

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Sutter Squares: These 'squares' make up city's historic parks

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as the site for Marshall School, which was built in 1889.

When the school was demolished many years ago, a park was built in its place.

Like the school, the park, which was completed in 1908, was named in honor of James Wilson Marshall (1810-1885), the man whose 1848 discovery of gold set off the California Gold Rush and the largest mass migration of people in the history of the world.

Marshall Park also serves as home to the Ethel MacLeod Hart Multipurpose Senior Center, which is located at 912 27th St. in a large building at the center of the park.

Grant Park

Located between 21st, 22nd, B and C streets, Grant Park is a 2.6-acre recreational site with a baseball diamond, stadium lights, bleachers, a picnic area, a playground and shade trees. But for many years, longstanding legal battles held the community away from enjoying what Sutter, Jr. had intended for "public use of the inhabitants."

This problem occurred due to a dispute by William Mesick, who had earlier acquired the "square" and some surrounding property.

Although Mesick fought the city, stating that its claim on the "square" was not valid and that he was the rightful owner of the property, the Board of Supervisors exercised its legal rights and authorized the 1862 construction of a horseracing track that by 1873 was utilized for the State Fair.

The property was converted into the Grant Playfield in 1940.

The playfield, which was later renamed Grant Park, was named in honor of Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885), the 18th U.S. president and the commander in chief of the Union during the Civil War.

Roosevelt Park

Named after Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), the 32nd president of the United States, this park is located between 9th, 10th, P and Q streets.

This recreational site, which was formerly known as Roosevelt Playfield, consists of a softball field and a pair of basketball courts and draws enthusiasts of these sports,

as well as those interested in playing soccer, jogging or simply relaxing. The site also offers a certified farmers market every Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., from May through October.

In earlier years, the "play-field" was a popular site for tennis players and children, but the site no longer includes its historic tennis courts, nor does it offer any recreational playground equipment for children.

Prior to becoming a park, the site was home to two of the city's early schools, the Capital Primary School, which was destroyed by fire, and the Harkness Grammar School, which was named after Dr. H.W. Harkness, the first city superintendent.

Fremont Park

This park, which is located between 15th, 16th, P and Q streets, offers one of the city's newest children's playground areas, as well as a popular, shaded picnic area.

A certified farmers market, with the same schedule as Roosevelt Park, and the Chalk It Up to Sacramento! Labor Day weekend sidewalk art event, are also held at this park.

The park is named after Lt. John Charles Fremont (1813-1890), the famous explorer of the West, Civil War military officer and the first Republican candidate for the office of the president of the United States.

In 1898, this "square" received attention as a possible school site, but the idea was eventually abandoned when another school site was selected.

Muir Park

Located between 15th, 16th, B and C streets, this park, which was formerly referred to as Muir Playfield, opened in 1923.

The park was renovated and reopened in 2007 and includes the following amenities: a soccer field, a basketball court, a children's playground, barbecues and high-quality walkways.

Historically, the playfield featured a clubhouse, basket-ball courts, horseshoe-pitching courts, horizontal bars and teeter-totters.

The park was named in honor of engineer, writer and naturalist John Muir (1838-1914), one of the first modern preservationists and the founder of the Sierra Club conservation organization.

Winn Park

This park, which is located between 27th, 28th, P and Q streets, bears its name in honor of Gen. Albert Maver Winn (1810-1883), the city's first mayor and the founder of the order of the Natïve Sons of the Golden West.

In addition to these accomplishments, Winn also contributed to the civil and military beginnings of the city, organized the first Odd Fellows lodge on the West Coast and assisted greatly in the establishment of the first Episcopal church in Sacramento.

It is believed that he was also a member of every fraternal organization in Sacramento.

Although the park, which has a large, non-public building as its centerpiece, maintains much of its general historic appearance, a variety of improvements on the site were made in 2001. These additions include a fenced "tot lot" play area, additional walkways, picnic areas and benches.

Stanford Park

This historic "square," which is bounded by 27th, 28th, B and

C streets, was originally known as the Stanford Playfield.

The park was named in honor of Leland Stanford (1824-1893), one of the most prominent individuals in Sacramento history.

Stanford, who once made his home in a 38-room mansion at 800 N St., is known for his position as one of the "Big Four" of the Central Pacific Railroad, his founding of Leland Stanford Junior University, his service as the 8th governor of California and his work as a U.S. senator.

For many years, baseball enthusiasts have enjoyed the site, which includes one of the city's most popular baseball diamonds.

Additionally, visitors of this park, which is located about 200 feet south of the site of the historic American River landing of Sutter, Jr.'s father, John A. Sutter, Sr. often take advantage of the park's picnic area.

The non-park Sutter "squares"

The final two "squares" of the Sutter grants are not used as public parks. These sites are as follows: Alkali Playfield

This former park site, located in the Alkali Flat section of the city, between 10th and 11th streets on C Street, is the only "square" to have become a park, yet no longer retain this status.

Despite its ideal location for residents of the area, this "square" was left undeveloped until 1940, when it became known as the Alkali Playground.

Difficulty in developing this "square" occurred due to the fact that the railroad ran diagonally through the site. And when the tracks were removed due to the construction of a nearby trestle, the property was left with a large rock pile.

With the desire of Alkali Flat residents and the approval of the city council, construction began to convert the site into a park.

On Feb. 2, 1940, the park, which included trees, grass, swings, a teeter-totter and slides, was opened. But for about the past 30 years, the "square," which sits near the KCRA Channel 3 news building, has not been utilized as Sutter, Jr. had intended it to be used.



American River Natural History Association to run 'gem of Carmichael'

By PETER HAYESAssociate ARNHA Board Member Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

American River Natural History Association members will soon kick off a spirited new fundraising campaign to invigorate their takeover of the beloved Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

Meanwhile, newly elected members of ARNHA's Effie Yeaw Nature Center Advisory Committee pressed negotiations with county parks officials on a longterm lease to operate the center and its 78-acre preserve after it was formally cut loose July 3. Sacramento County, facing a budget crisis, had requested proposals from nonprofit groups to run the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, located at 2850 San Lorenzo Way in Carmichael, and only ARNHA

stepped up to prevent the 34-year-old center from closing.

ARŇHA's proposed 2010-11 budget for EYNC listed anticipated expenditures at \$307,000 including costs for 7.25 fulltime-equivalent employees. Revenue to balance expenses will be an ongoing endeavor from now on. AKNHA normally has given between \$40,000 and \$60,000 annually back to the county, and President Larry Washington made it clear that, while no longer giving to the county, ARNHA must embark on an accelerated fundraising campaign to significantly augment that amount in order to sustain and improve the center's programs.

The question of funding central to ongoing negotiations between the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Advisory Committee and Sacramento County for a long-term lease, but parks officials have ruled out any

ARNHA past president Greg Voelm, who led the ARNHA effort to win county support of ARNHA operation of the nature center, indicated in a June 29 article in the Sacramento Bee that at this point its only offer is nothing at all. It is possible that an appeal directly to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors could result in some transitional funding.

Negotiating for ARNHA with the county are the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Advisory Committee's Chair, Greg Voelm, members Carol Doersch, Noah Baygell,



The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is located on the same site that former Kindergarten teacher Effie Yeaw took her students to learn about local, cultural and natural history during the 1950s and 1960s. Due to Sacramento County budget cuts, the American River Natural History Association will now operate the Effie Yeaw

Betsy Weiland, and Lou Heinrich. Also representing ARNHA is newly-designated Nature Center Executive Director Marilee Flannery, who has served as the director of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center under county management. Other Advisory Committee members are David Wade and Liz Williamson.

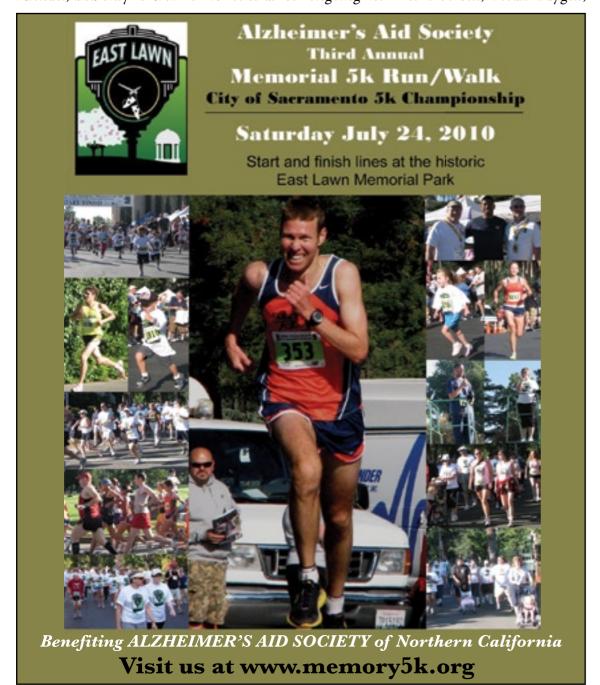
The committee was nominated by ARNHA past president Carol Doersch, who authored most of the 15-page ARNHA proposal to the county, during a talk concerning the new operation of the Nature Center at the June 23 meeting of the ARNHA Board. Doersch said the committee would play a "collegial" role, reporting to and requesting major funding from the ARNHA Board of Directors to operate the center, and have

"a close and supportive relationship with the executive director."

"It will develop, in cooperation with staff, policies that will further enhance the image of ARNHA and the Effie Yeaw Nature Center as a competent, well-run organization - that maintains a unique sense of joy and camaraderie in our work together," she added.

Doersch also told the board that ARNHA was seeking help from three other nonprofits, the American River Parkway Foundation, the Sacramento County Office of Education, and the Discovery Museum, to help support the operations of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

"We hope they will work with us in an advisory capacity and eventually in mutually beneficial programs and financial ventures," she



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Dachshunds will have their day at California State Fair

Guest Canine Columnist

Eleven years ago, the California State Fair started up a new event, called the Dachshund Derby. The purpose of this event is to provide humans with great entertainment and to highlight the fact that we dachshunds don't think we are big dogs...we know we are big dogs.

My human mom, Susan, asked me to write this article, because I have firsthand knowledge of the Dachshund Derby – even if this keyboard is a chal-

lenge for my tiny paws.

I ran in the Dachshund Derby every year for the last six years. I loved my racing career. Even though I am retired now (by something my humans call mild arthritis"), I never tire of the sights and sounds of the racetrack at Cal Expo. There is something thrilling about the thunder of tiny paws, the cheer of the crowd and the T-R-E-A-T-S at the finish line.

Sixty-four wiener dogs of every shape - well, every long and short shape – and size will run in eight races on Saturday, July 17 at the fair's Miller Lite Grandstand, starting just before 2 p.m.

The races are run "smallest to largest." So, the smallest mini dachshunds will run in the first race. The second through the seventh races will run dogs from mini to "schmini" to standard dachshund size, right up until the eighth race, when the largest dogs will run.

After all eight "heats" are run, the winners from each heat will compete in the final race, the Grand Championship.

Between each dachshund race, the fair will run thoroughbred horse races. I think it is funny seeing a human riding on a horse's back, going fast.

Speaking of fast, dachshund racing is all about fast. And focus. I've seen many a race lost by a nose distracted by the scent of food on a stick. Hey, we're hounds after all.

My friend, Frank, won the Grand Championship three years ago. He has finished first in his "heat" for the last five years. We raced in the championship together, and let me tell you, I've never seen a more focused dog. Frank lives with his mom, Heidi Clark. Frank is nearly blind. When I asked him his secret, he told me, "Experience, my friend. And use your nose. My human has bacon in her pocket. Works for me."



Photo courtesy of California State Fair

The thunder of tiny paws will be heard on July 17 at Cal Expo, when the California State Fair celebrates the 11th annual Dachshund Derby. Downtown Beans leads the pack. Maxwell von Crumpmeister trails in third by a tail.

I admit, running a straight line to my Dad was a challenge for me. The first year I was in the Derby, I ran around the starting box to my human sister. After all, good dogs aren't supposed to run away from their humans, are they?

I realized that there was a human family member across the field at that thing called "the finish line" the next year. Even though I was the last dog in my heat, my family made a great fuss over me. All for going over a ribbon. Imagine.

The third year, I knew my job. I ran like the wind, my tiny ears bobbing in the breeze, my athletic little body flexing like a greyhound. I focused on Dad and the bell he was ringing. I was running in second to Downtown Beans, when Beans suddenly became distracted by a cameraman...and veered off course. To my great astonishment, I won my heat – and \$25. You can see my big moment at tinyurl.com/nbv3vo.

Frank blew all the other dogs away that year, with his keen nose and twinkling toes. Truly, the Fastest Wiener in the West.

Dachshunds are wonderful, but to be just, all dogs are great dogs. The California State Fair knows this. That's why the fair is once again partnering with Blue Buffalo Foundation for Cancer Research as the 11th annual Dachshund Derby's signature charity. Cancer is seen in about 1,100 of every 100,000 dogs who get regular checkups by a veterinarian. Cures for canine cancer may eventually lead to cures for humans, too.

We dachshunds think this help to the canine kingdom is much needed, so we encourage dog lovers everywhere to come to the races. Purchase an "I picked a Wiener" blue ribbon at the races for \$1 and support the cause.

There will be lots of dog lovers on hand at the fair on July 17 at 1:30 p.m., and it's really a lot of fun. So come to the fair and cheer your favorite canines on. You know you want

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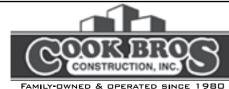
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Tower Records founder Russ Solomon to be honored at new Dimple Records Land Park location July 17

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

Land Park and other city residents have been noticing something quite different about the corner of 16th Street and Broadway lately, as the upper, front portion of a certain very famous record store building has for the first time in 45 years been painted something other than a combination of yellow and red.

As signs of an end and a beginning, the building, which once housed a landmark location of Russ Solomon's legendary Sacramento-based business, Tower Records, and until recently, his later business, R5 Records, is being replaced by another well-known Sacramento area-based business, Dimple Records.

On the last day of R5 Records' existence last month, Solomon was present to see the closure of the store, which marked the end of an era for his nearly 70 years in the recorded music selling business. Solomon started out in the record-selling business by offering 78 rpm records for sale in his father's drugstore in the Tower Theatre building.

Also present on R5 Records' last day was John Radakovitz, who is very well acquainted with Solo-

Blending two brands

In late 1965, as Solomon was expanding Tower Records, which relocated from the Tower Theatre building to its longtime 16th Street and Broadway location and eventually became an international success, Radakovitz was supplying records through the Pasadena-based wholesale/retail record business, Canterbury Records, which had established a northern branch store managed by Robert Garcia at 1715 Arden Way in the then-less than a decade-old Arden

As a record distributor at the time, Radakovitz, 65, said that among the many places where he delivered records was Tower Records stores.

Since this time, both Solomon and Radakovitz had continued to work in the recorded music-selling



Dimple Records owner John Radakovitz shows off his business's newest store site at 16th Street and **Broadway**

business, with the exception of the past month, since Solomon closed R5 Records.

Radakovitz's longtime connection to Solomon was far from the only reason that he paid a visit to the store on its closing day.

Instead, as the owner of Dimple Records, Radakovitz was stopping by the store due his personal connection to the building, which would become home to his sev-

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enth store in the greater Sacramen-

Radakovitz's road to owning these stores began with his three-year involvement with Canterbury Records.

Following his time with Canterbury Records, Radakovitz was hired as a distributor by the Emeryvillebased wholesale record business, Pic-A-Tune, to work at the company's Del Paso Boulevard store.

Around the time when Pic-A-Tune was purchased by United Artists in 1974, Radakovitz began his own wholesale record company, called River City Record Distributors, and his own retail store, called Cordova Records. Both operations were located in Rancho Cordova.

After only a year of operating his Rancho Cordova businesses, Radakovitz ended these endeavors and moved to Roseville, where he opened the first of his Dimple stores at 1701 Santa Clara Drive, off Douglas Boulevard.

After about 18 years of heading the Roseville store, Radakovitz expanded his business to include a second store at 313 E. Bidwell St. in Folsom, a third store at 2433 Arden Way in about 1996 and a fourth store at 6099 San Juan Avenue in Citrus Heights about two years later.

Dimple also opened a store at 9692 Elk Grove-Florin Road in Elk Grove in about 2005 and following the late 2006 closure of Tower stores, Radakovitz closed the San Juan Avenue Dimple store and in March 2007 opened a store in the old Tower Records building at 7830 Macy Plaza Drive in Citrus Heights.

Dimple – a name given to the store by Radakovitz because music brings smiles to the faces of many people – also opened a store in another old Tower Records site at 212 F St. in Davis in the summer of 2007.

History in Land Park

Radakovitz, whose wife Dilyn and sons Ollie and Andrew also work for Dimple, said that acquiring the Land Park store was in a way a fulfillment of a personal dream.

"I kind of always wanted this store," Radakovitz said. "I would have preferred this store more than probably any of them, just because of where it's located."

And because of the Land Park store's location in a historical sense, Radakovitz said that he felt that the store's opening, which will be held on July 17 from noon to 4 p.m., presented the perfect opportunity to honor Solomon

"I thought that it would be kind of a nice event for Russ to say somewhat of a farewell to the community, at least in regards to music," Radakovitz said. "There are going to be a whole lot of former Tower people (present) on that day (and) there will be a lot of record company executives. It's not so much as a Dimple grand opening, although we will open our doors and we're not going to turn down anyone who wants to buy something, but we're going to dedicate this location to Russ in that our plans are to unveil a painting of him, which will be permanently placed prominently in the store with a plaque (which will include such wording as) '1941 to 2010, this site dedicated to the founder of Tower (Records)."

The event, which will be emceed by longtime rock music fan and radio announcer Dennis Newhall, will also include a food vendor, a large cake, live music by the Bathtub Gins from noon to 3 p.m. and an appearance by Solomon from 1 to 3 p.m., during which time Radakovitz will play his guitar and sing a country music-style song about Solomon that he wrote.

When asked if he would give a sneak preview to the song's lyrics, Radakovitz provided the following words: "I've sold records for most of my life, didn't even have to think twice. There was music and I sold it everywhere. Now I'm listening, not selling, that music so dear."

Humbly commenting about his own upcoming celebration at the store, Solomon, who will turn 86 in about two months, said, "It's a little much I think, but it's fine and anything I can do to help (Dimple) open up is great with me. I think they're really nice people and I'm very happy that they are taking over the store down there."

Since the Solomon-honoring event will mark only a soft opening for Dimple's Land Park store, Radakovitz said that the store will also hold a separate grand opening at a later time.

But in the meantime, the store will begin its venture in the old 16th Street and Broadway Tower Records site, as it honors Solomon on this special day.

In being that Solomon brought so many "dimples" to local music lovers through his record stores, Radakovitz encourages the community to pay tribute to a man who is considered by many to be an icon of the capital city.

"Wear something cool and come on down and see what's happening on this fun day," Radakovitz said. "Everybody's welcome, so hear some music and have a good time while we honor Russ, the father of retail music – that's what I call him!"



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JULY

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JULY 8

Computer Club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, July 8, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "What's New at Apple," presented by Brent Sallee of MacClicks. A problemsolving 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. missionoakscomputerclub.org

JULY 10

Jensen Garden Workday

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden workdays one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is July 10. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. Next workdays in 2010 are 8/7, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4. 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.

Belle Cooledge Library reopening

The community is invited to the reopening celebration of Belle Cooledge Library, at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 10. The Sacramento Public Library branch, located at 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento, has been closed for a major remodeling project since mid March. For more information, please telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit saclibrary.

Tahoe Park Soccer Registration

Tahoe Park Soccer Registration begins in June. Registration day is July 10. Visit their Web site for additional registration details: www.tpsoccerclub.com.

JULY 10-11

40th Wildlife Art Festival

Birders of a feather will flock together as the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association presents its 40th Wildlife Art Festival, Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11, Double Tree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way. Designed specifically for families, the event celebrates traditional wildlife artworks with contests, displays of carvings, fine art, antique decoys, sculpture and interactive kids activities. Event is July 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 11 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the weekend, children 12 and under, free. For more information, visit www.pacificflyway.org.

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JULY 25

2010 Pear Fair

Always the last Sunday in July, the 38th annual Pear Fair will be Sunday, July 25, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Sacramento River Delta town of Courtland, located just 20 minutes south of Sacramento, off Highway 160. Last year, the fair drew in more than 7,000 people. Make sure and arrive early to enjoy all the festivities. For more information, visit www.pearfair.com.

Todd Morgan and the Emblems

Todd Morgan and the Emblems are performing in the Carmichael Concerts in the Park series, July 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Carmichael Park Bandshell, located the corner of Grant Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard. This is a free event.

JULY 31

Alzheimer seminar

Chinese Community Church will host a seminar on Alzheimer. Saturday July 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Our address is 5600 Gilgunn Way, 95822 located on Fruitridge Road between Freeport Blvd and South Land Park Dr. Everyone is welcomed. Free. For more information contact 424-8900.

AUGUST

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August 3

Casa Garden Restaurant

Tuesday, August 3: 11:30 a.m. wine social featuring "Three Wine Company" at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road. "Three Wine Company" will pour wine during hors d'oeuvres, to be followed by lunch (choice of Chicken and Spinach Crepes or Grilled Chicken and Nectarine Salad) and dessert Heavenly Raspberry Torte -- \$20 per person, including tax and gratuity. Reservations a must - call (916) 452-2809. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

August 10

Casa Garden Restaurant

Tuesday, August 10: The VoCALs' musical presentation of "Malt Shop Melodies 2" at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. seatings at Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Road. Entrée choices: BBO Beef Brisket with Garlic Roasted Potatoes or Grilled Chicken and Nectarine Salad; dessert Belgian Cream Cake -- \$20 per person, including tax and gratuity. First-come, first served group reservations by one person, one check. Reservations a must - call (916) 452-2809. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home.

August 28

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Mondays

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Karate for girls ages 7 and older, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Elks Lodge No. 6, Riverside Boulevard at Florin Road. Meets Mondays and Wednesdays. Information at 470-9950.

Aviator interest

Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women to shares stories of military or sport aviation -- for former air or ground crew, or anyone interested in B-17s, Reno races, and airshows. Free. Meets second Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hometown Buffet, 4300 Florin Rd. (private dining room). Information from Lou at 421-0844.

TUESDAYS

Pastel landscapes class

Award-winning pastel artist Reif Erickson teaches a four-step process to creating art. Supplies provided for the first session and students provided with a materials list for further lessons. From 2:30 to 5 p.m., Ethel Hart Center, 915 27th St.; \$25 per lesson. Information at 808-5462.

Free Medicare counseling

Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) offers free, unbiased information and assistance with Medicare problems, help with health and long-term care insurance. HICAP does not sell, endorse, or recommend insurance. Appointments are every Tuesday with John Gallapaga, call 376-8915 to schedule an appointment. For appointments in Spanish, call Marta Erismann at 231-5110.

Women's networking

Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women for 47 years, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., for lunch and programs at Aviators Restaurant, Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd. Fund-raising, networking, community service. Information: President Colleen Truelsen, 429-9901, email: colleen@valcomnews.com.

Barbershop Harmony

Sacramento Capitolaires Barbershop Chorus rehearsals, 7 p.m., Sierra Arden United Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave. Open to "men who like to sing." Call Joe Samora for details, 631-9848.

Antelope Quilters Guild

Held the second Tuesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Quilters Guild invites community members to their general meeting at the Lutheran Church of Ascension, 7607 Garden Gate Dr. in Citrus Heights. For more information, call 488-8858.

WEDNESDAYS

Yoga at Parkside Church

Svaroopa Yoga is a style of Hatha Yoga that can relieve pain, reduce stress, increase strength and flexibility, help with proper alignment and posture, calm the mind, and promote personal transformation. The classes are open to everyone. Beginning Yoga is offered on Wednesday mornings from 9:15am – 11:00am and Advanced Yoga is offered on Tuesday mornings from 8:45a – 11:00am. Fees are \$52 for a series of 4 sessions. Parkside Community Church is located at 5700 South Land Park Dr. Call 421-0492 for more information.

Wednesday Night Dance

Dance to the rhythms of the Sensible Sounds Dance Band in the community center's beautiful auditorium. Enjoy Ballroom and Line dance from Swing to Rock to Country music. Call 972-0336 for more information. \$7 per person, from 7-10 p.m. every Wednesday at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael.

Community sing-along

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Shower singers are welcome! Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m., June 10 through August 26. Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd. Free. Information: 457-4527, daytime.

Pole walking clinic

Free pole-walking clinic sponsored by Cure Arthritis Now, every Wednesday morning -- demo poles provided for use during your first clinic. Call 208-8700 for details of times and locations. Come learn a new way to exercise and get healthy.

Chair yoga at Hart

Yoga instructor Pat Shaw leads chair yoga with exercises aimed to keep older adults strong, limber and relaxed, 1:45 to 2:45 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Information at 808-5462.

Toastmasters Club

River City Speakers Toastmasters Club meets at noon at Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way. All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills; meeting ends at 1:15 p.m. Information: 747-8282.

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Co-Dependents Anonymous meets, 7 p.m., Friends Church, Fireside Room, 41st and E streets. This 12-step group is for people whose common problem has been an inability to maintain healthy relationships. We support each other in developing fulfilling relationships. For more information, call 1-866-794-9993.

Free dessert for seniors

The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinochle or bingo, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. Bring a brown-bag lunch -- free coffee, tea and dessert. Information from Myrt at 348-8114.

Memory Seminar

Merrill Gardens is offering a "Memory Enhancement" seminar from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at 6350 Riverside Blvd. This is an ongoing series the second Wednesday of every month. Refreshments will be served.

Businesswomen's network

Referrals Plus, a networking group of businesswomen, meets, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., in the Pocket area. Information and reservations with Chris, 492-6278. Website: www.referralsplus.

Dance at Mission Oaks

The Sensible Sounds Dance Band plays everything from rock to swing to country, 7 to 10 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive. Cost is \$7 per person. Information at 972-0336 x 228.

Alzheimer's support

Alzheimer's support group meets, 2:30 p.m., third Wednesdays each month, Primrose, 7077 Rush River Drive, for families and friends struggling with Alzheimer's disease. Caregiving strategies, education, resource information, and a shoulder to lean on. Facilitator: Kim Winters, BSG, M. Ed. Information at 392-3510.

Lewy Body Dementia support

Lewy Body Dementia support group is tailored for caregivers and loved ones diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., fourth Wednesdays, Primrose, 7707 Rush River Drive. Facilitator: Kim Winters, BSG, M.ED. Information at 392-3510.

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