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Neighbors feeding community

Soil Born Farms' 'Harvest Sacramento' is a win for all

By JULIE FOSTER
Arden-Carmichael News guest columnist

Millions of dollars worth of fruit are hidden in plain sight in Sacramento trees. And by 2008, East Sacramento resident Mary McGrath grew tired of seeing the free food go to waste. As a girl growing up in Omaha, the bright orange color and sweet taste of an orange was a treat. Jolted into action by this childhood memory, McGrath and her husband, Robin Aurelius, took action.

"We really felt disgusted to see oranges in the gutters waiting for garbage pick up each week," she said. "Both of us thought it was terrible to waste good fruit, especially when people in our town were going hungry."

The couple identified fruit tree owners in their neighborhood and those wanting to donate their fruit. They recruited friends and neighbors to pick fruit on two weekends. Harvested fruit was donated to the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.

In 2009, the idea expanded and became a food access program of Soil Born Farms. It was dubbed Harvest Sacramento under the leadership of Soil Born Farm's Food



Photo courtesy of Soil Born Farm

These oranges were harvested from a Sacramento backyard tree.

Access Coordinator Randy Stannard. The program is seeking volunteers for the upcoming harvest season to serve as harvest

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Soil Born Farms: Volunteers needed for the upcoming urban harvest

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coordinators, harvest leaders and harvesters. Two events are scheduled for anyone interested in learning more.

On Friday Dec. 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be a fundraiser and information session for Harvest Sacramento at the Sierra 2 Center.

A training session for volunteers will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Stockton Boulevard Partnership Building, located at 5625 Stockton Blvd. in Sacramento.

Groups and individuals of all ages are encouraged to participate. High school students can use their participation for their volunteer service requirement. Training, outreach materials, harvest supplies and volunteer recruitment tools are supplied. No special harvesting skills are required.

Sacramento is essentially a food forest, sitting amid one of the largest urban citrus groves in the United

States. Harvest Sacramento capitalizes on The City of Trees' bounty by sharing the wealth.

"Hungry people get good fresh fruit, people involved in the harvest make new friends and picking the trees helps create good conditions for the trees for an even better harvest next year," Mc-Grath said.

Harvest Sacramento's close ties with the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services and the River City Food Bank, turns the concept of "people helping people" into a working reality. For Oak Park resident Matt Jurach, Harvest Sacramento is summed up in three words.

"Neighbors feeding community," he said.

Jurach, who shares his backyard with a giant grape-fruit tree, calls himself a sucker for efficiency. Having been a volunteer with Harvest Sacramento since 2009, he sees an easy fix for a homeowner confronting a loaded fruit tree.

The hard work of planting and caring for the tree has been done. All that's left to do is find trees with owners who want the fruit picked.

"The nice thing about urban gleaning is that it's so easy," he said.

Harvest Sacramento provides a way for busy homeowners to get rid of their excess fruit. Volunteers meet others in their neighborhood while diverting nutritious valuables from the landfill to families who can use them.

Harvest Sacramento is funded by California Endowment's Building Healthy Community initiative and the Sierra Health Foundation with support from Soil Born Farms Urban Agriculture & Education Project.

Go to www.harvestsacramento.org for more information. Those interested in volunteering can contact Randy Stannard at (530) 204-8082 or rstannard@soilborn.org If you plan on attending the training, an RSVP is appreciated.



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There is nothing like the feeling that comes from doing good. These volunteers know these oranges will go to help local families in need.





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Crocker Art Museum Launches Thursdays 'til 9

New weekly series presents arts experiences with a twist

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The Crocker Art Museum has launched a new suite of weekly programs entitled Thursdays 'til 9. Every Thursday until 9 p.m., the new evening series offers visitors a chance to explore the many forms of art.

"Thursdays 'til 9 lets visitors choose what kind of art experience they want to have – whether through film, music, social gatherings, or hands-on experiences," said Christian Adame, manager of life-long learning at the Crocker Art Museum.

On the first Thursday of the month, the Crocker presents Film Frame, a series featuring screenings of films from classic to contemporary. Screenings are introduced by directors, filmmakers, scholars, and film enthusiasts, and include discussions and interactive programming. Presented in collaboration with local festivals and organizations, films will relate to the Crocker's exhibitions and collections as well as relevant issues in film, art, and society. Film Frame evenings also include in-gallery tours and activities. In the coming months, visitors can look forward to screenings of "Cleophas and His Own," a film about American painter and poet Mars-den Hartley; "Untitled," a comic take on the state of contemporary art; the short films of Northern California-based directors Robert Machoian and Rodrigo Ojeda-Beck; and "The Silence of Innocence," a documentary on artist Gottfried Helnwein, who is the subject of a career-spanning survey at the Crocker from Jan. 29 through April 24.

Art Mix, presented on the second Thursday of each month, will focus on a new aspect of the Crocker's collections or special exhibitions in a social environment. Expect to hear the latest great local band or DJ, sip a specialty cocktail from the Crocker Cafe, and dive into live art demonstrations, short films, interactive installations, photo shoots, special in-gallery tours and spotlight talks. Upcoming Art Mix events feature performances by DJ Rated R, Sea of Bees, Sacramento Sizzling Sirens Burlesque Experience, DJ Mike Colossal, Sister Crayon, and The New Humans.

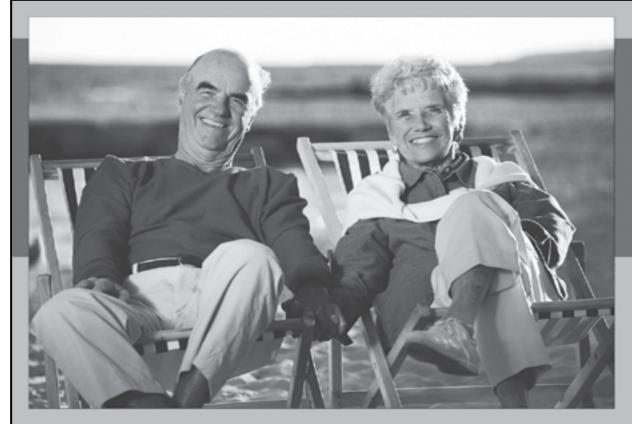
The Crocker broadens its musical horizons with Playlist, a new concert series on the third Thursday of the month. The series will highlight local, regional, and national performers from various musical genres, including blues, reggae, indie, folk, country, bluegrass, rock, hip hop, and world music. The Crocker's popular Third Thursday Jazz Summer Concert Series will return as part of Playlist with outdoor performances from May through September featuring sounds that run the spectrum of traditional to modern jazz. Concert-goers can look forward to hearing the dark sounds of California-based Chelsea Wolfe, funk and soul by The Nibblers, a Gottfried Helnweininspired composition by Vox Musica, and the velvety-rich vocals of singer-songwriter Kate Gaffney.

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Stop-N-Shop markets were leaders in city's grocery industry

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

Anyone remember Stop-N-Shop grocery stores and supermarkets? It goes without question that just about anyone who resided in the Sacramento area any time from the Great Depression to around the days when the motion picture "Jaws" and disco were considered hot topics certainly answered, "yes," to this question.

One wonders how many longtime, local residents still drive by the old Stop-N-Shop building across from Vic's Ice Cream on Riverside Boulevard in the Land Park area and reminisce about when they used to shop at this once grand supermarket.

Considering that Sacramento was home to 13 Stop-N-Shop markets, there are undoubtedly many people who remember at least one of these stores.

Furthermore, many longtime, local residents assuredly still remember the store's popular jingle, which featured the familiar lines: "Let's go down to the Stop-N-Shop and push the cart around 'n' round. Let's buy all of our groceries there. They have the best in town. Let's go down to the Stop-N-Shop and push the cart around 'n' round. You get a lot more for your money there than anywhere else in town."

Sacramento grocery lead-

Although there are currently several Sacramento area convenience stores that use the name, Stop N Shop, these stores are not to be confused with the Stop-N-Shop stores that were once leaders in the city's grocery industry.

The Stop-N-Shop stores highlighted in this article were established by the Kassis family, with the first of these stores being opened in 1928 at 2800 Y St. (present day Broadway).

The roots of Stop-N-Shop stores began with A.G. Kassis, who emigrated with his wife, Maggie, from Lebanon to the United States in 1890.

Lebanese immigrants

Upon their arrival in America, A.G. and Maggie, who were Christian Lebanese, made their way to North Dakota, where they eventually had five sons. These sons, in order of se-

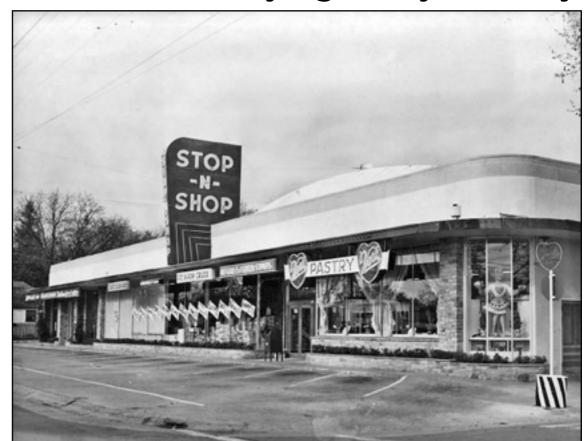


Photo courtesy of the Kassis family

The Stop-N-Shop market at 3231 Riverside Blvd. served the community from 1947 to 1975. The building, which still exists today, was later home to Walter Kassis' Big K Market, which closed in 1982.

niority, were Frank, Lew, Ed, John and Walter.

A.G., who purchased farmland in Williston, N.D., began his own grain farming operation, which proved to be unsuccessful.

As a result of this failed endeavor, A.G. joined his four brothers – Abe, Charles, John and Eli – in the operation of a billiards parlor in North Dakota. A.G. also added to his in-

come through other business ventures, which included the operation of a small grocery store.

After about 20 years of living in North Dakota, A.G. and Maggie decided to move their family to Rio Linda, Calif. This decision was based on the poor health of John, who suffered from vitamin deficiency and would be better suited living in a warmer climate.

In Rio Linda, A.G. sold chickens and eggs and raised fruits and vegetables, which he sold from roadside stands.

The source of the majority of A.G.'s income ended abruptly, however, when a fatal disease eliminated A.G.'s chickens.

Subsequently, A.G. attempted to achieve success by operating a miniature golf business and a livestock feed store, but neither were very successful.

Son finds first location

Fortunately, Frank, who regularly took a train into Sacramento and then rode by streetcar from 12th and H streets to Sacramento High School, was able to find work at the Del Monte cannery at 17th and C streets, where his mother was also employed.

It was also Frank who discovered a commercial corner in Sacramento that, in his own description, "intrigued" him.

This corner at the aforementioned 28th and Y streets proved to be the site of the first Stop-N-Shop

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Stop-N-Shop: Riverside Boulevard store was one of the most notable of all 13 stores

store, as A.G. leased a former retail ice business at this street corner from Preston F. Reed, a carpenter and building contractor who lived at 2545 28th St.

After traveling into Sacramento each day, the Kassis family eventually moved to the capital city, residing at 2522 28th St.

Stop-N-Shop, which A.G. operated with the assistance of his sons, was not the first Kassis-owned grocery store in Sacramento, since A.G.'s brother, Charles Kassis, who resided in Rio Linda, had partnered with Rio Linda resident Anna Bohamera to own and operate Del Monte Grocery at 1730

Quick growth

The area around the first Stop-N-Shop store grew quickly with the assistance of the opening of the Shasta Ice Cream Co. at 2814 Y St. Additionally, Scotty's Service Station, which was located across Y Street from these two businesses, aided in bringing people to the

Pocket area resident Dick Ryder, a 1947 graduate of McClatchy High School, said that he remembers seeing the first Stop-N-Shop location during the 1930s.

"I lived (at 2800 Regina Way in Land Park), near California Junior High, and I remember the first Stop-N-Shop," he said. "It was kind of like the picture at the (California Automobile) Museum of the first Raley's (grocery) store in Placerville. It had all the fruits

and vegetables out in front of the place."

The success of the Y Street store, which had a dirt floor and initially sold cold watermelon, ice, beverages and wood blocks, was achieved through the Kassis family's reputation for providing quality food and service.

This success led to the establishment of Stop-N-Shop, Store #2, at 1330 16th St. in about the early

As the prosperity of the Stop-N-Shop stores increased, A.G. Kassis transferred ownership of his stores to four of his sons.

Of the five sons of A.G., only John ventured outside the family's grocery business, as he instead opted to go to medical school. Eventually becoming Dr. John Kassis, John practiced family medicine in Sacramento for nearly a half-century.

The number of Stop-N-Shop stores continued to increase as a Del Paso Heights store was added in about 1939 and three years later, the 2000 I St. market opened.

Following his service in the Army during World War II, Eli's son, Bill Kassis, who formerly worked at the 16th lived with my mom for sev-

Street store and opened the 20th and I streets store, opened the Land Park area Stop-N-Shop store, which was located at 3231 Riverside Blvd.

'Store of tomorrow'

The two-story Riverside Boulevard building, which was built by the Erickson Construction Co. and included a warehouse elevator, opened in late 1947.

The Riverside Boulevard store, which Theodore H. Richards of the Bercut-Richards cannery referred to as "the store of tomorrow," was locally unique for its time, as this early supermarket served as the anchor of a wide variety of busi-

Doris (Lopes) Yager, a 1938 graduate of McClatchy High School, said that her mother, Gloria Lopes, was one of the very first customers of the Riverside Boulevard store.

Doris added that by 1950, she had moved into her mother's house at 1250 Marian Way in the Land Park area and had begun to shop at the Riverside Boulevard store.

"When I got married, I



Bill Kassis (far right) serves customers (left to right) Janice Gee, Malcom F. Gee, Lana Coppin and Chet Coppin at the Riverside Boulevard Stop-N-Shop store in

eral years and I did all my shopping at (the Riverside Boulevard) Stop-N-Shop," Doris said. "It was the only grocery store in the neighborhood, so naturally everybody shopped at Stop-N-Shop. It had such things as a meat counter, a fruits and vegetables department, a post office, a drug store and Swanson's Cleaners was there, too, so you had everything in the one store. And Bill Kassis was there all the time and he was a very nice gentleman, as I recall. İt was

quite the grocery store for its time."

Bill, 88, who is now the patriarch of the Kassis family, remembers the store with much passion and detail.

He emphasized that the Riverside Boulevard building, which also included a barbershop, a beauty shop, a Green Stamp redemption center and a location of the locally-famous Hart's Pastry, was fortunate to have Ash Rutledge and his Vic's

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Thanksgiving Day is for all in the Sacramento area

Arden-Carmichael News photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY

The Salvation Army received more than 700 pounds of frozen turkeys from the California State Automobile Association of Northern California on Nov. 11. The main course birds were delivered on the backs of AAA's yellow tow trucks.

This marks the 14th consecutive year in which The Salvation Army has received turkeys from AAA. Last year, the donation helped more than 600 individuals receive a Thanksgiving meal. This year, there are even more people in need of aid.

The donated turkeys will be prepared and served for a free Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, Nov. 25 at The Army's Center of Hope shelter in downtown Sacramento. Anyone from the Sacramento community can be served a meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day.











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Janey Way Memories



A Relles Family Thanksgiving



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

For the Relles family, Thanksgiving usually included football.

My uncle George Relles coached football at Sacramento High when I was growing up, so every year our whole extended family attended the "turkey day" football game at Hughes Stadium. Back in the 1950s and '60s, the whole town showed up for this Thanksgiving Day classic. As many as 15,000 fans filled the stadium for this big game between local high school rivals Sacramento and C.K. McClatchy.

Uncle Ross Relles usually arrived early to reserve seats for our whole family. Prior to the game, the marching bands of both schools paraded out onto the field to play the national anthem. Then the teams poured out onto the field: Sac in its dark purple and white uniforms and McClatchy in red and white. These contests were usually hard-fought and exciting, and when they were over, we were hungry.

So then, we piled into our cars and headed over to Grandma Petta's house on 14th Avenue for our Thanksgiving celebration. She had a wonderful old house that featured a full size lot on one side that had a garden, an old barn and a chicken coop – providing lots of room for kids to run wild.

The living quarters of her home sat on the second floor with a full house basement below. The basement included a pantry filled with the food which Grandma canned; a cooking area with a Wedgewood stove and an antique wooden ice box; Grandpa Petta's wine making room; and an old circular washing machine complete with a ringer for drying out the laundered clothes. Her basement was also piled with old furniture and other items family members hoarded making it a perfect place for children to explore.

Grandpa, however, had other ideas and usually did all he could to expel us from the basement when we snuck down there to play.

The back yard had a full size swing set with a tall slide for the kids to play on. Going to Grandma's house provided lots of play time for all the twenty children in our extended family. We always looked forward to those times.

By 4 p.m., Grandma Petta had set the extended dining room table and adorned it with Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings: turkey, her famous rice stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, slices of her homemade bread and salad with dressing made from olive oil and Grandpa's own wine vinegar. After dinner came desert – pumpkin pie piled with whipped cream. Then, while the adults drank coffee and conversed at the big table, the kids went out for more raucous play.

By the end of the day, totally satisfied and utterly exhausted, we headed home.

I will never forget the fun we had celebrating Thanksgiving at Grandma Petta's house – another heart-warming Janey Way memory.



Pest detection pooch retires

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Retiring pest detection dog Tassie will have time on her paws to smell the roses.

Despite her big heart and talented nose, Tassie, a nine-year-old Lab mix, has reached the mandatory retirement age for pest detection dogs. She was honored by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors with a resolution on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

Rescued from an animal shelter in Florida, Tassie began her career working for Customs and Border Protection at the Port of Long Beach sniffing out foreign plant pests. She was then assigned to Plant Protection and Quarantine working domestic cargo detecting destructive wood borers and hitchhiking snails. In early 2009, Tassie was reassigned to the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner's office as part of their Pest Exclusion Team.

Alongside her handler Jennifer Berger, Tassie worked throughout the region inspecting over 10,000 unmarked packages containing plant material that could have led to infestations and devastating economic loss to the agricultural industry and untold damage to the environment. Tassie intercepted numerous non-native insect pests from Hawaii, prohibited meat from Nigeria, and helped alert Fish and

Game authorities to animal shipments of non-native snakes and fish.

Tassie received special recognition from California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary A. G. Kawamura for intercepting an illegal shipment of curry leaves and guavas that were infested with Asian citrus psyllid, a tiny exotic pest that is capable of transmitting a devastating disease that could have threatened California's \$1.88 billion citrus industry.

Tassie has a nose that knows and is described by her handler as a workaholic.

It's great to work with an animal that is so excited and ready to do her job," Berger said. "Tassie is always in a good mood and shows up to work wagging her entire body."

As the department and program ambassador, Tassie has attended many outreach functions and showed off her skills with demonstrations to raise public awareness of the threat from invasive pests and disease.

Tassie also co-stars in a YouTube video produced by CDFA: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p32hAyVO4XM

Tassie will live with her new adoptive parents in Pleasant Hill, spending time going on walks, chasing tennis balls, and playing with her favorite toy, a pink squeaky hippo.

Tassie's replacement is expected to report for duty in January, 2011.



Handler Jennifer Berger and Tassie, a Lab mix, worked throughout the region, sniffing out dangerous agricultural pests and illegal shipments of non-native



Jesuit Christmas Tree Lane a tradition for over half a century

Arden-Carmichael News writer benn@valcomnews.com

Carmichael's Jesuit High School will celebrate its 54th annual Christmas Tree Lane fundraiser on Nov. 29 and 30, a fundraiser that helped build the school 53 years ago.

Virginia Larson, one of the women responsible for the initial fundraiser, was president of the Loyola Guild in 1957 when the idea to build the school came about.

"Back then there was nothing where Jesuit is now," Larson said.

The group of 10 to12 women that began the fundraising efforts at St. Ignatius church began to fundraise. They decided to model their efforts after the Christmas Tree Lane held at the Senator Hotel downtown.

The whole town donated trees to the Christmas Tree Lane," Larson said. "All the money we made was

A few years later, Sacramento Bishop Joseph T. McGucken learned that the group of women had raised a huge sum of money that was just sitting in a bank account. The idea was born to build Jesuit High School. They had the money to do it and even had enough left over for scholarships.

Needless to say, the event caught

This year's version promises to be as spectacular and lavish as any other in the event's history. Co-chair Moira Little talked about what this year has in store for visitors.

'This year's theme is 'Believe' and it is going to be a winter wonderland with snow and snowflakes everywhere," Little said.

There will be 20 vendors and consigners on hand at the Radisson Hotel selling their goods as well as a vast array of gourmet foods and Christmas decorations for people to purchase. The huge undertaking includes more than 200 people when one tallys up all the cashiers, hostesses, rafflers and event planners. The event is so popular that Little said that 25 to 35 percent of the people working on the event this year no longer have children at Je-

This year's raffle includes items such as a \$1,400 necklace and a six-night trip to Hawaii.

Included in the event are three fashion shows, the first of which takes place during the gala dinner on Monday night. The senior boys from Jesuit get to walk down the runway with their mothers in what is always a tearjerking tradition.

There is never a dry eye in the place," Little said.



Jesuit High School's annual Christmas Tree Lane fundraiser includes a fashion show and musical entertainment. The annual holiday tradition celebrates its 54th anniversary this year.

The fashion show is repeated on Tuesday during breakfast and again during lunch. Tickets to the gala dinner are \$100, the breakfast is \$50 and the lunch is \$60. The shopping portion of the event is free and open to the public.

As for Larson, her last grandson is currently at Jesuit. The 87-yearold attends every year and said that she wouldn't miss this year for the world.

The event raises near or above \$100,000 for the school and all money goes towards the school's scholarship and building funds.

"When I see the check for \$100,000 I am always amazed to think that these 10 to 12 ladies started this whole thing," Larson said.

More than 50 years later, the school remains strong. So too, do the friendships forged all those years

The Radisson Hotel, site of the event, is at 500 Leisure Lane in Sacramento. For further information, visit www.jhssac.org or contact cochairs Julie Law (lawbeus@aol. com), Joanna Ellard (jwellard@ comcast.net) or Moira Little (moira. little.hiaj@statefarm.com).







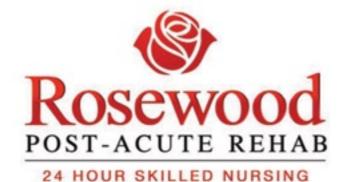




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Preserve good health by canning food properly

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Home canning of fruits and vegetables is regaining popularity thanks to the economic downturn and a growing interest in eating locally grown food. A downside to this practice is that if food is preserved improperly, consumers may become ill or die, according to University of California Cooperative Extension nutrition advisors.

If practiced properly, home canning is a safe method for preserving food. The canning process involves placing foods in jars and heating them to a temperature that destroys the microorganisms that cause food to spoil. During this heating process, air is driven out of the jar and as it cools a vacuum seal is formed. This vacuum seal prevents air and microorganisms from getting back into the jar.

If tested recipes are not followed, food-borne microorganisms can survive and they will spoil canned foods. Worse, consumers can get botulism from eating improperly home-canned foods. Botulism is a rare, but serious paralyzing illness caused by a nerve toxin produced by the bacterium Clostridium botulinum. Botulism can kill if not promptly treated.

There are two safe ways of canning food - the boiling water bath method and the pressure canner method. Boiling water is used with highacid foods such as fruits. A pressure canner must be used with foods such as vegetables, meats and combinations containing these foods such as salsa or spaghetti sauce. Tested recipes and guidelines must always be followed to ensure safe home-canned foods.

'It is very important to follow scientifically tested canning instructions to avoid illness." said Susan Algert, UC Cooperative Extension nutrition advisor for Santa Clara County.

The boiling water bath method is safe for fruits, jams, jellies, pickles and other acidic preserves," she said. In this method, jars of food are completely covered with boiling water (212 degrees F at sea level) and heated for a specified amount of time.

High-acid foods such as peaches naturally have a pH of 4.6 or less and contain enough acid to prevent the growth of Clostridium botulinum. High-acid foods can be safely canned using the boiling water bath method.

"Certain foods, such as tomatoes, pears and figs, have



Home canning is a safe method for preserving food. Knowing the safe way to preserve foods is important, however, because improperly "canned" goods can become toxic

a pH value close to 4.6 and must have acid added to them to lower the pH enough to use the water bath method," Algert said. The pH can be lowered by adding commercial lemon juice or powdered citric acid.

When canning homemade salsa or other tomato products, Algert recommends following a scientifically tested recipe and using commercially bottled lemon juice to increase the acidity.

"You can't use juice squeezed from a fresh lemon because we don't know exactly how acidic the juice is," Algert said. "Commercial lemon juice meets a standard acidity."

To can low-acid vegetables such as green beans without a pressure cooker, the vegetables must first be pickled using a recommended recipe to ensure the final acidity is too high for Clostridium botulinum to grow.

Clostridium botulinum can form spores, a heat tolerant form of the bacteria that can survive boiling. If spores survive because of inadequate processing, they can revive and allow the bacteria to grow and produce toxins. Clostridium botulinum thrives in lowacid foods like meats and vegetables and in the absence of air in canned foods.

The only safe method of preserving vegetables, meats, poultry and seafood to prevent botulism is pressure canning," Algert said. "These lowacid foods require heating to at least 240 degrees F for a

time specified for each product. This temperature can only be reached using a pressure cooker."

To ensure safety of home canned goods, she recommends using new lids to ensure a tight seal and following scientifically tested instruc-

more information For about safely canning food, visit the University of California's Food Safety website at http://ucfoodsafety.ucdavis. edu/Consumer Advice and the USDA National Center for Home Food Preservation website at http://www.uga. edu/nchfp

Watch a video of safe canning tips at http://stream. ucanr.org/preserving_fruit/ canning_safely.html

Low-acid foods:

- + meats
- seafood
- poultry
- dairy products
- all vegetables
- combination products using these foods

High-acid foods:

- most fruits
- properly pickled vegetables

Foods that require added lemon juice for boiling water bath canning:

- figs
- + pears
- + tomatoes





Stop-N-Shop: Kassis family pioneered 'stores of tomorrow,' early food court

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Ice Cream across the street at 3199 Riverside Blvd.

"We were very good friends and actually, we depended on each other," Bill said. "I'd have lunch there every day."

A 1965 city directory shows the continued expansion of Stop-N-Shop, as the number of its store locations had reached 11 by this time. These stores included the River Park store at 5491 Carlson Drive and stores at 4065 McKinley Blvd. and 5815 Stockton Blvd.

Lucky No. 14

Overall, the Kassis family eventually operated 13 stores, yet in a similar theme to buildings that do not designate a 13th floor, the store numbers jumped from Store #12 to Store #14.

Surpassing the popularity of the chain's Riverside Boulevard location was one of the last Stop-N-Shop stores to be constructed – the then-very modern Fort Sutter Shopping Center supermarket at 2815 L St., where Sutter General Hospital was later built. The market structure also included candy and coffee shops and laundry and shoe repair businesses.

Bill said that Stop-N-Shop was well represented in the north area of Sacramento.

In addition to the Del Paso Boulevard store, north area Stop-N-Shop stores were located at 4120 El Camino Ave., Fulton and Marconi avenues, where Honey Baked Ham is located at the present day address of 2875 Fulton Ave., 2312 Watt Ave. at Country Club Plaza and 1765 Arden Way at the Arden Fair Mall.

Greg Kassis, the son of Lew Kassis and a Stop-N-Shop employee for most of the years of 1954 to 1975, said that he most fondly remembers the Fulton and Marconi avenues store.

Greg added that he first provided assistance at this store when he was 7 years old.

"I used to ride my bike to work (at the Fulton and Marconi avenues store)," Greg said. Food court pioneers

When asked about the north area Stop-N-Shop locations, Bill was quick to describe the uniqueness of the Watt Avenue site's Gourmet Lane, which included Frank Fat's restaurant, La Fiesta Mexicatessen Restaurant, Hart's Restau-

rant, Frank's Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, T&T Burger Bar, Farmer Joe's Restaurant and Keller's Doughnut Shop.

"As far as I remember, (Gourmet Lane) was one of the first food courts that was opened anywhere in the country," Bill said.

Although Stop-N-Shop stores once held a very high position in the world of Sacramento grocery stores, their heyday gradually ended as the stores were individually sold at separate times due to competition from other grocery stores and financial struggles relat-

ed to other Kassis family business ventures.

Despite the absence of any Stop-N-Shop stores in Sacramento by 1975, the fond memories of Stop-N-Shop markets continue to live on today in the minds of the Kassis family and their stores' many former customers.



Carmichael Recreation and Park District celebrates 65th anniversary

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

The Carmichael Recreation and Park District is presently celebrating its 65th anniversary, as the district was organized on Oct. 29, 1945.

Let's play ball

In tracking the roots of the district, all signs lead to the sport of baseball, as the district's beginnings can be pinpointed to the simple need for a local baseball facility.

Considering that Sacramento has been known as a baseball city throughout the majority of its existence, the district's establishment through baseball is quite fitting.

The district's connection with baseball begins with the name, Dan Donovan.

While residing in Carmichael, Donovan was seeking a location where his local baseball team could play its games.

Donovan, who is also known for establishing Carmichael's first fire department, serving as the fire department's first chief and operating a bar at Fair Oaks Boulevard and Garfield Avenue, led the drive to have a baseball field built in part of what is today's Carmichael Park.

This baseball field, which had once been only a dream, became a reality for Don-

ovan, who was part of the 1946 team that won the U.S.-Canadian Non-Professional Baseball Tournament in Wichita, Kan.

Carmichael Park was purchased in separate parcels and by the early 1960s, the park had been expanded to

Carmichael's pool

One of the most popular attractions in the park's history was its 50-foot by 100-foot swimming pool, which was constructed in 1952.

Originally, the pool featured both low and high diving boards and was accompanied by a nearby wading pool.

Unfortunately for the community, use of the pool was discontinued in 2004. The district, however, is exploring avenues for acquiring funding to replace the

The petting zoo

Early visitors of Carmichael Park may also remember another now-absent feature of the park - a petting zoo that was located on the site of the present day group picnic rental facility. The petting zoo included such animals as goats, a pig, a sheep, rabbits and chickens.

Today, the park, which CRPD Administrator Jack Harrison described as "Carmichael's Central Park," fea-



Carmichael Park was the first park of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District. Today, the district consists of 14 park sites.

tures five softball diamonds, six lighted tennis courts, a one-acre, off-leash dog park, a lighted basketball court, a pair of playgrounds, a public picnic shelter and a band shell, which serves as the site of free summer concerts. The park is also the site of a popular Easter Egg Hunt, which is held annually on the day prior to Eas-

Among the oldest buildings in the park is the community clubhouse, which is available for rent and is used for community organization meetings, district board meetings, weddings and receptions.

Other structures located at the park include the district's administration building and the Veterans Memorial Building, which is used for local veteran gatherings, small-sized meetings, classes and a preschool program.

Del Campo Park

The district added the second of its now 14 park sites when it acquired the property for Del Campo

Park in Fair Oaks in 1971. This was also the year that the district hired its first full-time administrator.

Ross Norberg, who has been employed as a maintenance worker for the district since 1976, said that Del Campo Park, which was developed in 1979, was nothing but a large lawncovered area until about 1990.

Today, this 21.6-acre park, which is located near Del Campo High School,

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features a soccer field and a playground.

Additional parks

In addition to Del Campo Park, the district acquired 10 park sites during the 1970s.

These sites range in size from the one-acre Bird Track Park on Pheasant Road in Fair Oaks to Carmichael's 13.6-acre Jan Drive Park, which is scheduled to open sometime next year.

Among the current CRPD park sites, which were not previously mentioned, are the 9.4-acre O'Donnell Heritage Park (property acquired in 1974) on Barrett Road in Carmichael, the 7.4-acre Cardinal Oaks Park (1974) on Cardinal Court at Kenneth Avenue in Carmichael, the threeacre Glancy Oaks Park (1977) on Sunny Lane in Carmichael and the threeacre Patriots Park (1976) on Palm Avenue, off Dewey Drive, in Fair Oaks.

One of the district's most treasured acquisitions occurred in 1984, with its addition of the former La Sierra High School. This 37-acre site includes a pair of gymnasiums, soccer fields, Little League baseball fields, the Chautauqua Playhouse, the Sacramento Fine Arts Center and about 170,000 square feet of private rental space.

CRPD Park Maintenance Supervisor Ron Shilliday, who spends about 95 percent of his employment hours for the district at the La Sierra site, said that the former school serves as a great asset for the community.

"The enjoyment of all the facilities and the recreation for anyone, no matter what their age, (at the La Sierra site) is amazing," Shilliday said. "You can enjoy the theater or the arts center or the many programs that are over there from chair yoga to Little League baseball to soccer to dance. On a good day when you have volleyball, baseball, theater and a wedding reception, there's no parking to be found. It's a great place for the community and the people who work here. It keeps us hopping to keep people happy."

Also unique among the district's sites are the 17.2-acre Schweitzer Grove Park and the 3.5-acre Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden.

Schweitzer Grove Park, which is located at Sumter and Hussey drives, next to Albert Schweitzer Elementary School in Carmichael, is the site of a disc golf course and walking trails with five entrances.

The name Schweitzer Grove Park was selected 39 years ago through CRPD's "Name a Park Contest."

According to the May 27, 1971 edition of *The Sacramento Union*, the winners of the contest, which also provided the names Del Campo Park and Bird Track Park, were: Annette Ackerman, Kathryn Confer, Susan Emerson, Nancy Figenbaum, Kim Walker, Kevin Williams and Karen Zymwaht.

Jewel of the district

Undoubtedly a jewel of the park district, the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. features a wide variety of plants and trees, manicured lawns, walkways, benches and a pair of bridges over a small creek bed.

The garden, which has been featured in a variety of newspapers, including the *New York Times*, is named after its founder, Charles C. Jensen, who placed the garden's initial plants and trees at the site in 1958

Jensen passed away in 1974 at the age of 80 and through the efforts of the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden, Inc., which was formed by a group of concerned, local citizens, his property was saved from being subdivided.

Two years later, CRPD took over the ownership of the property and through the assistance of the Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden, the garden is maintained on a consistent basis.

As a longtime asset of the community, the district has offered many activities that are documented in the district's archives.

Among the district's earlier activities mentioned in these archives are the following 1970s activities: a trip to a San Francisco Giants game in 1970, a Mini Bike Day on March 11, 1972, a trip to Marine World on Aug. 9, 1972

Enjoy

Arden-Carmichael News photo by Lance Armstrong A popular feature of Carmichael Park is its 1-acre, off-leash dog park.

and square dancing evenings by the Carmichael Park pool.

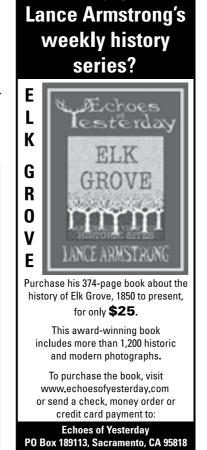
And of course, the district has provided the sites for many league baseball and softball games, swimming competitions, tennis matches and other sporting events.

Continuing its mission to "satisfy the recreational needs of the community by providing a wide range of facilities and opportunities to enrich the quality of life," CRPD recently published its fall/winter 2010-11 activity guide, which is available at the district office at 5750 Grant Ave. in Carmichael Park or at the La Sierra Recreation Office at 5325 Engle Road in Carmichael.

Information regarding district-sponsored activities can also be obtained through the Web site www.carmichaelpark.com or by calling (916) 485-5322.

CRPD Administrative Analyst Lee Ann Yarber said that for a parks and recreation district that has grown from a site with one baseball field to 183 acres on 14 sites, the district's current anniversary is special.

"We're very paroud of (the district's) accomplishments," Yarber said. "In recent years, we've opened two parks (and) we've got another one scheduled to (open) in 2011. We just keep evolving and continuing to grow."





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Free admission day

Nov. 26: Bring a donation of canned or packaged goods to benefit the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services" Holiday Spirit of Giving Food Drive in exchange for free admission to Fairytale Town. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org

Rotary Club of Point West

Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Wy., Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28: 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

Alternative Christmas Gift Market

Nov. 28: Featuring handmade items from around the world including jewelry from Kenya, unique crosses, greeting cards, etc. Homemade goodies will be offered. 11 a.m., Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave., Sac., (916) 487-5192

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Banned Book Club

Nov. 28: "Lady Chatterley's Lover" by D.H. Lawrence will be discussed. All adults welcome to discuss why this book has been banned, why and the merits/demerits of the book. 10 a.m. Carmichael Public Library, 5605 Marconi Ave., Carmichael. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Nov. 28. Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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-

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Mondays. 7:30 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast

Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

Hatha yoga

Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27: 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.

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Rotary Club of South Sacramento

Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27: 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

Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27: 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

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Basic English language class

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14: Non-native English speakers can improve English language proficiency. Free. Every Tues. Practice reading, writing, listening and speaking English with others in the class. Through Dec. 14. 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920 www.saclibrary.org

Big Band Dance

Nov. 30, Dec. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30: Dance to the rhythms of the Big Band era. Every Tues. & Fri. \$5 admission. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 972-0336

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28: 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

Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m., every Tues Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael.

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Dec. 1: "Have a Safe and Scam-free Holiday." Learn valuable tips and hints about protecting yourself from rip-offs from Dept. of Consumer Affairs information experts. Sponsored by Take Charge California @ Your Library. Free. 12 noon. West Meeting Room, Central Library, 828 I St., Sac. (916)

Senior Wednesday Club

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinochle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. Meets Wednesdays. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Judi (916) 247-6020

Tea and Talk Book Club

Dec. 1: Adults, bring a tea cup, sip tea and discuss this month's featured book, "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout. Free. 10 a.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920, www. saclibrary.org

Toastmasters

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 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

Arts lunch & learn

Dec. 2: Ioin other art lovers for an in-depth 30 minute talk about one or two works of art on view. This discussion will focus on the bis poles by the Asmat of New Guinea. Free with museum admission. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.com

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'Christmas Memories' musical lunch

Dec. 2-3: Back by popular demand, the VoCALs' musical presentation of "Christmas Memories" at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. seatings at Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Entrée choices: Roast Chicken Breast with Apricot Wild Rice or Greek Salad with Shrimp; dessert Chocolate Lover's Cheescake. \$20/person. First come, first served group reservations by one person, one check. Reservations a must. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Children's Home. (916) 452-2809

Cleophas and His Own

Dec. 2: Film Frame: "Cleophas and His Own - A North Atlantic Tragedy." While living with a Nova Scotia family in the mid-1930's, American painter and poet Marsden Hartley suffered a great personal loss that would affect his painting for the last seven years of his life. This is Hartley's story in his own words - a story of love, secret devotion and sexual passion. Intro & discussion with film director Michael Maglaras. Reservations required. 5:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at crockerartmuseum.org or the Admission Desk. \$6 for members; \$10 for nonmembers; \$12 for nonmembers including Museum admission. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000

Disabled American Veterans

Dec. 2: Ray Clark Chapter No. 35 of the Disabled American Veterans, First Thursdays, 7 p.m., Veterans' Memorial Building, Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., (corner Fair Oaks Blvd. & Sue Palm Dr). All disabled veterans invited to attend. (916) 635-

Food Addicts Anonymous

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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.

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 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

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd.. Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Cliff (916) 427-2698 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059.

Teen Advisory Board meeting

Dec. 2: TAB is all about teens creating their own service projects - whether that means organizing fun programs for teens or other community outreach programs. 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Public Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2700 www.saclibrary.org

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River City Chorale Christmas Concert

Dec. 3: The 60-voice River City Chorale, chamber choir, and orchestra, and Bel Tempo Handbells will perform festive holiday music. 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$12 adults (\$15 at door), \$5 children under age 12. Christ Community Church, 5025 Manzanita Ave., Carmichael. (916) 331-5810

Advent Craft Faire

Dec. 4: Come join in for a fun day of making crafts. There will be a variety of "make and take" crafts including charm bracelets, gift tags, Christmas ornaments, floral arrangements, decorating a Christmas house, etc. There is something for everyone. Bring the whole family! Enjoy a light lunch served around noon. Admission free, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, Sac., (916) 487-5192

Arts Q&A

Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19: Join other art lovers and discover the essence of the art on view in tours that emphasize looking, conversation and group interaction. Free with Museum admission. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.com

Bariatric Surgery Informational Seminar

Dec. 4: Learn all about what bariatric surgery is and is not. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Bruceville Terrace Multipurpose Room, 8151 Bruceville Rd., Sac. Rondi Crowley (916) 423.5909.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Dec. 4: Come enjoy coffee, cookies, cocoa, the Children's Chorus, Christmas tree raffle, music & other entertainment and meet Santa himself. Free event. 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of 0 and 16 for the Sac Co. Sheriff's Dept. Toy Project. All gifts will be given to kids in the Arden-Arcade area. Fulton Avenue Association, Tognotti's Auto World, 2509 Fulton Ave., Sac. www.fultonavenue.com

Day of Percussion

Dec. 4: Sac State hosts the Northern Calif. Day of Percussion. Guest artists include Anthony Cirone, Kevin Murray and percussion groups from Sac State and Fresno State. Free admission during the day., Evening admission for concert with Hands On'Semble is \$5 students & seniors, \$8 general. 10 a.m. Capistrano Hall, Sac State Campus, 6000 J St., Sac. (916) 278-7988

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Jensen Garden workday

Dec. 4: The Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden will hold its next workday to keep the garden beautiful. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. All welcome. Free. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Jensen Garden, 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 x23, tracy@carmichaelpark.com

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Dec. 4: The SAT college entrance exam will be administered. Visit www.collegeboard. com to register and for locations near you.

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Dec. 5: The 60-voice River City Chorale, chamber choir, and orchestra, and Bel Tempo Handbells will perform festive holiday music. 4 p.m. Advance tickets \$12 adults (\$15 at door), \$5 children under age 12. Pleasant Grove Community Church, 1730 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville. (916) 331-5810

Pet foto fun with Santa

Dec. 5: Enjoy an afternoon of free hoyous holiday photo fun with Santa and your furry family members. Pet parents welcome in photo, by photographer Hope Harris. Warm beverages, pet treats, human treats, too. Donations will benefit a favorite Midtown animal charity: the United Animal Nations (www.uan.org). 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Tres Chic Boutique, 2228 J St., Sac. (916) 444-3668 www.femininefrocks.com

History book club

Dec. 7: The Carmichael Library History Book Club mixes fact and fiction for a clearer picture of world history. This month's book is "The Bridges of Toko-ri" by James Michener. Bring a snack to share. First Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave., Carmichael. (916) 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org

Referrals Plus

Dec. 8: Women in business helping each other in our businesses. 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m., second Wednesdays. Primrose Sacramento, 7707 Rush River Dr., Sac. Kollen Powers (916) 691-3085, www.referralsplus.org

Art Mix: Art in the Dark

Dec. 9: Explore the darker side of the season with art events throughout the Crocker inspired by the use of light and shadow in the master drawings exhibition A Pioneering Collection. Enjoy beats by DJ Rated R, contemporary dance from CORE Dance Collective, life drawing with models, spotlight talks, and a screening of the 1964 vampire classic. The Last Man on Earth, presented by Movies on a Big Screen. Free with Museum admission. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.com

Sacramento Walking Sticks

Dec. 9: The nation's largest American Volkssport Assn.-affiliated walking club. Meets second Thursdays, 7 p.m. SMUD Customer Service Center, Forestview 1 meeting room, 6301 S St., Sac, Refreshments served. If you'd like to walk three miles before the meeting, meet at 5 p.m. in front of the SMUD Customer Service Center building. Bring money for dinner after the walk. Gale at 364-5063 or www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

The Story Factory

Dec. 9: Does your child have a story to tell? At this workshop they will get a chance to tell it, illustrate it and bind it into a book of their creation. Pre-registration required to attend. 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Public Library, 7335 Gloria Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2700 www.saclibrary.org

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Dec. 10, 17, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28: Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Fridays. 2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

Sudoku answers

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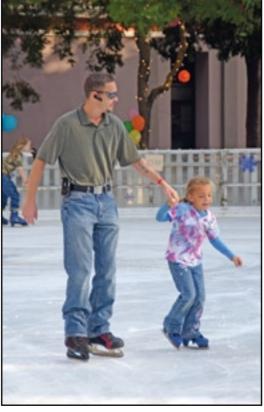
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Faces and places

Downtown Plaza Ice Rink open

Arden-Carmichael News photos by DANNY KAM

Friday, Nov. 5 marked the grand opening of the 19th annual Downtown Plaza Ice Rink with a ribbon cutting and free admission all day.

The rink is now open daily through Jan. 17. Ice Rink Admission is \$8 for a two-hour skating session. Skate rental is \$2. The ice rink accepts cash only, so come prepared.

The rink is located at St. Rose of Lima Park, 7th and K streets. Regular hours are 12 noon to 8 p.m. Sunday – Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 13-31, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Christmas and New Year's eves, Closed Christmas Day, and open New Year's Day from 12 noon to 8 p.m.

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