

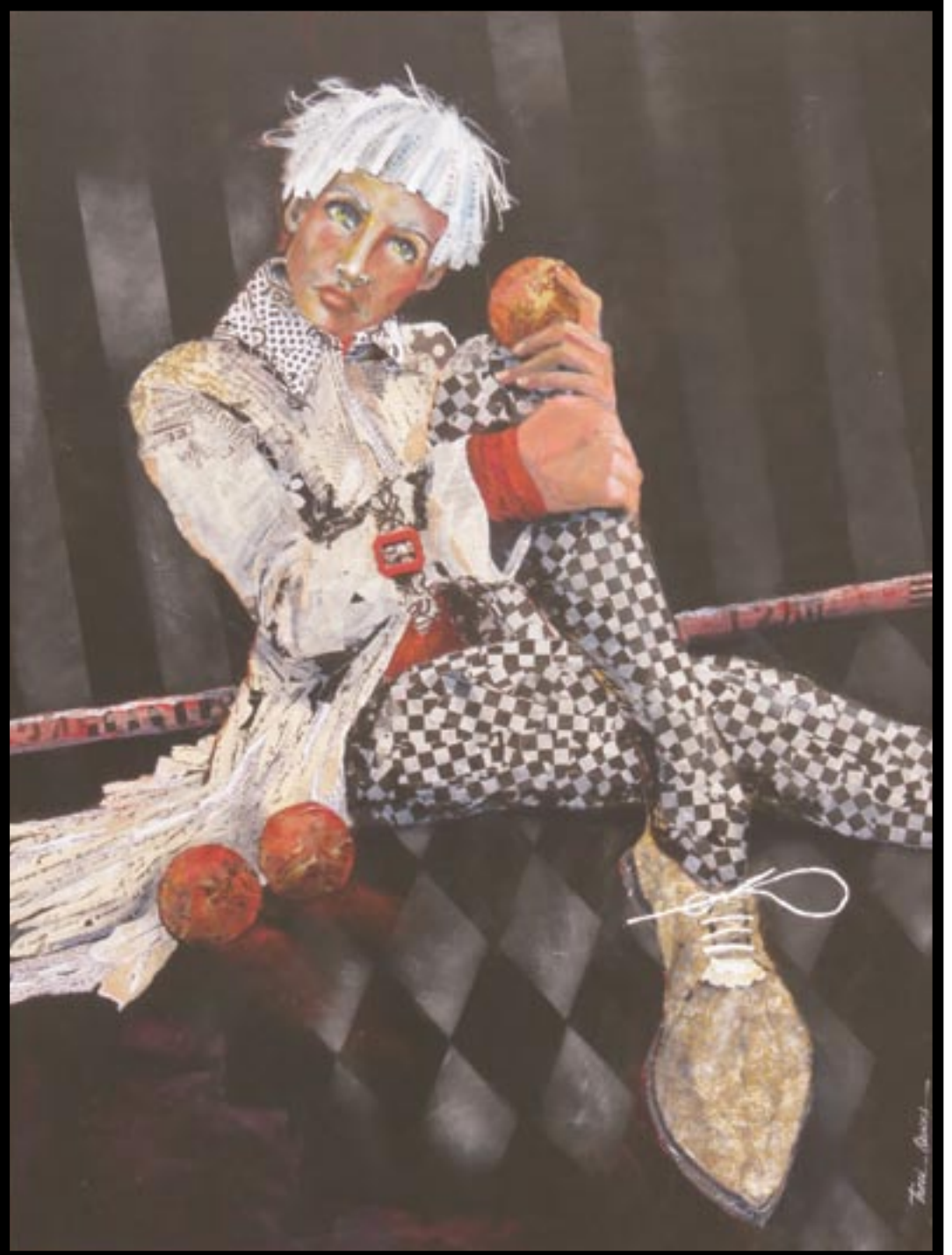
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Friends of the State Fair offers opportunities to assist the fair

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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During a recent visit to the California State Fair, the Arden-Carmichael News met with Carmichael resident Harry Moose, CEO of the Friends of the California State Fair, a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization with a mission "to promote public awareness (of the fair) and provide support for the many community events and activities held on the grounds of Cal Expo."

While wearing the standard, dark blue apron like the ones worn by other Friends volunteers, Harry responded to various questions regarding the organization.

After being asked to speak about the history and function of the Friends group, Harry, 68, who pronounces his last name as "mows," said, "The very first president worked for an (advertisement) agency and thought, 'Hey, why don't we form a volunteer group out here?' It started out as a small group of people who helped the fair do a lot of different things. We have all kinds of things here. Somebody has to take them in, register them and when the fair is over, somebody has to be there to get them out. So, many of our friends do that."



Harry Moose joined the Friends of the California State Fair in 1993, and is presently serving as the organization's CEO.
Photo by Lance Armstrong

"Last year, we had probably the biggest year helping the fair with 10,000-plus hours. But it started out very small. It was about 40 people in the beginning, which as far as I can trace back was about 1977. They would do a barbecue and raise a little money and do things at the fair (to assist)."

Harry explained that it was changes in the economy that led to the creation of the Friends of the Fair.

"When (the fair) came here from the old fairgrounds (in 1968), it was brand new and the economy was such that they had lots of employees," Harry said. "Well, now we went through some recessions, and the State Fair is not supported by the (California State) Legislature at all with one penny. They have to make all the money out here to keep it going. So, having said that, the volunteer group (was formed and) started to grow and we now are right at 240 people. Any given day out here, we will have 150 to 170 people out here volunteering."

Harry next spoke about specific Friends activities, saying, "(The Friends volunteers) do various things. We work the information booths and the Expo Center or the A/B Building, which used to be called the Counties Building. We have a farmers' market, where we sell fresh fruit at a reasonable price. And all of that money that we make goes into the (Friends') scholar-

ship fund. We're a 501(c)(3) (nonprofit organization), we run the California State Fair Friends of the Fair scholarship and we give away about \$34,000 a year. And we have 24 scholarships. We just added a trade scholarship. You can either go from high school to junior college or to (training for a trade), so we can help students out. So, our people volunteer there."

"We also have a Coca-Cola booth and all the profits there go into the scholarship fund, as well as the farmers' market and two other venues - the Snack Shack, which is healthy snacks up in (Expo Center) Building 2. And then we resurrected a place called the Gazebo, which was run by a group of senior citizens. But they finally just gave up and it sat dormant for a number of years. I kept saying, 'Why don't we sell ice cream out of there?' And we sell ice cream and milk and juice and all kinds of things now. And of course, no one is paid, and all the profits from that go back into the scholarship fund."

"We have a live auction, and that's where most of our money comes from. And we were very successful this year. And so, that money goes into our fund, and after this year, even with the payout, we should be just over \$400,000. We built that from a \$25,000 grant 25 years ago. So, lots of volunteers are very dedicated

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- 14 Love to pieces
- 15 Place to hole up
- 16 Metamorphic stage
- 17 Like some colonies
- 18 Darwinian process
- 20 Take a dip
- 21 Christmas warmer
- 23 Band's booking
- 24 If all ___ fails...
- 26 Crestless wave
- 27 Mythical queen of Carthage
- 28 Indian butter
- 30 Nail anagram
- 32 Jumble
- 37 Camel's kin
- 40 Decorate
- 41 Test for teens
- 42 Discourage
- 43 Mortise's mate
- 44 Witness account
- 46 Plane wing part
- 48 Academic period
- 49 Leave, slangily
- 51 Studio sign
- 54 Perched on
- 58 Coffee container
- 59 Drag out
- 61 St. crosser
- 62 Knockoff
- 64 Shoot down
- 66 Yoga position
- 67 H. Rider Haggard classic

DOWN

- 1 Temporary failure
- 2 Well-suited
- 3 BBQer's need
- 4 Historic period
- 5 Depend (on)
- 6 "The Sound of Music" song
- 7 River barrier
- 8 Small hill
- 9 Garden pest
- 10 Magician's prop
- 11 Start
- 12 Egg-shaped
- 13 It takes two
- 19 Laze about
- 22 Software buyer
- 25 Asian appetizer
- 27 Predicament
- 29 Hair reddener
- 31 Birch relative
- 32 Alley prowler
- 33 Poetic tribute
- 34 Type of verb
- 35 Dig in
- 36 Paper supplier
- 38 Cruise's "A Few Good ___"
- 39 Seurat's forte
- 45 Shore bird
- 47 Sailor's stop
- 49 Muscleman's pride
- 50 Jousting gear
- 52 Serenity spoiler
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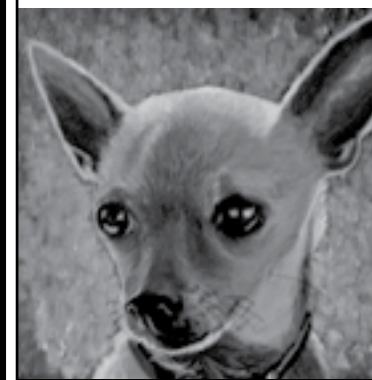
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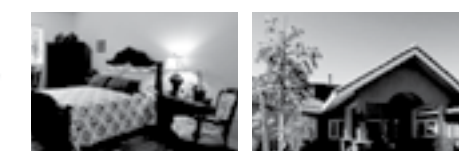
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Fair:

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to that scholarship fund, so that we can help educate a lot of our young people."

The Friends group, which is involved with various other activities at Cal Expo, begins its year in February, with mailings. But, of course, the majority of the volunteers' involvement occurs during the duration of the fair.

Harry commented about a portion of the diversity of the Friends volunteers, saying, "We have people in wheelchairs that can't really do much at the fair, but they come in before. They can put envelopes together, and do all of that stuff. We have many special needs people, and they're all welcome. There are jobs we can get. We're pretty diversified. So, if they want to volunteer, they'll find a position."

Most Friends volunteers work four-hour shifts and 120 to 160 people are providing their assistance at the fair each day.

As for Harry's schedule at the fair, he said, "I'm out here usually at 8 in the morning and leave at 10:30 at night. So, my wife (Sharon) keeps telling me, 'You know, you're getting a little older.' But, you know, it invigorates me to see the little children and how excited they can become. And we have such great things for all."

After being asked to provide a verbal invitation for those who might be interested in joining the Friends organization, Harry said, "If they're sitting around wondering what to do with their time, come on out, we would love to have them become a Friend. And there's no long-term commitment. You come out, if you don't like it, you don't have to come back."

"What they can do is go on the State Fair website, californiastatefair.org, and you'll see a little tag (for Friends of the Fair). But if you're not an online person, you can call



Photo by Lance Armstrong
Carmichael resident Harry Moose, CEO of the Friends of the California State Fair, is shown alongside a small, stuffed replica of the fair's Poppy mascot.

the State Fair and they will hook you up with us. They operate from 8 o'clock in the morning during the fair until 10 o'clock at night. So, they will get a message to us.

"A lot of our people are not online and that's OK. We'll

get you an application, and get you over and get you your credentials to get in. And we can use volunteers even at this year's fair. We have spots we can put them in and give them a nice menu of things to choose from. Next year, we'll go out and promote it and get more volunteers."

Because the fair has not yet ended, Harry was asked to describe the entertainment value that this year's fair provides for families.

"It's the best value in Sacramento right now when you look at the cost of everything," Harry said. "You can bring a family of four, if you go online and get the Poppy

Pack. You get the tickets, you get the parking, you get the monorail ride, and you can spend a whole day out here with your family and enjoy it. And there's great food, but we also have fresh fruit from the Certified Farmers Market at the farm. So, a family of four, after they've tasted the fried zucchini and fried whatever, they can come out and cleanse their system with great fruit, (including) watermelon, at reasonable prices.

"And there are a lot of things that go on here. (There's) everything from drone racing to (agricultural) heritage, and everything in between."

Staying young at heart

Intergenerational program brings students and seniors together

Ninety-nine year old Mrs. Irma Abbott smiles when the kids enter the building. For the last six years she has been a buddy to kids from Kohler Elementary School in North Highlands, California. Each month during the school year, the bus pulls up and 30 kindergartners or first graders line up to enter the assisted living building at Eskaton Village Carmichael, home to more than 35 residents.

"I taught high school and junior high, but I never taught the 'little ones,'" said Mrs. Abbott. At least not until this program entered her life. The only difference now is the kids have just as much to teach Mrs. Abbot as she has to teach them. Next year, when she turns 100 years old, Mrs. Abbott is looking forward to being with her buddy.

"When I am 100 years old, I am going to be a buddy!" said Briana, 6, in a very shy but excited voice.

"All of my students absolutely love their Eskaton buddies, and look forward to seeing them and writing to them. Anytime

I say the word Eskaton, my students start beaming with happiness! It is truly a wonderful experience," said Kohler Elementary School teacher Bobbi Donovan, founding teacher of the Eskaton Kids Connection program that now reaches 650 children in 23 classrooms just six years after its inception.

The success of this program caught the attention of the California Assisted Living Association (CALA). Eskaton was honored to receive the prestigious "Innovations in Quality" award during the 2015 annual CALA conference. Eskaton, a nonprofit organization, encourages all long-term care organizations to adopt Kids Connection or create their own intergenerational program. Studies continue to show that older adults who no longer socialize are at higher risk for heart disease, early onset dementia, high blood pressure, a weakened immune system and many other chronic health problems. Staying socially active and maintaining interper-

sonal relationships can help good physical and emotional health and cognitive function.

Eskaton residents interact and bond with students, share important life skills, become familiar with new technology and gain a sense of liveliness and positivity. In turn students improve in areas of reading and writing, learn social skills that can be applied in real world situations and develop compassion and respect for older adults and the aging process. Its strategy is based on the idea of introducing new educational experiences and opportunities



Photos courtesy of Eskaton
Ninety-nine year old Mrs. Abbott shared how valuable the Kids Connection program has been to her over the last six years at Eskaton Village Carmichael. She taught high school and junior high but was never exposed to the "little ones" until this program entered her life. Next year, she turns 100 years old, is looking forward to being with her buddy.

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"Self/Less"

Gramercy Pictures (A Comcast Company) offers an action thriller with a touch of the bizarre, "Self/Less" starring Ben Kingsley, Ryan Reynolds and Victor Garber. In present-day New York City, Damian, a man who "built New York" though his financial prowess, is dying from cancer. Through the suggestion of his attorney and adviser Martin (Victor Garber), he investigates a new possibility that his enormous wealth may provide for him, a new kind of second chance made possible by the advance technology of a very secret organization headed by a mysterious and mannered Doctor Albright (Matthew Goode).

Albright offers a radical procedure that will "offer humanity's greatest minds more time to fulfill their potential," or transfer Damian's conscious-

ness and memory to the body of a healthy young man (Ryan Reynolds) that has been supposedly "grown" in a lab synthetically. Thus, this would prolong Damian's life, yet with a totally new identity. He would be forced to give up his old identity completely to preserve the secrecy of the organization that provides the service.

The remarkable temptation to live again as a healthy young man, rather than with a body riddled with cancer with few months to live is sufficiently attractive to Damian to forfeit his past life, as he'd be able to literally take much of his financial acumen with him. He makes the deal, and travels to New Orleans to "die" and assume the new body. There are adjustments getting used to his new vessel, as the essence of Damian's memory will take some time to connect to the nerves of the new body. With

training supervised by Dr. Albright, he adapts and remarks "It has that new body smell."

As he begins to feel comfortable in his newborn world, he is plagued by occasional psychotic episodes, which are only diminished by regular doses of medication to keep visions from occurring. Visions, which strangely are entirely new to his mind, and not from his own memory. Where could they have come from? In nightmarish distorted arrays, he sees a young woman (Natalie Martinez), a young girl (Jaynee-Lynne Kinchen). There are episodes of the point of view of a soldier in combat and weird and colorful objects. These visions begin to paint a picture that will lead him to a startling discovery, and eventually he will meet the women of his visions.

To reveal more would spoil the plot of this picture entirely, a movie which I thoroughly enjoyed. Director Tarsem Singh keeps things moving briskly, mounting



tension and suspense most effectively. So much so, I had to avert my eyes from the screen out of fear of what might happen next on more than one occasion.

The movie's editor, Robert Duffy, has done some splendid cutting here, in particular, a sequence in New Orleans. Duffy intercuts a basketball game and the young Damian's exploration of his new body's youth with sports and lovemaking cut to a musical rhythm that was very well done. The performances are all very good, and Ryan Reynolds is very likeable. Kingsley delivers as he always does, and Victor Garber has been a favorite of mine since his turn in "Titanic" where he played

the tragic ship's designer, Thomas Andrews.

All these good points make for a great night at the movies, and I really liked it, however, as neat and far-out as the concept sounds, it is not original. It is not possible that "Self/Less" writers David and Alex Pastor wrote this screenplay without having seen John Frankenheimer's "Seconds" (1966). That film was based on a novel by David Ely, in which the movie poster's tag line announced: A second chance to live. A second chance to die. The picture, which starred Rock Hudson against type in what was said to be his own favorite work on screen, has a creepiness that is just as chilling and disturbing today as when it first came out with its unusual and groundbreaking photography by the legendary James Wong Howe. In fact, it is much more scary and mysterious than this ramped up modern movie modification. If you have seen "Seconds" this will be self evident. If not, "Self-Less" will be a great time spent at the movies. If you like it as much as I did, I encourage you to seek out Frankenheimer's "Seconds" (Paramount) to see a similar story told by some of the last master craftsmen of cinema's golden age.



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Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. named Carmichael 4th of July parade grand marshal

By BARRY WISDOM

As Jim Grey's ride – a vintage blue Cadillac convertible – carefully made its way along the Carmichael Fourth of July parade route, the 90-year-old retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. might well have flash-backed on less-friendly missions as a World War II and Cold War-era bomber navigator.

But on Saturday, July 4, he was greeted by waving and smiling children and adults, and not Nazi flak and ominous squadrons of Soviet MiGs.

Grey, an Elks Lodge life member who moved to Carmichael in 1964, seemed like a natural choice to serve as the Carmichael Elks Lodge's grand marshal.

"We look for someone who personifies why we're a country," said Jim Warrick, secretary of the Carmichael Elks Lodge. "Not just the military, but the spirit of our country – a patriot who believes in the good of America. Besides his work in military, he went on to be an outstanding member of the community."

When invited to lead the two-mile procession, Grey – in typical "Great-est Generation" fashion – was taken aback at the honor.

"It's hard to believe something like this would happen to me," he said in a post-parade chat alongside wife Charlene at the Cypress Avenue lodge.

A longtime banker, Grey was enamored by flying since he was a boy growing up in Wisconsin. He recalls sweeping up the local airport for an occasional free ride in an open biplane.

With his eye on a pair of wings, Grey participated in the "Aviation Cadet" program in his teens, joining the Army when he turned 18, taking his basic training in San Antonio.

"I wanted to be a pilot," said Grey, whose memoir – "Vanishing Contrails" – was published in 2011.

After initial testing, Grey was called into his commanding officer's office where he recalls being told he passed "with flying colors," but that the Army Air Corps needed navigators.

"So, guess what – you're going to be a navigator."

Grey admits being disappointed, but the good soldier honored his commitment and performed above and beyond the call of duty. Stationed in England during World War II, he and his fellow bomber crewmates made countless successful bombing raids in the skies above Germany in such aircraft as his beloved B17.

After the war ended, Grey stayed in the Army Air Corps and he attended pilot school in 1952.

As a pilot, in the post-War, Cold War era, Grey was charged with missions designed to keep the fragile



The Carmichael Fourth of July parade's grand marshal, Jim Grey, a 90-year-old retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col., made his way down Fair Oaks Boulevard waving at crowds from this vintage blue Cadillac convertible.

peace threatened by the increasingly hostile Soviet Union.

"It was a very tense situation," he said.

It was during this time that Grey experienced his "closest call" as an aviator.

Headed to an Alaskan USAF base to deliver an atomic bomb, he and his crew encountered a mechanical problem that necessitated an immediate landing and a dump of fuel. But the nuke they carried was strapped near the adjacent forward tank and they couldn't bleed off that tank's fuel.

The aircraft landed safely, but Grey said it was an extremely anxious mission.

Grey retired in 1964, but continued to fly recreationally as recently as 2009.

But the cost and upkeep of flying made it prohibitive and he was forced to give it up.

A far-from-easy decision, learning to live without the opportunity to soar through the sky controls in hand has been challenging.

"I love to fly," he said. "I love to fly."

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Not for the faint at heart:

The Alternative Arts Collective presents gripping production of Macbeth at the Chautauqua Playhouse

By BARRY WISDOM

When the Uptown Sacramento-based The Alternative Arts Collective suffered a fire last year in the middle of its run of "Angels in America," cast and crew scrambled to honor the thespian credo of "the show must go on."

"We ended up finishing the production of 'Angels' (using the workshop as a make-shift dressing room) and then moved out of our Blue Box theater space," said TAAC Artistic Director David Blue Garrison. "We've been homeless ever since."

Far from down and out, Garrison and company have launched a project called "Midtown Blue."

"It's a web series on YouTube," said Garrison. "It's been an awesome experience. We also did a fundraising production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for three nights that was an enormous success. That production was hosted at the ArtSpace 1616, and in September we'll be doing 'Steel Magnolias' at BlackTop Comedy for two weekends — all in an effort to get us closer to getting a new/permanent home."

At the moment, however, Garrison is readying its production of William Shakespeare's "Macbeth," which is set to open "on the road" at Carmichael's Chautauqua Playhouse July 31 and run through Aug. 15.

"I've known Rodger Hoopman for a while," said Garrison, "having worked with him on a few projects. Over the last few years, he's invited TAAC to come to Chautauqua to do something and we've never been able to make it work."

"TAAC loves to perhaps spread itself a bit thin, but this time it worked out and he wanted to give us an opportunity to produce something large on a proper stage and here we are. I will admit however that 'Macbeth' was not my first choice, even though I've directed 'Hamlet,' 'Tempest' and 'Lear.' 'Macbeth' was the obvious next choice, I was actually preparing to mount 'The Visit.'"

Calling the Broadway hit one of his "all-time favorite shows," Garrison's desire to mount the show locally was impossible due to its Broadway run.



Ashley Eigenman (Macbeth) is convinced the ghost of her deceased friend, Banquo is sitting at the table with them. Also in the scene are actors, Kyle Burrow (Lady Macbeth), Elizabeth Dean (Ross) and Alexander Quinonez (Reporter).



(above left) Aviv Hannan and Elizabeth Dean discuss the murder of Duncan and the state of Scotland.

(above right) Ashley Eigenman recites one of Macbeth's monologues about whether she should pursue her ambition no matter the cost.



Photos by Barry Wisdom

"They froze the royalties for the script. And in a mad scramble, I relented and allowed myself to do 'Macbeth.'"

In true TAAC fashion, Garrison wasn't aiming for a commonplace or traditional take on the Bard's classic — not that inspiration was dripping from his pores.

"This was the first time I went into an audition for a Shakespeare adaptation that I had no real concept for," admitted Garrison. "I mean, I knew the show very well, and knew that in some way I could make a commentary on current politics, a militant country, etc. But I let the actors who auditioned inform what I ultimately did with the show."

"And through development, even after casting the show has evolved and morphed into what it is now and I'm very proud of it. Right now, we are about two-and-a-half weeks out from opening, so naturally we still have a lot of work to do. There are many sound cues in the show, lighting, set stuff and

polishing up the staging, but I can see in my production, is almost a victim of Lady Macbeth. Another layer that has been added is that Kyle Burrow, a 20-year-old actor is playing Lady Macbeth in a pseudo-David Bowie, androgynous performance. He spends the majority of the production in heels, not as a woman, nor a drag queen by any means, but simply a man who prefers to look and dress like a woman. It's been great fun to develop."

Though Garrison is sticking closely to the original text, his ultimate aim is to provide an accessible, entertaining and interesting evening (or afternoon) of theater that will surprise and delight.

"This production is the most different from other versions of the show in that the cut has been extreme. I never hesitate to change a line or switch a scene when adapting Shakespeare. Beside being public domain, he and I also share a birthday, so I feel it's my divine right to meddle with the text," laughed Garrison. "In this production of 'Macbeth' the largest difference is that Lady Macbeth not only lives past her famous 'Out damn spot' scene, she is also the major mastermind in all the plotting. A large majority of Macbeth's lines have been given to Lady Macbeth. Thus she is the neck turning the head that wears the crown, whichever way she pleases. Ashley Eigenman, who plays Macbeth

in my production, is almost a victim of Lady Macbeth. Another layer that has been added is that Kyle Burrow, a 20-year-old actor is playing Lady Macbeth in a pseudo-David Bowie, androgynous performance. He spends the majority of the production in heels, not as a woman, nor a drag queen by any means, but simply a man who prefers to look and dress like a woman. It's been great fun to develop."

"Another thing exciting about this production are the three witches. All three played by one actor, Aviv Hannan. And she's stunning. I don't really want to reveal quite yet how she does it. But it's fantastic."

"The audience can expect from this production, a lot of blood and guts, some sensual content, but also a gripping production where the actors are perfectly serving up a story. Not for the faint of heart, but Bard buffs and those who usually avoid Shakespeare are likely to have a great time."

Mail-in ballots to be sent out Monday for parcel tax measure

By MONICA STARK
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Keep an eye on your mail in the coming days as mail-in ballots will be sent out starting on Monday for a parcel tax measure for those residing in the Arden Manor Recreation and Park District. Measure C, is a special tax, which will fund neighborhood security patrol services, improved parks and amenities, renovated community facilities, and additional park safety features within the boundaries of the Arden Manor Recreation and Park District which is bound by Arden Way, Fair Oaks Boulevard, Watt and Fulton avenues.

According to the park district's website, Measure C will replace the expiring landscape and lighting district assessment established in 1995, and ensure that the district is able to provide parks and facilities for the next 20 years. Measure C funding will be used only by the Arden Manor Recreation and Park District and may not be shifted or diverted to any other state or local agency, meaning that the investment by the community will be used solely within district boundaries and under the control and oversight of district residents. This funding will ensure that regardless of economic conditions or future tax shifts, neighborhood parks and facilities will be maintained and developed, improving the quality of life for residents.



Photos courtesy

According to an impartial analysis prepared by the Sacramento County Counsel, if approved by voters, taxes from the passage of Measure C will provide neighborhood security patrol services, improvements and renovations to parks, community buildings and aquatic facilities and additional park and facility safety features. The annual tax rate would be \$84 per parcel for single family residential and condominium, \$84 per multi-family residential unit, \$504 per acre

for commercial, industrial, professional, institutional, and utility, \$42 per acre for undeveloped single family, \$252 per acre for undeveloped multi-family, and \$252.00 per acre for undeveloped non-residential.

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Local author spins romance and intrigue

by LEIGH STEPHENS

Coy Rene Granderson, Sr. sits in a corner book nook at Sacramento Avid Reader, signing books and visiting with friends and family. He is a large, attractive man with a sunshine smile that lights up as he talks with admirers. It's the beginning of summer and the heat is seeping into the bookstore. By his side is his youngest teen daughter who is drawing. Coy proudly introduces her and talks about her creativity.

Granderson has just published his first novel, *Accounts of a Reporter*, about an adventurous New York investigative reporter, Jamal Montgomery, who leaves his unfaithful, pregnant ex-wife Desiree and moves to Sacramento to start a new life. Wanting to forget the past, Jamal gets involved with drug lords, police corruption, love triangles, sexual encounters, and strippers. The story takes Jamal from Sacramento to Barcelona where... "he has his wits, his balls, and his instincts," but will these be enough to save him from international crime boss Francis DaPrato?

The author spent his formative years in Oak Park, Rio Linda, and the Wat-

sonville, Santa Cruz and Monterey bay areas. He says, "I spent my playboy years in cool places like Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego Bays. These locations and my experiences shaped my outlook on life."

Now Coy Sr. is a family man, married to his wife Sunanne for forty years. They have three children, son Coy Jr. and daughters Sucoya and Coyanne. He attended Cosumnes and Sacramento City College while studying graphic arts and writing. He describes himself as a digital composer. He says he always loved art as a child and polished his skills through classes that helped him create a productive life in communications.

The author, now retired, says he worked for 35 years in Sacramento local publications and California state agencies: *The Sacramento Observer*, *The Sacramento Bee* "Neighbors" section, the Board of Equalization, the Office of the Secretary of State, the State Library, and State Printing. Granderson says he felt so privileged to work with State Librarian Kevin Starr, "He was incredible - you'd ask

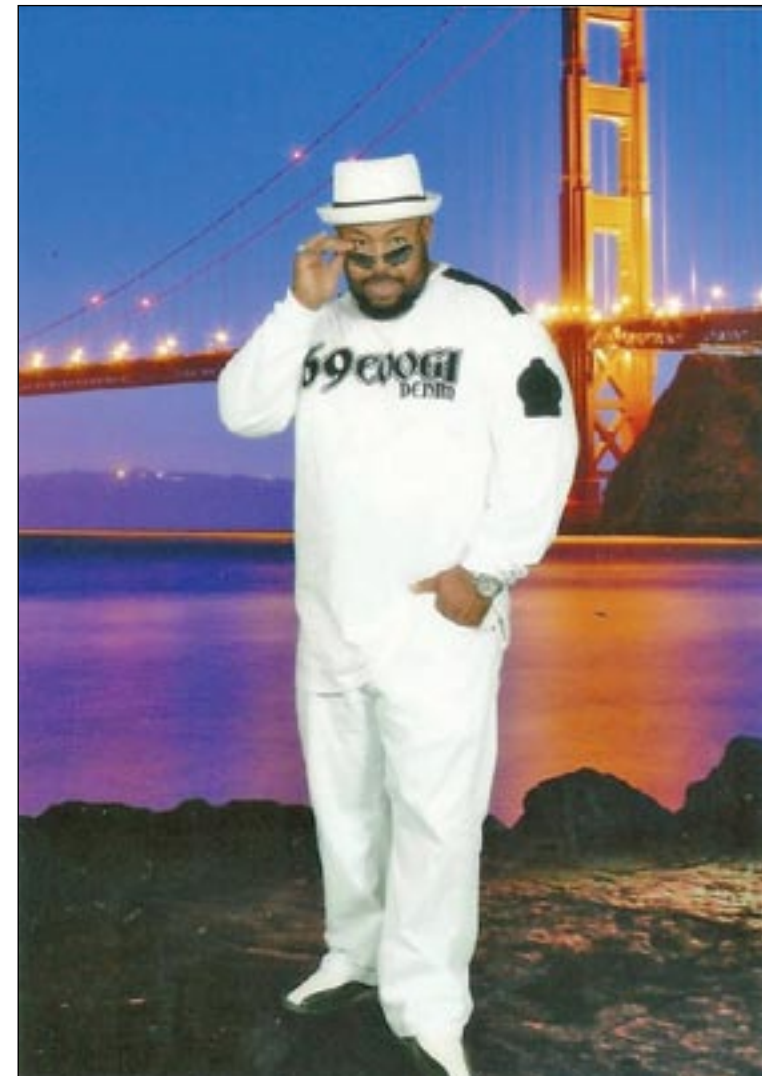
him anything, and he knew the answer

But, more about *Jamal... who gets involved with lovely Roxanne Jones, a young sexy school teacher and dance choreographer. In an attempt to lure Jamal into marriage, she hooks up with her ex-boyfriend, an international drug dealer G-Dogg. The story is a merry romp through an international adventure where G-Dogg's boss sends two corrupt detectives on Jamal to silence his journalistic life.*

Book reviewer Jessie G. Love says, "Accounts of a Reporter has it all! You will not be disappointed while reading because C.R. Granderson captivates your attention and keeps it. His writing is vivid, enthusiastic, and you feel yourself in the presence of the characters... Well done. I expect to see future masterpieces!"

When asked what next, Granderson says he's developing a sequel to the book. He also is finishing up a collection of short stories and has an idea for another novel about a "holy roller" congregation and a pimp.

Hearing him talk about his writing is like hearing a bubbling well. The joy of creation



Local author Coy Granderson, Sr.

is evident in his face. Obviously he's enjoying this fun time of his life.

Accounts of a Reporter is available at Avid Reader Bookstore on Broadway and also can be ordered from Amazon.com. The author can be

contacted at www.granderson.com.

Leigh Stephens is a retired CSUS Professor of Journalism and Communications and the author of more than 500 articles and several books.

Measure C:

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Passage of Measure C requires approval by two-thirds of the votes.

The expiring assessment is \$27. The district maintains that while the \$27 assessment helped to ensure that they were able to survive from 1995 to 2015, it did not provide the funding necessary to keep pace with inflation and aging park and facility infrastructure. The bulk of funds from the previous assessment were allocated to pool maintenance and operation, utilities, and the payment of a loan used for the aquatics complex renovation.

Parks and facilities in the independent district include Deterding Park, aquatics complex and community center; Crabtree Park, Windsor and Ardenridge drives; Jonas Larkspur Park, Jonas Avenue and Larkspur Lane; Edison Language Institute, 2950 Hurlley Way; and Winterstein Park, 900 Morse Ave.

Despite the promises of the tax to make improvements across the district, a spokesperson on No Measure C, Erika Krebs, is critical of the district and the measure. In a phone interview on Tuesday afternoon, she said she has witnessed trees in her neighborhood park, Jonas Larkspur Park, die and remain on park grounds, despite promises from the district that

they'd be removed. "I have one directly across from my house. It's been there for three years and the park district is not trying to take any responsibility for those trees. They said they had a disease and that the issue wasn't about lack of water. But, if you have something like a plant you don't give it any water, it's more susceptible to disease," she said.

After complaints to the district, Erika said they watered for four days a week, all day long. But shortly after that, the watering stopped, so she saw the temporary watering as a bandaid. "They should not let the trees die, because there's an additional expense of removing a tree - and it's not a tax they should pass on," she said. Meanwhile the tennis courts need resurfacing because weeds come up, another fixer upper project that could have been prevented with adequate care.

Specifically in regard to Measure C, Erika said one of her main complaints is that the language in the measure is vague. "They could take the money and do whatever with it. They don't say we're going to fix sprinklers. They say they're going to do deferred maintenance. It's an independent park district so they don't answer to the county parks.

"I feel strongly against it because I live across from one of the parks and since management has been there, it's been



Photos courtesy

Shown here is a collection of photos, showing the dying trees at Jonas Larkspur Park, one of the parks in the Arden Manor Recreation and Park District, which is hoping for the passage of Measure C, a parcel tax intended to improve the parks in the district.

neglected. The community got together and planted the trees in the 1980s and my mom has a photo of that. But 13 trees have died out in the park in the last three years and they don't take them out or replant them. They said thanks for letting us know. According to budget, they put money into a priority park, Deterding Park, which has a pool, clubhouse. They have a lot of

new plants, a remodeled office. They spend their money there. They have a lot of free events, but they just neglect the other parks. It's not right."

Katy Grimes, president of the Sacramento Taxpayers Association called Measure C a terrible idea. "I think it's poorly conceived. There has been no buy-in from the property owners and that's bad government. The other

thing that's interesting is we have a policy to work with districts on tax and bond proposals and we hadn't heard anything about it until recently from a property owner. We are taxpayer advocates and these guys didn't try to interact with us and say here's a need. We're not just anti-tax. If there was really was a need, we probably would have worked with them," she said.

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AUGUST

Fire Station 18 Open House

Aug. 1: Fire Station 18, located at 746 North Market Blvd., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

Aug. 6: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket. Bring your leashed dog. Enjoy S'mores compliments of Sierra Service Project! The events are hosted by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. For more information, contact sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call 731-8798. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

Fire Station 19 Open House

Aug. 8: Fire Station 19, located at 1700 Challenge Way, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

August 2015 Friends of the Library Warehouse Sale

Aug. 8: With new merchandise constantly added to the inventory, more than 100,000 "gently used" books, videos, and audio books will be offered for prices from 50 cents to \$2 at the Friends of the Library Warehouse Sale. There will also be a \$6 bag sale outside the warehouse. The warehouse is at the rear of the Friends' "Book Den" store at Suite E, 8250 Belvedere Ave., just south of 14th Avenue between Power Inn and Florin-Perkins roads. Plenty of parking is available, but visitors should be careful not to park between the "No Parking" signs on the south side of Belvedere. Sale hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the bag sale opening at 8:30

JULY

Fire Station 15 Open House

July 25: Fire Station 15, located at 1591 Newborough Dr., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

General medical and incontinence supplies

July 28: This workshop will cover the disposable medical supplies available for incontinence, ostomies, wound care, urological conditions and enteral nutrition or drug administration. In addition to discussing the various items available for incontinence, there will be a review of qualifying diagnoses, causes, and how to manage incontinence. Free of Charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For details, call (916) 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

a.m. There will also be a preview for Friends members only on Friday, Aug. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. with the members' bag sale opening at 4:30 p.m. (You can join at the door for \$15). Bring your own bag if possible. Income from the sale helps pay for programs, equipment, and materials local libraries need but can't afford. The book store will be open during the sale as well as weekly on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most items there are priced from \$2 up, but there is also a large dollar-a-book section of fiction. For more information, call 731-8493 or go to fsp@art.net.

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People with disabilities: How to protect yourself

Aug. 13: This workshop will cover what is a disability, vulnerability, and how to avoid falling prey to victimization. Free of Charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For details, call (916) 393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Fire Station 57 Open House

Aug. 15: Fire Station 57, located at 7927 East Parkway, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Sacramento Guitar Society Orchestra meeting

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Carmichael-based Sacramento Fine Arts to present the best of the best local artwork with Magnum Opus XXVI

By MONICA STARK
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A national juried art exhibit showing original art, sculpture, photography, painting aptly called "Magnum Opus XXVI" and is Sacramento Fine Arts Center's annual open show, judged this year by the highly popular and much acclaimed ceramics professor at American River College, Linda Gelfman. Linda has enjoyed a 35-year romance with clay and her ceramic mural classes have colorfully decorated campus walls. Linda's figurative sculptures combine heads, faces, and body parts in often humorous and incongruous ways which create profound psychological and spiritual insights. Her most recent work incorporates fabric and yarn into these ongoing dramatic pictures. Linda is a founding member of Sacramento's E Street Gallery and Studios.

Linda and Magnum Opus XXVI show chair Carol Brewer, owner of Blue Moon Gallery, spoke with the Arden-Carmichael News about the incredible art at this year's show and about judging various pieces. "This is the 26th year and we decided to make it a national juried show," explained Carol. "It has to do with the entire members of Sacramento Fine Arts Center. It's the center's show. In the center, there are different clubs (Northern California Arts, Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons, Fine Arts Photography Club, Fiber Arts). All the clubs have shows that are juried, but this is the center as a whole annual show, and this year it's a national open juried show. Open means send us any medium. It doesn't have to have a theme, doesn't have to be a certain medium. It's open to all artists that work in all mediums."

Carol said by opening up the show to artists around the country, the center has been able to bring more recognition to the Sacramento Fine Arts Center. "We've been around for 36 years and have a new president Larry Klink who wanted to bring acknowledgment to the center and expand it nationally and have it recognized as a prestigious club in Sacramento," she said.

From as far as Rhode Island submissions have made their way to Carmichael also from places like Ohio, Michigan, North Carolina, Nevada and Washington state with several accepted from San Francisco. "We have a lot of California artists from Paradise, Oakland, Fremont. The range is all over - Carmichael, Roseville, Placerville," Carol said. Predominantly, the center received entries through its website facilitating the submissions from out of state.

With about 300 entries, 98 were chosen for the show and judging happens this Sunday, about a week before the show begins, on Aug. 4. The show ends on Aug. 29. With an artist behind each piece, Linda explained that being the Magnum Opus show, each artist truly put their best foot forward. So, regarding the judging, she said, "It's easy to say I want this, but it's hard to say no." (The judging is) done anonymously. I just go with the kind of artwork that moves me. Does it have good content? Composition? Is it good to look at? Scary to look at?" Linda said she enjoys artwork that doesn't give her "too much. I like when it is mysterious, asks a question, when I am drawn into a piece. If it is figurative, abstract, if it has good composition, and if it does all that well."

Far from a newcomer to judging art work, Linda has judged art at the country fair a few times and as a faculty member at ARC, she sometimes judges shows and she has given out sculpture awards at the Blue Moon Gallery before. "I've done (judging before). It's fun. It's lots of fun," she said.



(Clockwise from left)
Onus by Jay Hill
Dream Juggler by Traci Owens
Floor to Ceiling by Paula Ferris
Unbound by Rick Weis
Victory by Rosalie McGee

If you go:

What: Sacramento Fine Arts Center's Magnum Opus XXVI
When: Show dates are Aug. 4-29 with a reception on Saturday, Aug. from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be awards, refreshments, and live piano music by Larry. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturday.
Where: Located at 5330B Gibbons Drive, Carmichael
About: Sacramento Fine Arts Center is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit. For more information, visit www.sacfinearts.org or call 971-3713.

Upcoming events at the Carmichael Library

The hours for the Carmichael Library, located at 5605 Marconi Ave., are as follows: Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.; Monday: closed; Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday: 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Knitwits @ Carmichael Library (Adult)

Friday, July 24 at 11 a.m.: Do you knit? Crochet? Do needlework? Want to learn? Are you and expert who can help others? Bring a project to work on and a snack to share as the group learns together!

Carmichael Teen Book club (Teen)

Friday, July 24, at 3:30 p.m.: Love to read. Join other teens discussing their favorite books. Pick one of our suggestions or read your own choice. Please bring a snack and share your insights.

Coffee & Crime Book Club @ Carmichael Library (Book Club)

Saturday, July 25 at 10 a.m.: How about a good mystery with a cup of Joe (or tea)? Bring a snack to share as club members become judges and jury members for each case.

Job Coach @ the Carmichael Library (Adult)

Tuesday July 28 at 2 p.m.: Get help with your job search, resume, interview skills, and more with a live job coach! By appointment; each appointment is a 1/2 hour. Register in person or by calling (916) 264-2920.

Read to a Dog (School Age (6-12))

Tuesday, July 28 at 3:30 p.m.: Specially trained therapy dogs are waiting for children to come read to them. For kids ages 5 to 10 years old that are reading. Earn credit for the time spent reading and earn a book too!

Sci-Fi Book Club (Book Club)

Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m.: Sci-Fi book club will explore the exciting and diverse field of science fiction and fantasy: from aliens and spaceships to dragons and wizards. Please bring a snack to share and join us.

Summer Reading @ Carmichael Library- Magic with Mike Della Penna (School Age (6-12))

Wednesday, July 29 at 2 p.m.: Mike Della Penna's weaves themes of reading, kindness and life-long learning into his magic show. So come for a fun magic show full of fun and audience participation.

Teen Summer Reading - Maker Camp @ Carmichael (Teen)

Wednesday, July 29 at 4 p.m.: Maker Camp for teens that love building tinkering and exploring. This week's theme is fun & games!

One-on-One Technology Help @ Carmichael (Technology Instruction)

Wednesday, July 29 at 5 p.m.: Are you curious about ebooks but not sure how to get started? Is your tablet or ereader a mystery? Do you need basic computer help such as creating e-mail accounts and using the internet? Come by the Carmichael Library and meet with a Technology Assistant!
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Preschool Storytime @ Carmichael Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

Thursday, July 30 at 10:15 a.m.: Join Miss Kathy for stories, songs, and a craft.

Toddler Storytime @ Carmichael Library (Early Childhood (0-5))

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Stay and Play @ Carmichael Library ((In-House))

Thursday, July 30 at 11:45 a.m.: Parents and caregivers are invited to bring in their babies, toddlers, and other children to "stay and play". Toys will be available for the children to play with while their parents socialize.

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Movie Matinee @ Carmichael Library (Family/All Ages)

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Summer Reading - Sticker and Button Making (School Age (6-12))

Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m.: Like stickers? Like buttons? Then this is the program for you! Come make your own stickers and buttons using your own artwork or provided templates.

Teen Summer Reading - Maker Camp (Teen)

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Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m.: The Carmichael Library History Book Club meets monthly to discuss a non-fiction or historical fiction book. Help us decide which is truer: fact or fiction! Please bring a snack to share and join us as we dive into history books. This month's title is The girls of Atomic City: the untold story of the women who helped win World War II by Denise Kiernan

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Toddler Storytime (Early Childhood (0-5))

Thursday, Aug. 6 at 11:15 a.m.: Join Miss Kathy for stories, songs and just plain fun!

Stay and Play (In-House)

Thursday, Aug. 6 at 11:45 a.m.: Parents and caregivers are invited to bring in their babies, toddlers and other children to "stay and play". We will put out toys for the children to play with while their parents socialize.

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Second Saturday Audio Book Club

Saturday, Aug. 8 at 10 a.m.: Is this a good book? Is this a good audio book? Bring a snack and your perceptions to share as we discuss the story. This month's title is To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Read by Sissy Spacek.

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Custom 5 bedroom, 4½ bath home in a gated community on Arden Bluffs Lane. Top of the line appliances and granite counters. Master suite includes fireplace and sitting area. Downstairs has 2 remote guest rooms with private baths, large game room and swimming pool just steps away. \$899,000

CHERYL NIGHTINGALE 849-1220



MUCH LOVED CARMICHAEL HOME

3 bedroom 2½ bath updated years ago, but buyer may want to add their personal touch. Large living room, nice dining room, and family room open to kitchen. Large master suite with big master bath. Inside laundry room and big garage. Huge backyard for entertaining and privacy. \$539,000

**LEIGH RUTLEDGE 612-6911
BILL HAMBRICK 600-6528**



PANORAMIC ANCIL HOFFMAN VIEWS

Elegant yet casual home for entertaining or enjoying peace and privacy behind your own gates. This Santa Barbara inspired beauty has soaring ceilings, walls of glass, stone patios and intricate wrought iron gates and railings. 2 bedroom guest-house with its own patio and garden. \$1,965,000

CARMAH HATCH 765-6210



ELEGANCE IN PRIVATE SETTING

High coved box-beam ceilings, gourmet kitchen with prep kitchen, large pantry. Master suite with separate jetted tub and multi-head shower. Hallway bedrooms have attached remodeled bathrooms and separate living area. Upstairs office with bathroom and deck. Lush park-like yard. \$2,100,000

ERIN STUMPF 342-1372



CURRAGH DOWNS ESTATES

4 bedroom 3 bath home, 3000 square feet, among large, well-maintained homes in a quiet neighborhood. Borders American River Parkway. Spotless home with updated kitchen, lots of storage, spacious game room with full bath and access to pool. \$534,500

**DAVID KIRRENE 531-7495
JERRY KIRRENE 455-1001**



WHISPERING OAKS

Wonderful family home and floor plan. 3 bedrooms and bonus room upstairs; downstairs office room could be bedroom as well! Very open, light and bright with high ceilings. Gourmet kitchen open to family room. Ample back yard and patio area with trees and natural shrubs. Private lot. \$459,900

PATTY BAETA 806-7761



CLASSIC ARDEN OAKS

Quality built 1980s home; 2-story, 4 bedroom 4 bath, 3631sf. Open floor plan invites entertainment. Enjoy upstairs privacy with huge master suite and office with new carpet. Big backyard with pool is perfect for enjoying Sacramento summers! \$1,100,000

**PAULA SWAYNE 425-9715
KELLIE SWAYNE 206-1458**



WINDING WAY ESTATES

Lovingly updated 4 bedroom 2½ bath Carmichael home! New kitchen and bathrooms, new tile and wood floors, all within the past 5 years. Kitchen opens to dining/living room with great view through sliding doors to the large patio and backyard. Walking distance to great schools and O'Donnell Heritage Park \$379,000

NATHAN SHERMAN 969-7379



CONTEMPORARY CARMICHAEL

Gorgeous contemporary retreat lovingly built and maintained by original owners. The setting for this property is incredible ... woodsy yard requires no maintenance nor water. 4 bedroom 2½ bath home on two levels. Situated in a small gated community, this home affords the owner privacy. \$749,000

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