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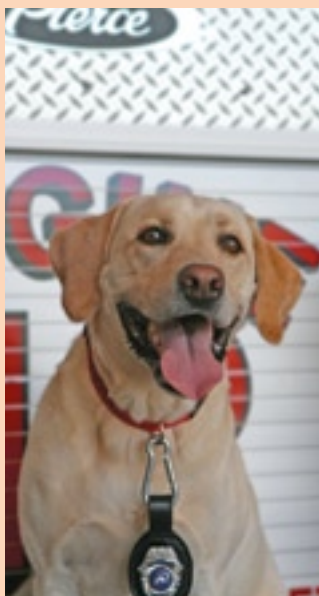
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32 sign up to run for city council of as-yet unincorporated City of Arden Arcade

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Amid months of close calls and deadlines met just to get the incorporation of Arden Arcade on the November ballot, the election will feature another item pertaining to the area and its pending cityhood. Thirty-two residents threw their veritable hats in the ring to become members of a six-member city council should the cityhood measure pass.

If and when the city council is elected, the members will then pick a mayor for the possibly newly-minted city. Each member of the council would then be a representative of one of six districts within Arden Arcade. The councilmembers will likely serve four-year terms upon election.

The 32 individuals had to sign their names into a book at the County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections Department and take out paperwork to complete and return to the department by Friday, Aug. 6.

As of the Friday evening deadline, not all of the paperwork had been filed.

Brad Buysse, Campaign Services Manager for the voter registration and elections department said that as of Wednesday, Aug. 4, just three candidates had submitted their paperwork. However, of the 32 original people who filed for the paperwork necessary to run for city council, 22 of them met requirements. Buysse said that the reasoning behind why 10 of the 32 didn't qualify could be a number of

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Broadway comes to Janey Way



By **MARTY RELLES**
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One summer on Janey Way in the hot days of August, boredom hung over the neighborhood like a cloud. The younger members of the Janey Way gang needed something interesting to do. Mary Puccetti had an idea. "Let's stage a show like they do on Broadway," she said. Her buddies, Diane Viani, Bernadette Tomassetti and Tom Harte, agreed and volunteered to perform. Her big brother Randy agreed to work backstage, and Lou Viani, one of the older boys, said he would direct the production. They were off and running.

Within days, Randy Puccetti began putting a set together – nothing complicated, just banners and small props. The performers practiced their songs, including old standards like "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "God Bless America." Louie, acting like George M. Cohan himself, paced the yard and hollered out directions to the cast. Slowly, but surely, the production came together. In the meantime, the kids hand delivered invitations to every house in the neighborhood. Soon the show would take place. But would anyone come?

On the day of the show, Randy hurried around his backyard making final preparations. The performers, Mary, Bernadette, Tom and the others, ran through a final rehearsal of the show. Volunteers stood at the gate to the yard waiting to collect the 25-cent admission fee and seat people. The neighbors began to arrive about one half hour before the show began. First one or two, then more, then the whole neighborhood showed up. The kids were dumbfounded and a little scared. They did not expect this big of a crowd.

"Oh my God, it's time to begin."

Lou made the call of "Let the show begin," and the cast came marching out in their patriotic costumes blaring out "God Bless America." One by one, the cast performed each number perfectly. The neighbors cheered louder after each new song. To end the production, the cast performed a rollicking finale, almost as good as one of those Busby Berkeley show tunes. The cast received a standing ovation from the people of Janey Way. The show was an unqualified success.

The kids learned something in the process: There are no limits, only those that we place on ourselves. They had set out to do a successful Broadway-style production and they succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. Another inspirational Janey Way memory.

Military Announcements

Army Pfc. **Mark A. Bray** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Gary and Terri Bray of Whitney Ave., Carmichael, Calif.

Bray is a 2005 graduate of Rio Americano High School, Sacramento, Calif.

Army Pvt. **Stephen M. Bunch** has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map

reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Steve Donnenwirth of Carmichael, Calif.

Bunch is a 2004 graduate of El Camino High School, Sacramento, Calif.

David J. Heaphy has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

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During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

He is the son of Angelica and David Heaphy of Glancy Drive, Carmichael, Calif.

Heaphy is a 2010 graduate of Jesuit High School, Carmichael.

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Gabe Silveira: A tribute to a Sacramento original

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Among the many locals who have made notable marks during Sacramento's 161-year history is, undoubtedly, the late Land Park resident Gabriel "Gabe" Luiz Silveira.

Although many Sacramentans today are unfamiliar with this name, with this year marking 40 years since his passing, it is a good time to familiarize more people with this notable, local figure.

An immigrant of Santa Amaro, Pico in the Azores islands of Portugal, Gabe first came to Sacramento with his mother, Mariana, and his sisters, Marie and Gabriella, in about 1917 when he was about 10 years old.

Those most familiar with Gabe are quite aware of his lifelong love for entertaining others.

The early years

When he was 21 years old, Gabe began the first of his six years of composing music with another Portuguese immigrant, John Nunes.

It was also during this era that Gabe performed in leading roles and sang Portuguese songs in Portuguese language plays held for the benefit of the St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church.

The plays were originally held in the basement of the church at 1817 12th Street and later at the Tuesday Club House at 2722 L St., across from Sutter's Fort.

During the late 1930s, Gabe, who married another Portuguese immigrant Gloria Peters (the anglicized version of the Portuguese name Pires) on Nov. 20, 1933 and had two children, Don and Diane, began hosting a program, called "Memories of Portugal," on the local radio



Gabe Silveira performs with his orchestra in this early 1960s photograph.

Photo courtesy of the Silveira family

station, KROY 1210 AM. The program, which included live music by Gabe and other Portuguese musicians, was entirely presented in Portuguese.

The program run with KROY came to an end due to

World War II, since all foreign language stations were discontinued during this time.

'The Lost Gaucho'

KFBK picked up the program in an altered version, as the program, which continued for 16 years, became known as "The Lost Gaucho" and was presented in English and featured recorded versions of Latin music, including Portuguese songs.

Don said that many Latinos in Sacramento were very familiar with his father due to the program's popularity with local Latinos during this era.

Gabe was also known for performing with his own bands at Sacramento venues, including the Hotel El

Dorado – today's Radisson Hotel – at 500 Leisure Lane, the Argentina Café at 610 J Street and the Trianon Ballroom at 910 K Street, above the Senator Theatre.

Gabe and his bands, one of which included his son on trumpet during the 1960s, also played across the Tower Bridge at venues on the old Davis Highway – now West Capitol Avenue in West Sacramento. These venues were the extremely popular El Rancho Hotel and Club Mocambo.

During this time, Tuesday evening dance exhibitions were presented at the El Rancho by the Arthur

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Silveira: Community benefactor, business owner, entertainer

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Gabe's bands provided Latin tempos on these evenings and on many occasions Gabe could be found on the dance floor.

While recently reminiscing about her father, Diane said, "My father was an outstanding dancer."

Diane added that her father was a perfectionist in every activity in which he became involved and that he was a very motivated person, noting that he taught himself how to play music.

Furniture store owner

In addition to his notoriety in the local music world, Gabe was also well known as the owner of a furniture store, called G.L. Silveira Co., which he operated with Gloria.

After working during the mid-1930s as a delivery driver for the Dallman Supply Co., a plumbing, heating and engineering supplies and roofing materials business at 6th and Q streets, Gabe went to work at the household appliances and furniture business of George F. Lamb.

But after a dispute with Lamb, whose business was located at 1516 Del Paso Boulevard in North Sacramento, Gabe, who was Lamb's top salesman, left the business in 1939 and established G.L. Silveira Co.

The opening of this business, which was located at the former site of Chris Pulon's grocery store at 1616 Broadway, marked the beginnings of Gabe's long-time notoriety as a furniture dealer.

Two years after opening his Broadway store, Gabe relocated the business to 2325 21st Street, where Joseph Gentner, a longtime Sacramento sausage maker and grocery store owner formerly resided.

Apparently, Gabe's store did not immediately focus on furniture, considering that a 1941 Sacramento telephone book lists the business as specializing in electrical appliances.

The following year, however, the city directory lists G.L. Silveira Co. as one of Sacramento's 22 retail furniture dealers.

Commenting about these listings, Don said that although his father always sold furniture from the time he opened the business, he believes that his father may have had more electrical appliances because he was still in the process of increasing his furniture inventory.

In 1947, Gabe had his own building constructed at 2100 X Street, across the street from Joseph Gentner's Gentner's Market. The market building, which included upstairs apartments, was located on the northeast corner of 21st and X streets, while the furniture store was located on the southeast corner.

A 1952 advertisement for Gabe's business presents the store's offerings at the time as follows: furniture, Frigidaire appliances, Occidental gas ranges, Youngstown dishwashers, Easy washing machines and Beauty Rest Sealy and Englander mattresses.

The store, which eventually sold drapery and carpets for many years, was also one of the city's earliest television dealers, as the business exclusively offered Zenith television sets.

Although Gabe, who only had one grandchild, Valerie Cortopassi, passed away on July 22, 1970, Don continued to operate the furniture store until his retirement in 2002.

Today, the building is home to The Antique Company, dealers in an eclectic mix of antique, English imports, including a large selection of furniture.

Community patron

Always very active in the community, Gabe was involved in many affairs outside of his participation in local entertainment and operating his store.

These things include: assisting in efforts to sponsor the city's first civic ballet (1946), serving as president of Sacramento's Cabrillo Club No. 5 (1958) and the club's state president (1961), assisting in the naming of Cabrillo Elementary School at 1141 Seamas Ave. (1958), serving as the chairman of Cabrillo Day at the State Fair (1958-1970) and running for a city council seat (1961).

As a Cabrillo Club representative, Gabe worked to have Portuguese taught in schools and dedicated many hours to an effort working with the governor's office to proclaim Sept. 28 as "Cabrillo Day" in honor of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, who sailed into San Diego Bay in 1542.



Photo courtesy of the Silveira family
Gabe Silveira poses with a pair of maracas for this 1940s publicity photograph.

Knighthood by Portugal

Among the many awards that Gabe received during his life was the Ordem do Infante Dom Henrique (Order of Prince Henry the Navigator) for his "undying devotion to the Portuguese-American community" in Sacramento. The honor is a Portuguese national order of knighthood.

Don described this award as being a "very prestigious" honor, adding that the award is the highest Portuguese award that one can receive without being a Portuguese citizen.

Although it has been four decades since his passing, Gabe leaves behind a very rich legacy – one that should be recognized and appreciated for many years to come.

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Race: Twenty-two candidates meet requirements to run for office

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different factors including incomplete paperwork or missed deadline.

Those that successfully turned in their packets on time will face the next phase of the process – persuading people to vote for them. The Arden Arcade area is made up of more than 90,000 people. It is unknown whether those 90,000 will create their own city come November, but if they do, it appears that the new city will have a governing body in place.

Arden Arcade City Council candidates

Some 32 individuals registered their names with the County of Sacramento Voter Registration and Elections Department to run for the inaugural city council of the City of Arden Arcade – should the city be established. Twenty-two candidates met requirements to take the next step: running for office in the November election.

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 Matt Gray (small business owner)
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Human and canine search and rescue team a part of Sac Metro Fire

By SALLY KING
Arden-Carmichael News writer

Speaker, a lean yellow Labrador, was lying quietly on his bed in the living room of Fire Station 12 in south Sacramento on a hot afternoon. The expression on his young face seemed relaxed, as if to say things are in order.

Speaker came to the fire department from the Search Dog Foundation as a trained and certified search and rescue dog. His owner and trainer, Tim Robertson, a fireman for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, has been working with Trainer since December, 2007.

"Speaker knows what I'm thinking and I know what Speaker is thinking," Robertson said. "We communicate through body language."

Wilma Melville, a retired schoolteacher from New Jersey, started the Search and Rescue foundation. She saw firsthand the devastation of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1985 and saw rescue dogs in action, barking loudly wherever a live body was buried in the rubble.

Melville saw how much time this saved firefighters from having to search for people and saw there were too

few certified search dog/handler teams.

The Search Dog Foundations Mission states:

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Speaker's original owner took him a little early from his mother. They could not control him and at eight months old, during a visit with the vet, they gave him up to the search and rescue team to be trained.

Robertson said the dogs used for training are checked at one year of age for any future problems with hips, elbows, eyes and ears. If the dog checks out OK, they continue with training.

"It's imperative the dogs remain healthy," Robertson said. "Because it costs approximately \$20,000 to train these dogs, with most of the costs going toward the training."

Pluis and Kate Davern, owners of Sundowners Kennels in Gilroy, Calif., trained Speaker before he came to Sacramento.

The dogs and their trainers have what Robertson calls a "tune up" periodically. The tune up makes sure the handler is doing things correctly. It is important that the handler uses the correct inflections with his or her voice. Also, there is a correct way to walk with the dog. During the training session, the handler has to be able to automatically tell the dog to begin the task of rescuing people under stressful situations.

"Everyone knows the weakest link is the handler," Robertson said.

Robertson said he grew up with a yellow lab that looked a lot like Speaker. The dog makes the stressful life of a firefighter easier to deal with for his partner and the other fire fighters.

"After a bad call, coming back to the station and just seeing Speaker wag his tail makes everything easier to deal with," Robertson said. "Speaker feels the changes in body language and will try to make the firemen happy."

Robertson works with Speaker twice a week. Sites are set up that simulate a res-



Arden-Carmichael News photo/Sally King

Their mission is to seek out and find humans in crisis. Speaker and his human, Fireman Tim Robertson, are a unique search-and-rescue team who are trained to find people who may be buried alive in a natural disaster – or a man-made one.

cue environment. Speaker is often in training at 4 p.m. – the hottest part of the day – to make sure he is fit enough to work in excessive heat.

Speaker has been trained to find people within 30 seconds. Search dogs are trained to start barking where there is the highest concentration of "live human" scent until the trainer shows up. The dogs are introduced to dead animals and cadavers to teach them not to confuse live people with those already dead. A search dog's purpose is to find live people.

The firemen and -women who handle these dogs have to be on-call most of the time and they have set up a system where there is always someone available.

In a "Type 1" deployment, explained Robertson, some 82 people are involved and it

takes time to prepare to get to the destination point. Robertson and Speaker have two hours to prepare for deployment. Within the two hour time frame, Speaker has to visit a veterinarian for medical clearance and flight clearance, otherwise he isn't allowed on a commercial plane. Speaker also has to wear his vest and badge and his trainer must be in full uniform.

Robertson said Speaker is a very happy dog and has no problem spending time in his crate or on his dog bed on days when it's not so busy.

"Speaker knows when to get excited," he said. "He sees the gear start to pile up and he's on fire."

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Making successful transitions as your child leaves for college

By STEVE DEBENEDETTI-EMANUEL
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When I started college my parents drove me to school, helped me move in, and attended a few parent/student events. I wondered if they'd ever leave. Finally, we hugged and kissed, and they drove away. And with that I turned and sprinted across campus, beside myself with happiness, relief, and excitement. I was free and on my own.

Looking back, I realize my parents worked hard the summer before I left to prepare me for this successful transition. They also took steps to prepare themselves for my departure. After all, I was their "baby" and their nest was about to be empty.

As departure day approaches, it is impor-

tant to change the tone of your relationship with your teen, such that you become less of an authority figure and more of a guide. After all, your teen will soon be making the vast majority of decisions on his or her own. It is important for them to begin this transition before they leave. I'm not suggesting letting your teen stay out all night and having full access to the wine cellar. You still need rules and expectations. But if they make poor choices, focus more on discussion and guidance than on consequences.

As much as your college-bound teen will be pulling at the reins, seemingly full of confidence, remember that they're also fearful and anxious about leaving home. When you sense this, reassure them that they'll be fine and you'll

be there to help, if they need you.

So plan for regular check-ins, be it by phone, text, Facebook, Skype or email. Along with this, plan your teen's visits home. By doing this, your teen will have the reassurance of knowing that you'll communicate regularly.

It is also important for parents to share some of what they are feeling. You want your teen to know how proud you are and how much you're going to miss him/her. Don't overdo it. If your teen gets the feeling that their departure is going to overwhelm you, then leaving will be more difficult. Share your more intense feelings with others.

After your child leaves, you'll have many different feelings, and most are normal and OK. Perhaps you'll feel de-

pressed, empty and lonely. Or you might feel happy and relieved. Be patient, the feelings will get easier. If necessary, seek out the support of friends and family to help with your transition.

You will also have more free time now that you aren't going to games and monitoring homework. You need to figure out what to do. One option is to stay home and wallow in your feelings. Or you can find new things to do. It's your time to explore and do what you've always meant to do but couldn't find the time.

If your teen doesn't contact you as frequently as you'd like, try not to take it personally. Your teen is in a period of extraordinary change and excitement, and staying in-touch won't be a priority. Be patient and

continue checking-in. Even if your teen seems disinterested and gives one-word responses, rest assured that your communications are helping with the adjustment.

When you do communicate, celebrate what's going well and offer to help with what isn't. Work hard not to judge and lecture. If your teen gets the message that you are there to guide rather than criticize, they'll be more likely to speak openly and seek your support.

When a teen leaves for college a family is thrown into a period of great challenge and transition. If parents and teens don't work hard to make it a positive experience, relationships can be strained or even damaged. However, if parents help their teens to prepare prior to departure and support them once they're at school, along with taking care of their own emotional needs, the likelihood of a successful transition for teen and parents is high.

In my next article, I will focus on how parents can help their younger children when their older siblings go to school.



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Artistic Edge: Local art gallery expands, offers art classes

By MARC MALONEY
Arden-Carmichael News writer

Whether your preferred medium is cartoon strip ink, watercolors on silk, or pastels, you can hone your art skills at the Artistic Edge in Sacramento. The recently-expanded framing center and art gallery is offering art classes through the end of August.

Being able to offer art workshops is but one of the benefits of the Artistic Edge's recent expansion, said owner Kathy Caitano.

"This is our first time being able to offer workshops," she explained. "We opened about four years ago in a down economy, so we didn't have huge expectations. We knew we'd offer great framing services, and each year business has gone up, so we're pretty happy."

The expansion, which added more than 2,000 square feet to the facility, also provides more space for displays of works of art and freed up space for a dedicated fulltime classroom.

"We were pretty cramped before," Caitano recalled, "but now we have this enormous work area."

Michael Bookout teaches a three-hour workshop "Communicating

with Cartoons." Students create their own cartoon strips populated by characters and situations of their choosing.

Bookout began creating cartoons in the early 1970s and studied with Walt Sorenson, former chief cartoon editor for Walt Disney World. Bookout now self-publishes 12 own cartoon strips with more than 300 individual characters.

During the workshop, students review the world's great cartoons, from early classics to modern examples. Bookout also addresses intricacies of dialog, proper placement of figures, and ways to make the strip's story and illustration flow properly.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, Allie Bergman will teach "The Art of Watercolor on Silk." Bergman, a recent "Artist of the Month" at the Artistic Edge who has taught silk painting classes in Oregon and California, is a member of Silk Painters International. Participants in the workshop, which is designed for all skill levels, will employ a variety of watercolor techniques while creating two or three works of art. Cost is \$89 plus a \$10 materials fee.

On Saturday, Aug. 28, Bookout returns to teach "Portrait in Pastel." Book-

out will address the basics of working with pastels and teach students how to exaggerate and emphasize the body parts for a fun portrait. Students will draw their favorite family member, friend, or movie star, so they should bring a photo of the person they plan to draw. Cost is \$69 plus the \$10 materials fee.

Inside the Artistic Edge, Caitano displays and sells works by both local and international artists; she estimates 80 percent of the works of art on display at any time were done by local artists.

Local artists with works on display at the shop include T.J. Owens, Bob Tonjes, and Ernie Tidwell. Tidwell is a house painter by trade who creates colorful wildlife and underwater scenes using only house paint; Owens splits his time between California and France, and the influence of the pastoral French countryside is evident in his bright, funky paintings, and Tonjes specializes in watercolors and reverse painting on glass and recently has begun using paints that change color as the ambient temperature changes.

Internationally-known artists featured at the



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Kathy Caitano, owner of Artistic Edge in Sacramento, shows how choosing different framing material can enhance an artwork.



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State Fair CEO talks about success of 2010 fair

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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With the closure of this year's State Fair, which broke the fair's longtime tradition of ending on Labor Day, Norb Bartosik, the fair's CEO and general manager, recently sat down to discuss the pros and cons of the 2010 edition of this annual event.

Despite the fair's continuous popularity, attendance numbers had been down, thus causing the fair board to make the drastic change of having the fair begin in July.

A major factor for this change was to align the fair's schedule with the schedules of many California schools that since 2003 had begun their school years prior to Labor Day.

And now that this year's fair has come to a close, the timing is right to inquire about the recent success of the event,



Photo courtesy of the California State Fair
Norb Bartosik, CEO and general manager of the California State Fair, said that statistics show that the fair's change to an earlier starting date was a positive move.

which at this time last year had not yet begun.

Bartosik described this year's fair, which ended on Aug. 1, as an overall success.

When asked whether the board made the correct deci-

sion by moving back the fair's starting date by five weeks, Bartosik was quick to respond.

Increased attendance

"Well, we had a 10 percent increase in attendance and I think that speaks volumes to (the success of this date change)," Bartosik said. "If you want to dig deeper into that, what we looked to do was raise weekday attendance and we did that every day of the week this year. Last year, where we saw up to a 50 percent drop in daytime attendance, all those numbers changed this year. And the two Kids Days that we are required to have by law, where kids 12 and under get in free, we had 50,000 more kids attend on those days – those two Tuesdays – than we had even just last year. So, that says a lot to us about that. And considering where the economy is, we think we've done pretty

well with our start with a new date change."

Increased revenues

Statistics are obviously very important in evaluating the success of the fair and one figure that stood out about this year's fair was the number of \$1 carnival ride tickets sold during Kids Days.

On the second Kids Day last year, about 71,000 \$1 ride tickets were sold.

Although this sales figure was considered to be very noteworthy, especially considering that many kids did not show up at the fair until after they were let out of school, this year, many more \$1 ride tickets were sold.

On the first Kids Day this year, about 166,000 \$1 ride tickets were sold, followed by the second Kids Day, which shattered that already record mark with the sale of 198,000 \$1 ride tickets.

Further evidence that the fair benefitted from the date change came in the form of compliments made by fairgoers, Bartosik explained.

"The general public (made comments such as) 'Thank you so much for doing this, we really appreciate it, it made our family able to come and enjoy the fair like we haven't been able to do in the last several years, because of school,'" Bartosik said.

Bartosik said that of all the comments the fair received this year, there was only one complaint. That complaint was

that the major midway rides did not open until an hour after the fair gates opened.

Certainly helping to draw guests to this year's fair was the fact that after about the first five days of the fair when temperatures reached the triple digit mark, the weather became much cooler.

Bartosik said that the decision to offer a promotion, which reduced the food prices of most of the fair's food vendors by 25 percent, also played a large role in the success of the fair.

"We worked very closely with our food vendors to lower food prices," Bartosik said. "Frankly, when we look at some of their results of the food grosses that were here, every one of them were up over last year, with one or two, few exceptions."

Bartosik added that another positive part of this year's fair was the fact that fairgoers spent more time per day at the fair than in recent years.

Popular exhibits

Helping people to stay longer at the fair this year were a variety of exhibits, the most popular of which was the world-renowned "Days of the Dinosaur" exhibit, which featured more than a dozen life-sized dinosaur robots, skeleton replicas and interactive areas.

Bartosik said that the exhibit was a "smashing success" and

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added that there were waiting lines with people wanting to see the exhibit every day from the time that the fair opened to the time that it closed.

Downsides 'isolated'

As far as the downside to this year's fair, Bartosik said that fortunately providing a report about the fair is almost entirely a positive experience.

"I don't have many negatives," Bartosik said. "We had a couple of isolated incidents that were here and we've taken steps to change protocols to make sure those kind of things never happen again. But our focus is on making sure that people come out, enjoy and get their moneys worth and creating a better program for each of them every year. The fair is about something old, something new and something different and how we showcase it and I think we do that."

When asked to comment about these aforementioned "isolated incidents," Bartosik first addressed the much publicized July 21 robbery, in which a pair of gunmen in disguises stole \$100,000 from a food vendor cash-counting room.

"(The robbery) is an ongoing investigation," Bartosik said. "We truly believe that at

some point in time, the police department that's working with the Sacramento Police Department at Cal Expo will find the people and will arrest them. We'll let the law have due process at that point."

In regard to an incident, which resulted in four people being arrested for allegedly attempting to pass counterfeit \$20 and \$100 bills at the fair, Bartosik described the crime as an activity that takes place "everywhere, every day in every part of the country."

"Whenever there are large crowds gathered anywhere or even on a regular, ongoing basis, you're going to get counterfeiting," Bartosik said. "We have people who are looking quick to find (such activity) and make sure we put a stop to it and we were able to."

Also having much exposure in the news was an incident at the fair, in which a 1,400-pound pregnant cow broke loose from restraints and while making its way through the midway just prior to the fair's opening, the cow, which was determined to be posing a threat to fair vendors, was shot by police. Neither the cow nor its unborn calf survived the shooting.

Obviously still very disturbed by this event, Bartosik described the occurrence as

an "unfortunate and very sad incident."

He added that the fair has already established plans to assist in avoiding such an incident in the future.

Post-fair evaluation

Bartosik said that arrangements have already been made to further evaluate this year's fair.

"We'll sit down with the staff in another week or so and (discuss) what went right, what went wrong and what we would like to change and that kind of stuff. We'll then go to the board at the end of the month for a two-day retreat with the board right here on the (Cal Expo)

grounds and just try to focus on all those (points) and get the board's input. We'll have some commentary that's related to it and we'll go from there."

Describing the 2010 State Fair as an overall success, Bartosik added, "I think everybody was really excited (about the fair and its offerings) from dinosaurs to bicycles to reptiles to the farm. Everything that was there was a pretty experiential, hands-on focus and I think for the most part, the crowd accepted it, enjoyed it and I think it was part of the success. I am very pleased with this year's fair. We had an uptick in a down economy, we

had a date change that was successful and we had week-day attendance skyrocket because of the change in the dates, despite the economy."

In pondering the success of this year's fair, Bartosik expressed his appreciation for the many people who attended this year's fair.

"We (appreciate) all the fair patrons who come here and are supportive of what we do and see that we are trying to carry out the mission of the fair in presenting and showcasing things that feature diversity, education and entertainment and 'Big Fun,' which is what the fair's theme is always. And for that, I say 'thank you,'" Bartosik said.



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sion. If the dog passes this test, the next test must be taken within six months. The second level test is given through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The purpose of the test is for the dogs to find zero to three victims. There are two piles, each 15-20 square feet that the dogs must work through to find live people. FEMA holds eight to ten tests each year. Once the dog passes the test, it receives certification that is good for three years.

Robertson said he joined this program because his friend Jeff Ivy worked in the program. Also, his dad was a police officer who worked with the police K-9 program. He knew he didn't want to be a battlefield paramedic, and he really enjoys working with Speaker.

The Search and Rescue Program is a win-win for both humans and canines. According to Robertson, one of the side benefits of the program is "the dogs that don't make it in training are guaranteed

a home and usually end up living with a fireman and his family."

Those dogs who do successfully graduate from the program are there to seek and to save humans in crisis...and to provide a friendly welcome to tired fire fighters at the end of the day.

From Speaker's perspective, it's all in a day's work. He yawns and closes his eyes. It's a good life, saving humans and keeping fire fighters company. A search and rescue dog wouldn't have it any other way.



At the end of the day, Speaker is simply happy to be what he is: a dog who loves helping humans. *Arden-Carmichael News photo/Sally King*



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AUGUST

2010 Vintage Sale

Aug. 12: Event to benefit the American Cancer Society. Items for sale include sensational items from the 1880s to the 1980s. 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Discovery Shop, 2744 Marconi Ave., Sac. (916) 484-0227, www.DiscoveryShop-Sacramento.org

Food Addicts Anonymous

Aug. 12, 19, 26: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Howe Park celebration

Aug. 12: Beautification project by SCOE community school program students (including small dog park, refurbished park benches, walking bridges and remodeled landscaping) will be unveiled. 11 a.m.–12 noon. Howe Park, corner of Howe Ave. & Cottage Way.

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Aug. 12, 19, 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

Aug. 12, 19, 26: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

Toastmasters

Aug. 12, 19, 26: Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people with Toastmaster club Los Oradores. Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores de la organizacion de Toastmasters. Thursdays/Jueves, 6:45 p.m. 2118 K St., Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232, teri.bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Banana Festival

Aug. 13–15: Experience many cultures represented in the region in a positive & fun environment. Many foods from many cultures, including breads, puddings, chips, lumpia, ice cream, smoothies, more. Fri. 4 p.m.–8 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m.–8 p.m. General admission, \$5. Family 4 Pack, \$15. Kids 11 and under, free. Consumes River College, 8401 Center Pkwy., Sac. www.bananafest.org

Soroptimists of Sacramento

Aug. 13, 20, 27: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets

Fridays. 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

Fairytale Town Troupers

Aug. 14–Aug. 29: "A Princess of Stars aka. Sleeping Beauty in Space" presented by the Fairytale Town Troupers. Sat. & Sun. matinee performances at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Admission \$1 per person in addition to paid park admission. Children age 2 and under free. Fairytale Town Children's Theater, 3901 Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org

Food Addicts Anonymous

Aug. 14, 21, 28: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Friends of the River Banks walk

Aug. 14: Renowned Davis photographer naturalist and dragonfly specialist, Greg Kareofelas, will lead an educational riverside walk. 9:00 a.m. Dress appropriately for a riverside-walk and to bring both sun block and water. Participants are encouraged to bring their own binoculars. Sutter's Landing parking lot at the far end of 28th St., Sac. All ages welcome. Laurie Litman (916) 443-2976, llitman@pacbell.net

Omni Youth Programs Family Fun Fest

Aug. 14: Enjoy a free and fun filled day with entertainment, family games, art projects, and giveaways. Free music, DJ, youth performances, and local entertainers. Loads of free

goodies, booths with art, crafts, food and local business and non-profit info. 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. (916) 362-2000 ext. 14

'Pin Ups' art show

Through Aug. 14: "Pin-ups" original artwork show. Hours: Tues. 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; Wed.–Sat. 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Sacramento Fine Arts Center. 5330 B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. www.SacFineArts.org.

Screen on the Green

Aug. 14: "Superman" (1978 PG). Movie begins at sundown. Babcock School Park, 2340 Cormorant Way, Sac. www.sacscreenthegreen.com

Urban Farm Stand

Aug. 14, 21, 28: Soil Born Farms' newest urban agricultural project, a farm stand featuring seasonal, local and organic fruits and vegetables. Saturdays from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. www.soilborn.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Aug. 15, 22, 29: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

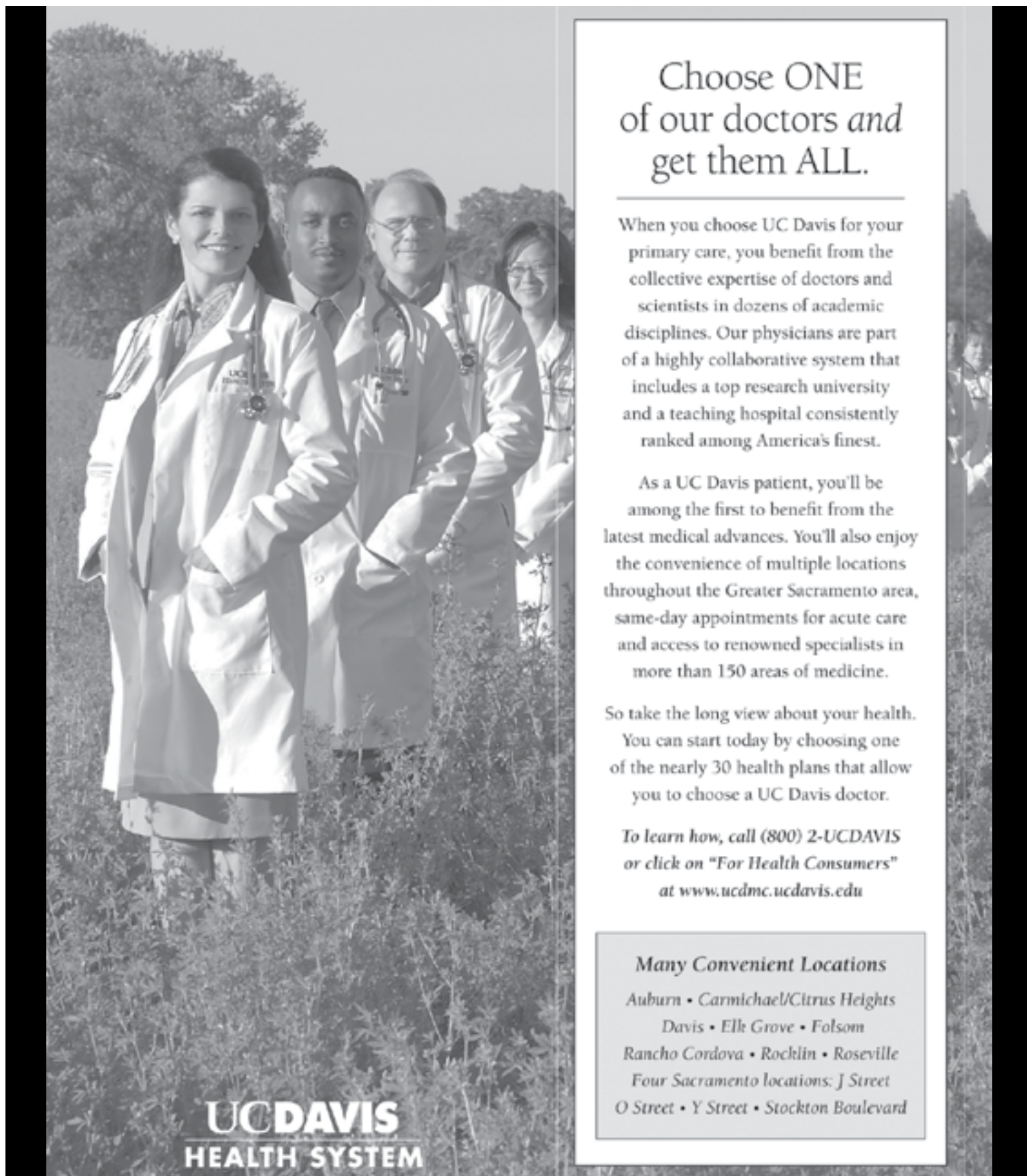
Community Sunday breakfast

Aug. 15, 22, 29: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.–11 a.m. every Sun. \$8. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

St. Mary's Church 79th annual Festival

Aug. 15: Come join the fun at St. Mary's Church, 1333 58th Street, Sac. 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Something for everyone. Water play & bounce houses, games & prizes for the kids, bingo for all and great food & drinks. Fellowship and fun. All are welcome.

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Free Admission Days at the Zoo

Aug. 16, 23, 30: Bring the entire family and enjoy free admission to the Sacramento Zoo. Bring a new unwrapped school supply item for the Sacramento Zoo's Back-to-School Supply Drive. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3930 West Land Park Dr., Sac.

Hatha yoga

Aug. 16, 23, 30: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916) 808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

Newcomer's Buffet

Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15: All widows, widowers invited to The Widowed Persons Assn. of CA no-host "Newcomers" buffet. 5:30 p.m. Meets third Mondays. Plaza Hof Brau, 2500 Watt Ave. (corner El Camino). (916) 972-9722.

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

Aug. 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

Tai Chi & Chi Keung

Aug. 16, 23, 30: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

Toastmasters

Aug. 16, 23, 30: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Jan (916) 284-4236, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Compassionate Communication and Challenging Behaviors

Aug. 17: Learn how to communicate compassionately with your loved one with dementia who may be exhibiting challenging behaviors. Mary Gillon, regional director of the Alzheimer's Association Northern Nevada-Northern California will present this free workshop. 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Dr., Sac. To register, contact Lucy Chao at (916) 393-9026 x 322

Medicare counseling

Aug. 17, 24, 31: 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. Appts. every Tuesday with John Gallapaga, call (916) 376-8915 to schedule. For appts. in Spanish, call Marla Erisman at (916) 231-5110.

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

Aug. 17, 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

Rotary Club of Carmichael

Aug. 17, 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m. Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

Senior Wednesday Club

Aug. 18, 25: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinocle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Myrrt (916) 348-8114

Starting a business workshop

Aug. 18: Learn about planning, startup procedures, and managing one's new business from experts from Golden 1 Credit Union who will share information and resources that will help at any stage of the business life-cycle. Free. 6 p.m. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave., Sac. Register at www.saclibrary.org or call (916) 264-2920

Toastmasters

Aug. 18, 25: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

Wednesday Night Dance

Aug. 18, 25: Dance to the rhythms of the Sensible Sounds Dance Band every Wed. Enjoy Ballroom and Line dance. Swing to rock to country music. \$7 admission. 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 972-0336 x 228

Community sing-along

Aug. 19, 26: Harmonize on old hymns and folk songs, just for pleasure. Shower singers welcome. Free. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd., Sac. (916) 457-4527

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

Aug. 19, 26: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., every Thurs. Salvation Army Dining Hall, 2550 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. www.rotary.org

Learn about Birds

Aug. 20: Learn about our feathered friends in the neighborhood with the Friends of Grant Park and Julie Serences of the Sacramento Audubon Society. 10 a.m.-noon. New Era Community Garden, 208 - 26th St. (between B and C streets). Tiffanie Simpson tsimpson7@aol.com

Rotary Club of Point West

Aug. 20, 27: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.point-westrotary.com

Day Club open house

Aug. 21: Primrose: Living with Memory Loss will host an open house for its Adult Day Club, which is for seniors who live with memory impairment. Free. Seniors, family members, caregivers and medical professionals welcome. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Primrose, 7707 Rush River Dr., Sac. (916) 392-3510, www.primrosealz.com

Land Park Neighborhood Backyard BBQ Bash

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Carmichael celebrates grand opening of O'Donnell Heritage Park on July 31

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Neighborhood, district, contractor all come together to open O'Donnell Heritage Park

By MARC MALONEY
Arden-Carmichael News writer

Sunny skies and lots of happy neighborhood families were on hand Saturday, July 31, for the grand opening of O'Donnell Heritage Park, the Carmichael Recreation and Park District's newest park.

Located at 6618 Rappahannock Way in Carmichael, the 9.3-acre park site named after the O'Donnell family, which bought the land that now houses the park back in 1898, is situated in a residential neighborhood south of Dewey Drive and Winding Way.

Approximately one-quarter of the site has been developed with recreational amenities, said Carmichael Parks and Recreation District Administrator Jack Harrison; the site's remaining acreage is being preserved in a natural state. The developed part of the park includes a small turf area, two play areas for children, a picnic site, a basketball shooting and practice area, and a mister that sprays cool water on park users. A roughly 2,000-foot-long walking trail winds its way through the site and its oak trees.

The park's austere development plan, with its emphasis on undevel-

oped natural areas, helped to keep costs in check.

"We wanted to give it a natural feel," Harrison explained. "The cost for this park is incredibly low, about \$450,000. Right now, the county estimates it costs them about \$350,000 per acre to build a traditional neighborhood park with lots of turf and sports fields and courts. Our total cost was much lower because this is a more natural design."

The cost for developing the park, Harrison said, was split by the district and a dedicated group of neighbors who raised approximately \$200,000. The fundraisers and donors stepped forward after the district in Dec. 2008 finalized a master plan for the site which called for selling 3.3 acres of the site to housing developers to raise funds for development of the park.

While the proposed sale was expected to generate \$480,000, neighbors and park backers worried the land sale would mean a smaller park with a shorter walking trail and fewer play structures. A group of park supporters banded together to raise funds for a larger park as it was conceived initially; fundraising efforts included garage sales, so-

liciting donations, and selling memorial bricks. To date, approximately 385 bricks have been purchased, generating about \$50,000 for the park.

"We've gotten a lot of support, especially from the people who live within a five-mile radius of the park," said Tom Gemma, who oversaw organizing garage sales for the O'Donnell Neighborhood Park Committee. "They have been very helpful with fundraising, providing services like help with construction and engineering, and writing grants for things like playground equipment."

In his remarks during the park's grand opening, O'Donnell Neighborhood Park Committee Chairman Ed Nicholson also praised the cooperative spirit that ensured the park's creation.

"Three things had to happen for this park to work," Nicholson told the crowd. "One, the neighborhood had to come together. Two, the district had to be willing to support and work with our neighborhood, and three, we had to get a contractor to work with us, and we found Gateway Landscaping."

Nicholson concluded by noting that the park's design is exactly right for meeting the two goals established for the park during its planning phase.



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The weather was picture perfect as neighbors, dignitaries and members of the business community gathered to dedicate O'Donnell Heritage Park in Carmichael.

"We wanted to provide an outdoor play area for kids and we wanted to preserve open space," he said. "Looking around here today, I think we met those goals."

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