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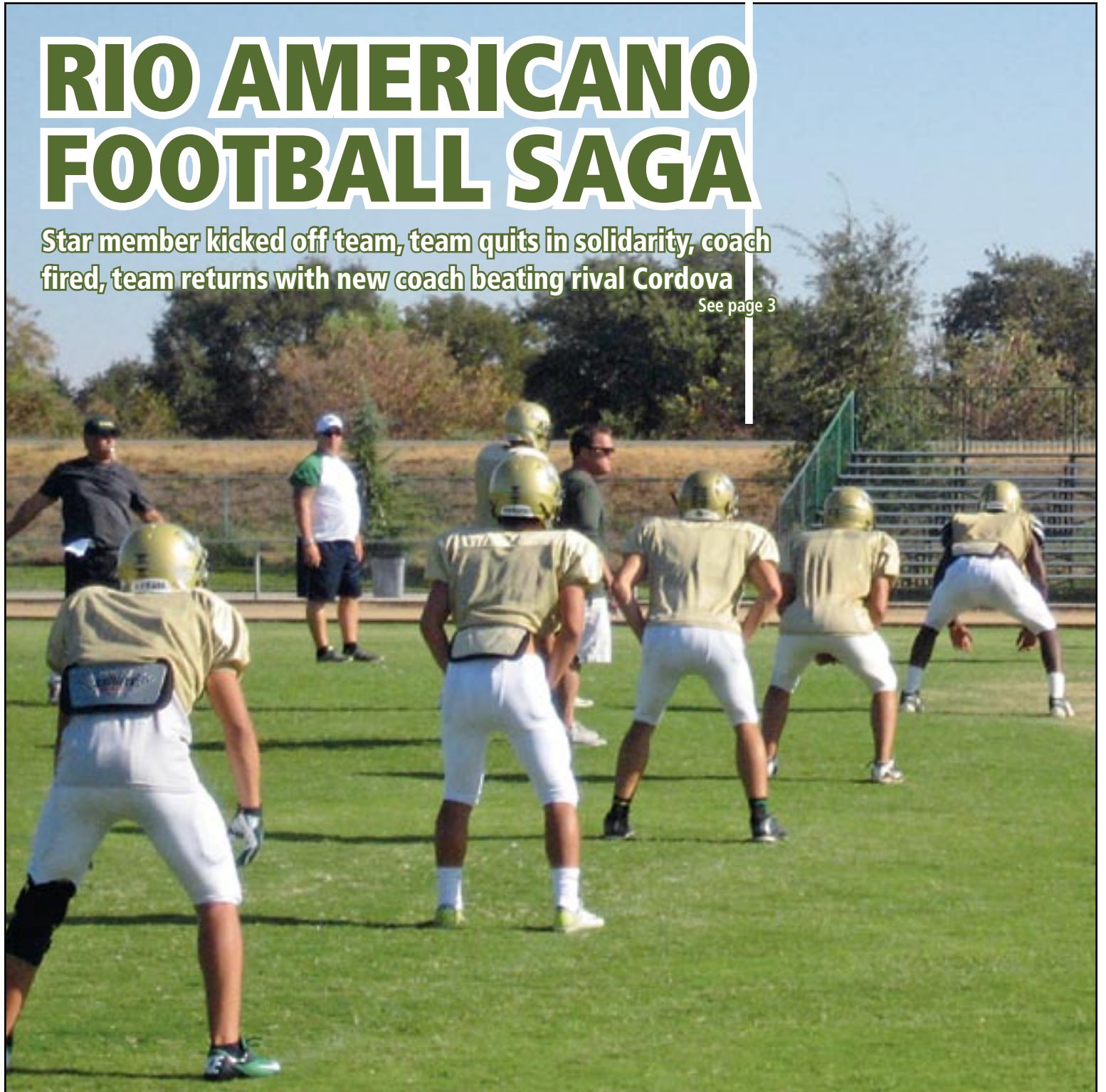


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Sacramento Children's Chorus Celebrates 20 Years On a High Note

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About 20 years ago, Sacramento native Lynn Stevens decided to create a children's choral program as her master's degree project when attending California State University Sacramento.

In 2013, the Sacramento Children's Chorus will celebrate its 20th anniversary as a nonprofit organization that provides choral music education and performance opportunities to children throughout the Sacramento area.

Keep the Beat

According to Stevens, the mission of SCC is twofold – to give the youth of Sacramento a place to learn the fine art of singing, and to give

artistic organizations such as the Sacramento Opera and Sacramento Ballet that may need a youth ensemble for certain productions.

Stevens says she got the idea when she returned to Sacramento in 1986 after spending 25 years in Southern California attending college and teaching. "There was a concert that was going on with the Sacramento Symphony and they had imported the San Francisco Girl's Chorus to come over to do parts that required children's voices," she explains. "I thought that was ridiculous – we should have our own group."

From there the idea for SCC was born. Each year approximately 150 children ages 7 to 19 attend the music education program, according to Daphne Tom Quist, SCC's executive

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Rio Americano football saga

Star member kicked off team, team quits in solidarity, coach fired, team comes back with a new coach, beating rival Cordova

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Rio Americano senior Guillermo Salazar is a gifted athlete with dreams of playing college baseball on scholarship. And while baseball is his first love, Salazar is also talented enough to play varsity football and basketball for the Raiders.

With Rio at the time already four games deep into the football season, Salazar asked head football coach Christian Mahaffey for permission to miss the Raiders' Oct. 13 home game against league opponent Whitney in order to attend a baseball showcase in front of college scouts in Peoria, Ariz.

Mahaffey gave Salazar a choice – either play in the Oct. 13 game or quit the team. Salazar chose the latter. As far as both sides were concerned, this was the end of the matter. Salazar, a wide receiver/defensive end was set to turn in his pads and prepare for the baseball showcase.

That's when 11 of Salazar's teammates stepped up and quit the team in solidarity with their comrade. When news of this spread through the school, Rio Principal Brian Ginter intervened. Ginter decided that instead of releasing the 12 players from the team, he intended to reinstate them and make them serve a one-game suspension for insubordination.

Mahaffey, who had been on the football coaching staff at Rio for 17 years and head coach for the last four, did not agree with the decision. So much so that after a meeting between parents and administrators, Mahaffey was fired as head coach along with longtime assistant coaches Jason Wallace and Kendell Hutchings.

While initially some believed that Mahaffey forbade his players from playing



The Rio Americano football team runs a kick-off drill in preparation for Rio's game against Cordova.

other sports, he actually encouraged them to play other sports. He felt baseball, a spring sport, should not interfere with football, a fall sport, in the middle of its season.

"I think Guillermo is a fantastic kid and I hope to watch him play baseball at Sac State in the future," Mahaffey said in an email. "(But) Brian Ginter was

wrong and he taught our kids a horrible lesson. That I am sure of."

Mahaffey likened the reinstatement to the students bullying their way back onto the team. Ginter said that his decision was based on the fact that "there are no written guidelines for the kids" that forbid them

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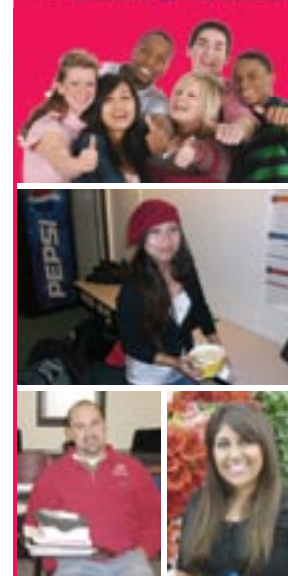


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Rio: Raiders is a team to be reckoned with

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from participating in off-season sports activities.

Despite the dismissal, both Ginter and Mahaffey said there is no animosity between them. "It was unfortunate how it unfolded," said Rio's Athletic Director Karen Hanks. "We're moving forward." The particulars of a meeting between parents, coaches and administrators are being kept private, according to Hanks.

After the decision to let Mahaffey and his two assistants go, Ginter said the school started to receive emails from interested parties concerning the now vacant head coach position. The emails totaled a dozen or so in all, according to Ginter, but it was one from the son of long-time area football coach Max Miller that really got his attention.

Miller, whose grandson John is a member of the current Rio varsity team, agreed to coach the Raiders for the remainder of the season. Most recently Miller led the Folsom Bulldogs to a state championship in 2010.

"It didn't turn out exactly as I wanted it to, but I'm really happy to be back," said Salazar.

Despite being short 12 players on Oct. 5, Rio came out and obliterated league foe Cordova by a score of 30-6 in the league opener. Rio currently stands at 3-3 on the year with a 1-0 record in league play. They face Whitney on Oct. 13, where they will once again be without Salazar, who will be in Arizona for the weekend showing off his skills for college baseball scouts.

With a depleted team against Cordova, Salazar believes that the Raiders showed that they are a team to be reckoned with. "They showed



A player makes impact with the ball and sends it sailing towards the goal line as Rio practices its kickoffs on Thursday, Oct. 4.

that our team can be great even with low numbers. Our junior athletes are really good and they stepped up."

"This was the only team in the United States of America who had only two days to prepare for a football game," coach Miller said. "On offense we only ran four different plays and our fullback ran for three touchdowns," he said.

The victory over Cordova was big for the depleted Raiders, but Whitney poses a different set of problems. The Wildcats sit with a record of 5-1 and are coming off a 63-14 win over league opponent Mira Loma. Whitney has outscored opponents 238-48 in its six games.

Miller was the head football coach and athletic director at Rio from 1972-80. He called those eight years "some of the best of my life."

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Country Club Plaza began with grocery store anchor in 1958

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Editor's note: This is the third part in a series regarding the history of the "four corners" of Watt and El Camino avenues.

For many years, the southeast corner of Watt and El Camino avenues has been a destination spot for shoppers. This site is home to the 700,000-square-foot shopping center, Country Club Plaza.

The similarity between the names of Country Club Plaza and the neighboring Country Club Centre has caused some confusion for a lot of people.

Although these two shopping centers may have similarities in names and pur-

poses, Country Club Plaza undoubtedly has its own identity and history.

The initial unit of the multimillion dollar Country Club Plaza Shopping Center, as it was originally known, opened on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1958, six years following the grand opening of Country Club Centre.

Leading up to the plaza's opening were pre-opening events, which included an invitational luncheon that was attended by Sacramento area business and governmental leaders on Nov. 17, 1958.

An invitational party for purveyors was held later that day and a public preview of the plaza was presented on the evening prior to its grand opening.

When the plaza opened, it did not include any department stores. It was instead dominated by a Stop-N-Shop supermarket, which was managed by Bill Kassiss.

Others associated with this store, which had the address of 2312 Watt Ave., included assistant manager Bob Wolcott, head clerk Bill Yeager, produce department manager Kay Omoto and clerk Maurice Habra.

Greg Kassiss, who spent several years working at this store, also remembers the plaza's Gourmet Lane, which consisted of various food specialists and a patio-style dining room that accommodated 400 people.

"(Gourmet Lane) was the precursor of the food courts



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Country Club Plaza, which is located at the southeast corner of Watt and El Camino avenues, opened in 1958 with a Stop-N-Shop grocery store as its anchor.

you see today in the malls and everywhere else," said Greg, who grew up a short distance from the plaza. "I remember my dad telling me that people came from all over the country to see that development."

The original tenants of Gourmet Lane, which was open daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., were Burger Bar, Farmer Joe's Barbecue, Frank Fat's, Frank's Fisherman's Wharf, Hart's Restaurant, Keller's Doughnuts and La Fiesta Mexicatessen.

Carmichael resident Suzanne Hicklin said that she may have been one of the earliest people to dine at Gourmet Lane.

"I can remember before any department stores were built (in the plaza), Stop-N-Shop

had the first food court in the area," Suzanne said. "I remember going there to eat. I moved up here from Southern California in 1960 and I know I went there then, but it's possible I went there around the time they opened, because we would visit my mother-in-law (Pauline Hicklin), who lived (near) El Camino (Avenue) and Bell (Street). I definitely remember going to Frank Fat's (in the plaza) with my family and we may have went to the fish place, too."

Greg described Gourmet Lane as having been "very active and a fun place to go."

Gourmet Lane, which promoted itself as featuring "famous foods of four nations," was located on the north side

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Photo by Lance Armstrong

This 51-year-old, uniquely designed building originally housed a Weinstock's department store. The structure, which is presently home to a Macy's department store, was designed by Charles Luckman and Associates.

Plaza: Department store era began with Weinstock's

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of the Stop-N-Shop building. An Arthur Murray Dance Studio and a Cork-N-Bottle store were located on the south side of the building.

Other original plaza tenants were: Country Club Plaza Beauty Shop, Fabricana, Lawrence's Candy Kitchen, Martin's Sugar Bowl, optometrist Dr. Albert J. Lowe, barber Carl Rippen, an S & H Green Stamp Redemption Center, Swanson's Cleaners and various professional offices.

Many of the plaza's original businesses faced Butano Drive. For instance, Lowe's office was located at 2345 Butano Drive, Swanson's Cleaners was at 2357 Butano Drive and Fabricana had the address of 2369 Butano Drive.

With the opening of the plaza's S & H center, the previous north area S & H center at 1709 Fulton Ave. was closed.

As part of Stop-N-Shop's plaza store opening, the public received various giveaways, including air leaf plants and balloons and ice cream for children.

Other attractions included whirly bird rides and rides in a 1917 Wescott automobile.

Among the specials running when the store opened were turkeys for 37 cents per pound, a box of apples weighing about 39 pounds for \$1.79

and 10 pounds of sugar for 77 cents.

A unique feature of this Stop-N-Shop store, which was advertised as "the most magnificent supermarket ever to come to Northern California," was its electronic directories.

In describing this feature, Greg said, "(The electronic directories) were a big deal at that time. At the end of each (side of the store), there was a box and they were kind of grayish-green in color and if you were looking for canned corn, you would go down alphabetically and there were a bunch of little buttons on there and there would be a black button next to canned corn and you would push that button and the machine would say, 'Canned corn on Aisle 10.' For back then, that was pretty sophisticated. I don't believe it was a very reliable system, because sometime during the life of that store, that system was taken out. But in the beginning, it was really quite a novelty. People would just stand there and play with it and you didn't need to ask somebody where stuff was (located)."

The department store era of the plaza began 51 years ago with the opening of Weinstock's at 3500 El Camino Ave.

This 160,000-square-foot, three-story department store, which was a \$7 million project, was designed to accommodate many shoppers, as it was accompanied by a 3,500-space parking lot. The parking area included about 15,000 trees and plants, including an entire olive orchard that was purchased and transferred to the site.

The Weinstock's building, which also included a basement and machinery penthouse, was constructed with a unique, stacked box-style architecture. The designer and architect of the building was Charles Luckman and Associates.

The grand opening of this store, which was first managed by William Ellis, was held on Saturday, March 4, 1961.

A decade after the opening of the plaza's Weinstock's store, a J. C. Penney Co. store was relocated to the plaza from Country Club Centre.

The enclosed shops area between the Penney's and Weinstock's stores opened during the same era.

The plaza's J. C. Penney store, which opened on July 28, 1971, was built on the former site of the Stop-N-Shop store, which was last managed by Jerry De Coque.

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Monterey Jazz Festival familiar territory for Rio Jazz band

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Many folks have barely regained their motor skills before 7 a.m., but at Rio Americano High School, the early morning Jazz Ensemble is already making professional-caliber music.

It's that consistent hard work and talent that earned these student musicians another spot at the world-famous Monterey Jazz Festival on Sept. 23 – their third year in a row performing at the legendary music showcase.

This year was a double-honor: Rio junior and trumpeter Jeric Rocamora was selected for the festival's Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, made up of the nation's top high school jazz musicians.

For the students, it's a chance to perform for crowds on one of the nation's biggest jazz stages – and to learn from some of the genre's legends.

Senior and guitarist Brodie Mills performed at the festival last year and said being surrounded by so many accomplished musicians motivated him to strive for big goals.

"It was probably the best festival I've ever been to. All the artists were really amazing," he said. "I met so many of my idols. ... It made me want to practice more and make it big."

The students were selected after a performance at last spring's Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival, a competition in which only 12 student groups are accepted to compete, said Band Director Josh Murray.

Murray said the students gain valuable experience working alongside countless musicians from all around.

"They're surrounded by like-minded and talented musicians," he said. "At both events, they real-



ly get to rub elbows with some of the heavy hitters. ... They see the bigger picture of what it is they're working toward."

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Carmichael teen excels in disabled waterskiing

By CORRIE PELC
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If Nike needs a new spokesperson for their "Just Do It" campaign, they should look no further than 15-year-old Carmichael resident Connor Aguilar-Poggetto.

That's because when not in class as a sophomore at Rio Americano High School, Connor is on the water perfecting his 360s, 720s, wake fronts and wake backs as a competitive disabled water-skier.

"Water is my nirvana – once I'm around a boat or on the water, I'm calm," Connor said. "All I think about is what's on the water right now and what I'm going to go do."

Facing Challenges

According to his mother, Diana Poggetto, at the age of 4 Connor was diagnosed with a rare disease called hereditary spastic paraparesis (HSP), which normally effects people in their 40s and 50s. "Primarily what that means is that the brain doesn't know Connor has any muscles from the knees down – it's not sending the proper signal," Poggetto explains.

Poggetto says because the disease affected Connor as a child, he

has had a number of skeletal issues causing him to have numerous surgeries throughout the years. "There were years where he was sitting in the hospital for a good month just with different body parts broken in order to just straighten out his skeletal system," she says.

Right now although Connor mainly uses a wheelchair, he does have some mobility. For instance, Poggetto says he can put his wheelchair in their car and walk around it. However, being HSP is a degenerative and progressive disease, some days Connor loses the ability to walk even that short a distance, and at some point he may become completely paralyzed. "As he's gotten older, we've accepted the fact that you're going to have different challenges with your body and that's where we are right now," Poggetto says.

Finding a Passion

Despite her son's obvious challenges, Poggetto does what she can to give him and her family a sense of normalcy. "Life goes on – he still has chores, he still has the responsibilities of living in a household," she explains.

Connor also began getting involved in something most kids



Connor Aguilar-Poggetto in action.

Photo courtesy Dianna Poggetto.

do – sports. Connor says he first began waterskiing when he was about 6 years old. At first it was just for fun, but about two years ago he started to take it more seriously when he began to train for competition. "I actually said OK, this is what I'm going to do and

I'm going to go out and do this," he adds. Connor's specialty is trick skiing, which in competition does not allow repeat tricks. "You have to have a big repertoire of tricks," he

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Dreaming of Being Rockettes

Since they were little girls, my mom and her sisters were always best friends. They spent hours on their roller skates choreographing routines and performing for the neighbors. They dreamed of one day having their own stage show.

Over the years, their dreams changed. They each married and had children, but they always remained close. Holidays and family dinners were well orchestrated events, much like their skating routines. Each would make a dish for our elaborate meals with table decorations to match. The night would not be complete without songs and dancing around the piano.

I can see the loneliness in my mom's eyes, as my aunts are gone now. She has not been herself since the loss of her best friends.

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Teen: Champion will ramp up his training

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says. Some of Connor's favorite tricks are the wake 360 where he goes up on a wake, does a 360 in the air and lands. He also enjoys 720s, wake backs and wake fronts.

Rather than standing on his skis, Connor stays in a seated position and uses a standard wakeboard mounted with a special cage that he can sit in. From there, Connor says the tricks are all about a lot of handgrip and body positioning. "If you can hold on to it and you hold your body in the right position, you're going to land a trick," he says.

A Winning Spirit

This past August, Connor competed against 26 other skiers from across the United States in the 2012 Disabled Waterski Championships held in Elk Grove, and came in second in his division.

During the Championships, Connor was awarded the Royce Andes Award, which Poggetto says is given every two years to an up-and-coming skier "who really symbolizes what disabled skiing is all about."

"That is given to the best youngest national skier who has the most potential to go all the way, so that in itself is a huge honor to get," Connor says.

She explains the award is named for Royce Andes, a former barefoot water-ski who broke his neck and became a quadriplegic, and who created disabled waterskiing. "He lives up in the Live Oak area and so he has seen Connor ski from when he was 6 and actually built him a smaller cage," she says. "So to receive that award meant more just because we have known Royce through the years."

And if that wasn't enough, at the end of the Championships Connor was named one of 11 members of the 2013 US Disabled Waterski Team, which will compete in Milan, Italy, July 1-7, 2013, making him one of the youngest athletes to be named to the team. "I was speechless - it hasn't even really set in yet for me," Connor says about being named to the world team.

For the world competition, Connor says he will be ramping up his training - literally - as he'll be working on jumps and tackling the back flip. "If I can land a back flip pretty quick, then I'll do a back flip to revert, which is doing a back flip and landing backwards, so I'm super excited to start doing that," he says.

Learning tricks like this will take patience, which Connor says is something he's learned quite a bit about through his competitive waterskiing. "If I rush a trick, I probably am going to mess up on that trick, so smooth and methodical is faster," he explains. "I've brought that into a lot of aspects of my life - doing homework, doing schoolwork in school, doing things around the house. The smoother and easier you flow, the faster you're going to go."

Looking to the future, Connor plans to continue to water-ski and study sports medicine once he graduates high school. He plans to just go for it, which is also a message he hopes to give others afraid of trying new things. "Sometimes you have to overcome your fears - just go for it and you can create something out of nothing," he says.

'A Heart's Jewel & Triumph' concert at Los Rios' Three Stages will exhilarate audiences

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Sacramento Youth Symphony alumna violinist Rebecca Corruccini and the Folsom Symphony will perform Mendelssohn's "Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64" at its opening concert of the season on Oct. 20.

Attending a live concert, as most know, is a multi-dimensional experience. A rock concert is a far larger experience than simply listening to a recording.

This is equally true of classical music. Much as one loves musical collection of LPs, CDs and mp3s...there is nothing like experiencing the real deal.

An audience member mentioned this to Sacramento's Maestro Michael Neumann, conductor of the Folsom Symphony after a performance of Richard Rogers' "Victory at Sea." The score was written for television, to accompany film footage from World War II. In one of the musical passages, all of a sudden the listener felt the sensation of being washed over by the power ocean - there was such a "motion" of sound from the symphony.

"Oh," Neumann replied with a smile. "That's the section where the score says, 'The Big Wave.'"

On the evening of Oct. 20, the Folsom Symphony opens the 2012 - 2013 season with musical pieces that convey the intangibles of heart, mystery, joy and triumph.

"A Heart's Jewel and Triumph" will feature the works of Felix Mendelssohn, Franz Schubert, Antonín Dvořák, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Mendelssohn's "Concerto in E Minor, Opus 64" is a piece with real heart. First performed in 1845, this work grew in popularity. It is widely regarded as one of the greatest violin concertos of all time. Mendelssohn introduced several musical innovations in the score which were novel for that era. This work influenced composers of the Romantic era, including Tchaikovsky.

The concerto is a technically challenging piece. Violinist Rebecca Corruccini will guest as soloist. Corruccini is a Sacramento Youth Symphony alumna now with the Minnesota Orchestra. A chamber musician, she is the concertmaster for the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra.

Schubert's "Symphony No. 8" is often referred to as the "Unfinished Symphony." This is because it consists of only two movements. Most symphonies have four movements.

Hidden for some 40 years after the composer's death, the "Unfinished" was first performed in Vienna in 1865. It was hailed as a "brilliant masterpiece" and has remained in the repertoire ever since. It was featured prominently in Stephen Spielberg's "Minority Report" in 2002.

Maestro Neumann describes the first movement the symphony as "quiet and melancholy with a few minutes of agitation" and the second as "gentle, serene, fragile."

Dvořák's "Carnival Overture" is the second part of the Czech composer's trilogy of "Nature, Life and Love." This work was truly an

exercise in "coming to grips" with another romantic composer of his day, Richard Wagner. Wagner's use of leitmotifs and storytelling in his operas were the "rage of the age."

Dvořák said this work was intended to tell the story of "a lonely, contemplative wanderer reaching at twilight a city where a festival is in full swing. On every side is heard the clangor of instruments, mingled with shouts of joy and the unrestrained hilarity of the people giving vent to their feelings in songs and dances."

Audiences are widely familiar with Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," also known as "The Year 1812 (Festival Overture in E Flat Major, Op. 49)."

Maestro Neumann refers to this piece as "bombastic," and that is a good description. What other musical piece is so widely associated with the firing of cannons?

The "1812" is replete with "leitmotifs" - melodies and themes that are rich in meaning and symbolism. One can close one's eyes and be transported to the desperate situation of a people whose motherland is invaded by Napoleon Bonaparte's Grand Army of the Republic, and to their ultimate victory as the invader is driven out. This is some of the most triumphant music in the romantic repertoire.

Some of Sacramento's most brilliant musicians perform with the Folsom Symphony, and performances sell out quickly. "A Heart's Jewel and Triumph" will be performed Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Los Rios Community College facility at Three Stages in Folsom. Visit www.threestages.net or call (916) 608-6888 for tickets.

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Encina grad wins Nobel Prize

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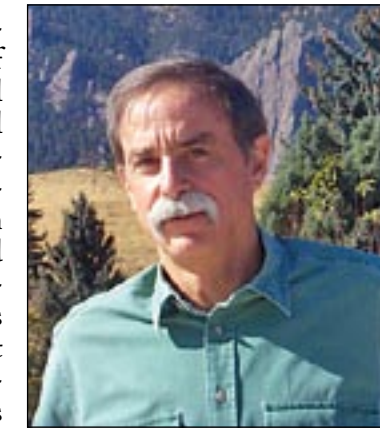


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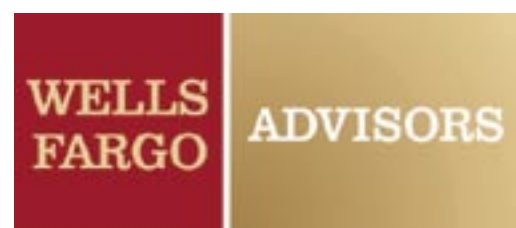
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Mission Oaks Community Center Turns 30

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The Community Center at 4701 Gibbons Dr. in Carmichael celebrated its 30th to the sounds Of John Skinner's Band on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Attendees danced, had refreshments and brought back memories of its 30-year history. Assemblywoman Susan Peters was unable to attend, but sent a resolution proclaiming the significance of the 30th anniversary, which was presented to the Mission Oaks Park District.

Teri McAdam, Supervisor of Recreation Services at the Community Center reminisced about some of the early history of the center. In the beginning, the main room consisted of indoor shuffleboard courts. As preferences changed, it added a new floor and roll-up shuffleboard court. Many things are done in the main room from Genealogy, fitness, dancing and other activities. Some activities are in the evening to accommodate those with daytime commitments.

October events include a Family Magic Show on Saturday, Oct. 13, showcasing the "Fabulous Follies" on Sunday, Oct. 21, concluding with a Halloween Dance on Tuesday, Oct. 30 with costume contest and prizes. Some events are free and others have a small charge.



OfficeMax surprises Dyer-Kelly teacher with \$1k in classroom supplies

Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

Susan Bryan, a third-grade teacher at Dyer-Kelly Elementary School, was still nearly speechless when the OfficeMax representatives left her classroom Tuesday morning, moments after dropping off \$1,000 worth of donated classroom supplies.

Bryan's students – still wound up with excitement over the surprise visit – were not.

Just before 10 a.m., representatives from the office supply retailer popped into her classroom at the back of campus with a comfy new chair and a box filled to the brim with pens, pencils, binders and a bevy of other supplies.

The visit was part of the OfficeMax's annual "A Day Made Better" program. Bryan was among 1,000 teachers nationally who were nominated by their principals for their extraordinary efforts in the classroom.

After collecting herself and taking a peek at her bounty, an emotional Bryan told her students she'd finish going through all the items later.

"Because it's still the school day," she said, "and we have to work."

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Susan Bryan, a third-grade teacher at Dyer-Kelly Elementary School, stands nearly speechless when the OfficeMax representatives left her classroom Tuesday, Oct. 2, moments after dropping off \$1,000 worth of donated classroom supplies.

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Mustard Seed Spin bike ride held Sept. 29, benefiting homeless children

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The Mustard Seed Spin children's bike ride was held at William B. Pond Park on Sept. 29. Children rode along the American River Bike Trail. The event benefited the Mustard Seed School, which is a free, private school for children 3-15 years old that provides a safe, nurturing and structured environment for homeless children. According to the school's website, many school age children do not attend school because of their homelessness; some lack immunizations, birth certificates, or other documents, some are in transit, and almost all lack a support system. In spite of their situations these children are eager to learn and to be accepted.



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Arden residents help breast cancer patients look good and feel better

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According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, other than skin cancer. And it is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer.

The ACS currently estimates in 2012, there will be more than 226,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer in women, and more than 39,000 women will die from breast cancer.

But survivors, like Arden residents Maritza Hurley – a breast cancer survivor herself – and her friend Lizette Gonzalez, give us hope.

Look Good, Feel Good

Both Hurley and Gonzalez are volunteers for ACS' Look Good Feel Better program.

According to ACS spokeswoman Anita Fitzhugh, this free community-based service teaches women beauty tips to look better and feel good about how they look during chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Volunteer beauty professionals lead small groups of six to 10 women through practical, hands-on experience where women learn about makeup, skin care, nail care, and ways of dealing with hair loss.

Gonzalez began volunteering for Look Good Feel Better about two years ago, while Hurley has been volunteering for one year. Because they both speak Spanish, they were asked to help out with the Spanish version of the program called, Luzca Bien.

As a volunteer, Gonzalez says she helps with coordinating patients for the sessions, as well as setting up the room with tables, mirrors and supplies the volunteer beauty professionals might need. She then helps guide the session by working with the beauty consultant to show different makeup techniques, such as how to cover dark spots or uneven skin tone. "A lot of women lose their eyebrows and eyelashes during their treatment, so we show them a technique of how to draw their eyebrows and how to give the illusion of having eyelashes," she adds.

Hurley says the program goes step-by-step, which is a plus for women who have never worn makeup before. "They also give you make-up so you don't have to purchase any in the beginning," she adds.

Rewarding Experience

Gonzalez says she finds her volunteer work with the Look Good Feel Better to be a rewarding experience. "You see women come in and their self-esteem may be down or they may not be feeling good physically – when you lose your hair and your eyebrows and your eyelashes, you really don't feel too good about yourself the way you look," she explains. "By the time they leave they're so uplifted and so happy, it's just great, it's absolutely fantastic."

Hurley adds it can be beneficial for the women undergoing cancer treatment to come to the Look Good Feel Better to see others just like them who are struggling with hair loss or makeup issues. "You feel like that you have somebody with (whom) you can share the same experience," she says.

As a personable volunteer, Hurley talks about her own experience with cancer and answers their questions.

"In the end, it's feeling you have somebody to talk to, feeling you are important, feeling that you are normal, and feeling that one way or another the person talking to you already went through the stages and is there," she says.

To further her work as a cancer survivor, Hurley also volunteers through ACS' Reach to Recovery program, which connects breast cancer survivor volunteers with newly-diagnosed patients or those undergoing treatment to give them someone to talk to, ask questions, and learn from.

Making Strides

In addition to her work with the Look Good Feel Better program, Gonzalez has also volunteered for the past four years for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

According to Fitzhugh, Making Strides is a 5K walk and community informational event that brings breast cancer survivors, volunteers, businesses and community members together to walk a unified force to end breast cancer.

In addition to the walk, Gonzalez says the event will include informational booths, such as the Survivors Tent, that help promote the ACS' various programs, not to mention music and food.

Gonzalez feels events like Making Strides shows the community is fighting breast cancer together and working together to find a cure. "It brings awareness, it brings people together,



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Stock photos from ACS' Look Good Feel Better program.

and they see their families and friends supporting whomever is undergoing treatment or just finished treatment, and then just working to get that cure," she says.

According to Fitzhugh, the 16th annual Make Strides Against Breast Cancer will take place at the West Steps of the State Capitol on Sunday, Oct. 21. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the walk begins at 8am with a rolling start. For more information visit www.makingstrideswalk.org/sacramento.

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Arden resident helps foster youth succeed

By KRISTIN THÉBAUD
Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

Tricia Rosenbaum remembers when her best friend disappeared in first grade. The little girl had been living in a foster home and was suddenly adopted and moved to a new neighborhood.

"I couldn't understand at that young age how she could be living in this great place and then suddenly be gone," Rosenbaum said. "Years later when I learned about the foster care system, it really stuck with me how transitional their lives are."

Rosenbaum, who was adopted as a baby, has always had a place in her heart for adopted and foster children, but in the last year the Arden Arcade resident has taken that drive to new heights with her involvement in United Way's Women in Philanthropy.

A dynamic group of businesswomen, homemakers and community leaders, Women in Philanthropy members raise funds, hold drives and provide trainings focused on helping foster youth become successful adults and rise to their dreams. The group also is a partner in United Way's Sen\$e-Ability project, helping foster youth become financially self-sufficient through financial literacy courses and individual development accounts that provide a matched savings program.

Through the group, Rosenbaum has helped collect holiday stockings and gifts for foster youth and has gathered towels, toiletries and luggage to create emancipation baskets for foster youth moving out on their own.

"People don't realize how little these kids have and how much they need in order to move out on their own," she said. "Some of them transport their few articles of clothing in a garbage bag and don't even have a towel. They have to make do with what they have. Hopefully this helps them see that there are people out there who care."

Rosenbaum, who has worked in operations in the financial industry and is the new program manager for the Nonprofit Resource Center in Sacramento, is excited to help United Way's Women in Philanthropy raise more funds this year to support the foster youth individual development accounts.

"To me, these matched savings accounts are the most exciting thing," she said. "Between school books, a laptop and first month's rent, a kid's savings can be depleted so fast. This gives them a chance at success."

But Rosenbaum does not stop there. Married for four years and the parents of two dogs, she and her husband are now considering becoming foster parents, and they could not be more excited at the prospect of raising children in Arden Arcade.

The couple moved to Arden Arcade four years ago, shortly after marrying, because they loved the community and the family-friendly environment.

"When we came to visit, this was the only neighborhood where we saw people out walking," Rosenbaum said. "People seemed engaged. It's a nice neighborhood, but people aren't pretentious."

Rosenbaum, who serves as Arden Park Homeowners Association president, says living in Arden Arcade would give foster children a neighborhood where they could be around other kids, swim in the community pool, enjoy large yards and play with dogs.

"It just feels like everyone is looking out for each other, and I know our neighbors would look out for us as a family unit," she said.

In the meantime, she is continuing her work with foster youth and is looking forward to hearing from foster parent and author Vanessa Diffenbaugh at United Way's Women in Philanthropy Luncheon on Oct. 15. The author of "The Language of Flowers" will be the keynote speaker at the event at the Crocker Art Museum, which also will include a fashion show featuring foster youth and Women in Philanthropy members, a gourmet lunch and book signing.



Photo courtesy of Kristin Thébaud
Tricia Rosenbaum, is an Arden Arcade resident who is volunteering with foster youth. She is looking forward to hearing from foster parent and author Vanessa Diffenbaugh at United Way's Women in Philanthropy Luncheon on Oct. 15. The author of "The Language of Flowers" will be the keynote speaker at the event at the Crocker Art Museum, which also will include a fashion show featuring foster youth and Women in Philanthropy members, a gourmet lunch and book signing.

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"I loved Vanessa's book, and I'm interested to hear what she has to say beyond the book as she shares her perspective on raising a foster child," Rosenbaum said.

"Mostly, I'm just excited to be in a room with so many people who have a passion for helping foster youth."

For more information or to purchase tickets for United Way's Women in Philanthropy Luncheon, visit www.yourlocalunitedway.org/wiplunch.

Children's Chorus: Celebratory concert in the making

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director. The program begins right after Labor Day in September and runs through May, and rehearsals and classes are held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shephard on Morris Avenue in the Arden area.

Sing It Out

SCC now has five different levels of programming broken down by grade level and experience, starting with second grade and running to early college age, including training choirs and a touring high school ensemble. Quist says they begin at the second grade level as they have found kids at that age are more likely to be able to sit still and pay attention to fully absorb the information they are given.

However, starting this year SCC has expanded its programming to include an eight-week KinderChorus for kindergarten and first grade students. "They don't perform, but kindergarten and first grade do early experiences with music because so much of that is being cut out of the schools," Stevens says.

During their experience at SCC, Stevens says students learn the "fine art of singing," as well as music history and music theory, and are introduced to a wide range of music including choral, Broadway, jazz, folk, and classical.

Students have performance opportunities throughout the year, including annual holiday and spring concerts, plus special invites throughout the year. "We do wedding, inaugurations, funerals, we've sung at the open-

ing of the legislature, we've sung at the River Cats, (and) we've joined the symphony and opera," Stevens says.

And older students part of the touring choir have the chance to go global with their music. Stevens says over the years the group has traveled and performed in England, France, the Czech Republic, Canada, Hawaii, and Scandinavia. And in 2013 as part of their 20th anniversary the touring choir will travel to perform in China.

Music to the Ears

In addition to learning about music, both Stevens and Quist say their students take away lessons they can apply to other areas of their lives and education.

For example, Quist says children at SCC learn life skills such as responsibility by needing to bring their music to their rehearsals. "(And they learn) time management so that they have time to do their homework as well as come to rehearsal," she adds.

Stevens says SCC students learn how to work with other people and also how to express themselves. "At this very young age when their voices and personalities are developing, they want to find ... a safe place," she explains. "I always say this is a safe place for all of you to express yourselves, express your feelings, and tap into the talent that you have."

And Stevens says what kids learn at SCC can help support their school subjects. For example, music history exposes the kids to different eras of history, helping to support the history



Photo courtesy Sacramento Children's Chorus.
Lynn Stevens conducts the Cantoris group of the Sacramento Children's Chorus.

lessons in school, and it helps with developing reading and math skills. "It's supporting all the other subjects that are being taught, but it's also teaching us about our humanity," she says.

Marching Forward

With celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, SCC is planning a celebratory concert at the Crest Theatre in downtown Sacramento on April 21, 2013. Stevens says they are planning to invite SCC alumnae to perform by solo and as part of their choirs.

As for the next 20 years, Quist says they are considering bringing SCC to

those who can't come to them. "Right now parents have to bring their child to our rehearsal venue and for some families that's a struggle," she explains. "We're looking at trying to see what it would be like if we could bring this program into neighborhoods."

And Stevens hopes SCC will continue to raise the bar of excellence in the music scene in Sacramento, as well as educating young people in the possibilities of fine artistic achievement. "I would just really love to see it grow and thrive, and be a very known visible part of the arts scene in Sacramento," she says.

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Sacramento museums fall for Halloween and harvest fun

Special to Valley Community News

In addition to its fascinating Gold Rush past, the Sacramento area is rich with an amazing array of state-of-the-art museums and historic sites that offer visitors the chance to explore California's fine art, history, science, and wildlife treasures all year long. In October, many of the 30 members of Sacramento Association of Museums are offering fun Halloween and harvest-related events and activities sure to get guests in a festive spirit, including:

Spookomotive Train Rides at the Railroad Museum

Oct. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28: All aboard for some Halloween fun Old Sacramento style! The California State Railroad Museum is proud to offer diesel-powered "Spookomotive" train rides aboard a whimsically decorated train crawling with spiders, cobwebs and cornstalks while staffed with an entertaining "skeleton crew." For more, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org.

Wee Halloween at the Crocker Art Museum

Oct. 31: Celebrate the "wee" in Halloween with this fright-free alternative to trick-or-treating. Families will start by decorating treat bags before being guided in small groups through the galleries. Along the way, they will encounter gentle surprises in the form of music, poetry, and dance, and receive a non-candy treat at the end of each performance. The delightful Halloween stroll will end with a delicious celebration. For more, go to www.crockerartmuseum.org.

Safe and Super Halloween: A Grimm Halloween at Fairytale Town

Oct. 26, 27 and 28: Trick-or-treat at 17 candy stations as you wander through the Grimm Brothers' classic fairytales! Visit Sleeping Beauty's castle, venture through Little Red Riding Hood's forest, and sneak a peek at the Evil Queen's Lair. Enjoy three nights of family fun with hands-on activities, a costume

parade and performances of "Goldilocks and the Three Sharks" by Puppet Art Theater Company (additional cost). For more, go to www.fairytaletown.org.

The Mansion After Dark at the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park

Oct. 26 and 27: For those looking for spooky and fun alternatives to trick-or-treating, consider visiting the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park offering not one but two Halloween-related events happening at once! For the younger crowd, "Mansion After Dark" activities--coordinated by the Governor's Mansion docents--take place upstairs and offer a spooky good time with scary music to set the mood, dim lighting, fortune tellers, darkened rooms and even "coffin corners." Plus, new this year and in conjunction with the Atomic Angels, a "Dr. Arronax's Mayhem Manor" haunted house is underway downstairs perfect for the 13 and

over crowd. Sure to offer shills and thrills, "Mayhem Manor" activities will take on a full-scale "Steampunk" theme showcasing grave-stones, mannequins, taxidermy and other oddities that offer a scary good time. For more, go to www.parks.ca.gov/governorsmansion.

Ghost Tours at the Sacramento Historic Museum

Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27: As part of a returning Living History "Ghost Tours" program offered by the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation this October, Old Sacramento guests can journey back in time to hear ghostly tales and spooky stories as they walk through the history-rich streets and re-live 19th century lore. Entertaining yet knowledgeable tour guides will take daring and inquisitive guests through Old Sacramento's infamous locales to experience a bit of the dark side of California's history (not appropriate for very young children). For more, go to www.historicoldsac.org.

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40th annual Japan night dinner

Oct. 19: Sacramento Senator Lions Club is having its 40th Annual Japan Night Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento. The menu includes teriyaki chicken, sashimi, sushi, sunomono salad and miso soup. Ticket donation is \$35. All profits from this event are given back to the community through projects such as the Sacramento Zoo Sensory Garden, Sacramento Zoo's Mobile Zoo Project, My Sister's House, and Christmas Food Baskets for low-income families. Call Teri Panscik at (530) 676-0829, for more information.



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'Drumming with ArtBeast' at Arcade Library

Oct. 18: At 4 p.m., for children, ages 5 to 12, kids can gather around a circle of drums and percussion instruments to create a community of rhythm. They will learn beats and enjoy playing various instruments. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.

Fall Fellowships and Food Festival

Oct. 20: The Chinese Community Church will have Chinese food and games from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. www.ccc-sac.net

CSUS classical piano performance

Oct. 20: Ying Song performs as part of Sac State's Piano Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall on campus, 6000 J St. Song is on the faculty of the New School for Music at Mannes College. Her awards include Pro Piano Artist of the Year and the Sudler Prize for outstanding achievement from Stanford. Tickets are \$20 general and \$15 for students and seniors and available at the University Ticket Office, 278-4323 or <http://bit.ly/xRmEZ8>. Contact: 278-5191.

Manga Café: Sticker Making at Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Oct. 24: At 4 p.m., Youngsters, ages 5 to 18, can watch anime, read manga and make stickers from old magazines or from their own art. 7340 24th Street Bypass, Sacramento.

Sac State's Jazz Ensembles performance

Oct. 25: Starting at 8 p.m., selections include "Moten Swing" by Benny Moten, and "Waltze for Dave" by Chick Corea in the Music Recital Hall on campus, 6000 J St. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 seniors and \$5 students and available at the University Ticket Office, 278-4323 or <http://bit.ly/xRmEZ8>. Contact: 278-5191.

'Crocker Talkers' to be featured at River's Edge Senior Community

Oct. 25: Starting at 2 p.m., these well-informed and enthusiastic speakers will share with you the fascinating history of the Crocker Family, the Crocker Art Museum and the museum's stunning display of art. RSVP by calling 921-5131 by Monday, Oct. 22. Refreshments will be served. 601 Feature Dr.

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Oct. 26: \$12 for adults and students. Every dinner receives one raffle ticket. \$6 for kids, ages 6-11, free for 5 and under.

26th Annual Safe & Super Halloween: A Grimm Halloween

Oct. 26, 27, 28: From 5-9 p.m., the fairytales of Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm will come to life for three nights of family fun. Cost: Advance tickets are \$7 members and \$10 nonmembers. Beginning October 26, tickets are \$9 members and \$12 nonmembers. Children ages 1 and under are free. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento CA 95822, 808-7462, mail@fairytaletown.org, www.fairytaletown.org

Gala at the Garden and Casa Boutique

Oct. 26-27: Support programs of the Sacramento Children's Home by attending the "Gala at the Garden" on Friday, Oct. 26, featuring fine wines and hors d'oeuvres AND the first opportunity to shop "Casa Boutique". Tickets are available at www.casagardenrestaurant.org OR visit the "Casa Boutique" on Saturday, Oct. 27, no entry fee and see live demonstrations by Open Studio at Lakeside. Both events are at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd. Enjoy a unique shopping experience with one-of-a-kind gifts created by talented artisans. Shop today for tomorrow.

Halloween crafts at Arcade Library

Oct. 27: At 2 p.m., for children, ages 5 to 12, children will get in the Halloween spirit with fun crafts, including paper bag ghosts, trick or treat bags, and more. They are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.

Run for a Safe Haven fundraiser for My Sister's House

Oct. 27: 9th annual 5k run/walk is the largest fundraiser for My Sister's House, a non-profit dedicated to ending domestic violence. Adults (ages 19 and up): \$30, Teens (ages 13-18): \$25, Kids half mile (ages 12 and younger): \$10. Register at www.runfor-safehaven.com

Make Sugar Skulls at Ella K. McClatchy Library

Oct. 27: At 2 p.m., Families can make Dia de los Muertos / Day of the Dead sugar skulls. 2112 22nd Street, Sacramento.

Third annual Panteon de Sacramento

Oct. 27-28: Two day event with 50 large, colorful Day of the Dead altars. To be held in the large parking lot west of 2020 J St.

7th annual craft and boutique fair at River's Edge Senior Community

Oct. 27: Shop in a festive atmosphere from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jewelry, artwork, candles, food, purses, clothing, soaps, music and

more will be available. 601 Feature Drive near the intersection of Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard in Sacramento. 916-921-5131.

Concert featuring flutist Mat Krejci

Oct. 27-28: The Chamber Music Society of Sacramento invites the public to a concert that features our flutist, Mat Krejci, and pianist Dmitriy Cogen, and will include Mozart's Flute Concerto in D Major; Mendelssohn's Piano Trio; and Fauré's Piano Quartet. Performances are on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis; and Sunday at 7:30 p.m., at Sac State Capistrano Hall's music recital auditorium, off State University Drive West in Sacramento. Season and individual tickets are available by subscription or at the door: \$22-28, 12 for students. <http://www.cmsacto.org/>.

Tree tour set for River Park

Oct. 27: Sacramento Tree Foundation will sponsor a tour of the trees in River Park from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn to identify trees by leaf, bark and growth habits. Insect and disease issues will be discussed as well as watering needs for Sacramento soils and weather. The tour is free and will begin at the River Park Shopping Center on Carlson Ave. near the corner of Lovella Way. sactree.com; 974-4304.

SactoMoFo event to benefit Rebuild McKinley

Oct. 28: From noon to 4 p.m. at Sutter's Landing Park, portions of the proceeds will go to help build McKinley Park. Front Street Shelter Haunted Open House Oct. 28: From noon to 4 p.m. at 2127 Front St. Free refreshments and entertainment while deciding which animal to adopt. Humans only.

PurpleStride Walk

Oct. 28: The Sacramento Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is hosting PurpleStride Walk at 9:30 a.m. The walk begins and ends at Cal Expo. Pancreatic cancer survivors, families, friends and supporters are invited to attend the walk to help raise awareness and much-needed funds for pancreatic cancer research. Register at www.purplestride.org.

'Boo at the Zoo'

Oct. 30-31: Kids can safely trick-or-treat around the lake at 25 different candy stations and other activities include magic shows, costume dance party, ghoulish games,

and more. Advanced ticket prices: General are \$10; Zoo members are \$8; children 1 and under are free. Day of prices are \$12; children 1 and under are free. 3930 West Land Park Dr., Sacramento, 95822

Trunk or Treat

Oct. 31: Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr., will host a free Halloween party for children from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be trick-or-treating for candy out of decorated car trunks, zip line and bounce houses. There will also be food available for purchase. For more information, call 452-7132.

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