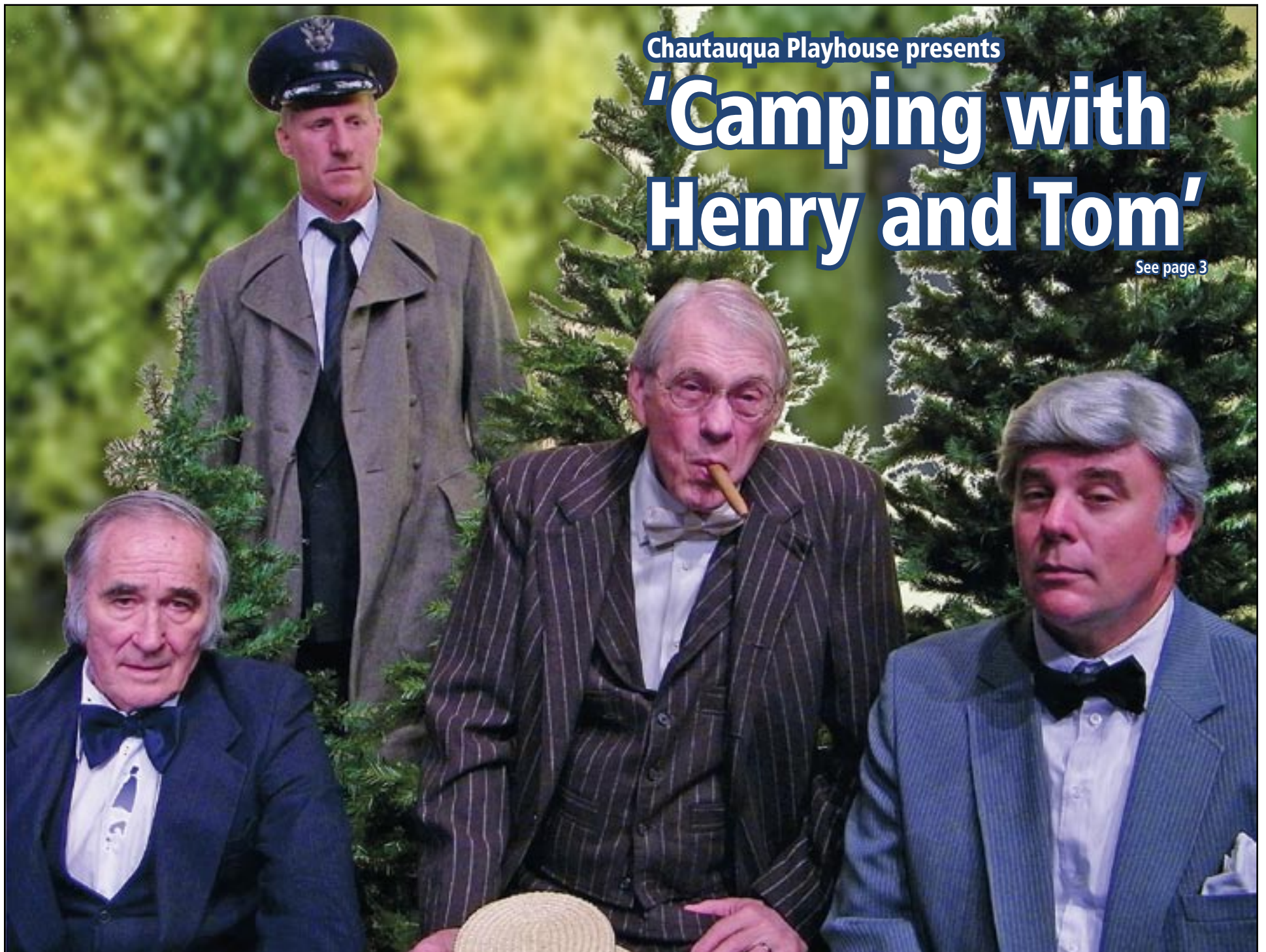


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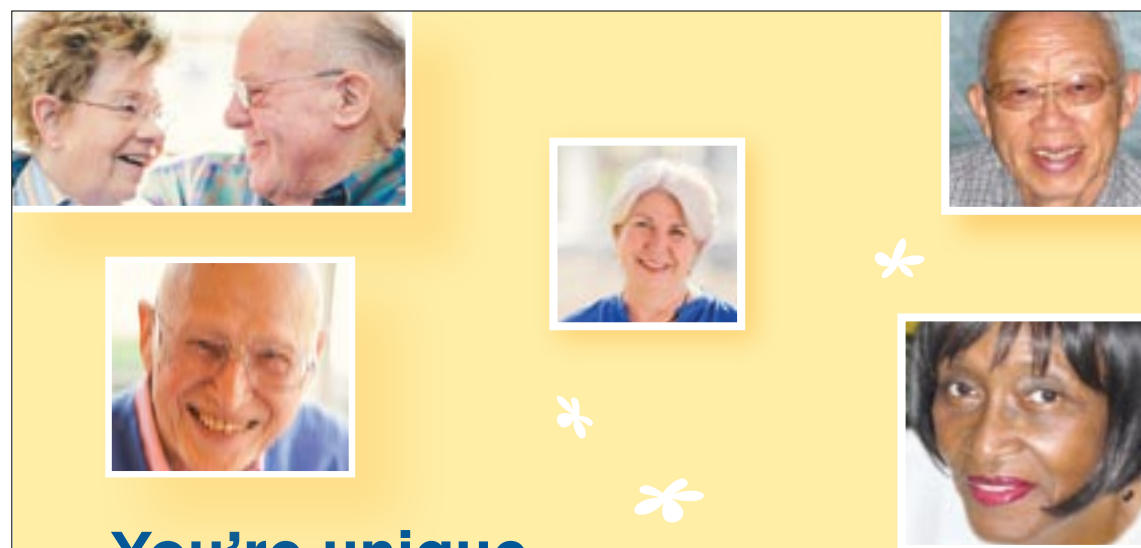
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More than 650 community members, including 100 women once homeless, attended the 12th Annual Celebration of Independence Gala that benefits Women's Empowerment, a local nonprofit helping women who are homeless find homes and jobs so they can support their families. The event exceeded its goals, raising more than \$160,000 and securing donors to sponsor 100 of the organization's graduates to attend.

The event, which raises funds for Women's Empowerment and honors the group's 1,086 graduates was held at the Red Lion Woodlake Hotel in Sacramento. Guests mingled with graduates and enjoyed a formal dinner, live and silent auctions, live music and presentations from the graduates. "This was a groundbreaking event, proving once again that Sacramento wants to be part of the solution to ending homelessness," said Lisa Culp, executive director. "In December, we will celebrate our 1,100th graduate. Women who are homeless across Sacramento continue to step up and step out of homelessness for good, thanks to the job-readiness skills and encouragement they receive from this community."

Women's Empowerment offers the only comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women who are homeless and their children. The 2009 Nonprofit of the Year has graduated 1,086 homeless women and their more than 2,000 children. Last year, 90 percent of graduates found homes and nearly 80 percent found jobs or enrolled in school or training. The program combines self-esteem courses, job training, health classes and support services to help homeless women across diverse ages, races and cultures. Women's Empowerment is funded solely through private donations from the community. To donate online: www.womens-empowerment.org.

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Businesses, residents to join together to beautify Carmichael

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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This Saturday, Oct. 26 will be a special day for Carmichael, as local businesses and residents will participate in the inaugural Carmichael Community Pride Day.

Sponsored by Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters, the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce and the Sacramento County Department of Transportation, the event was organized to encourage businesses and residents to improve the appearances of local properties. The three-hour event will be held simultaneously with the Fair Oaks Boulevard Brush

Up, which is presented three times per year.

Pride Day participants can either work on their own properties or can arrive at the Carmichael Park tennis courts at 5750 Grant Ave. at 8 a.m. to be assigned to a particular project. Volunteers should wear gloves and comfortable shoes, and can donate paint brushes and supplies to the project.

Carmichael area resident Cathryn Snow said that the idea for establishing the workday came during her visit to a Roseville shopping center about two months ago.

"I was sitting out at the Fountains in Roseville and enjoying what a beautiful place that is and thinking, 'Gee, I wish that we had something like that in Carmichael,'" Snow said. "What I see there anytime that I'm there is that the parking lots are full and there are all kinds of people roaming around. People are comfortable and walking slowly. They're in and out of businesses and all of the businesses there are busy. What we really want to create is that welcoming feeling in Carmichael. We have that wonderful community spirit in Carmichael, but we want to enhance the businesses and draw more business into Carmichael."

"I'm a director for the (Carmichael) Chamber (of Commerce), and so I took (the idea) to the board and



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Cathryn Snow, who serves as a director of the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, said that her idea to establish Carmichael Community Pride Day was well received.

asked what they thought about it, and I told them I would be willing to chair that if they would support it. They were unanimously in favor of that. From there, we put together a diverse committee of people who I thought could help bring that (project) about."

The committee consists of Howard Schmidt, Jack Harrison, Fred Rivas, Patrick Carpenter, Jim Schubert, Chris Meyer, Linda Melody and Tarry Smith.

Snow described the group as "one of those dream committees (with people who) say, 'I can do this and I can do that.'"

For instance, Schubert, who serves as the county's senior landscape architect, and Rivas, owner of the Lawman landscape company, have volunteered their time to assist local businesses with landscaping suggestions.

In describing the community workday, Snow said, "The purpose (of the project) is to encourage business owners, primarily, to landscape and maintain, paint; generally make their businesses more attractive, so that it attracts more businesses into that (Carmichael). Sometimes I think people choose to go somewhere else, because it's more pleasing in comparison to something like the Fountains. What we're asking - on Oct. 26 in the morning from 8 to 11 (a.m.), or whatever time they choose, but our formal time is 8 to 11 - is that businesses and homeowners clean up their properties, make them more attractive. A lot of businesses have existing planter boxes and so forth, garden areas. They already have established areas, but that has gone to seed or it hasn't been planted for years, it's full of weeds or there's

just nothing going on in it. And then planting trees and bushes. You can get free trees from SMUD. Their tree alliance provides free trees. So, why wouldn't you do this? The cost that you have other than the initial purchasing of the plants is water. That's Carmichael. Sometimes I think people choose to go somewhere else, because it's more pleasing in comparison to something like the Fountains. What we're asking - on Oct. 26 in the morning from 8 to 11 (a.m.), or whatever time they choose, but our formal time is 8 to 11 - is that businesses and homeowners clean up their properties, make them more attractive. A lot of businesses have existing planter boxes and so forth, garden areas. They already have established areas, but that has gone to seed or it hasn't been planted for years, it's full of weeds or there's

"A lot of the (workday) will be centered around the park facilities. There will be some painting of backstops and picnic tables and doorways, and general cleanup. And, of course, there is always trash pickup here, there and everywhere. It's also the other parks in the Carmichael park district that can certainly always use weed pulling and trimming and everything."

Snow added that the project is satisfying in that it had always been the goal of

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Peters and of the chamber to improve the business climate in Carmichael, as well as to bring more business into Carmichael.

Furthermore, Snow praised the Fair Oaks Boulevard corridor project for bringing improvements to Carmichael.

"We're just kind of piggy-backing on that (project)," Snow said.

Snow added that the community response has been great.

"When I called all of these service clubs and scouts and everything, their immediate response was 'Yes, absolutely count us in.' There was not any hesitation whatsoever. And Susan Peters was very happy about it."

Participating in this weekend's event will be the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103, the Rotary Club of Carmichael, Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District, Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District, St. John The Evangelist School, Soroptimist International of Sacramento North, local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and Carmichael Creek, Carmichael Colony and Barrett Hills neighborhood associations.

From a personal standpoint, Snow understands the magni-

tude that improved landscaping can provide in terms of bettering the success of a business.

"My background is real estate," Snow said. "I had 23 years in real estate and what I know is that people are drawn to the attractiveness. That's the first thing. We always say in real estate, the first 10 seconds are most important, and that's the time that it takes people to get out of their car and walk up to the front door."

Melody, who serves as the executive director of the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the effect such a project can have on the community.

"I think an event like this is important, in fact, actually to do on a yearly basis where the whole community takes part," Melody said. "I know there has been some concerns with trash thrown around or weeds growing and I think that it's not something that just one person can do or a few people. When a community comes together and takes pride in their own community and helps to make it look better, I think it's a place that they can then be proud of. So, that's why the chamber is apart of this and we were able to get community organizations and groups to take part, because I think everybody cares about what their community looks like and is willing to do their part."

In encouraging the community to participate in the event, Snow said, "This (project) will greatly improve the landscape in Carmichael, as well as earn service hours for schools. Everyone is welcome to take part."

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Halloween fun on Front Street

Animal shelter and California Auto Museum events

The City of Sacramento's Front Street Animal Shelter has teamed up with the California Auto Museum to bring the public two fun Halloween events. The shelter recently hosted a fundraiser at their venue and raised \$27,000 that is going toward buying new equipment for its upcoming spay and neuter building.

Fur! Fall! Fun! 3rd Annual Haunted Open House

On Sunday, Oct. 27, the City of Sacramento's Front Street Animal Shelter, located at 2127 Front St., will open its doors for their 3rd Annual Haunted Open House from noon to 4 p.m. for a day full of "Fur! Fall! Fun!" Tricks and treats galore will be found at this event. The Front Street Animal Shelter invites guests to enjoy free hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, Vic's Ice Cream, Cupcake Craving and other fancy fare. This family outing includes a bounce house, children's game area, face painting, local vendors, and live music by Roni and the Flight. A spooky haunted house is available only for the brave of heart. Visitors are encouraged to bring donated cans or bags of cat and dog food to help support Titanic's Pantry, a free food service to pet owners in need.

In celebration of the Third Annual Open House, we will be offering \$3 adoptions as a way to thank the community for supporting the Front Street Shelter and helping save even more lives. The City of Sacramento Front Street Shelter is located at 2127 Front St.

Customers interested in visiting the website to search for lost pets or potential new pets should go to www.sacpetsearch.com

Shelter hours are Wednesday to Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m., Saturday to Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Hauntings at the California Automobile Museum brings on chills for 'Trunk or Treat' event

There's a Halloween party happening at the California Automobile Museum. General and adult admission is \$8 and kids in costume get in FREE with an adult (3 kids per adult). "Trunk or Treat," "Dead Car Company" scavenger hunt and a "Very Scary" haunted house will be available to all visitors. Trunks of cars will be full of candy and available for all our "trunk or treaters" at this all ages event. All treats and admission deals are in action from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27 at the California Automobile Museum located near Old Sacramento.

Kids in costume can enjoy all the perks of trick or treating a few days early while getting a chance to learn a little bit about vehicle history. Dead car companies are scratching the insides of their coffins and can only be put to rest by completing the "Trunk or Treat" scavenger hunt. Do you dare to be scared? Coffins found in the darkest pits of the Sacramento River, and bodies buried under Museum grounds have been unearthed and brought back to life to haunt our education center. Night guards have told stories of floating objects and tall dark figures roaming around the cars in the darkness only to disappear through our concrete walls and into the side yards. If you're a fan of goosebumps trickling down the back of your neck, then we dare you to enter.

The California Automobile Museum is a non-profit 501 (C)(3) organization. The mission of the California Automobile Museum is to preserve, exhibit and teach the story of the automobile and its influence on our lives. For details about this event, upcoming events and exhibits please visit calautomuseum.org or call us at 442-6802.

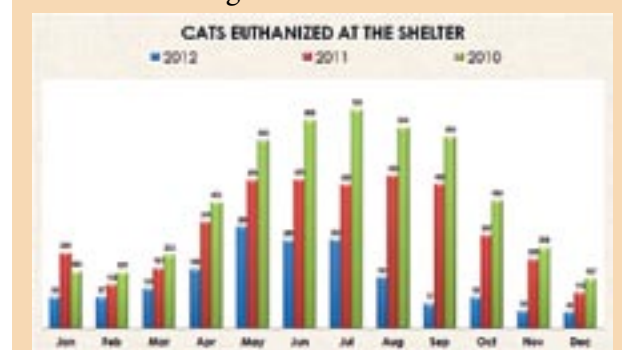


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The Animal Shelter and Auto Museum have teamed up for Halloween fun.



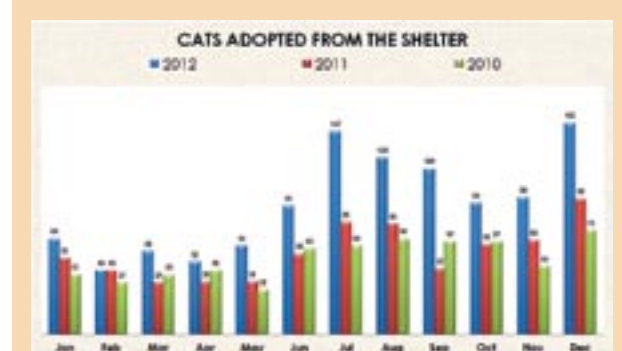
A little big about the Animal Shelter

Cat euthanasia rate has been reduced by more than 60 percent since the shelter has been under new management.



The shelter knows some people have a tough time coming down the shelter to see all of the animals so it is very proactive with outside adoption events. The shelter is in the community adopting out animals at least eight times a month! This is one of the reasons adoption numbers continue to increase.

The adoption numbers, in general, have more than doubled



The shelter is very active in with social media, reaching anywhere from 150,000 – 500,000 people a week by posts.
The open house event is to celebrate the community and show them the shift in energy at the shelter
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Arden area schools celebrated National Walk and Bike to School Day

Will Rogers Middle School celebrated National Walk and Bike to School Day with a new spin.

Bicycle maker Specialized partnered with Folsom shop Bicycles Plus on Oct. 9 to donate 30 mountain bikes, helmets and heart rate monitors to the school. Sixty students will use them in physical education courses as a part of a unique study that will explore whether riding a bike can have an impact on student achievement.

Vice Principal Brenda DeBacco said the program is a great opportunity and one that will "hopefully build

some interest and love for biking."

The opportunity to participate in the cycling study is open to any interested student whose physical education course is followed by a math or English class. Tests taken before and after the program will be used to compare academic performance of students who participate in cycling compared to students who do not.

Students who do not know how to ride a bicycle will have the chance to learn while receiving rider safety lessons.

Specialized has teamed up with RTSG Neurosci-

ence Consultants to provide the grant-sponsored study at five schools across the county this fall - free of charge to the schools. Arden Middle School also will participate in the program and will receive their bicycles at a later date.

Science teacher Naomi Harper said she applied for the grant because she believes the program is a natural fit for Will Rogers. Previously the school has run a bike repair center, for instance, and many of the staff members are active cyclists.

Sixth-grader Trent Lawson was excited to have the bicycles on campus. He's



created a student bike club that rides every Wednesday after school. "My favorite thing to do is actually to ride bikes," he said.

Bicycles Plus owner John Crews said the shop will provide free maintenance and safety checks for the school's new bicycles. "To have a big company like Specialized to come to Sacramento (and) pick a couple of schools is phenomenal," he said, "and we love to be a part of it."

Artistic Edge Custom Framing & Gallery expands

By ALICIA O'HARA

Family owned and operated, Artistic Edge Custom Framing & Gallery, defies the economic odds and continues to grow. What started with a passion and a vision has evolved into a quality custom framing shop and a unique forum for local artists.

It all started with a vision. As a wife, mother and entrepreneur at heart, Kathy Caitano has a talent for creating success in her business ventures. By 2007, she had already grown and sold two businesses and was ready to invest into a business that connected to her passion for art. It was in the energetic atmosphere of an art auction, and encouragement from her husband, the idea transformed into action that Kathy Caitano decided to buy her first custom framing and gallery store.

With her investment made, Kathy's vision was to transform a 2300 sq. ft. local framing and print shop into a unique platform for original art and quality custom framing. To Kathy, quality can be affordable and "the bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten."

This is what she shares everyday with her local community.

Today, Kathy's vision has become a reality. In just 6 years of business, Artistic Edge Custom Framing and Gallery has expanded into 8000 sq. ft. of showroom space and has built a strong connection with the communi-



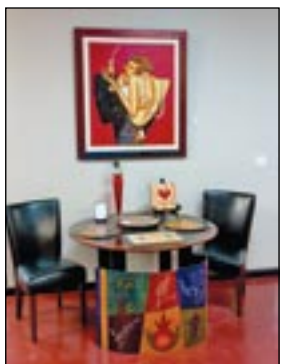
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ty she serves. Artistic Edge's now vast showrooms offer individuals the opportunity to experience original art from local and national artists, find unique and original gifts, and connect to a nostalgic quality of a family owned and operated business.

With continued growth in mind, Artistic Edge moves into their final stage of the transformation with the addition of six individual artist studio spaces. Here, independent local artists can create and sell their art on site, and become a bigger part of the Artistic Edge family.

"It's been a slow work in progress and this January we took on more space and have been working so hard. It's 85 percent complete and my artist studio spaces will be complete by December," Caitano told the Arden-Carmichael News.



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The West Coast



By J.J. MILLUS

"Hurricane Sandy was the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, as well as the second costliest hurricane in United States history." -Wikipedia

As the devastating Rim Wildfire near Yosemite National Park enters the record books even as the peak California wildfire season of October comes to a close, we thought it fitting to digress a bit from our usual Spyglass column of Arden doings and offer the reader a rare and exclusive first-hand account of another natural disaster. We're speaking this time of wild wind and water--on the opposite coast--namely, Hurricane Sandy and its terrible effect on the low-lying areas of New York and New Jersey on October 28-29, 2012.

Having just finished watching a Nova DVD documentary of those nights and days, we were inspired to share with Californians our direct experience of that incredible megastorm.

To make a long story short, we had jumped on a plane in mid-October 2012 to put in an appearance at the fiftieth reunion of our high school Class of '62 in Brooklyn, N.Y. We came, we greeted old school chums, we attended Mass, dined and chatted, took some pictures, and the rare few hours we shared together quickly scooted

by. Little did we know that we would be stranded for weeks in New York by the biggest storm in history to hit the East Coast.

In the next few days, staying with an old friend, we made the rounds of our former Woodside, Queens neighborhood, bumping into acquaintances and near-forgotten neighbors whom we hadn't seen in two years, and that was good. But then came the weather forecasts. An unusual set of circumstances was slowly coming together which would make the newly-named Sandy, for stereotypically blasé, jaded New Yorkers, the most destructive weather event to ever come down the pike. It was a rare coupling of a winter storm--a "Nor'easter"--coming from the West over land and a powerful tropical storm coming up the East Coast from the tropics. A double whammy, as it were, and heading straight for the five boroughs of New York City and the New Jersey shore. Due to the proximity of Halloween the media promptly dubbed the huge swirling mass "Frankenstorm." It would prove to be no joke at all...

The skies, normally abuzz with incoming jets coming in to land at nearby Laguardia Airport, had grown eerily quiet. Eighty-mile per hour winds had caused a shutdown of air traffic in the New York area. Their roar would be replaced by a ghostly, horrendous hurricane-force howl. We watched in awe from the safety of a fifth-floor apartment as hundred-year-old trees fought to stay upright in the blasts. Many withstood, many simply did not. One



by one, giant maples and sycamores came crashing down. In Windmuller Park across from us on Fifty-Second Street, and on streets upon unlucky cars parked under them, they crushed and sometimes hid them, often closing the thoroughfares to traffic.

The rain was driven near-horizontally against our living room windows. The TV was showing scenes of the Hudson River flowing down subway stairwells. "The City"--as New Yorkers call Manhattan--was going dark as power stations exploded as in a Middle East war zone, and Consolidated Edison, New York's version of SMUD, cut off power to midtown and lower Manhattan. No subways, no Long Island or Metro North Railroads, no busses, no planes, no lights--nothing! Just the howling wind and seething water. A huge, furious, whirling funnel of air and water had done what it had never in memory done before. Instead of hooking right and blowing out into the Atlantic, it had shagged left, onto land, and hit the city, Staten Island and the Jersey Shore with killing force. Many people who thought

they could tough it out in place, refusing offers of evacuation and staying with their seaside homes, got the surprise of their lives. And by the dozens, lived not to see the dawn.

Curious to feel the storm in our face, we went down to the lobby of the building and stepped outside into the maelstrom. Just then our cell phone rang. It was our good friend, store owner Mike Majors, proprietor of The Electric Bike Shop in midtown Sac, anxiously calling to see how we were. He knew we were in New York City but didn't know where. "Are you anywhere near Breezy Point?" he wanted to know.

We had not seen the fresh news reports since we left the apartment twenty minutes before.

"Breezy" (or "Boozey")--the "Irish Riviera," as it was waggishly known by some--is an isolated enclave beach community on the tip of the Rockaway Peninsula, south of the city, lying at most about ten feet above sea level. Why is a guy from Sac asking us about a far-distant, obscure place hearkening back

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to our body-surfing, girl-chasing, summer-partying past?

"Nowhere near it, Mike, why?"

"Well, it's all over the news out here. It's burning down!"

The wrath of God has trumped the luck of the Irish, we thought to ourself.

"It's all cops and firemen and retired city workers--wooden beach houses built cheek-by-jowl," we told him.

"Well, the firemen can't get near it--there's six feet of ocean pouring over the land and their trucks can't move. They're all flooded," he added. "It's a disaster!"

"Yeah, Holy Saint Patrick!" we observed. "Full moon, high tide and a Nor'easter pushing a hurricane onto land that never got hit that hard, ever. What a fluke--what a calamity!"

Within a day or two, a goodly three or four inches of snow was to ice the dismal cake in Queens County, and we would walk the old familiar streets taking in the aftermath, hearing stories, snapping pictures. Later, a friend would drive us out to the heart of the damage in Rockaway for more shots. Sad, sad, sad. We saw boats thrown up in the middle of the single long road through Beach Channel, mounds of moldy waste from hundreds of cottages, and residents shuffling about with tired, hang-dog expressions on their faces. The traffic was slowed by Con Ed crews digging down to electrical cables, the bright work lights and flashing yellow and red beacons of emergency vehicles giving the scene a surreal, larger-than-life glow. Grim-faced men and women were laboring round the clock, fighting to get the watery wasteland of a city back to normal. Shivering, miserable people were to be seen everywhere at various corners lined up for emergency Red Cross food, water and supplies. A New York autumn night was coming on with no traffic signals or streetlights, overcast skies, and every house and business cold and dark. Eight million people were without power. A prelude to Apocalypse? Pray that it be not so....

At the Atlantic Ocean's edge by 106th Street in Rockaway Beach, the bare concrete foundations of a now non-existent boardwalk stretched eastward and westward out of sight. What remained of wooden walks which weren't washed away lay splintered at crazy angles, mute testimony to the enormous power of the waves that crashed onto the shore all the night of the twenty-ninth. The Internet in days that followed came alive with pictures of, for one thing, the Rockaways' Jacob Riis Park parking lot piled three- and four-stories high with debris--grayish mountains of soggy sheet rock, clothing and carpets, soaked insulation, inundated garage junk and miscellaneous whatnot. There would also be videos of darkened streets and flooded traffic tunnels and subways, shoulder-deep water that swept two infants from a mother's arms on Staten Island and drowned them in the dark. Soon came more heart-rending stories of folks, not always old and feeble, who made the wrong choices to tough it out at the wrong time and place, and who drowned in their own living rooms, bedrooms or basements.

One hundred and fifteen mile per hour winds, sixty-eight billion dollars in damages, 148 direct fatalities and almost as many indirect across nearly half the nation--these were the numbers which were coming out as the days went by. The Rockaways--Belle Harbor, Neponsit, Riis Park, Breezy Point--were our summer refuges from the heat of the city, little paradises of our youth tailor-made for fishing and swimming getaways whose memories we treasured. Now they were painted over with the bleak, dark brush of Nature's uncontrolled wrath. And cold November for thousands without heat or electricity was following quickly on the heels.

Frankenstorm, indeed! Hurricane Sandy was Nature's dirty trick just in time for Halloween 2012. Needless to say, what a relief when we finally made it back to good old sunny Sacramento!

Pictures we took of Sandy and related shots of our New York adventure are available on our Facebook page, John Millus.

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Help Sunburst Projects bring joy to the lives of children living with HIV/AIDS. Contact Sunburst Projects at 1095 19th St. Suite 1A, Sacramento. 440-0889, ext. 301.

Balance and mobility training to reduce falls class

Kelly Ward, Parkside Community Church's "Fall Prevention Lady" will be presenting a 4-week Beginning balance and mobility class on Monday and Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting Oct. 2 through Oct. 30 at Parkside Community Church at 5700 Land Park Drive. The one-hour classes will include warm up, balance and mobility training, muscle building exercises, flexibility, and range of motion exercises, followed by a cool down segment to re-

view the day's lesson. Wear loose comfortable clothing and sneakers. Kelly Ward is a certified fall, balance and mobility instructor and a certified Senior Fitness Training, M.S. Therapeutic Aging. For questions, call 821-5715.

OCTOBER

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Oct. 24: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Oct. 24: Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Rotary Club of South Sacramento meeting

Oct. 24: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. Every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at Iron Steaks Restaurant, 2422 13th St, Sacramento, CA 95818.

Bi-Polar Anonymous

Oct. 25: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

Second annual Gala at the Garden and Casa Boutique

Oct. 25 and 26: Tickets for the Oct. 25 gala opening night reception are available at www.

casagardenrestaurant.org. Enjoy fine wines and hors d'oeuvres and the first opportunity to shop the Casa Boutique. Last year's event was a sell out, and organizers hope you take advantage of this first-come, first-served opportunity to join them this year. OR plan to visit the Casa Boutique on Saturday, Oct. 26. There is no entry fee and there will be live demonstrations by Open Studio at Lakeside. The boutique will offer holiday shopping opportunities that include: pottery, jewelry, scarves, shirts, mosaics, handbags, titanium clocks, cards/ornaments, hand-felted wool hats/accessories, gourmet jams/jellies/chutneys, aromatherapy body/bath products.

River Park Tree Tour

Oct. 26: From noon to 1 p.m., explore the trees in River Park on a guided tour with the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Meet at the shopping center on Carlson near Lovella. This dog friendly tour takes place rain or shine. Bring comfortable walking shoes, water and don't forget a camera (for all the beautiful trees). The tour is free, but to ensure that you're included, please RSVP to www.sactree.com/events. River Park Community, Carlson Drive.

'Fur! Fall! Fun!': Third annual Front Street Shelter Haunted Open House

Oct. 27: From noon to 4 p.m., the Front Street Shelter will have a haunted open house with a shelter dog costume contest. There will be free hot dogs, sodas and dessert. 2127 Front Street, Sacramento.

Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Oct. 29: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday. Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in the Pavilions on Fair Oaks Blvd. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6:30 p.m., Ancil Hoffman Golf Club. www.rotary.org

Free golf lessons offered at Bing Maloney Golf Complex

Oct. 27: Are you interested in starting to play golf, but not sure where to begin? Bing Maloney is offering Free Family Clinics for 2013. These clinics are family oriented for any level of golfer. Each clinic will be held on Sundays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at the Bing Maloney Golf Course: 6801 Freepoint Blvd. in Sacramento. Call 808-2283 for more information.

Frankenswine with the Puppet Art Theater.

Oct. 27: Family Sundays at the Central Library will feature Frankenswine with the Puppet Art Theater at 2 p.m., 828 I St. A special Halloween puppet show with the Puppet Art Theater. A zany version of the classic Frankenswine on a madcap adventure. Prior to the puppet show enjoy making a scary creature mask or Halloween treat bag with ArtWorks at 1 p.m. Program is free and open to the public.

Pancreatic Cancer purple light ceremony

Oct. 27: Come light a candle in memory of and honor those we have lost to pancreatic cancer. At the same time raise awareness and acknowledge those fighting this disease, from 6 to 8 p.m. at International World Peace Rose Garden, Grounds of the State Capitol. www.pancan.org.

Soroptimist International of Sacramento South weekly meeting

Oct. 29: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic.

East Sac Rotary

Oct. 30: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotrary.com.

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Oct. 31: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

Trunk or Treat community event at Merryhill

Oct. 31: Merryhill School at 7335 Park City Dr. will host a Trunk or Treat event at 9:30 a.m. The community is welcome to attend. Children should wear costumes and bring a bag for their treats.

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NOVEMBER

Sunburst Projects Perennial Sale

Nov. 1-4: Fall perennial sale. Cash and check accepted. Benefits Sunburst Projects. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 3072 24th St. Curtis Park. Last sale until spring.

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Festival of New American Music

Nov. 1-10: FeNAM runs on the Sacramento State campus, 6000 J St. Most concerts are in Capistrano Hall and all of them are free. Visit http://bit.ly/tKAKsj for the schedule or call 278-5191.

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Self-Publishing Boot Camp

Nov. 2: Get your book idea out of your head, off your desktop, into print, and into the hands of readers. The non-profit California Writers Club brings the Self-Publishing Boot Camp to Sacramento for a premiere engagement. Boot Camps have helped fiction and non-fiction authors including authors of novels and of business, political, sports, and children's books. This day will empower you to create your book in ebook, print book, or multimedia formats. The seminar includes lunch, Carla King's Self-Publishing Boot Camp Guide for Authors, and other benefits. For details and registration information, please go to: www.cwsacramento.com/writers.org or contact Kimberly A. Edwards at 916-524-7992.

Tree pruning clinic

Nov. 2: From 10:30 a.m. to noon, learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of prun-

ing tools will be presented and discussed. This is an indoor class and if weather permits, there will be a walkabout on library grounds to look at tree structure and pruning. For more information, contact: Luanne Leineke, Sacramento Tree Foundation (916) 974-4304 or visit www.sactree.com/events. North Highlands Library, 8900 4235 Antelope Road, Antelope.

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Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

Nov. 5: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

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Asian Community Center Senior Services Center presents 'ow to Remain Safe During the Holiday Season'

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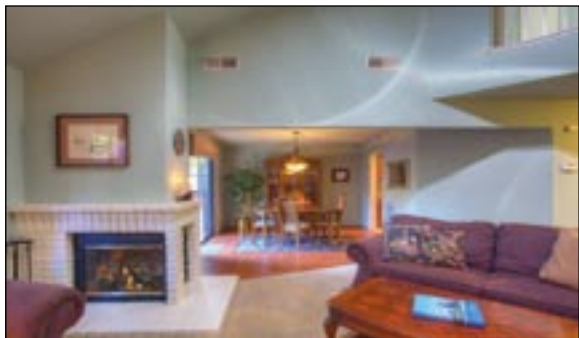
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