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Mark your calendars!

The 4th of July is just around the corner and Carmichael once again has big plans to celebrate. The Elks Club is hosting the 54th Annual Parade which starts at 10:30 a.m. The route begins at Marconi and Fair Oaks and spectators can watch as the trail of classic cars, community floats, marching bands, military units and dignitaries make their way down Fair Oaks Boulevard to Cypress and Manzanita where the parade ends. The Carmichael Kiwanis Club is hosting its Annual Pancake Breakfast at Carmichael Park so stop by the Clubhouse for a stack of flapjacks before finding the perfect viewing spot along the parade route. But wait – the day isn't over yet! What would a 4th of July be without a Fireworks Show! Sponsored by Carmichael and Mission Oaks Recreation and Park Districts, the shoot is scheduled for



dark (approximately 9:30 pm) at the La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road. The fun starts at 7 p.m. when the FREE Kids Zone opens. Children can enjoy the inflatables, arts/crafts and more. Vendors will be available to provide concessions for all of your patriotic cravings.

For more information visit www.carmichaelpark.com or call the Carmichael Recreation and Park District at 485-5322.

The Annual Fireworks Show

The evening will culminate with the Annual Fireworks Show at the La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road. Join us starting at 7pm for food, music and fun. Free activities include arts, crafts, inflatables and more. Carmichael Little League Snack Bar will be open for food and drinks. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and shade umbrellas. **Fireworks Show at dark (approximately 9:30pm).**

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Left to right: Erin Henderson as the Princess, Jonathan Blum as Puss in Boots, and David Lombard as the Prince.

Fair Oaks Theatre Festival opens with summer children's show

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The Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse is located at 7997 California Avenue, Fair Oaks. The show will run Saturdays, June 30, and July 7, 14, and 21. There will be two shows each day, 10 a.m. and noon. Tickets are \$4. For more information, call (916) 966-3683 or visit FairOaksTheatreFestival.com

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The History Book Club will meet at the Carmichael Library, located at 5605 Marconi Ave., July 11, at 6:30 p.m. Meet local author, Barry S. Martin, to discuss his book *Forgotten Aviator: The Adventures of Royal Leonard*. Leonard was a Rocky Mountain mail pilot, racer and Chiang Kai-shek's personal pilot. He conspired with the Flying Tigers commander to bomb Tokyo, and survived flying "The Highway to Hell" in World War II. Leonard undertook perilous test flights, had close calls with death in war-torn China, and met or flew many famous personalities including Martha Gellhorn, Jackie Cochran and Jimmy Doolittle.

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Student honored for peace efforts

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Emily Marx, a recent graduate of Bella Vista High School, was awarded a \$500 grant from Northminster Presbyterian Church in recognition of her efforts to further peace and reconciliation in schools, church and community.

She co-founded a Homework Club, a tutoring and mentoring program for struggling students. She founded an intergenerational program involving elementary students and senior citizens. She worked on the Fair Oaks Youth Advisory Board, the youth branch of the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District for 4 years, helping in

organizing a dozen community events every year.

Emily has been involved in many activities including Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Future Medical Workers of America while retaining a high GPA. She said, "I try to heal divisions by bringing together diverse types of people. We all have much to learn

from each other's varied experiences, and we must not let fear of the unknown or prejudice keep us from acquiring this wisdom. In my opinion, the ability to create peace by serving others is a gift from God, and a way to carry out His teachings."

She will be attending Stanford University this fall and after college would like to join the Peace Corps to promote international goodwill and unity. Congratulations Emily!



Wildlife Art Festival features unique American art form

By SUSAN LAIRD
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America is famously known as a "melting pot" – where all peoples bring the richness of their culture to the table and the nation embraces those gifts as its own.

However, there is an art form that is unique to the North American continent. And the world has embraced it.

What is this mysterious craft that is indigenous to North America? It is the art of bird carving.

Thousands of years old

For thousands of years, Native American Indians spent countless hours carving figures of birds for use as decoys. These tools were used to catch birds for food and ceremonial purposes.

A cache of Native American decoys was discovered a century ago. Miners discovered some 10,000 artifacts from a cave in northern Nevada. The decoys were individually wrapped and highly detailed. Some even sported feathers for a realistic look. The find was dated to 200 B.C.

European settlers who traded with the Indians also learned hunting skills from them. The settlers also learned how to carve their own decoys.

Uniquely American

"You don't find decoy carving originating on any other continent," said

Jim Burcio, membership vice president of the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association. "When plastics came along after World War II, the art form started to die because people could buy plastic decoys."

In the early 1970s, several organizations were started throughout the United States to save the craft. The purpose was to continue an American heritage that began with the hand carved decoy.

Life-like

Today, the art of bird carving is practiced throughout the world – and not just for the creation of decoys. Artists create carved birds for display in homes and businesses that are so realistic, one would not be surprised if they moved. Some of the models even boast personalities, they are so life-like.

This is true wildlife art.



Arden-Carmichael News photo, Susan Laird
LIFELIKE. The bodies of these bird figures were carved from solid blocks of wood into amazingly lifelike representations. The Wildlife Art Festival will feature this unique American art form in Sacramento on July 14 and July 15.

Check it out

The Pacific Decoy Association will host its 42nd anniversary Wildfowl Art Classic – the second oldest annual show in the nation – at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento on July 14 and 15.

"We live in the Pacific Flyway, so it was natural that we would have a club doing bird carving," Burcio said. "People now carve any bird in the world."

Several categories of bird carvings will be on display at the show: decorative lifelike wildfowl carvings, decorative miniature wild-

fowl carvings, gunning shorebirds, decoys, miniature decoys, game birds and more.

Over 500 carvings will be on display from all over the United States and Canada. Additional features of the show include raffles, a banquet auction, a junior carver event and activities for kids. There will be items available for purchase, as well.

The 42nd annual Wildlife Art Festival will be held on Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, July 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The DoubleTree Hotel is located at 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento. Admission is \$5 for the weekend and children under the age of 12 are free. To purchase tickets to the banquet or for more information, visit www.pacificflyway.org or call (925) 687-2013.

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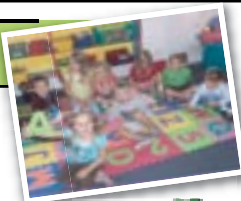
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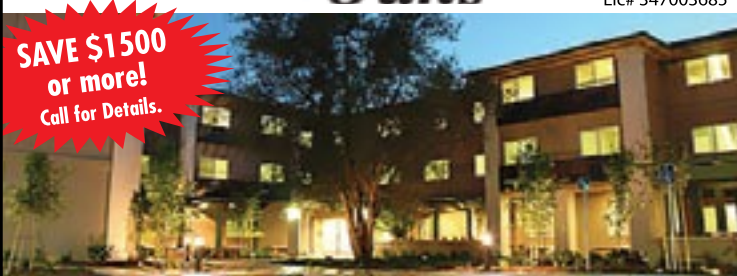
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Remembering Carmichael's "Taj Mahal" executive mansion

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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When Californians refer to the "governor's mansion," they are generally speaking about the Second Empire Italianate-style Victorian mansion on 16th Street, along the old Highway 40. But at times, some of these references are directed toward the historic Stanford Mansion at 800 N Street or the mansion built for this state's governors in Carmichael.

Many people in the Sacramento area recall this latter, controversial estate overlooking the American River.

It was that very mansion at 2300 California Ave. that was to solve this state's void of a permanent structure for its chief executive.

But this mansion was already a major issue of debate while it was still under construction in 1974, as Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr., during his second term in office, refused to reside in the structure.

Despite the fact that nearly every other state in the Union has a designated, permanent governor's residence, it has been 45 years since such a place has existed in California.

The French Second Empire/Renaissance Reviv-

al-style Stanford Mansion was once home to the state's eighth governor, Leland Stanford, and the following two governors, Frederick F. Low and Henry H. Haight.

The mansion on 16th Street
And the aforementioned 16th Street mansion, which was built in 1877 for Albert Gallatin of the hardware business, Huntington, Hopkins & Co., was the home of every California state governor from 1903 to 1967.

Following the 16th Street mansion's nine decades as a residence, then-Gov. Ronald Reagan and his family became the final residents of the mansion. The Reagans moved from the mansion into a leased home in the upscale East Sacramento neighborhood, known as the Fabulous Forties.

This move occurred only four months after the Reagans moved into the 16th Street mansion.

California First Lady Nancy Reagan was dissatisfied with the structure's living conditions and declared it a "firetrap" with a neighborhood that was unsafe for small children.

The 16th Street mansion and its property, which is known today as the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park, is now recognized as



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Carmichael's rejected governor's mansion at 2300 California Ave. is now a private residence with no connection to state government.

one of Sacramento's most important historic sites and is a popular destination for visitors and locals seeking to learn some history through daily, guided tours.

Carmichael Mansion construction begins

Construction on the 12,000-square-foot, concrete block Carmichael mansion began during the final stretch of Gov. Reagan's second and last term in office. Contracts for the job were let in October 1974 and construction began shortly thereafter.

The mansion, which was completed in 1975, was built

within 11.3 acres on the bluffs that were donated by friends of Gov. Reagan.

Brown elected

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1974, Brown, a then-36-year-old bachelor, was elected to replace Reagan as governor.

Brown had made it an issue in his campaign to refer to the construction of the \$1.3 million, 17-room governor's residence, which Gov. Reagan was determined to have built, as an inappropriate use of funds during a recession, in which many California residents could not afford adequate housing.

Continuing, Reagan said, "I recognize there are some forces in Sacramento that believe the residence should not be a residence, so much as a tourist attraction downtown. I think that's unfair to anybody who occupies this job."

Gov. Reagan, however, stressed that the construction of the Carmichael mansion was appropriate in that it would fill the void of a permanent governor's residence, and serve in this capacity for at least a century.

"It is not a residence for one particular governor," Gov. Reagan told reporters in 1974. "It is a residence for governors on down through the years, a hundred years or more."

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Mansion: Reagan felt it would fill the void

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to 1991, said on multiple occasions that he wanted to reside with his family in the Carmichael mansion.

Brown dubs it "Taj Mahal"

Although Brown did not take office until Jan. 6, 1975, soon after being elected governor, he continued to publicly voice his opinion and intentions regarding the construction of the governor's mansion, which was patterned after a Spanish villa.

In speaking to local reporters only two days after he was elected as the state's next chief executive, Brown said, "I have not looked at (the under construction Carmichael mansion) yet. I want to take a look at the contract and see if it is legally and economically feasible to terminate it. I certainly want to, if I can."

Brown was unable to halt the construction of the mansion, which he famously dubbed a "Taj Mahal." However, he held true to his words that he would not live in the structure, as he instead opted to make a sparsely-furnished, two-bedroom apartment at the Dean Apartments at 1400 N St. his gubernatorial home.

Others were also critical of the Carmichael mansion, which some people referred to as having the appearance of a Safeway supermarket.

The Sacramento-born writer Joan Didion called the mansion "an enlarged version of a very common kind of California tract house."

The mansion's loyal caretakers

A 1979 United Press International article, however, described two couples who were very fond of the mansion.

According to the article, Lonnie and Mildred Eastmade and Jim and Ruth Bryner were at the time dividing the monthly cost of \$1,600 per month to live in and take care of the estate. The couples were responsible for security of the place, various upkeep and escorting reporters and state visitors around the mansion.

The article noted that the Eastmades and Bryners did not "take kindly to putdowns of the river bluff villa - even from Gov. Brown."

Deukmejian takes office

Unlike Brown, Gov. George Deukmejian, who served as Brown's successor from 1983

to 1991, said on multiple occasions that he wanted to reside with his family in the Carmichael mansion.

However, Senate Democrats insisted on the sale of the mansion, and on July 15, 1983, Deukmejian changed his stance on the matter and advised lawmakers that there was no need to block the sale of the Carmichael estate.

The Deukmejian administration had rejected a \$1.5 million bid to purchase the mansion in June 1983.

In its Sept. 14, 1984 edition, *The Sacramento Union* announced that Southern California developer Matt Franich had submitted the winning bid of \$1.53 million for the Carmichael mansion.

According to the article, Franich offered Deukmejian the opportunity to reside at the mansion, but Deukmejian found the \$18,000 per month minimum rent payment to be too costly.

Current owners

Today, the old Carmichael mansion that was built as a governor's residence is the privately-owned home of a local physician and his wife.

Altogether the original, 11.3-acre property includes eight lots, four of which have houses. The lots for the non-governor's mansion homes were sold in 2003 and 2004.

The entire property is gated in from the street. And on a brick pillar supporting the entrance gate is a plaque bearing the Spanish name, La Casa de los Gobernadores - "The House of the Governors."

Kim Pacini-Hauch, Lyon Real Estate agent and a resi-



Photo by Lance Armstrong
A Venus-like statue stands amidst greenery just inside the entrance to the old governor's mansion grounds.

dent of the gated community, said that presently there is a rare opportunity for one to purchase a home within the community.

"The (available) house was built in 2007 and it's listed for sale for \$1,595,000," said Pacini-Hauch, who grew up in Incline Village on the north shore of Lake Tahoe and has resided in the Sacramento area for nearly 30 years. "It's about 4,200 square feet on just a little under an acre and it (has) beautiful quality construction. There's just two (homes) here overlooking the bluff in a gated community and there's nothing like it."

And in describing her very unique neighborhood, she added, "It's just a beautiful (community). It's peaceful and quiet and it's just a lovely place to live."

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Janey Way Memories:

Knocking on the back door of the Memorial Auditorium



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The City of Sacramento constructed the Memorial Auditorium in 1926. This Sacramento cultural icon opened to much hoopla in 1927. Over time it became a center piece for entertainment in Sacramento.

My recollections of the auditorium date back to the 1950s.

My dad enjoyed professional boxing, and often took my brother Terry and me to the fights.

By the 1960s, however, the Memorial Auditorium took on new importance for me.

In addition to boxing matches, wrestling matches, circuses and theatrical productions, the auditorium began hosting rock and roll concerts.

Bands, such as the Beach Boys, the Rolling Stones and Temptations performed routinely at the old hall.

We had to be there.

Our dad, a Sacramento policeman, often worked off-duty at these events to earn extra money, so we begged him to take us to the shows, and he did. We walked in the front door with him, then disappeared into the general admission seating.

The shows were great.

The Beach Boys brought the house down, with girls running up onto the stage to try to kiss Mike Love.

In 1965, Mick Jagger walked out to perform, picked up the mike, and was knocked unconscious by an electrical charge.

The show ended immediately.

Jagger was unhurt, but incident made quite a splash in the Sacramento Bee.

When James Brown brought his show to the auditorium, including a full band, dancers and backup singers, we were there, thanks to Dad.

Sometimes though, Dad had conflicts and could not work at events of great interest to us.

Then we had to use our guile to get into the shows.

We had one of the Janey Way parents drop us off downtown at the back of the auditorium.

We knocked at the back door.

Eventually, a police officer opened the door and said, "What do you boys want?"

We asked for my father's friend and partner Herb Kunz. Herb eventually came to the door and let us in.

"Stay out of trouble," Herb would say as we went through the double-doors, turned right and headed upstairs to the general admission seating.

We attended many Memorial Auditorium concerts this way.

I remember seeing groups like the Temptations and Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention.

My friends thought I must have been some sort of celebrity, get-



ting them into concerts this way. It always seemed to work and we had a great time at the shows.

Eventually, however, we grew up and moved onto other things like college, girls and adulthood.

I will never forget the good times we had attending the shows at the Memorial Auditorium though. Sadly, now it's just another rock and rolling Janey Way memory.

Know your neighbor

An unsung local American hero's story from WWII

By **BILL CONDRAY**
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William "Bill" Littlejohn is one of the unsung heroes of this country.

He was born in landlocked Mitchell, Nebraska in 1922. Thinking to see the world, Bill and three friends decided to go to Denver and enlist in the Navy in October of 1940. Bill was the only one who passed the physical.

Pacific patrols

He was assigned to the light cruiser USS St. Louis (CL-49) in December 1940. The ship conducted Pacific patrols during the winter of 1940-1941. Then it steamed to the mainland at Mare Island for an overhaul, returning to the Hawaiian Islands in June and resumed normal operations in the Hawaiian waters.

Two months later, St. Louis sailed west with other cruisers of the battle force patrolled between Wake Island, Midway, Atoll and Guam then, proceeded to Manila, returning to Hawaii at the end of September. On September 28, 1941, she entered the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard for upkeep.

Little did Bill know how his life - and the lives of his crewmates - would become as one with the St. Louis.

Pearl Harbor attacked

The ship was still in Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked. The firing leads were off of the St. Louis' anti-aircraft guns, her engines were cold and two of the eight boilers were dismantled for cleaning.

Bill was on the quarter deck early that morning when Japanese planes were flying overhead. General quarters were sounded at once and Bill rushed to his duty station in the number two boiler room. His primary duty there was to be sure the oil-fired boilers were full of water. The wa-

ter used in the boilers was distilled from sea water and the steam created by the boilers generated the power to propel the ship.

Steaming out of the harbor, under attack

Very quickly, guns were firing and preparations were being made to get the ship underway. The St. Louis was the first major ship of three to get out of the harbor and left by the south channel. It was able to get underway very quickly, in 67 minutes. Normally it took two to three hours to build up steam on the boilers to get a ship moving.

'The Lucky Lou'

While the St. Louis was preparing to depart, it was fired on by a Japanese mini sub whose torpedoes missed. The St. Louis was strafed, near-missed by bombs but still made it out of the harbor and to the open sea, suffering minimal damage. With all that happening, the crew nicknamed her the "Lucky Lou."

For the next three days, the St. Louis patrolled the Hawaiian Islands, looking for the Japanese Fleet. They were not able to find the enemy and were assigned to convoy duty escorting civilians back to the mainland and troops back to Hawaii. During the war, the St. Louis was part of the task force which was the Navy's initial attack of the war in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands in early 1942.

The St. Louis delivered Marines to Midway and missed the main battle, which was the turning point of the war. Bill and the crew of the St. Louis cruised "The Slot" of the Central Solomon Islands, seeking to disrupt and halt the infamous "Tokyo Express" that supplied the Japanese war machine in the Pacific.

Serious action

The cruiser saw action at many locations in the Pacific, from the Philippines to the Aleutians - including damage to her



Photo courtesy of Bill & Jo Littlejohn

Photo of the USS St. Louis (CL-49)

bow from a torpedo at the Battle of Kolombangara in 1943 and a bomb hit from a dive bomber in 1944. The bomb that hit penetrated the 40 mm clipping room near the No. 6 gun mount, and exploded in the midships living compartment. Records from that day show that 23 men

died and 20 were wounded, 10 seriously.

On November 27, 1944, a Japanese kamikaze dove on the ship at Leyte. The plane crashed on the hanger deck. The plane and its bomb detonated on impact, causing severe damage and killing 16 crewmen and injuring others.

During the war, 38 of the St. Louis' crew and one officer lost their lives.

The St. Louis earned 11 Battle Stars during World War II, plus a Navy Unit Commendation for outstanding heroism in action against the enemy.

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Hero: Survived Pearl Harbor, served on 'The Lucky Lou'

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The ship is credited with sinking two light cruisers, one heavy cruiser, five destroyers, one submarine, damaging five destroyers, and shooting down or assisting the shooting down of 20 enemy aircraft.

Bill stayed with the St. Louis for the duration of the war. He was the junior NCO (Non-Commissioned Officer) and attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer. In addition, he was awarded the Commission Pendant.

Peace time in Sacramento

After the war, Bill married his sweetheart, Josephine, in 1946. The couple raised two sons and now have one grandson and one great-grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Bill and "Jo" have resided in the Sacramento area since 1950. Bill worked for many years at the Big Boy Markets in Sacramento. He has done a lot of volunteer work with the Carmichael Elks. He is also a charter member of Pearl Harbor Survivors Chapter 6.

Bill's wife Jo is the youngest of five girls. She and her three



Picture courtesy of Bill & Jo Littlejohn
Photo of Bill Littlejohn when he made the rank of Chief.



Picture courtesy of Bill & Jo Littlejohn
Photo of Bill Littlejohn soon after he enlisted.



Picture courtesy of Bill & Jo Littlejohn
Wedding photo of Bill & Jo Littlejohn.

living sisters plus other guests recently attended a joint birthday party that was given for Bill and Jo. About 90 guests were in attendance for the event, some coming from as far away as Colorado.

The couple, both in their 90s, have been married for some 66 years.

Co-Grand Marshalls

Bill and Jo will be honored in the upcoming Carmichael

4th of July Parade as "Co-Grand Marshalls," sponsored by the Carmichael Elks Lodge where they are active members. The theme of this year's parade is: "Honoring American Spirit."

Volunteer Center of Sacramento provides 50 years of connections to the community

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For the past 50 years, the Volunteer Center of Sacramento (VCS) has continued to support and connect volunteers and nonprofits in the Sacramento area.

"Our mission is to make connections – make connections for the people who want to volunteer and people who need volunteer help," explained Frank Kennedy, executive director of VCS. "Sometimes that request comes to us from the community member who wants to go out and volunteer, sometimes the request comes to us from an organization in the community that needs volunteer help. But basically our mission is to make that connection and through all our programs that's exactly what we do."

"The Volunteer Center is (an) organization that helps people who are looking for volunteer opportunities find what's available for their specific skill set or desires," added David Vallerga, treasurer of VCS' Board of Trustees. "If you are an individual and you have a certain skill set that can be used, VCS can help you. If you're a family and you want to volunteer and help the family, but do so in a way that helps your child see what the rest of the world sees, the Volunteer Center can help you."

Making connections

According to Kennedy, VCS began 50 years ago through members of a local Soroptimist club that were interested in finding ways to

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Sacramento Zoo

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Family Overnight Safari - Friday and Saturday, June 29, 5:30 p.m. to 9 a.m.

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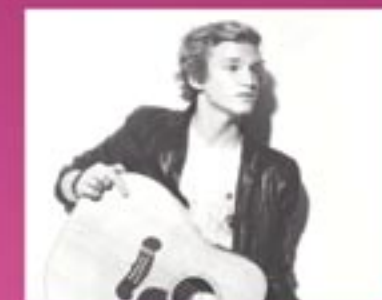
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Faces and places

Carmichael Park Farmers Market

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

By **BILL CONDRAY**
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This year's Farmers Market is bigger and better than ever, adding more vendors offering a larger variety of farm fresh fruits and vegetables, scents, various types of cheese, plants, flowers, live entertainment and K-Man doing his balloon tying. The market is held every Sunday, rain or shine, in Carmichael Park, located at 5750 Grant Avenue (Fair Oaks and Grant Ave) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Farmers know that tasting is what sells their products, so shoppers can sample pieces of cut fruit offered at various farm booths.

Pets (dogs) are allowed but must be kept on a leash at all times.

The founders of the Farmers Market, Don and Marie Hall also give back to their community by being a driving force in "BeMoneySmartUSA". The mission is to empower youth by giving them the opportunity to participate in educational programs that teach vital financial, business and entrepreneurship skills to foster the future. Teens can use the courses to convert their hobbies, skills, and interests into money-making ventures, while learning basic money principles that can translate into wealth creation. Teens learn some of this by helping some of the local farmers in their booths on market day.

Expansion will be a new Farmers Market opening soon from 3 to 8 pm in Fair Oaks.

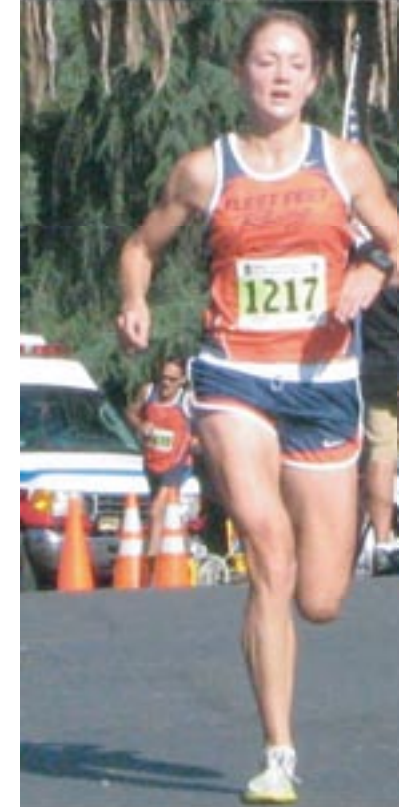


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Volunteers: Your support is needed

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help the elderly in the community, and they formed the Volunteer Bureau. "Over the last 50 years there have been several changes and programs have come and gone, but the mission of the Volunteer Center and what we do and our core competencies have stayed the same for the last 50 years," he added.

As the name implies, the main focus of VCS is to match volunteers with nonprofits and other groups that need them. Kennedy said community members can find volunteering opportunities through their website, www.volunteersac.org, or can come in person to the Center at 1300 Ethan Way in the Arden area to view listings on volunteer needs and receive staff assistance if they are unsure what type of volunteer activity is right for them.

Kennedy said last year VCS had about 3,000 volunteers sign up for about 8,000 different volunteer opportunities in the community. And currently VCS works with about 650 nonprofits and public agencies to help find them the volunteers they need.

BirthdayMAGIC

In addition to matching volunteers and nonprofits, VCS has a number of programs they run to help benefit the community.

For example, the Center's BirthdayMAGIC program provides birthday parties for children living in homeless shelters. Kennedy said the program currently operates in four homeless shelters in the Sacramento area, and on average costs around \$125 per child to sponsor a birthday party, which includes pizza, cake, presents, decorations and more.

Kennedy said one of the things he likes about this program is it allows the person sponsoring the party to actually go in and run the birthday party. "So it's not just like making a donation and you don't see what happens to that donation — you make the donation, buy the presents for the kids, come and volunteer and see it from one end to the other," he explained. "And we get a lot of positive feedback when people can actually not only donate and give help to the nonprofit, but actually show up and volunteer and see the kids' smiling faces when they open a present."

Adopt-A-Family

Another program run by VCS is the annual holiday Adopt-A-Family, which Kennedy said they have been running for five years now. "We started off one year just trying to give it a shot, and last year it grew so big we were up to 412 families," he added.

Kennedy said families that apply to be adopted through the program are pre-screened. If accepted into the pro-

gram, "needs" and "wants" lists are collected for each child. Each family also lists a family present they would like, such as a vacuum cleaner or dishes, and each family receives a gift card to purchase a holiday meal. "It's a complete holiday help package for those families in need," Kennedy added.

Adoptable families are then listed on a website, www.adoptafamilysac.org, and community members can select which family they would like to adopt. They then purchase the presents, wrap them, and drop them off to VCS, who will then distribute them to the families.

A helping hand

As VCS celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, the Center is asking for support from the community it has been supporting all this time. VCS is currently running a "50 Cents for 50 Years" campaign where they are asking everyone in the community to donate at least 50 cents to help keep them going.

"It's just a good way for people to help at all different levels, Kennedy said. "We've been around for 50 years and obviously the nonprofit world is struggling like most other businesses throughout the commu-



Photo courtesy the Volunteer Center of Sacramento

nity and we understand that times are tough. We're asking for the community to support us in any way they can."

So what does VCS have planned for the next 50 years? Vallerga believes VCS will continue to play a critical role in the community. "Just the fact that you've got people that have come to rely on VCS as a one-stop shop for getting volunteers, I think not having somebody who is

that broker would harm the community," he explained.

Kennedy agrees, "We're giving a huge benefit to the community because we work literally with everybody that accepts volunteers. There's a lot of need out there and we want to be able to work with everybody, and that's one of the great things about us. We're able to get involved in a lot of things that effect a lot of people's lives in the community."



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'Fab '40s 5K Run/Walk' through East Sac to benefit Alzheimer's Association

Special to Arden-Carmichael News

Walk or run to fund research for a cure to Alzheimer's disease next month. There is still time to sign up for the Fifth annual 'Fab '40s 5K Run/Walk' to be held on Saturday, July 14.

Friends, family and neighbors are invited to participate in this special event to raise funding for the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California.

The course will start and finish in beautiful East Lawn Memorial Park, travels up 43rd Street, turns right at M Street and loops just east of East Portal Park.

This year's event will be extra special, because of the recent dedication of the Alzheimer's Memorial Wall at East Lawn. The first of its kind in the nation, the Wall is a place where families can inscribe the name of a loved-one as a lasting tribute to those who are suffering from this terrible disease.

The Memorial Wall features the inscription, "Never Alone, Never Forgotten." The Wall features a grandmother holding the hand of a grandson.

Visit www.Fab40s5k.org for more details. East Lawn Memorial Park is located at 43rd Street and Folsom Boulevard in East Sacramento.



Photo courtesy

NEVER ALONE. NEVER FORGOTTEN. The 5th annual Fab '40s 5K Run/Walk' will be held at East Lawn Memorial Park to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California. The event will feature the recently dedicated "Wall of Honor," which memorializes those who have passed away from this disease, or who suffer from it.

CALENDAR

For more Calendar entries visit www.valcomnews.com

Send your event announcement for consideration to: editor@valcomnews.com at least two weeks prior to publication.

JUNE

Bilingual Toastmasters

June 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

Capitol Mall Farmer's Market

June 28: Capitol Mall Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 6th St. & Capitol Mall, Sac. www.california-grown.com

East End State Capitol Park Farmer's Market

June 28: East End State Capitol Park Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, June-Sept. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 15th & L streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

June 28: Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

Food Addicts Anonymous

June 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

June 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 Pocket/Greenhaven

June 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.

Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market

June 28: Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 4th & K streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

June 28: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon, every Thurs. Golden Corral, 7700 W. Stockton Blvd., Sac. Charlie (916) 427-7136 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

'Arsenic and Old Lace'

June 29, July 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22: It's murder most funny as the homicidal Brewster sisters relieve the loneliness of old men by inviting them for a nice glass of elderberry wine. \$19-\$21. Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael (916) 489-7529 www.cplayhouse.org

Ballroom Dances

June 29: Enjoy dancing to a live band every Tuesday and Friday. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. \$5/person. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

June 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

Rotary Club of Point West

June 29: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sac. www.pointwestrotary.com

Sacramento Kaiser Farmer's Market

June 29: Sacramento Kaiser Farmer's Market. Every Friday, June-Nov. 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2025 Morse Ave., Sac. www.sier-rafresh.com

Saint Rose of Lima Park Farmer's Market

June 29: St. Rose of Lima Park Farmer's Market. Every Friday, June-Sept. 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 7th & K streets, Sac. www.MarketLocations.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

June 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

Fire Station 6 open house

June 30: Come visit Fire Station 6 at 3301 Martin Luther King Blvd., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

JULY

Carmichael Farmer's Market

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Carmichael Farmer's Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., every Sun. Year round, rain or shine. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. www.bemoneysmartusa.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m., every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

Families Anonymous

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Meet with other parents who are dealing with a daughter or son who is experiencing mental, emotional or addition problems. Meets every Sunday without fail. 3 p.m. Del Norte Swimming and Tennis Club, 3040 Beccera Way, Sac. Jane (916) 402-2465

Summer Family River Safety Program

July 2 through 26: The Sunrise Recreation and Park District will be offering a unique 4-week Family River Safety Program aimed to provide immigrant families with water safety. The program consists of swim lessons for children and teens at Rusch Park Swimming Pool. Also, 3 days of river and lake safety classes for the entire family on Fridays, July 13, 20 and 27, 4-5 p.m. Call (916) 729-3958

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"Surviving in Our Toxic World"

Documentary filmmaker Deborah J. Whitman, of Environmental Voices, will show a 40 minute documentary film - "Sky Lines" followed by a discussion of how you can survive in our toxic world.

Thursday, July 26 - 7 to 9 p.m

Robbie Water's Pocket-Greenhaven Library Meeting Room
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Rotary Club of South Sacramento

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

Tai Chi

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, meets every Monday: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

Toastmasters

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Ann Owens (916) 601-4652 www.klassytalkers.freetoasthost.org

Hatha Yoga

July, meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 2:15-3:15 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916) 808-5462.

Fremont Park Farmer's Market

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Fremont Park Farmer's Market. Every Tuesday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 16th & P streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Roosevelt Park Farmer's Market

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Roosevelt Park Farmer's Market. Every Tuesday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 9th & P streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

Rotary Club of Carmichael

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: 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. www.rotary.org

POWERtalk International

July 3, 7: Want to improve your public speaking and presentation skills? POW-ERTalk International, a nonprofit public speaking organization, provides coaching in leadership skills, sales presentation, interviewing, confidence building and more. Meets First Tuesdays of the month 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and First Saturdays of the Month 12 noon-3 p.m. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd., Sac. Liz Richardson (916) 208-9163, erichardson1202@yahoo.com www.powertalkinternational.com

4th of July Parade

July 4: Pancake breakfast available at Carmichael Park before the parade. Parade starts at 10:30 a.m. at Marconi and Fair Oaks down to Cypress and Manzanita. Fireworks show 9:30 p.m. at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Rd. Fun starts 7 p.m. with free children activities. Call (916) 485-5322 www.carmichaelpark.com

Elk Grove Regional Park Farmer's Market

July 4, 11, 18, 25: Elk Grove Regional Park Farmer's Market. Every Wednesday, May-Aug. 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Elk Grove & Florin roads, Elk Grove. www.california-grown.com

Chavez Plaza Farmer's Market

July 4, 11, 18, 25: Chavez Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Wednesday, May-Oct. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 10th & J streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Movies in the Park

July 6: "Puss in Boots." Bring a blanket, lawn chair & flashlight. Free. Movie begins at sunset. Gibbons Park, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 485-5322

Fire Station 11 open house

July 7: Come visit Fire Station 11 at 785 Florin Rd., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Pancake Breakfast

July 7, Aug. 4: Two light, delicious, warm pancakes, a tasty patty of sausage, Log Cabin syrup, tea and coffee, all for only \$3/person! 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. Every First Saturday of the Month. Benefits the Wednesday Club. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

International Music and Dance

July 7: Celebrate rich cultural diversity at Fairytale Town with nonstop performances by regional groups showcasing dances from around the world on the park's outdoor Mother Goose Stage, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive, Sac. (916) 808-7462 www.fairytaletown.org.

Land Park Volunteer Corps

July 7: Got work gloves and a "let's get down to business" attitude? Then the Land Park Volunteer Corps is for you! Come join members of the community as we maintain, improve and beautify lovely William Land Park. First Saturday of every month, March - Nov. Free. 8 a.m. meet behind Fairytale Town, 8:25 a.m.-11 a.m., work on projects as assigned. Light breakfast, lunch provided by local businesses. (916) 718-3030 ckpinsact@aol.com

Art in the Park

July 7: Art in the Park, music, miniature horse rides, raffle at Sutter Jensen Park near the community garden at Orange and Sutter Ave., Carm, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your paints, do a painting and donate 50% or more of what you sell to PreserveSutterJensen.org.

Trick Dog Show

July 10: The Busy Bee Dogs will put on a show at Deterding Park, 1415 Rushden Dr., Arden Manor, Sac, 4 p.m.

Upholstery class

July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31: Learn how to upholster! All types: furniture, auto, boat. Adult ed class taught by an upholstery professional. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$45 for four weeks. McClaskey Adult Center, 5241 J St., Sac. Jerry Prettyman (916) 806-2172

History Book Club

July 11: Carmichael Library, 6:30 p.m., Meet author, Barry S. Martin to discuss his book *Forgotten Aviator: The Adventures of Royal Leonard*. 5605 Marconi Ave. (916) 264-2920

Co-Dependents Anonymous

July 11, 18, 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Wednesdays. 7 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

July 11, 18, 25: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St., Sac. (in the 57th St. Antique Mall) www.rotary.org

Senior Wednesday Club

July 11, 18, 25: 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

Toastmasters

July 11, 18, 25: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

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Crochet Guild

July 11, Aug. 8: Crocheters of all levels of ability and all ages are invited to join the Sacramento Crochet Guild. Learn new crochet techniques, exhibit at State Fair, do charity work. Mentoring program. Show and tell. Mini classes. Library and newsletter available. Club member of the Crochet Guild of America. Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Seniors: \$6/yr. Enter from parking lot. Church of the Cross, 45th & H sts., Sac. Karolyn (916) 457-4044

Referrals Plus

July 11, Aug. 8: Referrals Plus, a women's networking group, helps women in business with connections, resources, promotions and ideas. We meet the 2nd Wed. of every month. 12:15 p.m. for meeting/luncheon in Greenhaven area. RSVP required. www.referralsplus.org

Carmichael Geranium Society

July 13: Come to the monthly meeting of the Carmichael Geranium Society. Guests welcome. Meets every Second Friday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 noon. No mtg. in Aug. Carmichael Park Community Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. Jean (916) 481-2076

Plan your trip

July 14: "Dream Big: Plan Your Trip of a Lifetime" an adult program at Belle Coolee Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. Sac, 3:30 p.m. Learn how to plan a vacation, from picking the country/itinerary and teaching all you need to know before you go. (916) 264-2920

Fire Station 17 open house

July 14: Come visit Fire Station 17 at 1311 Bell Ave., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Food Preservation Demonstration

July 14: The Pressure's On! Basic introduction to safe pressure canning techniques. 10 a.m. to noon. Free, no pre-registration required. Sacramento Cooperative Extension Office, 4145 Branch Center Rd., Sac. (916) 875-6913

Volkssport walking

July 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 65th 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

Tasty Tomato & Tomatillo Treasures

July 16: Food Preservation Public Demonstration of these summer wonders. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$3 per person, no pre-registration required. Sacramento Cooperative Extension Office, 4145 Branch Center Rd., Sac. (916) 875-6913

Annual East Sac Blood Drive

July 19: 1141 38th St Annual blood drive, 3 to 7 p.m. Mobile Blood Donation Vehicle on site. To schedule appt. go to www.bloodsource.org/drives, location code M597. More info or to schedule

Fire Station 1 open house

July 21: Come visit Fire Station 1 at 624 Q St., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Family Movie Night

July 21: The whole family will enjoy a free outdoor movie, next to Belle Coolee Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. Sac, 8 p.m. (916) 264-2920.

Sunday Summer Concert

July 22: Parkside Community Church will present a concert by the Sac Youth Band, 7 p.m. 5700 South Land Park Dr. Sac (916) 421-0492

Kid Olympics

July 26: Jumping rope and hula hoping may not be Olympic sports, but you can still receive a medal. Kids can show off their athletic skills and get ready for the real Olympics with lots of sporty fun for all ages at the Belle Coolee Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. Sac (916) 264-2920.

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Documentary

July 26: "Surviving in Our Toxic World," by filmmaker Deborah J. Whitman, of Environmental Voices, 7 to 9 p.m., Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library, 7335 Gloria Dr. Sac. Free program in the Meeting Rm.

Fire Station 12 open house

July 28: Come visit Fire Station 12 at 4500 24th St., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

AUGUST

Fire Station 56 open house

Aug. 4: Come visit Fire Station 56 at 3720 47th Ave., Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Harvest Day

Aug. 4: Hear presentations by local gardening experts, tour the unique Horticultural Center demonstration gardens, taste fruit, grapes, tomatoes, visit educational booths and the silent auction, more. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Fair Oaks Horticultural Center, 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks. (916) 875-6913

Land Park Volunteer Corps

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CUSTOM SIERRA OAKS VISTA

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WONDERFUL ARDEN PARK

Remodeled 4 bedroom 3 bath home with over 2400 sq. ft. The great room kitchen/family room includes a gourmet kitchen with gas cooktop, custom cabinets, and dining bar. The stacked stone fireplace and media wall make this a fabulous family area. Pool. See: www.990CastecDrive.com \$529,000

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Wonderful Arden Oaks property located on 1½ acres of trees, floral gardens and fountains. Features separate guest quarters, large formal dining room, and patio area with fireplace, 2 office areas in addition to 5 bedrooms, 4 fireplaces and 4 HVAC units. See: 3910windingcreekroad.ePropTour.com \$1,790,000

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SIERRA OAKS CONTEMPORARY

Immaculate 3 bedroom 2½ bath Streng featuring custom kitchen cabinets by Poggenpohl. Modern feel throughout, with new roof in '04, newer pool equipment, dual pane windows, custom garage doors, laminate flooring lovely pool by the covered patio. \$545,000

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ARDEN OAKS

Classic 3 bedroom 2bath home with pool on a large lot in a great location. Gleaming wide-plank wood floors, and many other updates. Large backyard features sparkling pool, covered patio and a deck off the Master bedroom. See: 1940rolling-hillsroad.ePropTour.com \$439,000

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CARMICHAEL COLONY

This bright and sunny 4 bed 3 bath is move-in ready. It features over 2300 SF of living space in a private, quiet setting. It includes a large kitchen facing the family room, perfect for family gatherings with built-in entertainment center. A hard-to-find 4-car garage and large backyard with Gazebo. \$325,000

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ON A PRIVATE LANE

Custom 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Tutor style home on private lane off Fair Oaks Blvd. Large master suite with a walk-in closet on 1st floor. Upstairs, 2 bedrooms and a bath, plus loft/study. On almost 1/2 of an acre in a park-like setting. See www.5242fairoaksblvd.view24hours.com \$424,000

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QUIET CARMICHAEL

Sharp single story 3 bedroom home with pool on a quiet cul-de-sac. Very recent remodel, shows well. Kitchen remodel 2010, great backyard with pool, perfect for entertaining. Dual pane windows throughout and tankless water heater, Two shared fireplaces. \$342,500

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SIERRA OAKS VISTA

Custom 2 story home in very private setting on park-like grounds. Grand home with huge rooms, high ceilings and wide hallways. 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths and 2 half baths; most bedrooms have baths. Tennis, pool, spa & pavilion with fireplace. See: www.3101adamsroad.ePropertysites.com \$1,599,000

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