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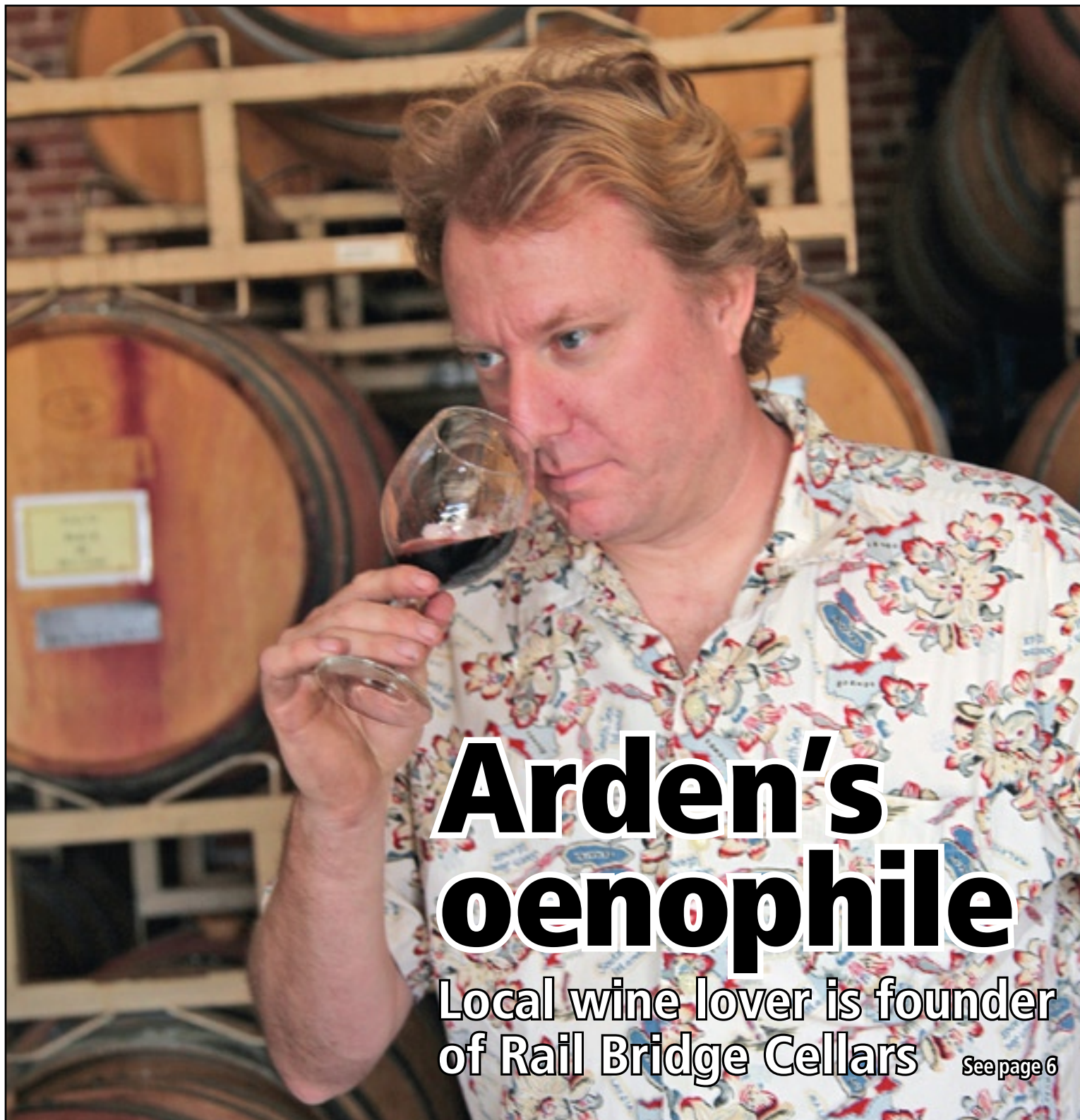
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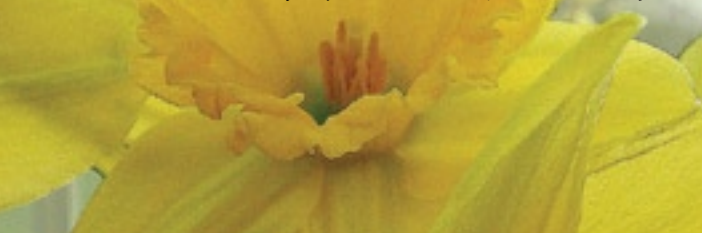
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County Supervisor Peters to hold 'office hours' at Carmichael Egg Hunt

Special to Arden-Carmichael News

County Supervisor Susan Peters will be holding her second "Office Hours" for 2011 on Saturday, April 23, at Carmichael Park during the community's annual egg hunt and pancake breakfast.

Peters will set up a table near the egg hunt between 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for residents who wish to drop by and discuss with her items of interest. No appointment is necessary with visits to be handled on a "first come basis."

"Carmichael's annual egg hunt and pancake breakfast is a great community event," says Peters. "Establishing 'Office Hours' provides the opportunity to mix business with pleasure. I'll be available to talk about county matters while people can enjoy a tasty breakfast or watch the children search for eggs."

Peters kicked off her 2011 "Office Hours" tour at last month's Spring Craft Faire at Gibbons Park hosted by the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District. During 2010 Peters held "Office Hours" at several community events in Carmichael, East Sacramento and Old Foothill Farms. The annual program provides a casual venue for residents to meet with her to talk about issues as opposed to making an appointment downtown at the County Administration Center.


The egg hunt starts at 10 a.m. sharp rain or shine and the pancake breakfast runs from 7 to 11 a.m. The Carmichael Recreation and Park District along with the Kiwanis Club of



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Rail Bridge Cellars, Sacramento's Urban Winery

By SALLY KING
Arden-Carmichael News writer

Starting your own business and making it successful has risks. When the economy is in a slump it can seem even riskier – even if the business happens to be making a great wine.

Jon Affonso, who lives in Arden Park, started the Rail Bridge Cellars urban winery and crush facility in 2004. Located at 400 North 16th St. in Sacramento, he is proving success can happen in a down economy.

Chris Chenco, owner and winemaker of Driven Cellars in Plymouth, California, said he has known Affonso for four years.

“Jon is very confident and an extremely qualified winemaker,” Chenco said. “As winemakers we are always trying to improve our product and Jon likes to

share ideas. He has a vast amount of knowledge in the wine industry.”

Affonso said he grew up with foreign exchange students and knew he wanted to study abroad. He attended Jesuit High School and graduated in 1988. He attributes much of his success being able to complete a fifth year of high school in France, which was supported by the members of Rotary District 5180. This international program, today known as Rotary Youth Exchange, annually sends some 8,000 students on exchange. The primary goal of the program is to foster world understanding by way of intercultural exchange.

In France, Affonso was given the opportunity to work as an intern helping make Bordeaux at Chateau Angelus, a stone's throw



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Rail Bridge Cellars wines are both affordable and excellent. Both of these wines, Lattice and Sauvignon Blanc, are carried in local stores, including Corti Brothers.

from many prestigious wineries. He said working there gave him valuable insight to the winemaking business. He said it also opened doors to other wineries.



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Rail Bridge Cellars founder Jon Affonso discusses wine with local oenophiles (wine lovers) at a recent wine tasting at his wine and crush facility that is located in the Old Sacramento Rail Yards. The Victorian brick building that houses Rail Bridge Cellars used to be a leather tanning facility.

When Affonso came back from France, he attended Sacramento State University. He decided to get a degree in geology because he enjoyed the outdoors and loved science classes. He said his junior year he realized he wanted to become a winemaker but felt he had invested too much time in geology, so he filled in the holes with chemistry classes to finish school. He went on to get another degree in enology at Fresno state and an MBA in wine business at Sonoma State. He figured he needed to know the business end if he was going to own a winery.

Delving in chemistry wasn't new to Affonso. Growing up he worked with his dad, Stan, who roasted and sold coffee beans wholesale.

“It was fun to work with my dad,” Affonso said. “We would experiment with the

different coffee beans, coming up with new flavors.”

Affonso said while working on his MBA at Sonoma State, he worked as a research assistant at Sutter Home Winery. He explained this job was based more on the chemistry of winemaking than on how to tend the vineyards. He said it was a fantastic experience.

As part of his thesis, Affonso wrote a business plan developing an urban winery in Sacramento. His professor thought it was a great idea and Rail Bridge was born.

When Affonso was looking for a building in Sacramento to house his wine and crush facility, he found an old run-down, red brick building. The building was originally a tannery in the 1920's. He chose to renovate it because of the thick

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Rail Bridge: Jesuit grad's career inspired by Rotary Youth Exchange year to France

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walls (which helps the cooling system) and easy access to electricity.

During the planning stages of his winery, Affonso did some research on the wine market at local restaurants in Sacramento. He wanted to fill the gaps. At that time, Affonso said people were into Cabernets, but not so much the red blends. Chardonnay was the white wine of choice, but there was not a lot of Sauvignon Blanc. He decided to make a blend that could compare to the Cabs in taste, but not have the higher price tag. He saw an opportunity for making a Sauvignon Blanc that had structure and layers to enhance the food it would be paired with.

"I look for food-friendly wines," Affonso said. "I want the wine to enhance the flavor of the food."

Affonso said he likes a crisp, clean, citrus Sauvignon Blanc that integrates well with food. He likes a red with balanced fruit and spices. He said his reds have soft tannins.

In this lean economy, Affonso said people are not buying the more expensive wines. He said there a larger variety of wines now being offered that are a good value.

James Balke, who owns a local Sacramento winery, uses Affonso's crush facility.

"He is a joy to work with," Blake said. "He makes great



Arden-Carmichael News photo, Stephen Crowley
Arden Park resident and local winemaker Jon Affonso check the bouquet of a recently poured Rail Bridge Cellars "boutique wine" called "Lattice." Boutique wines are wines that are created from blending a variety of grapes. Lattice is 73 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 23 percent Merlot, two percent Cabernet Franc, one percent Malbec and one percent Petit Verdot.

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Spring is here, and that means it is time for neighborhood Easter egg hunts.

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Rail Bridge: Arden resident's wines gaining local notoriety for quality

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wine. To succeed in this economy is a testimony to the work he has done."

Scott Lascher, a local auto dealership owner, said he enjoys making his own private label of wine. He said Affonso has given him helpful tips with winemaking. Lascher said Affonso brought a lot of wine knowledge back with him from France.

"Jon owns the right equipment, which makes wine-making a painless experience," Lascher said. "I have used his facility for a couple of years and find it terrific to work with Jon."

Affonso said for 2010 he produced 2,000 cases of wine and 1,000 cases of custom wine for his clients. He has around 350 wine club members and tastings are by appointment. He also hosts weddings and private parties.



The thick, brick walls at Rail Bridge Cellars provide a perfect working environment for crafting excellent wines.



Arden-Carmichael News photo, Stephen Crowley
Jon Affonso pours for the crowd assembled at Rail Bridge Cellars at a recent wine tasting. The Jesuit High School grad spent an additional year of high school in France as a Rotary Exchange student. While in France, worked as an intern to make Bordeaux at Chateau Angelus.



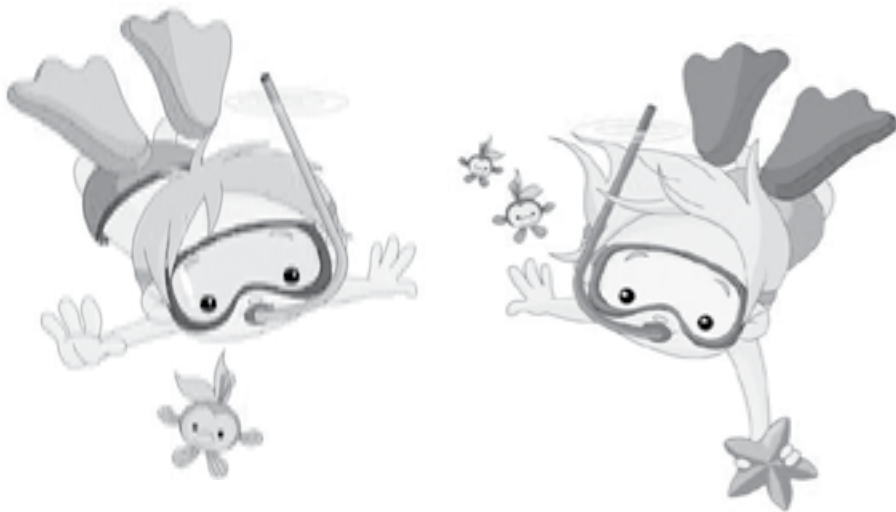
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One of the Sacramento area's historic park districts, the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District, is presently celebrating its 55th anniversary.

And due to its age, the district, which is bounded by major traffic arteries with Arden Way to the south, Watt Avenue to the east, Auburn Boulevard to the north and Business 80 to a point where it joins Arden Way, has grown up with the community.

Bill Murray, park supervisor of the district, which features seven parks, including the 38-acre Howe Park, remembers when the area was a much different place.

"I remember when Fulton Avenue and Morse Avenue and Cottage (Way) and all these roads here were gravel roads," said Murray, a 1969 graduate of Rio Americano High School. "When I was a kid, there were goats and sheep here (on the property that became Howe Park). It was a sheep ranch, basically. There was also a house near the corner of Cottage (Way) and Bell (Street). When I started working (for the district) here in 1978, this (property) was undeveloped. There weren't any trees out here (besides) willow trees on one side of the pond. And there used to be a sign (at the pond) that (read), 'No fishing, wading, swimming.'"

Mike Grace, general manager of the district, said that the dis-

trict was formed as a result of the growth of the area from its rural roots.

"This was a rural area," Grace said. "You had horses, chickens, goats and sheep. It's the typical story of how a city or community expands. You had the city of Sacramento and then you had the outlying area. Well, (the district was) in the close (part of the) outlying area (and) it was very popular to live out in the country. That's where they came up with Town and Country Village. It was a town in the country outside the city. As property developed, you had people moving into the area. It was the early 1950s, the war was over, the economy was starting to build, people needed affordable housing and they moved into the suburbs. As people were moving into the area, they had recreational needs that weren't being attended to by the county. The county's focus was on large regional parks, but local recreation was not addressed. So, as the population grew, there was a need for recreational services."

Although the district was established in 1956, its history dates back to Nov. 2, 1955, when a notice was officially filed with the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for the creation of the Fulton-El Camino Park, Recreation and Parkway District, which was the district's original name.

The initial board members of the district were: William G. Fritz, W. Thomas Holden,



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The 38-acre Howe Park features many scenic views, including this view of Chicken Ranch Slough.

Betty M. Forry, Bidwell W. Jumel and M. Guy Fairchild., and Donald W. McMurchie served as the district's legal counsel.

The first meeting of the district was held in the library of Cottage School at 2221 Morse Avenue on Feb. 2, 1956.

During the meeting, Fairchild was elected president, Forry was elected secretary-treasurer, and it was resolved that McMurchie would earn \$50 per month.

During its more than half-century existence, the district, which developed its first parks under its first master plan, which was approved in April 1958, has grown to include

72.8 acres existing park and open space areas.

Cottage Park

The district acquired its first property for the construction of a park in 1957. This property at the present day address of 3097 Cottage Way was developed into today's Cottage Park.

Amenities of this 7.5-acre neighborhood park include a community center, the only remaining swimming pool of the district's original, four pools (the Cottage Park pool was dedicated in May 1960), a children's playground, tennis courts, picnic and barbecue areas and a natural water feature, known as Strong Ranch Slough.

Santa Anita Park

The second property acquired by the district for the development of a park was a 7.7-acre site, which became Santa Anita Park at 2000 Bell St.

This neighborhood park features such amenities as a section of a natural water feature known as Chicken Ranch Slough, a disc golf course, picnic and barbecue areas and an open play area.

Howe Park

The king of the district's parks, Howe Park at 2201 Cottage Way, was constructed on the last park site acquired by the district during the 1950s. Property for this park, which is about 30 acres larger than the district's second largest park,

was purchased by the district in May 1959.

Amenities of this community park include the Richard T. Conzelmann Community Center, a natural water feature, which is also part of Chicken Ranch Slough, a ballfield, soccer field, tennis courts, a walking path, a picnic and barbecue area and a shade shelter.

The park is also home to the district office, which is located inside the community center.

Creekside Nature Area

The only property of the district that is not a developed park is the 1.9-acre Creekside Nature Area at 2641 Kent Ave.

This property was acquired by the district on June 27, 1963 and features its nature area with a natural water feature.

Bellview Park

The history of the 4.3-acre Bellview Park at 2600 Howe Ave. dates back to November 1963, when the property of this park was acquired by the district.

Attractions at this neighborhood park include a children's play area, a basketball court and picnic and barbecue areas.

Bohemian Park

The 8.2-acre Bohemian Park at 3131 Wright St. is the district's second largest park. Property for this neigh-

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neighborhood park was acquired in 1966.

Amenities of this park include a children's play area, a basketball court, tennis courts, picnic and barbecue areas, a natural water feature and a shade shelter.

Seely Park

Property for today's 5.2-acre Seely Park at 3000 Pope Ave. was acquired in November 1966.

This neighborhood park includes such amenities as a children's playground, a splash park, a basketball court, barbecue and picnic areas and a shade shelter.

A history of public activities

In addition to providing facilities for recreation and leisure, the district has also consistently offered a wide variety of activities for people of all ages during its long history.

Some of the past activities that seem to date themselves by mention alone occurred in the 1960s with Northern Cal-



A sunset beautifies an evening at a ballfield at Howe Park.

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ifornia Duck Calling Championships at Cottage Park and weekly district-sponsored "Charm and Grooming" classes with Jeanne Venables, Miss Sacramento of 1963, at Creekside School at 2641 Kent Drive.

Of course, a schedule of much more modern activities can be obtained through the district's Web site www.fecrecpark.com or by calling (916) 927-3802.

The district now and into the future

In operating a more than half-century-old park district, Grace said that much emphasis is being placed on maintaining the district's present facilities.

"The park district is 55 years old and, like a 55-year-old person, is starting to feel its age," Grace said. "We went

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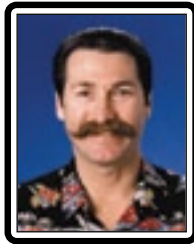
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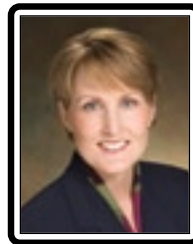
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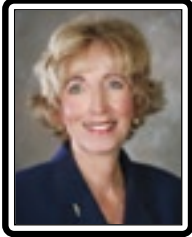


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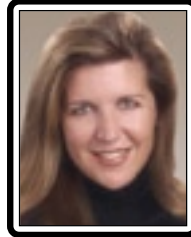
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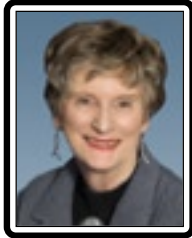
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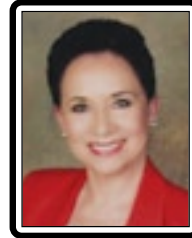
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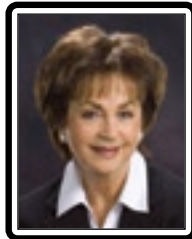
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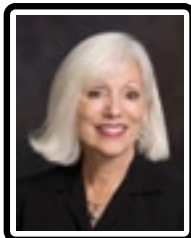
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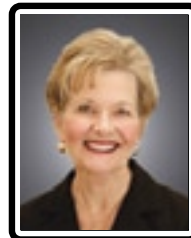
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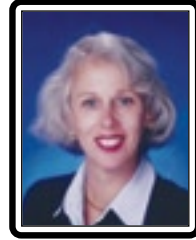
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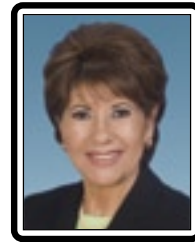
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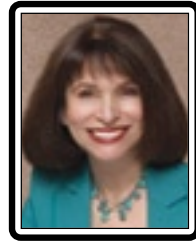
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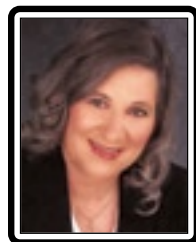
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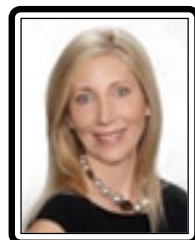
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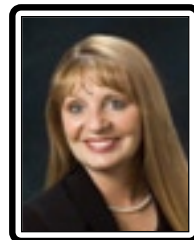
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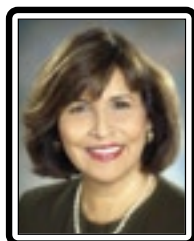
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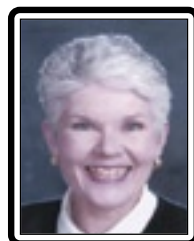
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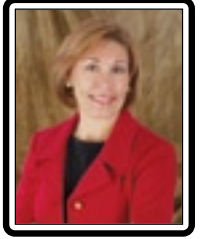
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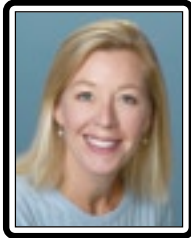
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Parks: As area grew, so did need for recreational facilities

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This picnic shelter is among the many features of Bohemian Park at 3131 Wright St.

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Families, clubs, community groups and animal lovers everywhere gathered in Land Park to run in the 31st annual ZooZoom to benefit the Sacramento Zoo. Even Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson got into the fun, taking an active role and running to help the animals.

Proceeds from the 2011 ZooZoom will go toward the renovation of the North American River Otter Exhibit at the zoo. One of the older exhibits at the Zoo, the otter pool and holding area are in need of a facelift.

Plans are on the drawing board for renovation of the current exhibit to enlarge the usable space, provide more adequate off-exhibit dens and keeper area, and allow for a more visually-pleasing habitat for visitors to observe and enjoy the daily antics of the Zoo's two North American river otters.

Participants could choose to do a 5 km run/walk (3.1 miles) or a 10 km run (6.2 miles). Both choices led participants through beautiful Land Park and the finish line near the back entrance to the zoo.

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Just west of the area that we know today as East Sacramento, the *Times* was established nearly 162 years ago in an adobe-like structure near the modern day corner of 28th and K streets, just outside the walls of Sutter's Fort.

Originally a weekly publication, the *Times*, which was initially published by E.C. Kemble & Co., began the distribution of its first issue on April 28, 1849.

At the time that Edward Cleveland Kemble established this pioneer newspaper, the *Times* was one of only two newspapers being published in California.

The other newspaper was Yerba Buena's (San Francisco's) *Alta California*, which began through a merger of California's first two newspapers, the *Californian* and *The California Star*.

The *Californian*, which included news in English and Spanish, was first published in

Monterey on Aug. 15, 1846. The paper was relocated to San Francisco about a year later.

Predating the *Californian's* arrival in San Francisco, the *Star*, which was founded by Samuel Brannan, became San Francisco's first newspaper, as it was published for the first time in Yerba Buena on Jan. 9, 1847.

The *Californian* and the *Star*, which eventually both abandoned publication as a direct result of the Gold Rush, were later acquired by Kemble, who had arrived in Yerba Buena on July 31, 1846 as one of 238 passengers aboard a ship, known as the “Brooklyn.”

Also traveling on the ship that had left New York about six months earlier was Brannan, who was then a leader of a group of members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Upon acquiring the aforementioned San Francisco newspapers, Kemble first published the papers as *The California Star and Californian* on Nov. 18, 1848.

By the following year, the merged newspaper became known as the *Alta California*.

Eventually leaving the *Alta California*, where he had also served as an editor, Kemble began his venture to establish a newspaper at Sutter's Fort.

According to the 1880 book, “History of Sacramento County,” type was acquired from the old *Alta* office, a Ramage press was repaired and old Spanish printing paper



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Gary F. Kurutz, principal librarian at the California State Library, holds an original copy of the first issue of Sacramento's first newspaper, the *Placer Times*.

was obtained, and the items were shipped to Sacramento City (the original name of Sacramento) on a small schooner known as *Dice Me Nana*.

The old press that was used to print the early issues of the

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The press was also well traveled, having been transported to Boston, Honolulu, Monterey, Sonoma and San Francisco before making its way to Sacramento City.

After leaving the fort, the well-used press continued its work in Stockton, Sonora, Columbia and again in Sonora, where it was destroyed in a fire.

Although the first issue of the *Times* was not rich with advertisements, it nonetheless included notable advertisements such as a notice that Captain John A. Sutter was offering a \$200 reward for the return of two horses that went missing from Sutter's Fort.

The timing of the founding of the *Times* is obviously modernly important, considering that information that was printed in this paper helps present windows into the past of the beginnings of Sacramento City and other events – both foreign and domestic – during this era.

The *Times*, which was originally printed on 13-inch by 18-inch paper and had its title cut from wood with a pocket-knife, also served as a bullhorn for news of the Gold Rush.

The original price of the newspaper, which originally fea-

tured three columns of text per page, was \$10 per year, \$6 for six months, \$4 for three months and 25 cents for single copies.

Kemble's time with Sacramento's first newspaper was short lived, as is evident by the following words that were printed in the June 23, 1849 edition of the *Times*: "The ill health of Mr. E.C. Kemble has obliged him to retire from his post as editor of this paper. He has been succeeded in the duties as such by (T.R. Per Lee)."

Under this new editorship, the *Times* was relocated to Front Street during the following month.

Four months later, however, the *Times* was being printed on 2nd Street, between K and L streets.

In only a short period of time, the *Times* would experience many other changes, including an enlargement in its size and cost, its evolution to a tri-weekly publication on April 22, 1850 and its emergence as Sacramento's first daily newspaper on June 5, 1850.

On June 16, 1851, the *Times* was consolidated with its rival, the *Sacramento Transcript* and became known as the *Times and Transcript*.

But this merging of papers did not mark the first time that these two newspapers



The Placer Times was first published on April 28, 1849.

Arden-Carmichael News photo, Lance Armstrong

played a role in the creation of a local newspaper.

The original *Sacramento Union*, which was printed from 1851 to 1994 and was once recognized as the "Oldest Daily in the West," began as a result of the efforts of four *Transcript* printers.

The printers had introduced the idea of *The Union's* creation due to their frustrations with a labor dispute between the *Tran-*

script and the *Times*, which was founded in 1850 as Sacramento's second newspaper.

Gary F. Kurutz, principal librarian at the California State Library, said that original, existing copies of the *Times* are so rare today that the State Library may likely be one of only three places that house copies of these old newspapers.

And in stressing the importance of the existence of these

rare copies, which provide valuable records of a very historic period in Sacramento and its surrounding areas, Kurutz said, "Other than such things as manuscript diaries and letters, as far as a media, (the *Times*) was it."

The *Times* was additionally important, as it planted the roots for the birth of many other Sacramento newspapers, including this very newspaper that is presently celebrating a very special birthday.

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APRIL

Tai Chi

Daily, except Sundays: Meditation, breathing, forms and various styles of Tai Chi are taught. No experience necessary. Everyone welcome. Free. 8 a.m.-9 a.m. Reichmuth Park, 6135 Gloria Dr., Sac. (601) 559-5481

Watercolor show

Through April 23: Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons presents "Awash With Color." Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330 B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Gallery hours: Tuesdays 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednes-

days through Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 2nd Saturday Reception on April 9 from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (916) 971-3713

'Inferno of the Innocents'

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Through July 17: Southern California artist Daniel Douke responds to everyday experience by rendering the transient packaging of consumer products - particularly the box. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

Art Mix: Lit Fix

April 14: Celebrate Literary Arts Month with a night full of poetry, spoken word, live music, tours, and talks. Don't miss an open mic session and interactive activities. Free with Museum admission. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org

Bilingual Toastmasters

April 14, 21, 28: Una oportunidad unica para mejorar sus habilidades bilingues y superar el temor de hablar delante de gente con nuestro club Los Oradores Toastmasters. Improve your language skills and lose fear of speaking in front of people in Spanish and English with Los Oradores. Every Thursday/Cada Jueves 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sutter Cancer Center 2800 L Street, Sac. Teri Bullington (916) 723-6232 teri.bullington@gmail.com, www.sacramentotoastmasters.com

Dementia care support group

April 14: Spouses, family members and friends who are providing care to seniors with memory loss are encouraged to participate in a dementia support group at the Chateau at Carmichael Park. 10 a.m. Linda Zisko, director of The Club Memory Day Care program, facilitates the group. 7125 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael (916) 481-7105

Food Addicts Anonymous

April 14, 21, 28: 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.

Living Positive with Chronic

Disease group

April 14, 21, 28: Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain - this isn't the group for you. The group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danae Horn (503) 319-4247

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

April 14, 21, 28: 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

April 14, 21, 28: 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.

Smart phones seminar

April 14: Alan Drew of Wireless Toyz will discuss "Smart Phones" at the Mission Oaks Computer Club. First-time visitors welcome. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 366-1687 www.missionoakscomputerclub.org

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

April 14, 21, 28: 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

Volkssport walking

April 14: Come join the Sacramento Walking Sticks Volkssport Club! Monthly meetings held every second Thursday at 7 p.m. SMUD Headquarters Bldg., Conference Center, 6201 S St., Sac. Those who wish to walk before the meeting, meet at Starbucks, 1420 65t St., Sac. At 5 p.m. to walk a 3-mile walk to CSUS campus & back. Barbara Nuss (916) 283-4650 or (916) 691-7618 or nussb@surewest.net. Also www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

Big Band Dance

April 15, 19, 22, 26, 29: 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

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

April 15, 22, 29: 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



HOLY WEEK SERVICES at Carmichael Presbyterian Church 5645 Marconi Avenue • 486-9081

PALM SUNDAY, April 17

Traditional Worship at 8:45 a.m.

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Contemporary Worship at 11:00 a.m.

with Waterfall Singers

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 21

Family Dinner and Worship 6:00 p.m.

Join in fellowship and worship around the table with a simple family soup supper in McMillen Hall with communion. Childcare will be provided. There is no cost, but reservations are requested to help plan for dinner and child care. Call the church office at 486-9081.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 22

Worship with Drama and Music at 7:30 p.m.

Experience "Were You There?" - a drama of the crucifixion and music by the Sanctuary Choir

EASTER SUNDAY, April 24

Sunrise Service at 6:10 a.m.

Call Church Office at 486-9081 for details

Traditional Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

with Mission Bells handbells, brass ensemble, and Sanctuary Choir

Contemporary Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Rotary Club of Point West

April 15, 22, 29: 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

April 15, 22, 29: 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

Ultra Sensory Tour

April 15: Listen to rich descriptions, smell spices, and touch different fabrics during a multi-sensory tour of the Museum's permanent collection. This program is recommended for visitors who are blind or partially sighted. 3 p.m. Free with Museum admission. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerart-museum.org

'The Wizard of Oz'

April 15, 16, 17: St. John the Evangelist Drama Club presents "The Wizard of Oz." April 15 at 7 p.m., April 16 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., April

17 at 3 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 children. Locust Ave., Carmichael www.stjohnnev.com

Art Q & A

April 16, 17, 23, 24, 30: Discover the essence of the art on view in tours that emphasize looking, conversation, and group interaction. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free with Museum admission. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

Belle Coolidge Easter Egg Hunt

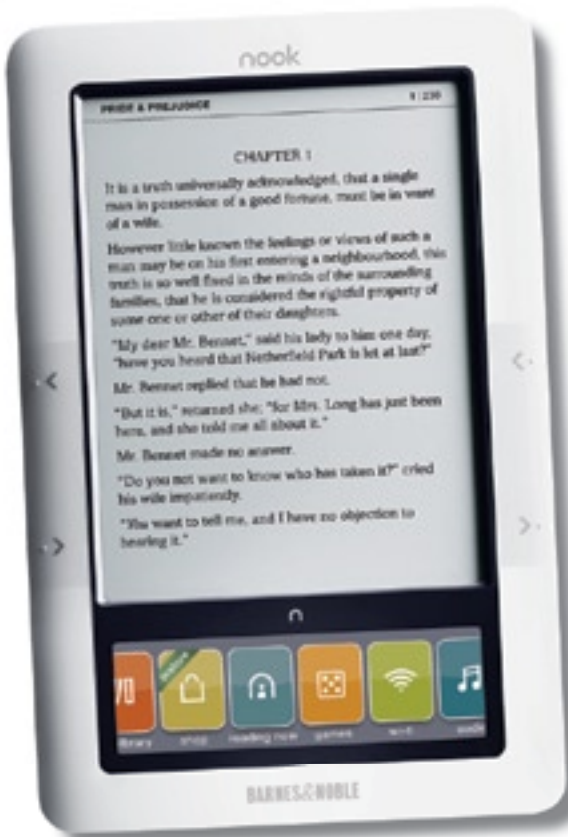
April 16: Egg hunt includes arts & crafts and an appearance by the Easter Bunny.

Bring your own basket. 12 noon–1 p.m. Belle Coolidge Park, 5900 S. Land Park Dr., Sac.

Easter Carnival

April 16: Greenhaven Lutheran Church and Angels Nest Early Childhood Educa-

tion Center will host an Easter Carnival, rain or shine. Free to the community. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring carnival games, bounce house, Easter Egg hunt, craft activities, refreshments and the Easter Bunny. Greenhaven Lutheran Church, 475 Florin Road (at Gloria Avenue) in Sacramento. (916) 428-8449



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Participate in a seder meal and small group communion service to commemorate and celebrate the Last Supper. Join us in a time of fellowship and reflection. Our chancel and handbell choirs will provide music.

GOOD FRIDAY April 22nd 7:00 PM
In our Good Friday service we remember the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross through candles, darkness, and music. We invite you to join us for our *Tenebrae* service.

EASTER SUNDAY April 24th

Early Sun-Rise Service 7:00 AM
Hear our youth praise band at this very inspirational service.

Traditional Service 9:55 AM
Come celebrate this glorious Resurrection Day with us. Our orchestra and chancel and handbell choirs will lead us in joyous, inspirational praise and traditional music.

Northminster Presbyterian Church
3235 Pope Avenue (between West and Fulton)
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'Boulevard Brush Up' very successful

Special to Arden-Carmichael News

Members of the community all showed up at Carmichael Park in their work clothes with sleeves rolled up and work gloves on for the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce's "Boulevard Brush Up" on April 10.

Volunteers enjoyed beautiful weather and a delicious breakfast provided by Moka Davis, and then headed down Fair Oaks Blvd to pick up trash and pull weeds. The event was a tremendous success, as bags and bags of trash, plant materials and more were raked, swept up and disposed of.

The "Boulevard Brush Up" was sponsored by the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood As-

sociation, the Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association, the Carmichael Chamber, and the County of Sacramento.

The Chamber team included Howard Schmidt, chief of staff for Supervisor Susan Peters; Chamber Board members Gary Andersen of Century 21 All Professional and Bill Schlack of XLeration Services; Golden 1 Credit Union Branch Manager Julie McAndrew; Honorary Mayor of Carmichael Pauline Gilmour, and Linda Melody, Pre-Paid Legal Services and the Chamber.

The next Boulevard Brush Up will be sometime in October.

Egg Hunts

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ley Park, East Sacramento. RSVP to info@waghotels.com (916) 373-0300

2011 Arden Easter Egg-Stravaganza

April 23: Community Easter celebration in Arden Park. Pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (\$5 per person). Carnival Games 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Egg Hunt \$3/person promptly at 10:30

a.m. There is a special egg in each age division. Find the special egg and win a prize. The plastic eggs filled with candy are yours to keep. 1000 La Sierra Drive, Sacramento. (916) 483-6069 www.aprpd.org

Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

April 23: Hop on over for a HUGE egg hunt, pancake breakfast, fun crafts and a surprise guest! Don't miss this EGG-

CELLENT event. 10 a.m. (arrive 30 min. early). Bring your own basket, ages 2-8 yrs old, free. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue in Carmichael. (916) 485-5322 www.carmichaelpark.com

Fairytale Town Spring Eggstravaganza

April 23, 24: Hop down the bunny trail with Peter Cottontail at Fairytale Town's annual Spring Eggstravaganza. Egg hunts, puppet shows, art activities, photos with the Big Bun himself. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Egg Hunts will be held promptly at 12 noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Bring a basket for collecting eggs. The Egg Hunts are separated by age groups, 3 and under, 4-6, and 7-12. Each child will return their eggs to Mr. McGregor's Garden to receive a small prize - no matter how few or how many eggs they find. (This activity is included in paid park admission). Admission: \$4.50/person, ages 2 and up. Kids 1 and under free. 3901 Land Park Dr., Sacramento. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org.

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April 24th,
9:30am - Casual
11:00am - Traditional

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Friday, April 22
6:00pm - Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 24
9:00am - Pancake Breakfast
11:00am - Celebration Service

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Sunday, April 24th
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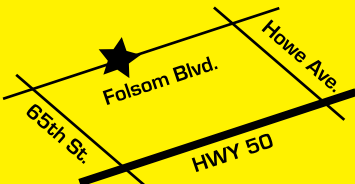


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