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Hubacher Cadillac opened at 1 Cadillac Drive at the northwest corner of Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard in 1972.

## Hubacher Cadillac had long history as a north area business

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Note: This is part two in a series about and related to Hubacher Cadillac.

A large piece of property lies vacant at the northwest corner of Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard. But there was a time when the site was a very active place.

The property was for many years associated with the name Hubacher.

Elmer Hubacher took over the entire operations of the old J.J. Jacobs Cadillac dealership, about two blocks south of the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, in January 1966.

Hubacher, who served as a naval aviator in World War II and the Korean War, had already been a partner with Jacobs for two years when he purchased Jacobs portion of the company.

Prior to working with Jacobs, Hubacher had become a veteran Cadillac employ-

ee, as he had been associated with Cadillac since 1947. He worked as a salesman before becoming a zone manager.

The Sacramento Bee, in an article in its Jan. 8, 1967 edition, recognizes the then-recent official establishment of Hubacher Cadillac, Inc. through the signing of an agreement between the Cadillac Motor Car Division and Elmer Hubacher.

During the previous month, Hubacher had begun to unofficially refer to his business as Hubacher Cadillac.

An early 1967 advertisement for the company refers to the "credo of Hubacher Cadillac," as follows: "A progressive sales philosophy, personal and satisfying service policies, a sincere interest in serving you and a deep concern for your satisfaction in America's finest motor car."

Hubacher would eventually move his business to the aforementioned corner of Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard.

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## Hubacher:

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On Dec. 15, 1970, The Sacramento Union reported that Hubacher Cadillac would be relocating to that site.

The article mentions that a 45,000-square-foot building would be constructed on the property, which had been acquired from the Commons Development Co.

It was also recognized in the article that Hubacher also purchased additional land on the south side of that property.

The same article notes: "Sacramento architect Harry Devine, (who was related to the Jacobs family through marriage), said the building will feature colored concrete, expansive use of glass and will house showrooms, offices, parts and service facilities with parking service spaces for 63 spaces."

As mentioned in the previous article of this series, the reason for Hubacher's relocation to this north area site was due to the company's insufficient space at its previous referred to downtown site.

At that time in the company's history, that site, which was the location of

the company's main sales center, was one of six Hubacher locations.

Another reason for the company's plan to move to the Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard site was based on a survey that showed that 70 percent of the company's customers were residents of the Fair Oaks area.

Another statistic revealed that this north area intersection received more traffic than anywhere else in the county, besides freeways.

In addition to the main structure, other Hubacher buildings would be built at this north area site.

The 1970 article mentions that one building on the site would house an automotive museum that would feature agency-owned cars, including a 1904 Cadillac and a 1959 Eldorado Brougham custom.

A reference to Hubacher Cadillac in the March 12, 1972 edition of The Union notes that the completion of that dealership was scheduled for August 1972.

Among those who were then associated with the dealership at its 1501 L St. location were Elmer Hubacher, president; Stanley Hindsley, secretary-treasurer; Hilary T.

Martin, general sales manager; Alfred E. Marwick, used car manager; and Jesse B. Vinson, service and parts manager.

Hubacher Cadillac, which eventually became known as Hubacher Cadillac & Land Rover, Inc., remained in business at 1 Cadillac Drive, at the aforementioned northwest corner of Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard, until 2010.

Elmer Hubacher, who was a member of Del Paso Country Club, the Sutter Club and the Rotary Club of Sacramento, died during the previous year.

The old Hubacher north area property was sold for about \$7.1 million to CVS pharmacy last December.

James Teare, of Terranomics, was the broker who represented CVS.

In a very brief interview for this article, Teare said that although a CVS store will be a part of a future shopping center at that site, he could not make a comment regarding what other stores might be located in that center.

"There are other stores going in. That is public knowledge," Teare said.

Mike Luca, vice president of the CBRE, Inc. brokerage firm in Sacramento and one of the brokers who

was involved in the sale, also spoke about the property for this article.

"We sold the property at the end of last year," Luca said. "We had the property on the market for over three years. It sold to CVS. We did not represent the buyer. We only represented the seller."

"The city sold them a 1-acre piece of property that's actually the true hard corner of Fair Oaks (Boulevard) and Howe (Avenue). And then the rest of (the property) was the Cadillac dealership. They bought that also. The buyer didn't close until they knew they would be approved (for the site)."

"There will likely be additional occupants on that corner, but I do not know who those are. There have been rumors of a (grocery) market, but I can't confirm any of them."

"Obviously, they tore the whole (Cadillac) building down, and the Cadillac dealership is no longer there. It will be all new construction, new buildings. Before that, the dealership was closed for three or four years before the property actually sold. So, it's going to turn a dead corner into something a lot more vibrant, and it will be a nice development."

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The lecture will look at causes of dementia behaviors and examine treatment principles and techniques for such behaviors as repetitive statements or utterances, agitation, anger and paranoia.

The lecturer will be Glen Xiong, associate clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Alzheimer's Disease Center associate director of education. Xiong also teaches and practices at the Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Center, where he serves as medical director. He provides consultation to long-term care facilities throughout the region, especially in the area of appropriate medication usage and gradual dose reduction.

The lecture series is supported by Sunrise Senior Living, Aegis Living of Carmichael, Norwood Pines Alzheimer's Care Center, Revere Court Memory Care, Eskaton, and Home Instead Senior Care.

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By MONICA STARK  
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Carmichael resident Jennifer Herring, 32, has headed down the path to earning a bachelor's degree and has encountered a number of challenges of her own. On top of budgeting for a family of four and raising two children, Kya, age 11 and Oliver, 6, Herring has been working while taking classes full-time and dealing with family medical issues, including her own auto-immune deficiency and tending to her son's autism.

She's overcome these challenges and is only one year away from earning her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from CSU Sacramento and achieving her dream of becoming a teacher. Herring is one of 33 students attending California colleges and universities this fall as a Golden 1 Credit Union Scholarship recipient. She was selected based upon her academic achievements, community involvement, extracurricular activities and career goals.

A management services technician for the Department of Pesticide Regulation, Herring has maintained a 3.85 grade point average, and

this coming semester, which starts Aug. 31, she will be taking four classes (compared to her usual five): tutoring, physics, linguistics and kinesiology. She is excited it's her last year before the teaching credential program begins.

Juggling multiple jobs as a wife, mother, student and a state worker, Herring is truly a role model not only to her own family but because of her Golden One scholarship, she is publicly recognized for her hard work and perseverance.

Also a role model to her daughter, Herring said in an interview with this publication that Kya and she talk much about mom's decision to return to school later in life. "She likes it. She knows I always wanted to be teacher. She wants me to be her teacher, too," Herring said. She added that her discussion about having children young versus after a career has taken hold, has been a good talking point between mother and daughter.

Herring, however, did start college right after graduating from high school, but an unexpected sickness took hold of her physically. "It was doing things with my body. I had next to no energy."

While she still has what was finally diagnosed as Rheumatoid arthritis, Herring said it's under control.

Married for 12 years with her husband, the two parents take shifts watching the children. For much of that time, he's been working the swing shift and she works part time while going to school. Oliver has autism, but fortunately on the spectrum, he's high functioning. "I do as much as I can with the time I have. During finals or midterms, I go hide in the library and study. It's tricky. I don't get as much sleep as a normal person," she said with a laugh.



Jennifer and her husband.

Between grants from Sacramento and Golden One, this 2015-2016 school year is all paid for.

Erica Taylor, communications representative for Golden One said the scholarships are chosen from the open application process and is open to any credit union member or their dependents, as long as the applicant is

college-bound to a 2-year or 4-year college in California. "One thing unique (about the scholarship)," she said, is that "to be eligible, you need a 3.0 or higher. It's not just performance based. We are looking to award money to the whole student ... Jennifer spoke to some issues her family has had. They were not sure about budgeting for college and we are happy about solving that problem."

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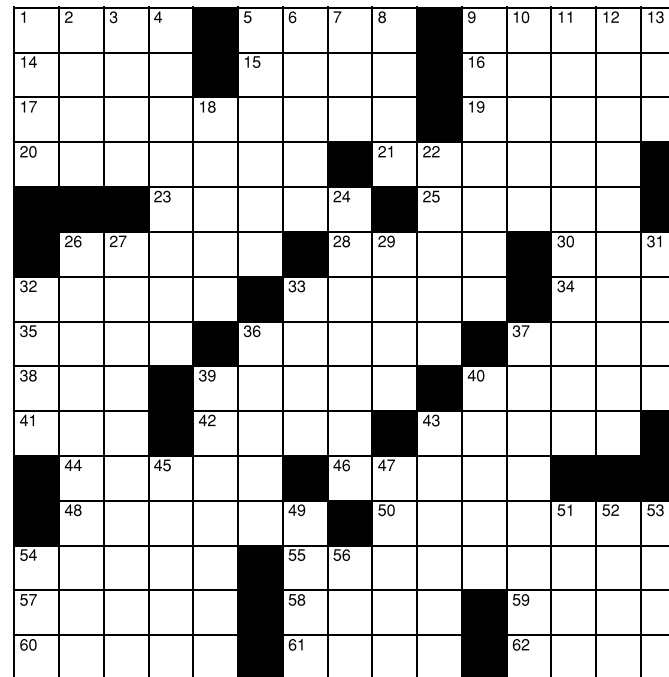
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- 5 Blew the whistle
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- 14 Board partner
- 15 Washstand item
- 16 Snouted animal
- 17 Complex
- 19 Answer a job listing
- 20 Charitable person
- 21 Overly diluted
- 23 Lavin or Blair
- 25 Military cap
- 26 Blink of an eye
- 28 Shirt part
- 30 Pigeon sound
- 32 The items yonder
- 33 Hit the books
- 34 Mischief maker
- 35 Type of lily
- 36 Limerick starter
- 37 Fit as a fiddle
- 38 Con's confines
- 39 Theater offering
- 40 Be one of the crowd
- 41 In a funk
- 42 Freeway exit
- 43 Traffic stopper
- 44 iPhone competitor
- 46 Plains home
- 48 Grabbed apples
- 50 Type of desk
- 54 Biblical tower
- 55 Too soft to hear
- 57 Crop up



- 58 Back talk
- 59 Apprehend
- 60 Palindromic principle
- 61 "Trick" joint
- 62 Cave, poetically
- 1 Math figure
- 2 Plant pod
- 3 Clay-rich soil
- 4 Artery obstruction
- 5 Tranquil
- 6 Judgment payout
- 7 Fishing gear
- 8 Sprang up
- 9 Like elm trees
- 10 Crime outing
- 11 Increase in value
- 12 Actress in 1984's "All of Me"
- 13 Be nosy
- 18 Held in reserve
- 22 Go along with
- 24 Take a stab at
- 26 Well-worn
- 27 Tournament type
- 29 Mystical glow
- 31 Start the bidding
- 32 Bugle call
- 33 Bedding item
- 36 Part of NAFTA
- 37 Menial worker
- 39 Tiny amount
- 40 Playing area
- 43 Ring bearer, often
- 45 Portly plus
- 47 Strike out
- 49 Part of DOS
- 51 Skier's lift
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- 53 Trapper's trophy
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"We are proud to partner with United Way once again for this year's Day of Caring," said Todd Koolakian, director of philanthropy, Sacramento Children's Home. "Day of Caring is an excellent opportunity for community members to give back while learning more about great organizations that serve the region we all call home."

To sign up as a volunteer, visit [www.yourlocalunitedway.org/dayofcaring](http://www.yourlocalunitedway.org/dayofcaring). Here are several projects taking place locally.

**Arden:** The ALS Association Greater Sacramento Chapter is seeking volunteers to clean and organize its medical loan closet. Developmental Disabilities Service Organization needs help painting its St. Marks Way campus that houses day programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Volunteers are needed to help International Rescue Committee with its Back to School Backpack Drive for refugee children. Susan G. Komen needs volunteers to paint posters to encourage runners in the 20th annual Race for the Cure happening this coming spring.

**Carmichael:** Atkinson Family Services needs volunteers to help complete its community garden that will teach foster youth about healthy eating and sustainability. FosterHope Sacramento is seeking volunteers to help create its own community garden that will help teens in foster care, as well as families of all types, learn how to grow their own food and prepare healthy meals. Salvation Army Sacramento

County's transitional living center needs volunteers to help spruce up the grounds by raking, weeding, mulching, washing railings and doors, and adding paint to outdoor murals. Volunteers at Sacramento Children's Home will help paint fences and do simple yard work outside the children's crisis nursery.

**East Sacramento:** Volunteers are needed to work with Friends of East Sacramento to tend to McKinley Park Rose Garden. Activities will include weeding, raking, dead-heading roses, picking up litter and spreading mulch.

**Pocket:** Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center is seeking volunteers for a project at Caroline Wenzel Elementary School to renovate the school garden by leveling the landscape, planting perennial shrubs, building compost bins and picnic tables, and painting.

Many of the 37 participating nonprofits have expressed gratitude for the help volunteers bring on

the annual Day of Caring. "United Way has been a wonderful community partner for us throughout the years," said Suzanne Castaneda, public relations representative for Atkinson Family Services. "We have made lasting relationships with the volunteers we get on Day of Caring. Many have continued to help up make a difference in the lives of our foster youth and our community long after Day of Caring is over."

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# Congratulations to the winners of MAGNUM OPUS XXVI

*Editor's Note: What follows are the winners of Magnum Opus XXVI, Sacramento Fine Arts Center's annual open show, which was judged this year by the highly popular and much acclaimed ceramics professor at American River College, Linda Gelfman. Carol Brewer was the show chair. With about 300 entries, 98 were chosen for the show, which ends on Saturday.*

**Best of Show**  
Traci Owens, "Dream Juggler"

**1st Place**  
Randy Thacker, "Fire in the Sky"

**2nd Place**  
Dennis Wickes, "We are more than our physical body"

**3rd Place**  
Edward Chaney, "Pinch"

**Excellence**  
Michael Corlew, "Serenity"  
Darrell O'Sullivan, "Winter, Big Sur Coast"  
Teresa Zepeda, "Enzo @ 6"

**Merit**  
Anne Bradley, "Flight 0763"  
Ibojka Loven, "Eros and Pathos Faulter"  
Linda Nunes, "Synchratronic Radiation"  
Mary Riesche, "Nursery in Vacaville"  
Tim Sloan, "East Nicolaus Market"

**Honorable Mention**  
Michele de la Menardiere, "The In-Breath"  
Darlene Engellenner, "Seaside"  
Phyllis Eymann, "Shadow People"  
Paula Ferris, "Floor to Ceiling"  
Jane Guiremand, "Bereaved"  
Whitney Kimpton, "Encounters; Cultivating the Collective"  
Kristin Lindseth "Labyrinth of Time"  
Rosalie McGee, "Victory"  
Ronnie Rector, "Toughs' Day at the Office"  
Rick Weis, "Unbound"  
Randy Thacker, "Fire in the Sky"

## If you go:

**What:** Sacramento Fine Arts Center's Magnum Opus XXVI  
**When:** Show goes until Saturday. 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](http://www.sacfinearts.org) or call 971-3713.



Left to right, judge Linda Gelfman, Best of Show winner Traci Owens, Show Chair Carol Brewer and her assistant Rebecca Jaggars.



(left) Over 200 visitors enjoyed the 2nd Saturday Reception for Magnum Opus XXVI. Shown are members Barbara Kemp, Steve Walters, Rebecca Jaggars.



Crowd scene at Magnum Opus XXVI

Photos by Jerry Jaggars

# Carmichael based Dog Party band rocked Fremont Park at summer concert series

The following artist biography was written by Tim Sendra and can be found online at (<http://www.allmusic.com/>).

"Sacramento punk-pop duo Dog Party formed in 2005 when the Giles sisters had their first practice, during which they wrote their first song. Ever since that day, guitarist Gwendolyn and drummer Lucy kept writing songs, practicing and playing the occasional show as they juggled music with school and growing up. (Lucy is a student at Rio Americano High School.)

"They released their first record, a seven-song self-titled EP, in January 2009, then followed it two years later with the similarly self-released P.A.R.T.Y All Night. As the duo got more well-known and more musically accomplished, they began to play more shows, including a tour of Europe. Their music caught the ear of legendary NoCal punk label Asian Man, who signed the duo up and released their second album, Lost Control, in the summer of 2013. They headed out on tour with their pal Kepi, formerly of the Groovie Ghoulies, and ended up serving occasionally as his backing band. Along the way they hooked up with Burger Records, who signed on with Asian Man to co-release their next album. Produced again by local hero Chris Woodhouse, the duo made another leap forward with 2015's Vol. 4."

*Editor's Note: Dog Party performed at the Thursday, Aug. 20 Hot Lunch summer concert series at Fremont Park. They were interviewed by the Arden-Carmichael News because of the local connection of Lucy being a student at Rio Americano High School.*

**VCN:** Tell me the story of how/when you two met, when you started playing together and each of your backgrounds in music.

**Lucy:** We met when I came out of the womb! Ha! Ha! this is actually the first time we met. Gwennie and I are sisters.  
**Gwennie:** We started playing together when I was 10 and Lucy was 8. We've always had similar tastes in music growing up in the same house. When got our respective instruments when we were 6 and 8 and have been taking lessons on and off since then.

**VCN:** How did you come up with the name Dog Party?

**Lucy:** We came up with the name 9 years ago and I really wanted 'dog' to be in the name--

**Gwennie:**-- so I started listing all of these names with 'dog' in it and Dog Party stuck.



All photos by Monica Stark



**VCN:** Your calendar looked so busy for the summer, can you tell me what's been the highlight of it thus far?

**Lucy:** Diabolical Records in SLC was off the hook! It's a super small, cozy record store and people packed in like sardines. It was very intimate and fun with a lot a singing and dancing.  
**Gwennie:** Las Vegas at the Womb Room really stuck out to me- it was like a scene from a David Lynch film- totally crammed, beer soaked, and throbbing!

**VCN:** How did you get to play at the lunch event? And, as a Rio Americano High School student, don't you, Lucy, have school (during the hours of the concert)?

**Gwennie:** We've been on the Hot Lunch line up every year that they've had live music. We love Hot Italian



Gwennie



Lucy

and we love Jerry Perry, so it only makes sense ;D  
**Lucy:** (Response to "don't you have school tomorrow?"): no comment

**VCN:** Are you, Gwendolyn, still in school? If so, where do you go? Are you taking music classes there? If so, tell me about that.

**Gwennie:** I go to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo! The plan is to major in Graphic Communication with a concentration in the Music Industry and a minor in Music and possibly some more minors-- registration has been a

struggle, so we'll see. So far I've taken a voice class at my school.

**VCN:** How did you get on Asian Man Records?

**Lucy:** We were introduced to Mike Park through Kepi Ghoulie. Then we played some shows with some other Asian Man bands and the rest is history ;)

**VCN:** What do your parents think of your playing?

**Gwennie:** Our parents are super supportive of everything we do- including rock n roll!!!





Faces and Places:

## Seventh Annual California Automobile Museum Car Cruise

Photos by RUDY MOLL  
Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

*Editor's Note: While we featured the cars from the Seventh Annual California Automobile Museum Car Cruise in the last issue of the paper, neighbor Rudy Moll was so kind to share with us his photographs of the day's event.*

On Saturday, Aug. 1, gorgeous cars cruised from Sacramento State to Fulton Avenue with no stops for Sacramento's largest and best car cruise and show. Spectators of all ages cheered

Cruisers along the path from Sac State to Fulton Avenue, then walked freely around Fulton to enjoy some summer fun! Led by a siren-happy vintage fire truck, the cruise was packed full of cars from all eras. This non-stop cruise happens only once a year, drawing between 400 and 500 vehicles and over 10,000 spectators.

Cruisers, spectators, and car lovers ended their day on Fulton with an all-car-enthusiast celebration that included vendor booths, food trucks, beer garden, awards ceremony, live music by the Gig Garcia Band and five others, and hundreds of vehicles from Model Ts to Maseratis.

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# Playing Like Champions at Sacramento Parochial Athletic League comes to Jesuit High on Sunday

The Parochial Athletic League (PAL) of the Diocese of Sacramento launches its first coaching clinic in collaboration with the University of Notre Dame's Play Like a Champion Today Character Education Through Sports program **this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Jesuit High School.**

Gerry Lane, PAL Boys Director, welcomes the opportunity to work with Play Like a Champion, saying: "Play Like a Champion sees coaching as a form of youth ministry, and challenges coaches to develop the whole child: physically, mentally and spiritually. This is an exciting program that challenges the 'must-win mentality' currently draining the fun and excitement from sports participation."

Winning-at-all-cost coaching, sports specialization, and parent "sports rage" are just a few of the problems eroding the culture of sports today. The Play Like a Champion Today program is designed to provide children and adolescents with the highest quality sports experience possible. Drawing on the research of developmental and sport psychologists, as well as the expertise of members of the Notre Dame coaching staff, Play Like a Champion helps sports organizations to elevate the culture of youth sports by making sports more safe, fun, and developmentally enriching.

By partnering with Play Like a Champion, the Sacramento PAL brings the coach clinic to their community. University of Notre Dame Professor and Play Like a Champion Founding Director Clark Power, will join Lane, Girls PAL Director Jill Bennett, and Dave Parsh on August 30th to conduct the inaugural clinic in the area. Bennett, Lane, and Parsh all attended Play Like a Champion's national sports leadership conference entitled "Champions for Children:

Supporting Athletes from Childhood Through College" this June, where they received extensive training to initiate the partnership. By partnering with Play Like a Champion Today, Sacramento becomes the twentieth diocese in the country to commit to elevating the culture of catholic-sponsored youth sports.

Play Like a Champion Today workshops are nationally accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE.) Play Like a Champion has partners in over forty cities across the United States and around the world, and has educated over 75,000 coaches and parents who in turn have impacted the lives of over a million athletes.

Workshop evaluation data confirm the effectiveness of the Play Like a Champion Today program. For example, over 90% of coaches attending the clinics were satisfied with the experience, and agreed to fully implement the Champion approach to coaching for character development. When asked about the impact of the parent workshop, most respondents (86%) strongly agreed that they would commit to being a more positive presence on the sidelines by avoiding coaching their child from the sidelines.

Pope Francis recently spoke in his Vatican Radio address about "the importance of sport in moral education, since the sporting spirit is one that teaches the need for discipline, effort, and sacrifice to succeed and achieve excellence – becoming a constant reminder of the sacrifices necessary to grow in the virtues that build the character of a person." Play Like a Champion works to instill these virtues in young athletes, their parents, and coaches across the country. "If Catholic-sponsored sports programs are going to achieve their full-potential as envisioned



by Pope Francis, Catholic schools and dioceses must invest in preparing coaches and sports parents to understand sports as a vehicle to teach gospel values. When sport programs partner with Play Like a Champion, they run a program in sync with our Chris-

tian community and effectively develop young people to become disciples of our Church," says Power, Play Like a Champion Founding Director.

For more information on Notre Dame's Character Education Through Sports Initiative, vis-

it the website at [www.playlikeachampion.nd.edu](http://www.playlikeachampion.nd.edu) or you may contact 574.631.9981.

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# Matias Bombal's Hollywood

## The End of the Tour

The MPAA has rated this R

The best of the independent studios releasing movies today, A24, brings us "The End of the Tour" with Jason Segel as writer David Foster Wallace. Wallace, a noted author in real life, was known for his 1996 novel "Infinite Jest" which by 2006, had sold 150,000 copies. In this movie, we are given a dramatization of actual events that transpired when a writer for Rolling Stone magazine, David Lipski, played in this movie by Jesse Eisenberg, is able to convince his editor, with some difficulty, to be able to travel from New York City to meet and interview the intelligent novelist for five days in 1996. Part of that time is spent as Wallace concludes the publicity tour for the book "Infinite Jest".

The story is told in flashbacks and based on Lipski's memoir of their encounter, titled "Although Of Course You End Up Becoming Yourself". The movie begins 12 years after the days they spent together on the occasion that Lipski hears of Wallace's death. He decides to revisit their days together by digging out his

portable tape recorder from deep above his closet to listen to their recorded conversations. Miraculously, after 12 years, the batteries are still good and Lipski begins to listen. We are then in 1996, and the story of the five days they spent together unfolds.

This movie presents an interesting premise about a seemingly simple subject, the art of the interview. Nothing could be more complex if approached seriously. The interviewer is motivated by any number of reasons and asks questions to satisfy his need for knowledge or demands of his employers. The subject of the interview is concerned how the finished work will shape his or her own idea of themselves and how he or she may be perceived.

This movie is very well written and Jason Segel's performance is outstanding. How refreshing to have a talking picture with talking. The idea of the movie is interesting and the fact that the events did actually occur in real life adds a frankness to the story that makes it agreeable. Danny Elfman's music is subtle when needed and perfect.

You'll also see Mamie Gummer, Meryl Streep's daughter in a few scenes. Interestingly

her character's name is Julie, which by chance, Gummer happened to have played a part with that name in at least two other movies besides this one, the ill-fated "Ricki and the Flash" and 2008's "The Loss of Teardrop Diamond". There are also some delightful moments from Joan Cusack as a publicity handler for Wallace on the last stop of the book tour.

I have pointed out the levels of excellence in this movie, now I must come to the primary flaw which made it all fall apart for me. The performance of Jesse Eisenberg as David Lipski fell flat for me. It seems the actor's push to be extra nervous and careful in a very millennial way, driven and yet cautious, seems forced and over the top. The camera work is shaky throughout and it is a distracting disservice to the interesting conversations that that occur before your eyes. Worth seeing, to be sure, but it falls short of fantastic.

## "American Ultra"

The MPAA has rated this R

Lions Gate has gone the route of midnight movie camp, plus action adventure in their new release "American Ultra". It is the story of an evil government plot to eliminate a special agent that had been trained as a super fighter and later brainwashed, and living as a young adult convenience store clerk who, in his free time, is planning a video game cartoon character that is an adventurous ape. His



name is Mike Howell, and he's played by Jessie Eisenberg as a stoner, just the opposite of his mystery training of which he remembers nothing.

Eisenberg co-stars with pretty Kristen Stewart. They had starred together before in the movie "Adventureland" where Eisenberg's part was also associated with a marijuana connection. Early in the movie, Central Intelligence Agency agent Victoria Lasseter (Connie Britton) discovers agent Adrian Yates (Topher Grace) has a plot to advance himself in the agency by destroying all of the specially trained super fighters. She decides to warn Howell by visiting the convince store and triggering him in to "on" mode with a special launch phrase. When the first wave of CIA agents are sent in to eliminate Howell, who they refer to as the "asset", they are swiftly dispatched by him as his secret training kicks in. In total disbelief combined with pot induced paranoia, he calls his girlfriend (Stewart) to come to his aid, and together they become a target for the entire CIA.

From this moment on, the movie continues a breakneck pace as more and more agents are sent after him. There are odd moments with his drug dealer (John

Leguizamo), from whom he also buys fireworks, as Howell wants to present his girlfriend with an engagement ring. The choice of when to present the ring becomes a running gag in the picture. Before this story spins to a fiery close you also see actor Bill Pullman as a CIA chief. Oh yes, there's plenty of action.

You may get the impression that this is a zombie movie without zombies. It has that feel. I can't imagine that this movie was meant to be taken seriously, but that it was planned as midnight movie fare with a big budget. I have yet to see a movie with Jesse Eisenberg where I am able to discern if he is a good actor and the material has been horrible, or if the material is good and he is less than ideally cast. Best in this picture is the always good Connie Britton and lovely Ms. Stewart.

The overall production polish here is good enough to not rate this a real stinker, but it sure comes close. Perhaps audiences are supposed to see this in altered form to "improve" the experience, which was not a route taken by this reviewer. This will no doubt be a crowd pleaser for the younger set. To me, it was just ridiculous.

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Class will be held on August 27, 2015 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For details, call 1(800) 272-3900 or email ptradio@alz.org.

## Chautauqua Playhouse presents "Wait Until Dark" as season opener

**Aug. 28-Sept. 27:** Chautauqua Playhouse will open its 39th season with a new adaptation of "Wait Until Dark," by Frederic Knott, adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher. The production begins on Aug. 28 at the Playhouse. The show will run on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Sept. 27 (No Performance on Sept. 12, but an additional show has been added on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 8 pm). The performances will be held at the Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Road in the La Sierra Community Center in Carmichael. Admission is \$20 General, \$18 Seniors/Students and SARTA members. Premium seating is an additional dollar. *About the play:* Forty-seven years after WAIT UNTIL DARK premiered on Broadway, Jeffrey Hatcher has adapted Frederic Knott's 1966 original, giving it some new character and plot twists. Susan Hendrix, a blind yet capable woman, is imperiled by a trio of men in her own apartment. As the climaxes build, Susan discovers that her blindness just might be the key to her escape, but she and her tormentors must wait until dark to play out this classic thriller's chilling conclusion. The direction is by Dean Shellenberger, set design by Rodger Hoopman, with the lighting design by Don Myers. Costuming is by David Borad. Information and tickets are available through the Chautauqua Playhouse website: www.cplayhouse.org or call the box office at 489-7529, during business hours (Fridays noon to 5 p.m.). The playhouse is located at 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael.

## AUGUST

### Effective communication strategies class

**Aug. 27:** Learn to decode verbal and behavioral communication by someone with Alzheimer's and dementia. Participants will leave with strategies for meaningful connection with people in early, middle and late stage dementia. Free of Charge. Pre-registration is required.

### Fire Station 16 Open House

**Aug. 29:** Fire Station 16, located at 7363 24th St., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

## BlackAugust in Sacramento

**Aug. 29:** Starting at 6 p.m. in William Land Park, 3800 Land Park Drive, BlackAugust features a rally, speakers, art, entertainment, and will be finalized with a march. This kid friendly event is a memorial and a celebration. August is full of historical Black achievements and tragedies. It is one year since Mike Brown's death, 10 years since Hurricane Katrina. Let's come together in August to commemorate it all. Let's come together and learn. Let's come together to work and play. August is a month when the following historical events took place: Haitian Revolution, Nat Turner Rebellion, Fugitive Slave Law Convention, Foundation of the Underground Railroad, March on Washington, Watts Uprising; the first Africans were brought to Jamestown as slaves in August of 1619. Gabriel Prosser's slave rebellion occurred on Aug. 30, 1800. The "Prophet" Nat Turner planned and executed a slave rebellion that commenced on Aug. 21, 1831. In 1843, Henry Highland Garnet called a general slave strike on Aug. 22. The Underground Railroad was started on Aug. 2, 1850. The March on Washington occurred in August of 1963. The Watts rebellions were in August of 1965. On Aug. 8, 1978 Philadelphia police initiated a shootout against MOVE members.

## Curtis Fest

**Aug. 30:** This year's 9th Annual Curtis Fest promises to be another exciting event where local artists exhibit and sell their work. This free event will be held at the Sierra 2 Center 2719 24th St from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature more than 60 artists and artisans showcasing a wide range of art forms, including ceramicists, watercolorists, jewelry artists, photographers, potters, portraitists, fabric and giclee artists. In addition to great art, Curtis Fest also features great food from local vendors, live music from Jon Merriman, Jahari Sai and Matt Lancara & Marc Del Chiaro, face painting by the Happily Ever Laughter fairies and a petting zoo. Call to artists: Artists interested in participating this year's Curtis Fest should register online by Aug 14: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/SierraCurtisNeighborhoodAssn/curtisfest.html> or call 916-452-3005. Contact Faith Johnstone, events coordinator, or Jade Walker, marketing

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## SEPTEMBER

### Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

Sept. 10: 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 Smores 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 20 Open House

Sept. 12: Fire Station 20, located at 2512 Rio Linda Blvd., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

### Third Annual Sacramento Play Summit

Sept. 12: Fairytale Town, the Sacramento Public Library and ScholarShare Speaks will present the third annual Sacramento Play Summit on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tsakopolous Library Galleria in Downtown Sacramento. The daylong conference aims to highlight the important role of play in child development and is geared for all adults who work with

children, from parents and grandparents to educators and school administrators. The highlight of the conference will be three keynote addresses by play experts and advocates. Dr. Peter Gray, research professor of psychology at Boston College and author of "Free to Learn," will explain what exactly play is and why it is such a powerful vehicle for learning. Singer-songwriter-guitarist Tom Chapin will speak on his five-decade-long creative musical career. Louise Glaser, MD, a pediatrician for more than 25 years, will speak on the value of play and how adults can support children by creating ample time and space for play. Early bird registration is available through Aug. 31 and is \$40 per person and \$30 for students, seniors, members of Fairytale Town, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, and ScholarShare account holders. General registration begins Sept. 1 and is \$50 per person and \$40 for students, seniors, members of Fairytale Town, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, and ScholarShare account holders. This year's Play Summit schedule also includes an evening presentation at Fairytale Town. At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, Dr. Peter Gray will give a second talk called "Play Deficit Disorder: A Worldwide Crisis and How to Solve It Locally" in which he'll explain how play is essential to children's healthy emotional and social development and suggest possible ways by which families, neighborhoods and communities can restore children's opportunities for outdoor play. Doors open at 6 p.m. The evening presentation is included with admission to the Sacramento Play Summit, and tickets are also available to the public. Advance tickets for the evening lecture are \$10 for

adults and \$5.50 for children ages 2-12. Day-of tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5.50 for children ages 2-12. Children ages 1 and under, Fairytale Town members, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library and ScholarShare account holders are free.

For more information and to register for the conference or evening presentation, visit [sacilibrary.org/playsummit](http://sacilibrary.org/playsummit). The Sacramento Play Summit is sponsored by ScholarShare College Savings Plan and Sutter Health.

### Railroad Museum calls out for volunteers -- Special drop-in volunteer open house

Sept. 12: Fascinated by railroading history? Interested in working on a train? California State Parks, the California State Railroad Museum and Old Sacramento State Historic Park (SHP) are recruiting adults (18 or older) interested in volunteering to help communicate the West's fascinating heritage of railroading and the California Gold Rush. For those interested, a special, drop-in Volunteer Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Stanford Gallery at 1111 I Street in Old Sacramento. Volunteer applications are being accepted through September 15, which will be followed by an interview process.

Each year, approximately 600 men and women volunteer for the California State Railroad Museum's programs -- including weekend excursion train operations, track construction, restoration and maintenance, even clerical work. A background in history is not required to become a volunteer. In fact, most of the volunteers in the popular program began with little knowledge of railroads or the Gold Rush. As individuals become more familiar with the Museum's varied and frequent programs, many volunteers take on additional responsibilities, such as conducting research or giving talks to community organizations. New docents can choose to work in the Museum interacting with visitors from around the world, working in the railroad restoration shops on rare and unique railroad equipment, work on the Sacramento Southern Railroad, or other jobs in this dynamic and fun environment. Volunteering represents a serious commitment of at least 84 volunteer hours annually, but the hours are flexible and the rewards can be tremendous. Docents receive perks such as a discount at the Museum Store, preferential and/or early access to selected special events, and the pride of working at North America's finest and most visited railroad museum. Volunteer applications can be downloaded at [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=25583](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25583) and completed forms can be emailed to [allobard@csrm.org](mailto:allobard@csrm.org) or mailed/delivered to the Volunteer Coordinator, California State Rail-

road Museum, 1111 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814. For more information, please call 916-323-9280 or 916-445-0269.

### Free movie showing! Take Back Your Power: A critical investigation of the smart grid & smart meters

Sept. 13: 1 p.m. Josh del Sol's award-winning documentary investigates so-called "smart" utility meters, uncovering shocking evidence of in-home privacy invasions, increased utility bills, health & environmental harm, fires and unprecedented hacking vulnerability... and lights the path toward solutions. Eric Windheim, EMRS Certified Electromagnetic Radiation Specialist and founder of Sacramento Smart Meter Awareness will host Q & A after the film. The event will be held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St.; <http://www.eventbrite.com>, call 395-7336

### Railroad Museum to Highlight Important Role of Chinese Workers in Building the Transcontinental Railroad During Special Author Presentation

Sept. 16: California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to present a special author presentation and book signing opportunity by Robert S. Wells, author of *Voices from the Bottom of the South China Sea*, on Wednesday afternoon. The compelling and illustrated non-fiction book by Wells highlights the largely untold story of a tragic shipwreck in 1874 off Southern China that killed hundreds of Chinese who were just hours away from reuniting with their families after years of helping to build the Transcontinental Railroad. Based on lost records that were recently discovered and pieced together by the author, the historical book captures the lives of the Chinese passengers when they spent years laboring in California building the railroad, mining silver, growing food, and seeking their fortune. In fact, many Chinese workers during this time played critical roles in building the Transcontinental Railroad. While many Chinese workers were already in California as part of the Gold Rush, many more came to California as a result of an ambitious recruitment effort directed by five influential Sacramento businessmen and political figures -- Leland Stanford, Collis P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins, E.B. Crocker and Charles Crocker. Their goal was to find an inexpensive labor force to build the Central Pacific railroad eastward

to connect with the Union Pacific. Included as a matter of course were hazardous working conditions such as blasting and cutting through hard granite, blizzards and extreme cold, and the high altitudes of the Sierra. The special presentation will begin at 2 p.m. in the Museum's East Theater and is included with Museum admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and children ages five and under are free. The book *Voices from the Bottom of the South China Sea* will be available for purchase in the Museum store. For more information, please call 916-323-9280 or visit [www.csrm.org](http://www.csrm.org). Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at [SaveOurWater.com](http://SaveOurWater.com).

### Birds of South America to be featured at next Audubon meeting

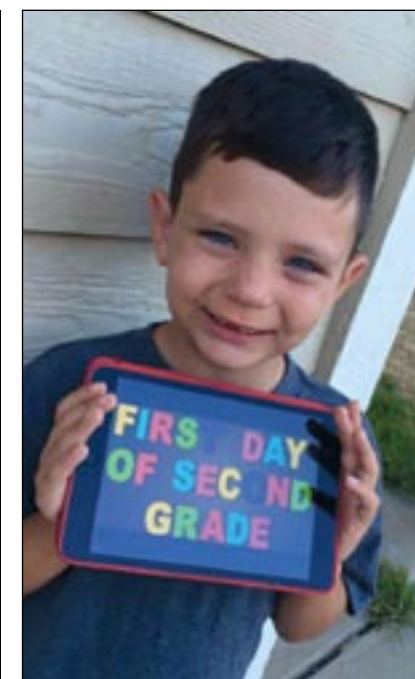
Sept. 17: The birds of South America will be featured at the September 17 meeting of the Sacramento Audubon Society. The public is invited to the 7 p.m. meeting at Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Ancil Hoffman Park (For directions, see [sacramentoaudubon.org](http://sacramentoaudubon.org)). There will be no charge for the program or parking, and no park-entry fee. The speaker, retired California State Parks scientist Craig Swolgaard, will cover highlights of his 2013 trip from semitropical Iguazu Falls to icy Patagonia. He'll also make recommendations on places to go and "how to travel down there on the cheap." Swolgaard has been birding in South America below the Amazon for about 40 years, covered 13 countries, and seen nearly 900 species of birds -- still only a quarter of what's there, he notes.

### Fire Station 43 Open House

Sept. 19: Fire Station 43, located at 4201 El Centro Road, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

### Greater Sacramento area MIP back to school kickoff

Sept. 19: Open to all women, the purpose of this event is to gather women together to pray for children and schools. There will be breakout groups through out the day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be a time to pray for areas through out Sacramento. Breakout groups will be inclusive of various languages. Registration is \$15. Continental breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided. Access registration at [momsandprayer.org](http://momsandprayer.org). The event will be held at Chinese Grace Bible Church, 6656 Park Riviera Way, 95831. Contact is Margie Ng, [margie.ng@spglobal.net](mailto:margie.ng@spglobal.net); 392-2317. For registration, [momsandprayer.org](http://momsandprayer.org).



## Arden-Carmichael kids show their back-to-school enthusiasm with fun photos

The San Juan Unified School District launched a back-to-school photo contest, with the winner yet to be determined, as of press time. Included on this page is a small selection. More can be found on the district's Facebook page.



## Community supports more than 2,000 students with back-to-school supplies

A student receives a free haircut. As San Juan Unified schools prepared to open their doors, community members opened their hearts.

More than 2,000 students from across the district benefited from the generosity of community members, heading into the school year with new backpacks, supplies, haircuts, clothes, shoes and hygiene kits.

Recipients included homeless students and those in need from nearly every San Juan Unified school.

The San Juan Unified School District is grateful to About Kidz, the Arab American Learning Center, KtoCollege, the Citrus Heights Chamber Education Committee, Bayside Church of Citrus Heights and all the individual community members who supported students and families at the start of this school year.

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Source: San Juan Unified School District



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