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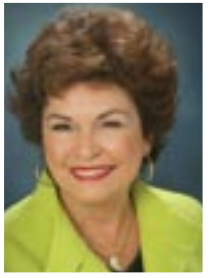
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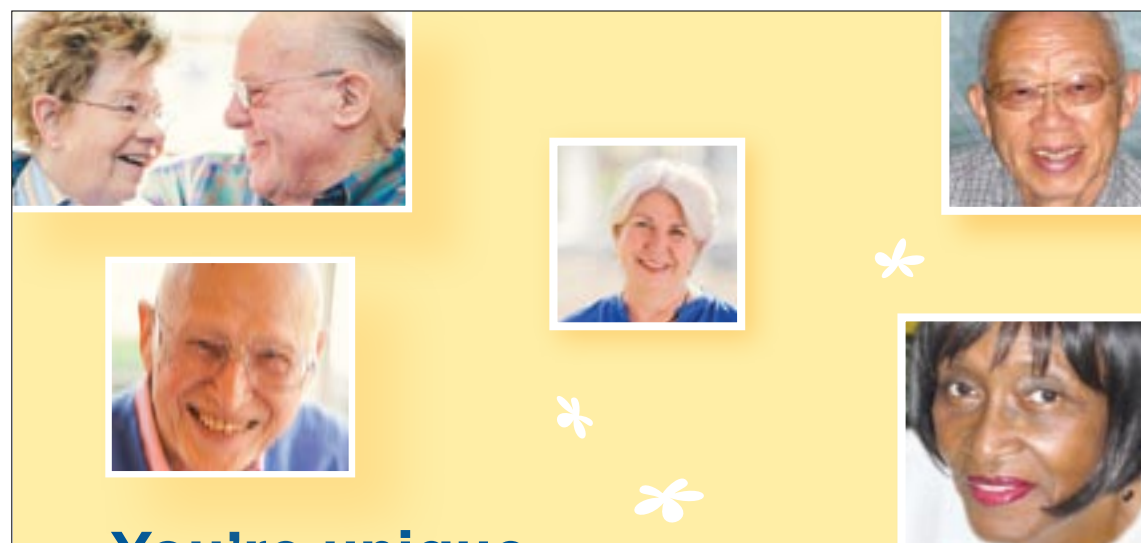


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**Red Ribbon Week has local impact**

By KEN COOLEY

In 1985, community leaders, parents and children across the nation wore red ribbons to symbolize the devastating impacts of drug use in our communities. This year, during Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31), I was able to talk with hundreds of children at numerous elementary schools across our community about the importance of staying drug-free. As I prepared to talk with them, I reflected on the devastating effects drugs have on them and what I could say that to inspire them to stay away from drugs.

Just before it was my turn to speak, two sixth graders at Cordova Gardens Elementary led the school in reciting the Red Ribbon Week pledge to stay drug free. One of the lines in the pledge, "I will do my best to make safe and healthy choices for myself and those around me," really struck a chord with me. It's easy for me to say drugs are bad, drugs can ruin your life, and drugs can kill, but what about the children surrounded by drugs in their homes or with their friends? Should we tell these children that their loved ones who use drugs are bad people? Or should we be better examples? Should we show them that there is a better way, a better life, and that their friends and family can have that better life too without drugs?

With teachers and others already promoting the "drug-free lifestyle" message, my brief words of encouragement were listened to and respectfully received. That was what I've learned to expect when talking to groups of 100-plus elementary students all at once. I was honored to visit with such children, but as your Assemblyman, I have no illusions. In reality, the true people who lead us towards and away from drug use are our families, friends and peers. All of us are role models, all of us point by our lives to the happier, more successful life that living drug-free makes possible. For me, and I hope for you, Red Ribbon Week is a reminder to continue to do our best to make safe and healthy choices for ourselves, those around us and our neighbors.

*Ken Cooley is a member of the 8th Assembly District.*



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# Food industry 'old-timers' converge for annual holiday luncheon

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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As has been the case for the past 21 years, food industry history was recently celebrated with a special event held at the Dante Club at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.

This year's edition of this social function, which is known as the Old-timers Holiday Luncheon, drew about 60 people, who either were or continue to be connected to some part of the food industry such as employment with a national company or a grocery chain, or working as food brokers.

The Friday, Nov. 8 event began with a mingling hour, in which former food industry professionals, some of whom were once competitors, shared memories about their careers.

One such person was 86-year-old Roseville resi-

dent Jim Williamson, who was one of the founders of the luncheon. The other founders were Dave Butters, who worked for the Zellerbach Paper Co.; Gene McGee, the head buyer for United Grocers; Don Cronin, a self-employed food broker, Vince Calaci, a food broker for the Mel-Williams Co.; and Al Wong, one of the owners of Bel Air Markets.

In speaking about the establishment of the event, Williamson said, "There was a group of guys called the Wednesday Club (which was founded by Butters, McGee, Cronin and Calaci in the 1980s) and they used to take all the buyers in the valley to lunch every year. (The club) was organized and they met every Wednesday. When I retired (in March 1993), the Bel Air (grocery chain) people had just sold



The luncheon was attended by 60 people.

Photo by Lance Armstrong

out to Raley's. So, these guys (of the club) wanted to put on a joint retirement party for the Bel Air people and me. They invited about 300 or 400 people, old guys that were either working or retired in the industry to come to this joint retirement of me and the Bel Air guys, and we had 200 people show up. I looked around and I saw

what was happening. There was so much camaraderie and reunion type things going on. To the guys, I said, 'Why don't we do this for a Christmas party every year - a holiday party?' And they said, 'Well, that's fine.' So, I volunteered myself, and Al Wong became part of the committee and we called it the Old-Timers' Club. It

turned out so successful we did it for 19 years. I then got too tired. I was carrying a lot of the load, so I just decided it was too much for us."

Louise Menzer, secretary and past president of Sacramento Quality Travelers, a service organization for the grocery industry, said that

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SQT has since sponsored the event.

"Jim Williamson of the original committee sent out a letter to all the old-timers inviting some other group to assume the task of planning the event," said Menzer, who spent 20 years working for the California Independent Grocers Association. "I went to one of our club meetings and presented a motion that we should take over the sponsoring of the event. This (year) was our third time sponsoring the event."

Menzer, 82, added that the event was originally an all-male function, but about five years ago the group voted to invite women to their annual luncheon. Among the current female members of the organization is its outgoing president, Annette Arnall. She will be replaced in that position by Larry Wright, a former Maxwell House coffee worker, on Dec. 13.

In addition to SQT's sponsorship of the old-timers luncheon, the organization hosts a crab feed at the Dante Club in February or March, an Easter egg hunt on the Saturday before Easter, free lunches for members on the first Friday in May,

a trip to a River Cats game in June, weekly golf get-togethers, an annual golf tournament and a Christmas installation luncheon, which benefits the Crisis Nursery Program of the Sacramento Children's Home.

Guest speakers have been a part of the annual program since after its 15th year. Other speakers have included the first Dallas Cowboys quarterback, Eddie LeBaron, an All-Star San Francisco 49ers player, Save Mart CEO and majority owner Bob Piccinini, and Chico State University President Paul J. Zingg, who spoke about sports, mainly baseball.

This year's edition of the event featured a speech about Raley's and the challenges that and other stores face due to an evolving industry and culture, by Alhambra, Calif. resident Kevin Curry, who has spent more than 35 years working in the retail food business.

Curry, who has held positions with Alpha Beta, Lucky's, Albertson's and Safeway, is presently Raley's senior vice president of sales, marketing, advertising and merchandising.

Also speaking at the event was the luncheon's emcee Marlin Larson, who formerly worked for Mayfair



Dante Club server Lisa Moore serves guest Mike Maravich during the 21st annual Old-timers Holiday Luncheon.

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Markets in Northern and Southern California and handled the total grocery operations for Albertson's in Northern California.

Larson, who moved to the area from Southern California in the 1970s, recalled the 1950s as a time when a customer went to a local gro-

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a desire to visit with a favorite butcher.

"The pricing was pretty much the same," said Larson, who attended the event with his wife, Gloria, who he married 58 years ago. "It didn't matter too much where you shopped. In about 1963, in Southern California, a chain called Lucky's started the discount operation, and then eventually it moved in 1971 up here into Northern California. All of a sudden pricing became important."

Larson also brought humor to the event. For instance, when referring to Calaci, he said, "Vince really goes back. I was talking to Vince the other day, and I said, 'When did you start the industry?' He said, 'Well, at the time, I called on the Indians at Sutter's Fort.'"

Menzer also spoke at the event, as she paid tribute to

former industry workers who had passed away since the last luncheon. These members were: Jerry Arthur (Safeway), Chuck Collings (Raley's), Dan Delise (Bradshaw, Inc. North), Henry Fong, Don Ingegolia (Tony's Fine Foods), Tony Kunis, Rich LaBryer (Bromor North), Irene Lunardi, Joe Mar, Clarkson "Bud" Mogford (Hills Bros. Coffee), Owen O'Donnell (Raddar Dallas Co.) and Earl Wainscott (Safeway).

While observing the attendees of last Friday's gathering as they socialized with one another, Williamson, an Arkansas native who moved to California in February 1947, said, "This is what it's all about."

Among those who were enjoying the company of other guests of the event was Calaci.

In reminiscing about his career, Calaci said, "It was a fun business. Typically a broker was as good as his word."

And in lamenting the changes that have oc-

curred since his retirement, Calaci said, "It's all computers now. I know how to turn one off, because I've got a 3-pound sledgehammer."

Don Luttrell, who worked for Minute Maid, a division of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., from 1964 to 1989, described the annual luncheon as "wonderful."

"It's nice to get everybody together," Luttrell said. "I've been here (at the luncheon) almost every time."

Lee Glaves, 84, had a long career in the industry that included working for a food broker and Mezzetta brand foods. He said that although it is nice to see so many people attend the event, "it is a little bit hard to remember everybody."

Ninety-two-year-old Floyd L. Levick, a Bayard, Neb. native who began residing in California following World War II, also shared details about his career.

"I got out of the service on the first of August (1945) and on the second of August, I went to work for Tom Raley," Levick said. "I was there at (the Raley's store at 4408 Freepoint Blvd.). I was the manager (of the store). I was with Raley's until 1963."

And while motioning to a man named Steve Homentowski, who was sitting to the left of him, Levick said, "He worked for me."

Homentowski responded by saying, "There was a little subdivision called Tallac Village and there was a shopping center there (which still exists today), and Mr. Levick (was managing Raley's) Store (No. 12) there (at 6000 14th Ave. in about 1955). There used to be a Stop-N-Shop (Market) across the street (at 6001 14th Ave.) years and years ago. I worked for (Levick) and I became assistant manager and I worked at several stores and I became manager (in about 1959). I worked (in Store No. 16 at 940 Sacramento Ave.) in Elkhorn Village (in today's West Sacramento) and I had (Store) No. 10, which was (at 525 W. El Camino Ave.) in

North Sacramento. I wound up in (Store) No. 5 (at 4408 Freepoint Blvd.) after (Raley's) built a new store. That was the last store that I managed before I left the company (in about 1965)."

Beyond those who attended the event, there were those who were unable to attend the event due to various reasons.

Williamson, whose work history includes his employment at small grocery stores in the late 1940s and working for Raley's from 1958 to 1993, said that among those who he missed seeing at the event was Steve Nettleton, who unfortunately suffers from Parkinson's disease.

Nettleton, who was the luncheon's emcee from 1993 to 2007, is also recognized for contributing more than \$2 million to improvements to Chico State University's former Roy Bohler (baseball) Field - now Nettleton Stadium.

In commenting about this year's luncheon, in general, Arnall said, "It was a wonderful get-together for everybody and hopefully we can get more people interested and more people to come next year."

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Lori Jean R. Hatten, Program Manager for one of UCP's Adult Day Programs, said there was a wide

range of disabilities for the workshop participants. Some only communicate with eyes or gestures and some are totally verbal and can read and write.

Hatten ran a similar program in San Francisco where they matched up dancers from a dance troupe with people with developmental disabilities, and she choreographed a dance about disabilities.

"When I came to UCP, I contacted Nancy Silva who had directed a play I was in years ago, and is a professor at American River College. So as I worked on a grant proposal for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, I was in talks with her about creating this series of workshops. We began working on the project in late fall 2012 and the grant was approved this summer."

Silva said the workshop focused on how to act on camera. "So they learned how to be quiet on the set, how a commercial was made and cues like action. The workshop started with an example. Then Nancy started engaging the students one at a time. If they could speak and read cue cards, then they had a speaking role. If not, then they were on the set with-



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out a speaking role. It was wonderful and endearing how gracious and natural the acting students were with our participants.

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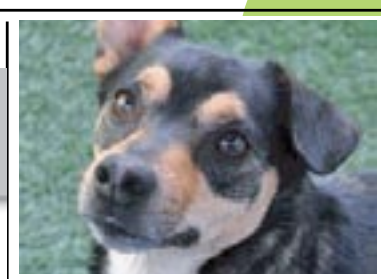
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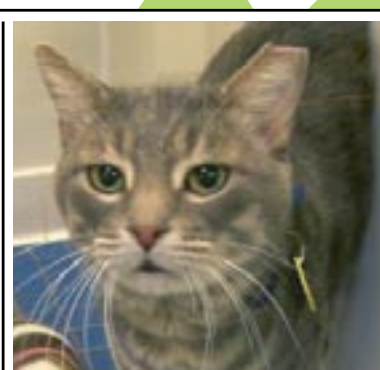
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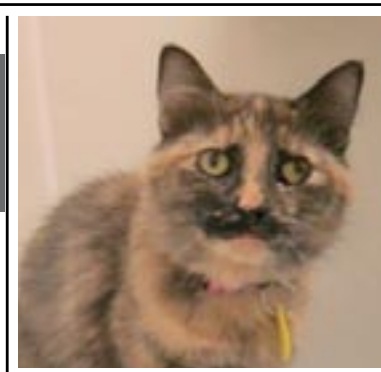
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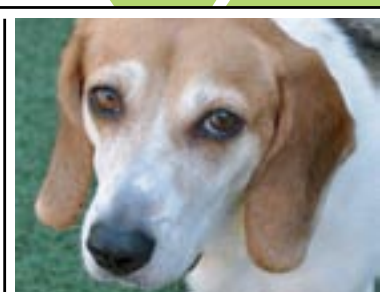
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# Get ready for ice skating along the boulevard at Iceland



Photo by Greg Brown



Photo courtesy of Terrie Kerth

On the weekend of Nov. 2-3, people helped get Iceland ready for the Nov. 22 grand opening. Volunteers are working fast and furious to get the historic Iceland Ice Arena on Del Paso Boulevard ready for the upcoming skating season. They're painting, moving dirt and sand with tractors, and leveling the new floor.

the fire was arson. An evil-doer poured gas through two windows that soaked through to the wooden bleachers. Then they stole a car and pulled it around nearby and torched the car. It came in on the gas fumes and kaboom! Blew the whole place up. The evil-doers were never caught.

Rob Kerth, Terrie's brother, asked the firefighters during the ordeal to try and save the letters if they could. And thankfully they did. They had to redo the neon because it exploded in the heat. The neon now burns bright along Del Paso Boulevard.

"There is some good news in all of this... the support from the community has been phenomenal," Terrie told me.

They got a bid on how much it would cost to remove all the debris and it was \$27,000. There wasn't insurance. People have asked, "Why didn't you have insurance?" Terrie told me, "The problem with a 70-year-old wooden building is the insurance costs more than we could bring in. Plus it's

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Photos courtesy of Terrie Kerth (above) Seventy-four years ago, skaters enjoyed being the first to hit the ice at Iceland.

## Iceland:

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hard to burn down a building with that much ice and dampness in it. You have to be motivated. And they were, which is sad."

The community reached out and helped with the debris that was left over from the arson fire. It was 10 feet deep. Iceland decided to put a call out for volunteers. Terrie had hoped maybe about 50 people would show up. The very first day they had more than 260 people come to help. "They worked all day in awful weather." They volunteered for weeks cleaning up the charred remains of the historic art deco building.

Now it's four years later, and, as I spoke with Terrie about Iceland rising from the ashes, she was very upbeat about the future of Iceland. "It's Saturday morning on a beautiful day and we have people out here helping. It's very special to have that happen."

All the paint is recycled and was donated by Amazon Paint. Terrie said, "They're giving us as much paint as we want and I'm really excited about that because it fits with our non-profit because it's so inexpensive."

She added, "it's not flashy but it adds a little color." Obviously they would like a roof back on the ice rink. Terrie told me, "We have a non-profit, we're raising money, we'd like to be open full-time."

One way they're raising money is through glass blocks that were once the windows in front of the art deco building. They're selling the custom etched glass blocks for \$100. They will have three lines about 10 letters each line. Some folks have blocks that say, "I met my wife here" with their names and the date. Others have said "In honor of" or "in memory of." It's their main fundraiser. "We're gonna put our first window in after the first of the year."

Iceland Ice Skating Rink is going to have a big splash on opening night. Jot this date down on your ice skates. November 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. is the Iceland Extravaganza. For more information go to [www.skatesacramento.com](http://www.skatesacramento.com) or check out the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/iceland.arena>



All other photos by Greg Brown. Volunteers are working fast and furious to get the historic Iceland Ice Arena on Del Paso Boulevard ready for the upcoming skating season. They're painting, moving dirt and sand with tractors, and leveling the new floor in preparation, for the grand opening on Friday, Nov. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.



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# Carmichael Emblem Club readies for holiday season

Christmas is in the air. Decorations are up and sparkling in all the public areas; Christmas music tells us it's almost time for "Rudolph's famous sleigh ride." To start the holiday season off right, the Carmichael Emblem ladies will lend a helping hand with donations needed to fill the Christmas baskets, which, in turn, are delivered to families less fortunate than ourselves by the members of the Carmichael Elks Lodge, No. 2103.

Emblem Ladies will soon don their baking aprons and the number one item on their priority list is "cookies" to be donated to the Elks Annual Children's Christmas Party, which will be held this year on Dec. 1. This has been a long-standing tradition for both the Emblem and the Elks organizations. The Emblem ladies look forward to helping set up and assist with refreshments. It's a win-win for all. The members enjoy seeing the sparkle in the children's eyes, as they munch on yummy cookies, and work on the crafts provided to them as part of the event's entertainment. Naturally, in order for the day to be complete, "Santa" will be on hand to distribute Christmas gifts to the children and wish everyone "A Very Merry Christmas."

Working with the Ronald McDonald House is another holiday tradition that brings true joy to all in-

involved. Members will again be on hand to help set up and decorate the Christmas trees that are placed in each of the residents' bungalows. There are eight bungalows on the premises of the hospital. They provide lodging for the families of children receiving care at the hospital. It is a tradition for the staff of Ronald McDonald House to host the annual Christmas party for the resident children, and the Emblem ladies will again assist with the setting up and serving of desserts (which are donated in part by club members) and hot chocolate.

Through out the year one of the Emblem community projects is the donation of color crayons, coloring books, activity books, and pencils, puzzle books, story books and magazines for the adults. Christmas is a special time for the children, and the Emblem members take great pride in providing these items for this holiday party. Should anyone be interested in contributing any of these items, or making a donation toward the purchase of these items, contact president Marylyn Herbst.

In addition to the local charitable projects, the Emblem members have strong ties to the "Twin Vision" project, which is the transformation of books, specifically for blind children, age 0 to 10. It is a time consuming process, performed by volunteers. The

books are first taken apart, a Braille interpretation of that page is inserted and the book is reassembled. This allows the sighted person to read to a blind child and visa-versa. Volunteers at the Kenneth Jernigan Library for Blind Children do the actual assembly work. When the transformation process is complete, the books are distributed throughout the United States, Canada and other countries of the world.

Anyone interested in helping with this project can call 346-5079.

On a more personal note, members of the Carmichael Emblem Club, No. 355 will hold their annual Christmas lunch at Español Restaurant on Nov. 19. This is always a festive gathering at sets the mood for members to do the many things that the Christmas season requires of them. Español Restaurant is located at 5723 Folsom Blvd.

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**Rotary Club of South Sacramento meeting**  
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**Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings**  
A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m. The meetings discuss our fund raising Projects and Community Service, often with speakers from our community.

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**Adopt a child for the holidays**  
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.

**Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown**  
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**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 review 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.

**Soroptimist International Sacramento presents Thad Nodine**  
Nov. 15: Thad Nodine, author of Touch and Go, a book about Foster Kids & Foster Parents, will be the guest speaker at the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m. at Casa Garden. The entire speaker series is posted on the Club Calendar page of the S.I.S. website at www.soroptimistsacramento.org. A limited number of seats are available to the public on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$15. If you want to reserve a seat for lunch and hear an upcoming speaker, contact Rosalie Gadden; rosalieladden@comcast.net. Meetings are held Fridays, 11:30 a.m. at Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento.

**River City Quilt Guild annual show**  
Nov. 15-17: the River City Quilt Guild annual show featuring quilts, wearable art, vendors, demonstrations, silent auction, door prizes and a country store. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St. Admission: \$7 per day, Ages 12 and under free if accompanied by an adult. For more information, email quiltshow@rivercityquilters.org

**Tree Pruning Clinic**  
Nov. 16: From 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., learn how to help your trees develop good structure and form. A variety of pruning 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. Bring photos of specific tree pruning questions. For more information, visit www.sacree.com/events. Belle Coolidge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento, 95822

**Sacramento Senator Lions Club's Dandelions Arts & Crafts Show**  
Nov. 17: Sacramento Senator Lions Club's Dandelions Arts & Crafts Show will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Riverside Elks Lodge, NO. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, 95831.

**Classic cars, Barbershop Harmony and Happy Holidays**  
Nov. 17: There will be two shows by the Capitolaire on Sunday, Nov. 17, one at 2 and one at 5 p.m. There will be special guest performers: ~ Sweet Adeline quartet and "Anticipation." The California Automobile Museum is located at 2200 Front Street, Sacramento. Tickets are \$20, in which includes museum admission. For more information, visit capitolaire.org www.capitolaire.org/. More information: info@capitolaire.org or 888-877-9806.

**Sacramento Community Concert Association performance**  
Nov. 17: SCCA presents Sac State Jazz Singers & C-Sus and The Doug Pauly Quintet at 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 1300 N St. Under the new direction of Gaw Yang, Sac State Jazz Singers and C-Sus vocal ensembles will present exciting sounds that are influenced

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## Embroiderers' Guild of America, Camellia Chapter

Nov. 18: At this meeting, learn how to complete the hardanger ornament begun at an earlier meeting, 7 p.m. at SMUD, 6201 S St. Guests welcome. Free. 223-2751.

## Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Nov. 19: 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](http://www.rotary.org)

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## Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

Nov. 19: 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.

## The Asian Community Center Senior Services Center presents Tips For Choosing Cell Phone Service

Nov. 19: Tips For Choosing Cell Phone Service. Free. 10:30-11:30 a.m. 7375 Park City Dr, Sacramento. 393-9026 ext 330.

## The Asian Community Center Senior Services Center presents Older Adult Community Resource Workshops

Nov. 19: Older Adult Community Resource Workshops: Keeping Holidays Safe For Loved-Ones and Caregivers. Addresses concerns of families with older adults who can no longer live independently. Free. 10-11:30 a.m. 7375 Park City Dr, Sacramento. 393-9026 ext 330.

## East Sac Rotary

Nov. 20: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Nov. 21: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

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## Free golf lessons offered at Bing Maloney Golf Complex

Nov. 24: 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 Freeport Blvd. in Sacramento. Call 808-2283 for more information.

## Harvest Festival 2013

Nov. 22-24: Original art and craft show will be held at the annual Harvest Festival will be held at Cal Expo, Pavilion Hall, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento 95815. It is one of the largest indoor arts and craft shows on the West Coast, offering over 24,000 items that are all handmade in the country. Guests can browse original art, pottery, clothing, photography, jewelry, decor and more. Throughout the weekend there is live music and entertainment, a hands on KidZone, delicious food and prize drawings. The event runs Friday and Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday from 10am-5pm. Tickets are \$9 general admission, \$7 Seniors and kids 12 and Under are free. Plus, anyone who brings a non perishable food donation to support the Elk Grove Food Bank Services will receive \$2 off admission. For tickets and additional details, please visit [www.harvestfestival.com](http://www.harvestfestival.com) or call 800-346-1212.

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## Sacramento City College Annual Holiday Art Sale

Dec 4, 5 & 6: Buy unique handmade gifts and support the SCC Art Department and Kondos Gallery. Dec 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 6:45 p.m. Dec 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Fischbacher Art Building; Kondos Gallery; room 123, 3835 Freeport Blvd 95822. 916 558-2559 or [www.kondosgallery.org](http://www.kondosgallery.org) for information. Parking is \$1 (you get a parking slip from a vending station)

## East Sac Rotary

Dec. 4: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. [www.eastsacrotary.com](http://www.eastsacrotary.com).

## Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Dec. 5: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

# Gathering place, Milagro, coming to Carmichael

By STEVE LAROSA

Milagro, Spanish for miracle, truly exemplifies the transformation from the disappointment that was the Hillside Center in Carmichael to the soon-to-be realized dream of two long-time Carmichael residents. The developers, husband and wife team Allan Davis and Nancy Emerson-Davis want the public to be aware their project is well past the speculation phase.

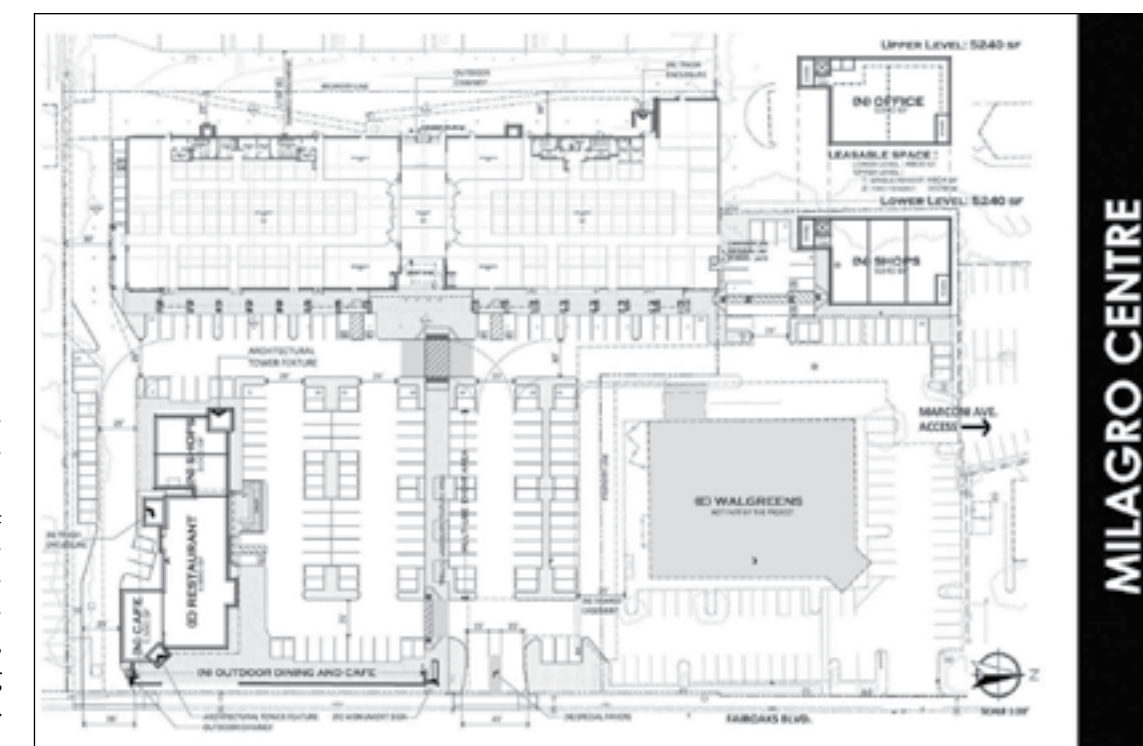
With architectural plans drawn up and design concepts in place, their Milagro Centre held un-groundbreaking ceremonies on Thursday, Nov. 7. (Milagro Centre is located on Fair Oaks Boulevard, between El Camino and Marconi.) The program included shovels decorated with the logo, Tonka truck centerpieces, chocolate shovel favors and what may have been the first lighted un-groundbreaking shovel. There were also slide shows of Milagro architectural drawings as well as various photos depicting life in Carmichael.

"We like to think outside the box at Milagro Properties, so we're holding an un-groundbreaking," said developer Nancy Emerson-Davis days before the event. "We will have shovels, but they'll be pointed

up to represent the direction we want to take Carmichael."

Milagro Centre will be a gathering-place for residents of the meandering Carmichael area, offering a variety of vendors, from casual to fine dining to unique specialty shops. This culinary hub with courtyard music will be visually enriched by gardens accented by palm trees as well as an inviting fireplace, with open seating for dining and lounging throughout the center. A banquet facility for special occasions is part of the mix. The new Milagro Centre will encompass approximately 50,000 square feet of retail space, with water features and palm trees enhancing the entrance along Fair Oaks Boulevard.

"This represents a multi-million dollar investment on our part in a center that had fallen into disrepair," said Allan Davis. "We live in



Drawing courtesy

Here is a proposed drawing of the Milagro marketplace, which had a un-groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 7.

the neighborhood...we love Carmichael and feel that Milagro, in the European tradition of the plaza, will be a gathering place, to generations of families from all over the area."

Over four decades ago, famed Sacramento developer, Joe Benvenuti moved his daughter, Nancy Emerson-Davis, into a duplex he'd built in Carmichael. Now, in the tradition of the late Sacramento developer, Nancy is making great strides in the realization of her own dream project.

"47 years ago, I wondered what I was doing in Carmichael, and now, in reflection, why I've made it my home. When I sip my first glass of wine at Milagro Centre, I'll realize the 'why' and tip a glass to my father and thank him for the opportunity given to me. I want Carmichael to be to me what Sacramento was to him," said Nancy Emerson-Davis.

"Carmichael's main street, Fair Oaks Boulevard, is being revitalized by both public and private investment. Sacramento County trans-

formed the intersection of Fair Oaks and Marconi Avenue with improved landscaping featuring towering palm trees. Soon after, private investment followed north on Fair Oaks Boulevard. Now Milagro Centre is breaking ground south of the intersection and will create an attractive destination featuring retail shopping and restaurant amenities. I applaud the vision being presented by Milagro Investments," Susan Peters, Sacramento County Supervisor said.

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