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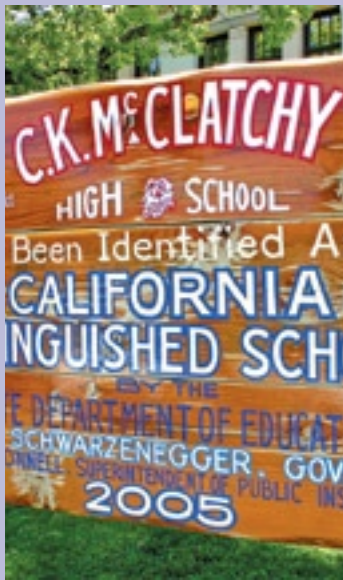
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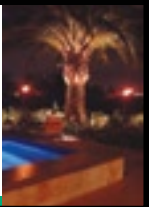
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Rain wreaks havoc

Land Park biz flooded by storm

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Opening the morning of June 4, the next day after the region suffered an intense thunderstorm that lit the night sky, local business owner Nancy Betschart, proprietor of Comfort Zone Elderly In-Home Care for the last 20 years, walked into an office that seemed more water world than work-place.

"Don't step on this part," said Betschart to a visitor walking through her damp doorway at 4420 Del Rio Rd. "Be careful, you'll slip."

With a smile and a laugh in spite of the damage caused by a leaky roof, Betschart did her best to answer questions from passersby as she avoided water droplets raining from her ceiling—a model of grace under pressure as Betschart and her business were under water.

Betschart and her office manager Helen Burgess spent the morning sloshing about their firm, salvaging paper work and assessing damage at the office. Although the water damaged most of their wares, including electronics, computers, postcards and their new company brochures, the pair was in good spirits, though the flooding was not anything they expected to find in June.

"Today's my day off... no more," said Burgess.

Although a surprise to be sure, this was not the first time Betschart and Burgess have been flooded out of their office. In 2003, when located in another part of the shopping complex on the corner of Del Rio and Sutterville roads, Comfort Zone experienced its first flood.

"It had been such a long time," said Burgess. "We just got comfortable."

Comfort Zone was the only business in the shopping center that reported water damage.



Land Park News Photo/Ryan Rose
Comfort Zone office manager Helen Burgess points to water dripping from the ceiling of her office at 4420 Del Rio Rd.

Presently, Betschart didn't have exact plans as to her next step; suffice to say, she's waiting for the air to clear—of water.

"If we are going to have to move out, we are going to find some place to go while they fix this," she said.

Regardless of the water damage, Comfort Zone is still open for business and ready to assist customers and clients with in-home care solutions. To contact the firm to inquire about their services (or to wish the well-soaked Betschart better seas), call (916) 453-1344 or visit www.comfortzonehomehealth.com.

1,000 Words

In this photo from Land Park News editor Ryan Rose, we see a majestic tiger as the big cat patrols a window at the Sacramento Zoo. Here is an assignment to all Land Park News' readers out there: We want to see your photos, too. Send your digital pictures to ryanrose@valcomnews.com. Show us your favorite picture of the Land Park area, whether it be of a person, place or thing (any noun will do), and we will share it with our readers. Good luck, shutterbugs.



The big rumor

Is Trader Joe's coming soon to Land Park?

By RYAN ROSE
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Rumors abound: Is a Trader Joe's grocery store coming to Land Park? The short, official answer: "No comment."

The long answer: It's complicated.

For more than a month, speculation has run rampant through Land Park as to whether Trader Joe's, the famed specialty grocery store chain based in Southern California, would be expanding into Land Park. The home for a new store; the former home of Prime Supermarket, once located within the shopping center on the corner of Del Rio and Sutterville roads. Prime Supermarket, a grocery store that catered mostly to customers of Asian descent, closed at the end of May.

Not long after the proprietors of Prime Supermarket announced in April that it was shutting down, rumors swirled that Trader Joe's would soon occupy the building. In an April 28 edition of the Sacramento Bee, business writer Bob Shallit stoked the flames, reporting that repre-

sentatives of Trader Joe's had been seen walking the premises.

A call to Doug Yokomizo, Trader Joe's vice president for real estate, garnered a "no comment" response about the possible expansion. The same reply came from Herbert K. Yee, a well-known retired dentist who is the landlord of the shopping center.

Still, the embers of such details have caused a firestorm of conversation on the matter—so much so that the Land Park Community Association held a poll asking its members whether they would support Trader Joe's expanding into Land Park. The result: Of the 1805 respondents, 99 percent supported a Trader Joe's store (1788 in favor, 17 opposed).

"Land Park is really excited at the prospect of a Trader Joe's store locating at the Del Rio Road Shopping Center. It will take care of two neighborhood concerns in one fell swoop. First, it would bring an extremely popular grocer to the very heart of Land Park, which has the ideal demographics to make a Trader Joe's store an almost in-

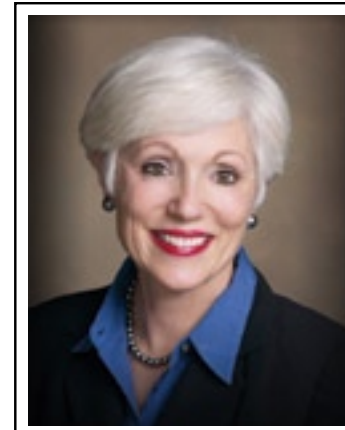
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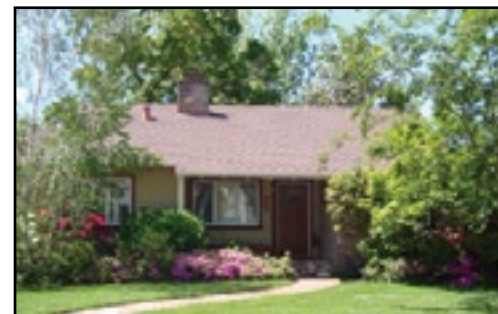
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Know your neighbor

The Pharmacist is in: New business revives good old days

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Need a prescription filled? Head on over to Parkside Pharmacy—Land Park's newest neighborhood drug store. Take a step inside and

you'll see it's unlike any other, where private talks with the pharmacist and customized medication are easy to come by.

Recently opened in May after a complete renovation, the store is a far cry from the orig-



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The proprietors of the new Parkside Pharmacy, John Ortego and wife Michelle (who provides esthetician services on site), are eager to welcome local residents to their new business.



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"I didn't just want a new name on an old business," said proud owner, John Ortego, who, just a few years ago, never would have guessed that he would be a pharmacist with his own independent pharmacy.

Taking the long road

A masters student in Arts Administration, Ortego never found

a job in the field he specialized in, and ended up teaching special education to severely handicapped children. Then, after a marriage and a 30th birthday, Ortego reached a critical turning point.

"I looked at my professional life and realized I wasn't happy," he recalled. "I went back to the drawing board and said, 'What do I want to do when I grow up?'"

Interested in a variety of things, such as law and medi-

cine, Ortego realized he had a skill set and personality that matched with pharmaceuticals. So, in 2006, after two years of pre-pharmacy classes and three solid at the University of the Pacific, he graduated from the school's pharmacy program.

Throughout his training, Ortego focused on becoming an independent pharmacist,

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and after graduation worked as an independent contractor with three different independent pharmacies—one of them being the Land Park Pharmacy.

“I purposely put myself in situations where I could work and learn at the same time,” he said.

And when the owner of the 55-year-old Land Park Pharmacy decided to sell and retire, Ortego jumped at the chance to pursue his dream.

Transformation

Despite trying to keep the old pharmacy an independent one, the owner of Land Park Pharmacy sold the lease in 2008 to Rite Aid, who simply absorbed the files into their Freeport location, gutted the building and left it standing empty for months.

During that time, Ortego kept in touch with the landlords, Dr. Hebert and Inez Yee, and made them aware of his plans. When Rite Aid's lease was up in November of that same year, Ortego stepped in and, in January of this year, he got the keys to his very own independent pharmacy.

Before opening in May, however, the building underwent an upgrade. New flooring, lighting, cabinets and fixtures brought it up to date and ready to serve the community.

Without a client in his book, Ortego opened the doors to the pharmacy with

the hope that his customer base would grow quickly and steadily.

“For 55 years people were coming to this location to get their prescriptions,” Ortego said. “I hoped that out of convenience and habit people would come back, and so far that's proved to be the case.”

A unique experience

With the number of independent pharmacies in Sacramento declining, and the number of chain stores increasing, Ortego has installed a number of unique elements into his store that sets it apart from all the rest.

The first, and most essential to Ortego, is the quality of pharmaceutical care he provides for his customers.

“When you go to big chains, you have to request to speak to a pharmacist. And when you get the chance, he or she is behind glass,” Ortego complained. “Come here and I'll talk to you privately behind closed doors.”

Another element that separates Parkside Pharmacy from other competitors is its delivery service that sends prescriptions directly to a customer's home.

Parkside Pharmacy is also unique in the fact that it works in a triad with doctors and patients to customize medication.

“We hone in on exactly what a particular patient needs, and work closely with doctors to get it right,” Ortego stated.

And finally, the store is more than just a pharmacy. While the sign on the roof reads “Parkside Pharmacy,” the sign on the door and all the store's literature states the full name: Parkside Pharmacy, Compounding and Wellness Center. The store's floor space is divided between the pharmacy, a boutique and a skin spa that is run by Ortego's wife, Michelle, a certified esthetician.

Future plans

While Parkside Pharmacy has only been open for a few weeks, Ortego's entrepreneurial spirit is anything but quenched.

Hoping to quickly change the status of his business from start-up to mature, Ortego plans to have the pharmacy be self sufficient within two years without losing the unique personal touch. In five years, he wants to replicate the model in a few more places, including the foothills and even Davis.

“And in ten years I want to travel and spend time with my family,” he said.



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Esthetician Jessica Needham prepares her wares at Land Park's new Parkside Pharmacy.

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RETIREMENT & ASSISTED LIVING

Casa Garden Restaurant celebrates 35 years of service

Volunteer-operated eatery supports the historic Sacramento Children's Home

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Many people in the community are familiar with the Sacramento Children's Home on Sutterville Road. But when the name Casa Garden Restaurant is mentioned, that's when the brows often get wrinkled and others scratch their heads in confusion.

Casa Garden Restaurant, which is adjacent to the children's home at 2760 Sutterville Rd., is extremely popular with those familiar with the restaurant.

But unfortunately, said Marlene Oehler, a volunteer at the restaurant, too many people in the Sacramento area are unaware of the existence of the restaurant, which mostly survives through re-

peat customers and word-of-mouth advertising.

"We're the best kept secret in Sacramento," Oehler said with a chuckle. "And even many people who know that we're here think that we just cook food for the children next door."

Nonetheless, for the past 35 years, Casa Garden, which is managed by Joan Simmons, has continued its efforts to provide a weekday, lunchtime experience, which raises funds for the children's home.

Casa Garden is open Mondays through Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The restaurant, which Oehler said features contemporary American cuisine dining with no dress code, offers complete lunches for \$16.10.

Entrees, which alternate on a regular basis, include such offerings as chicken cordon bleu, Asian noodles with chicken and vegetables and marinated beef and pepper salad. Sandwiches, beers, wines and specialty desserts are also available.

A place like no other

Nearly all food prepared in the kitchen is fresh and homemade and, as described



The Casa Garden Restaurant and Meeting Center (formerly Casa de los Ninos) has been supporting the Sacramento Children's Home since its opening on April 29, 1974. To date, the business has raised \$2.5 million for the home.

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"Things are done here with simple elegance," Salmon said. "How (Simmons) puts plates together, how colors look, how (foods) are laid out on top of each other and next to each other, she just has an eye.

I've watched her do this and she's just like an artist and you can tell she loves doing it."

Popular with large groups such as rotary and soroptimist clubs and out-of-town groups riding buses to downtown theaters, the restaurant includes a 105-seat Garden

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The idea for this Sacramento restaurant is credited to Ja-

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net Schei, who was impressed by a volunteer-operated restaurant where she was dining in Menlo Park in about 1968.

Following several years of research and planning, Casa restaurant became a reality.

A bite and a bit of help

Casa Garden was built with \$100,000 from the home's endowment fund and officially opened on April 29, 1974.

Originally known as Casa de los Ninos before undergoing a name change in the 1990s, the restaurant began with a bit of uncertainty as the building was constructed so that if the business failed, it could be easily converted into a cottage for 12 or more residential children.

The children's home board was further skeptical that the restaurant could be successful, as is evident by the words of one board member, who said, "Women are never going to want to cook and wait on tables. They do enough of that at home."

But such board members were proven wrong, as the restaurant has survived despite early doubts and criticisms.

Early volunteer enthusiasm, which continues to be carried forth today, was also evident as the first volunteers of the restaurant clipped Betty Crocker coupons in order to purchase silverware for the

business and held coffee gatherings at their homes to attract additional volunteers.

Since its early days when one could sit down for a \$3.25 meal to today, Casa Garden has continued to offer a fine dining experience that is complete with linen tablecloths, fresh flowers on each table and high quality silverware and glassware. And the dedicated volunteer staff has worked to provide exceptional service that certainly does not go unnoticed.

A meal for the soul

Today, 450 volunteers – 250 of which remain active – assure that the restaurant's guests leave with smiles on their faces.

One such guest, 86-year-old South Sacramento Rotary Club member Bud Ravizza, said that he always enjoys dining at Casa Garden.

"We've been coming here for about 12 years," Ravizza said. "We meet here every Monday. They're always so nice here and the food is always good. My wife asked me just the other day what I ate here (at Casa Garden) and I said, I don't know, but it was sure good. We pay extra (money) for lunch and every month, so much of (the money) goes to the children's home. It really makes me feel good to help out that way."

The public is also invited to have lunch at Casa Garden



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong

Marlene Oehler, left, and Ginger Salmon are among the most dedicated of the restaurant's 250 active volunteers.

in support of the Sacramento Children's Home. Reservations are encouraged and tips are tax deductible.

The restaurant building is also available for private rentals for such activities as weddings, receptions and large business gatherings during non-regular business hours.

With more than \$2.5 million donated to the children's home to date, Casa Garden is proud to celebrate 35 years of service. And volunteers of the restaurant encourage the community to stop by for lunch and spread the word for others to support the children's home through this longtime fundraising restaurant.

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Imagine a world of extreme demands, large responsibility and great expectations, an environment where one day can be spent underwater in a submarine, the next is consumed with intense study and the following day is at a survival camp in Alaska; this extreme pressure, akin to that which goes into the formation of a diamond, is the life of an up-and-coming officer at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Such is the daily routine of Morgan Alexander Dahl, a local boy on loan to the East Coast, away from his family here as he at-

tends the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. A 19-year resident of Land Park (living with mom Katy Grimes and her husband Terry), the McClatchy High School graduate left to join the officer ranks of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2007. Now finishing his second year, Dahl, 21, surfaced from his studies and his submarine duties to answer some questions from The Land Park News.

Ryan Rose: What got you thinking of entering the Naval Academy?

Morgan Alexander Dahl: My grandfather was in the navy and my other grandfather was in the Air Corps. Both of them are my role models and my heroes. I

wanted to be like them, then I started to be interested in the military, and then I found the academy.

RR: What did the application process entail? Did you receive any help from teachers at school or members of the community? If so, who?

MAD: I received some great letters and support from a few of my teachers at school. Mr. Still my Latin teacher and Mrs. Miles my calculus teacher especially. Also, I got letters from prominent people in the community and my employer Dave Bingham at Valley Hi CC.

RR: Upon hearing you had been accepted after the long application process, how did you feel? How did your parents feel?

MAD: I was relieved because I had put everything into this school and application. I did not apply to

many other schools relying on the academy and it was the only place I wanted to go. It was a rush of relief, but it was also becoming real, and it was time to get ready. (My parents) are very proud and support what I am doing. I know that having their support helped me.

RR: Was it hard to leave Land Park to a place all the way across the country?

MAD: Very, I have a bunch of friends (at the Naval Academy) who drive a few hours home, or take a southwest hopper to get home. For me, it is a whole day experience to get there and back – it's a huge drag many times. But I would never leave California (for good); the East Coast is terrible.

RR: Could you share a unique experience from you Naval Academy days? Something that the aver-

age college student does not encounter?

MAD: Basically, being in the military everyday of my life. Everything I do has to deal with and is about the military, no one else gets or does that.

RR: How far along are you in your studies at the Naval Academy? When will you graduate? What degree will you hold?

MAD: I will graduate at the end of 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. Yes a BS in poli sci – I take so many engineering classes, I get a BS.

RR: What plans do you have for your life after graduating from the Naval Academy?

MAD: I want to go into the Marines and from there I am not sure.

RR: How does it feel to come home to Land Park on leave? I'm sure it feels great to be around family, but what does it feel like to physically be back on your old stomping grounds?

MAD: It is great to be home, but when you only come home for a few weeks a year, home is not a break. There are so many people to see and so much to do, it gets overwhelming and you can leave more tired than when (you arrive).

RR: Finally, what advice would you give to a young person considering the same career/college path?

MAD: Only do it if you really want it. If you want to be there, it is not hard at all because you have a drive that can keep you going. But go for the right reasons.

Thank you, Morgan, for your answers. The Land Park News will continue to profile Morgan as he concludes his studies at the Naval Academy and enters the U.S. Armed Forces as an officer.

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Of the 133 C.K. McClatchy High School HISP graduates, 130 will be attending college next year.

McClatchy HISP grads sought by top colleges

By **PATRICIA CLARK**
Special to The Land Park News

The acclaimed C.K. McClatchy High School Humanities and International Studies Program (HISP) class of 2009 graduated at Memorial Auditorium on June 5 with an impressive record: Virtually all 133 graduates are going on to attend college.

Of the 133 graduates, 130 will be attending college next year. One will be studying for a year in France and another will be volunteering on a build-a-school project in Rwanda before returning to the states to begin their college studies. Of the 130 starting at a college or university, only 14 will be out-of-state. Many students said they are staying closer to home in an effort to be cost-conscious in the current economic climate.

The value of a hard-earned HISP diploma remains recognized by top colleges and universities across the country, in part because these students have proven themselves successful in a rigorous high school curriculum. The HISP program is an honors program that includes an extra class in the sophomore year, required summer reading, three cultural events and five hours of community service each academic quarter. The hallmark of HISP classes is an emphasis on analytic thinking, writing and communicating in today's global world. The HISP program is located on the C.K. McClatchy High School campus.

Here's the breakdown of where HISP students are go-

ing to college: University of California, 41 percent (54 students); California State University, 23 percent (30 students); a California private school, eight percent (11 students); a California community college, 16 percent (21 students); an out of state public university, three percent (four students); and an out of state private university, 10 percent (10 students).

Of the 41 percent of the graduating class going to a UC school next year, the largest group, 15, are headed to UC Berkeley. UC Santa Cruz is getting 12 HISP graduates followed by UCLA who will gain eight. Nearby UC Davis will welcome seven and UC Santa Barbara will get five, followed by four to Irvine and three to San Diego.

Of the 23 percent of the graduating class going to a CSU school next year, the largest group, 11, are headed to CSU Sacramento. Six graduates go to CSU San Francisco and the highly competitive CSU San Luis Obispo will receive five HISP graduates.

Of the 10 percent who will attend out of state private schools next year, the list includes Bard, Barnard, Parsons School of Design, Gonzaga, Seattle University and Spelman College (Atlanta).

To view the complete list of where HISP graduates were accepted and where they will be attending college or university, or for more information about HISP, please visit www.ckmhisp.org.

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McClatchy High School: 71 years of educating in the Land Park Area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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One of the premier landmarks of the Land Park area and the site of exceptional education and a multitude of memories since 1937 is McClatchy High School.

The school, which is located at 3066 Freeport Blvd., is recognized for many things.

For the casual observer, it is difficult not to notice the fine, Spanish-style craftsmanship of this two-story school with its dual-column center, cream-colored walls and red tile roof.

Also adding to the character of the building are large stone lions, which flank each side of the entryway to the school.

And those who take the time to enter the exterior grounds of the school can see a wooden sign identifying McClatchy High as much more than an architectural gem of the community.

Artistically arranged in colored lettering and logos, the

sign recognizes McClatchy High as a California Distinguished School by the State Department of Education.

Principal Cynthia Clark said that the school's status as a distinguished school, which was obtained in 2005 and again last month in Anaheim, is a representation of the school's longtime commitment to quality educational instruction.

"We were one of 125 high schools in the state of California that were able to qualify for the distinguished school award this year," Clark said. "McClatchy High School has established its reputation in the community for high standards of excellence for students and we continue that standard of excellence today."

Construction of the campus

The road to McClatchy High's recognition as a high quality educational institution in the Land Park area began with the city's necessity for a second high school.



Photo courtesy of McClatchy High School
McClatchy High School has been a valuable educational institution in the Land Park area since its opening in 1937.

With the only public high schools in the area at the time being Sacramento High and Grant High, which was located well outside of city limits, the need for a new public high school within the city limits was apparent by the mid-1930s.

And understanding this necessity, a majority of Sacramento voters approved a \$485,000 bond issue for the construction of the school, which was bolstered by a Public Works Administration grant of \$335,000.

In 1936, construction began on the school, which was designed by Leonard F. Starks and Edward F. Flanders.

In February 1937, the not-yet-constructed school was named C.K. McClatchy High School in honor of the former Sacramento Bee editor and owner, who had passed away the previous year.

The idea for naming the school after McClatchy was proposed by John E. Lynn, a city board of education member, who referred to Mc-

Clatchy as a man who worked diligently for the advancement of education.

Speaking at the school's May 20, 1937 cornerstone laying ceremony, Judge Peter J. Shields said of McClatchy, "He believed in education as an agency for freedom and for justice and for the attainment of those ideals which America has set herself to attain."

The high school was eventually completed and officially dedicated by the Native Sons of the Golden West on Sept. 19, 1937.

It was also in September 1937 that the school opened with 1,387 students and 67 teachers under the direction of Samuel A. Pepper.

The opening of the school provided relief for the then-overcrowded Sacramento High, as boundaries were drawn and part of the student body of Sacramento High were selected to attend the new high school.

From the first class

George Kamilos, 88, who lives in the Arden Park area of Sacramento, was among the first seniors to attend McClatchy High.

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McClatchy: Campus named 'Distinguished School' in May

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mento High before attending McClatchy," said Kamilos, who lived at 21st and P streets, near the Buffalo Brewery with his father, Peter, his mother, Ruby and his younger brothers, Sam and Petro. "Most of us who went to McClatchy back then were kind of excited about going to a brand new school."

Comparing today's Freepoint Boulevard with the Freepoint Boulevard of the late 1930s, Kamilos said, "It was sparsely populated out there with many open lots. Besides the high school, junior college and William Land Park, there wasn't much of anything around there. And there was nothing beyond Sutterville Road."

Kamilos was among the first athletes at the school, participating in track with a young coach named Jack Mauger and football with another young coach, Frank Alustiza.

Since the high school was new at the time, early McClatchy football teams played on a field at the junior college.

Kamilos said that he qualified for the state track meet in Hollister with McClatchy and played in the first of many rival footballs game between the McClatchy High Lions and the Sacramento High Dragons – a game that he admits did not fair well for McClatchy.

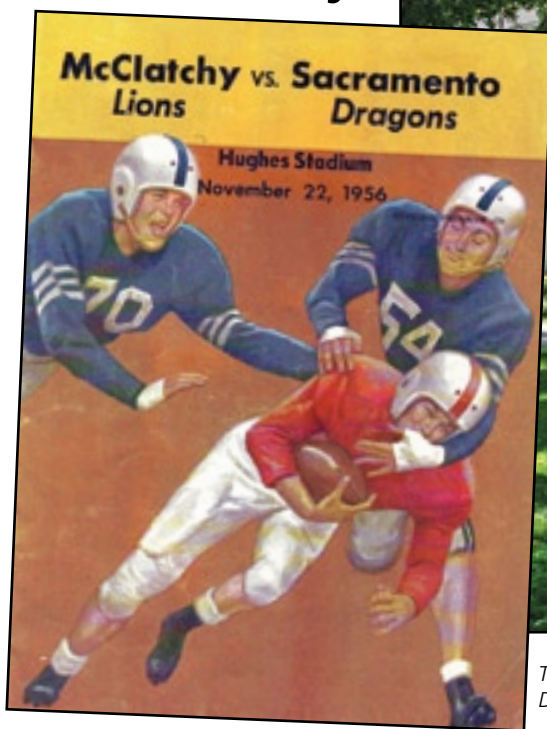
For many years, an annual game between these two schools was played every Thanksgiving Day and was known as the Turkey Day Game. The game, which was played at Hughes Stadium, was a fundraiser for both schools.

Fountain of fond memories

Former Sacramento High English, history and journalism teacher Stan Gilliam fondly remembers attending these games.

"I was there when the big Turkey Day Game started," Gilliam said. "They'd get 24,000 to 25,000 in Hughes Stadium for those games. The games were extremely popular with many people throughout the city."

From year to year and graduating class to graduating class, the pride of McClatchy High continues to remain strong, as is evident by the many reunions



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong
This Nov. 22, 1956 program features the McClatchy High versus Sacramento High Thanksgiving Day football match-up, which is popularly known as the Turkey Day Game.

and other gatherings, which have kept many longtime McClatchy alumni united.

Although various changes, including renovations, have occurred at McClatchy High throughout the years, Clark said that the school's commitment to producing many quality graduates has remained the same.

"I would say with a very conservative estimate that about

30,000 graduates (including about 400 this year) have gone through McClatchy," said Clark, who is serving in her fourth year as McClatchy's principal. "We've certainly carried on many of the early traditions (of McClatchy High) and we continue to produce excellent graduates who turn into fine contributing members of the Sacramento community and the nation."



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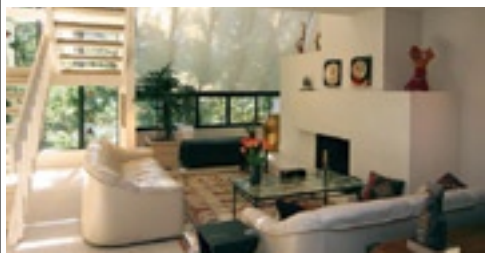
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By OFFICER MICHELLE LAZARK
Sacramento Police Department
Special to the East Sacramento News

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Stop barking dogs

I have a neighbor whose dog barks nearly constantly most days. I talked to her about it, her response was "between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. it is perfectly alright for a dog to bark," and "none of the other neighbors have complained." This has

been going on over a month. She also said, "If you could tell me how to keep other animals from running thru my yard maybe he would not bark."

Michelle, this dog is barking for attention, not at something or someone. Lately he

has resorted to barking for a few minutes then crying and/or howling. I am not sure how many of the other neighbors are at home during the day to hear this – perhaps I am the only one to spend time in my yard or keep my windows open. Maybe I should turn on

the radio up loud or something so I cannot hear it. Before I go so far as to lodge an "official" complaint, is there an ordinance or law concerning barking dogs? What would constitute a breach of this ordinance?

Thanks, Lori

Dear Lori,

The general noise ordinance for the city of Sacramento states that between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day are the times in which officers can enforce the ordinance. The city's Animal Services Division handles barking dog complaints. You can call them at 264-7387 to file a complaint and to meet an animal control officer that will handle your case. They will contact the barker's owner, start a dialog, and give them a chance to correct the barking issue. If your neighbor fails to comply, you can inform Animal Services. This sounds like a habitual problem and it is irresponsible for a neighbor to knowingly let it happen. Barking dog complaints are sometimes handled in civil court if other measures don't work. The solution may be as simple as you or your attorney drafting a letter to your neighbor. Good luck.

Officer Michelle

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The project will culminate with a reading of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at 6:30 pm on Saturday, June 13, to coincide with Second Saturday.

The plays will be read on campus at Sacramento City College. Audience is welcome between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. The full 30-hours of reading will be webcast and accessible through the festival Web site, sacramentoshakespeare.net. The last play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," on Saturday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m., will be webcast to laptop screens at the Union Hall Gallery at 2126 K Street, Short Center South at 1250 Sutterville Road, and projected on a large screen at Vox Sacramento at 1931 H Street.

The 30-Hour Shakespeare Comedy Reading Marathon is presented as a fundraiser for the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival, and actors will be collecting pledges from the Sacramento community at 5 cents per line.

The Sacramento Shakespeare Festival is produced in partnership with the city of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation, and Capital Public Radio, and with generous grants from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, Councilman Rob Fong, and the Los Rios Foundation.

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Pictured: 1. Men, women, children and their furry best friends take off from the starting line; 2. Man and dog sometimes dressed alike; 3. A Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy with the Canine Unit demonstrates the tenacity of their trained dogs when confronting a suspect; 4. A contestant tries to coach his doggy along in the agility contest; 5. "Moms" Stevie Long and Melissa Murphy (not pictured) bring four-month-old Mikey, a Yorkie, to his first Doggy Dash secure in his carrier; 6. Steve Teer and four-year-old Irish (also on front page) warm up for the Frisbee catching contest. Irish has recently qualified in the Skyhound World Finals Frisbee competition.

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\$8.2M state-of-the-art performing arts center on the rise at JFK High

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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As senior graduation and other end-of-the-year activities draw the attention of those associated with John F. Kennedy High School, the campus is also alive with anticipation for the completion of a very visible addition to the school.

Towering high in the air on the west side of the campus, walls are finally taking form on what will become the high school's 465-seat, state-of-the-art performing arts center.

Located where the old M-wing portables sat until their removal last summer, the in-progress, \$8.2 million, masonry block and steel superstructure building is drawing plenty of attention from the school's students and faculty.

JFK High drama teacher Scott Smith said that he is pleased to finally see the walls going up on the 13,775-square-foot building, which has been under construction since last October.

"We've been told the theater has been coming for so many years, but plans kept falling apart," said Smith, who also teaches journalism and English. "So, this is really nice to see this finally coming to fruition."

Smith said that the performing arts center will fulfill the dream for a much larger performing stage than what is presently available at the school's Little Theatre.

"It will be amazing to have a large performing stage, so that we can actually do a musical," Smith said. "Before with the Little Theatre, you could do a (production) with seven or



This artist rendition presents a view of how the John F. Kennedy High School Performing Arts Center will appear once completed. Photo courtesy of Williams + Paddon

eight people in it, but that's it. You couldn't do the really big ones like the Sound of Music, Oklahoma or something like that."

A grand undertaking

Historically, musicals with the school's band and choir were performed at Kennedy High for about 23 years, but in the school's gym, where lighting and sound proved to be more than a bit challenging.

On another historical note, several sources associated with the school, including for-

mer JFK High drama teacher and current English teacher, John York, said that they had heard that the theater was part of the original 1960s plans for the high school.

"I heard that because of a lack of funds, it basically came down to a decision to

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JFK: The 465-seat theater will be completed in 2010

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build the swimming pool or the theater and they chose the swimming pool," York said.

York said that although he is glad to see that the theater is finally being built, he has some concerns about its scheduled use as both a school and community theater.

"My fear is that (the new performing arts center) is going to become like Johnson (High School's) theater, where it's the only venue down here, so everybody uses it but us," York said. "I think that's probably what's going to happen, but hopefully I'll be proved wrong. But don't get me wrong. It's a good thing it's there, even if only the community uses this thing, because what was there before was only a bunch of portables."

When presented with the idea of the building eventually being used solely by the community, Principal Felisberto Cedros said, "That's not going to be a concern. It's a John F. Kennedy auditorium/theater and it will be used as a joint-use venture with the city of Sacramento."

York also questions the size of the new theater, noting that a 465-seat theater is too small to hold the freshman or senior classes.

"In that way, it's really too small. But do we want another barn like at Hiram Johnson? I don't think so," York said.

York added that if used as intended, the new theater will become a quality venue for the school's band and choir.

"It will be good for our band and choir when they do concerts, because they're going to be able to fill that house," York said.

Kassandra Dunne, a sophomore at the school, said that she is looking forward to the completion of the center.

"I think (building the center) is a good idea," Dunne said. "The Little Theatre is hot, smells old and is very cramped. The school's expanding, so I think the theater should expand, too. I think they're also planning on having graduations here instead of downtown, so this (building) might be where I will graduate."

Almost show time

With its masonry walls being worked on last week, the center is currently on pace to be completed by Dec. 31, 2009, said Douglas Henning, the project's senior construction manager.

Henning, who also served as the construction manager for the \$25 million, 83,000-square-foot March Middle School in Moreno Valley

and the \$15 million, 55,000-square-foot Val Verde High School in Perris, Calif., is one of three Pocket area residents working for PCM3 on the Kennedy High project. The others are: Jeff Thrift, project director, and Kevin Park, an administrative assistant with the project.

The architect for the Kennedy High center is the nationally-recognized architectural firm, Williams + Paddon, and the contractor is Roebelen Contracting.

Roebelen's other Sacramento school projects include: the Sacred Heart Parish and Cristo Rey high schools, the Hornet Bookstore at Sacramento State University and the American River College Learning Resource Center expansion.

Commenting about the under construction building, Cedros said that he is very pleased that by the second semester of next school year, Kennedy High will be home to a state-of-the-art performing arts center.

"(The center) provides the Pocket area with a tre-

mendous venue for the arts," Cedros said. "Not only will our visual arts (programs) be able to use it, but I think it's going to be a great cultural venue for the area. I'm extremely pleased because our kids are going to have a professional venue to see perfor-

mances. Theater companies and dance and choral companies in the Sacramento area will also be able to use the venue and provide our kids here at John F. Kennedy with tremendous cultural experiences and that's why I'm excited to have it here."

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By **ROB FONG**
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Special to The Land Park News

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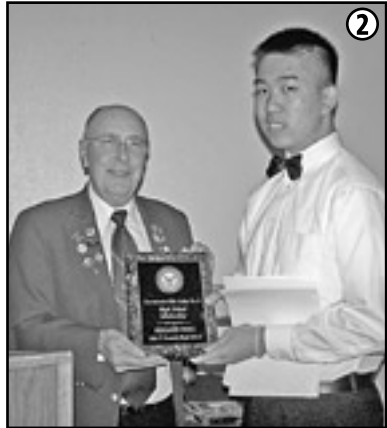
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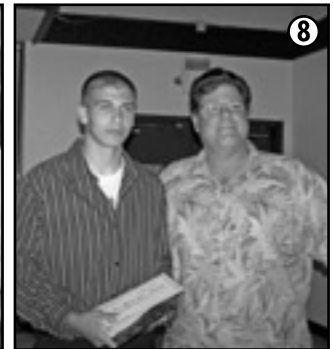
Elks deliver scholarship awards to exceptional students

Held May 28, the Elks Lodge No. 6 held its annual scholarship dinner where its membership presented some of Sacramento's finest students with awards for their excellence in scholastic achievement.

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Pictured: 1. The scholarship award winners gather for a group photo; 2. Elks Lodge No. 6 Exalter Ruler Richard Cherry and High School Scholarship winner Benjamin Fong of John F. Kennedy High School; 3. teachers Judy Anne Miles of C.K. McClatchy High School, Nina Vigil of Sutter Middle School, and Judy Hecomovich of Bowling Green Elementary School; 4. Elks Lodge No. 6 Exalter Ruler Richard Cherry and Culinary Scholarship winner Alison Janigian of C.K. McClatchy High School; 5. Sacramento Emblem Club award winners Giavanna Hampton of Franklin High and Marquis Marcilous of West Campus High; 6. Peter Grassi and Family Scholarship winner Blake Garrison Formanek of Jesuit High School; 7. High School Scholarship winners Molly Vue of Valley High and Keith Thomas Fong of C.K. McClatchy; 8. Luis Alfonso Leon of Valley High is presented with the Golf Club Scholarship.



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Know your neighbor

Heavy metal and high art comes to life at Fe Gallery

By **BENN HODAPP**
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Thanks to an organization created by the city of Sacramento, art lovers can stroll about the streets of East Sacramento and get their fill of all things artistic. The Second Saturday Art Walk is a way for local artists to have their works seen, enjoyed and possibly even sold to admiring patrons. The second Saturday in June falls on the 13th, and East Sacramento's Fe Gallery is one of many art houses participating.

Located at 1100 65th St., the Fe Gallery (the letters "f" and "e" represent the elemental symbol for iron) has been in business since October 2007 and has quickly found a niche by bringing local artists together to show their works to the community.

Millie Porter, curator and co-owner with husband and metal artist Stephan Lyman, talked about why the gallery is the place to be come the second Saturday of each month.

"We're one of the few galleries that does demonstrations," she said. "People are fascinated by our metal workshops and I think people are going to love the glass blowing demonstration (in June). It also allows people to see what a working metal studio looks like.

The gallery has two artists in residence (Lyman and fused

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glass artist Sheena Wolfe) whose work is shown at all times. Each month the gallery selects a number of local artists to be featured in the gallery for that month. In May, the gallery showed the work of photographer Rudy Calpo and glass artist Phil Teefy.

June's featured artists are bronze sculptor Darby Patterson, painter Lynnette Diem and blown glass artist Rene Steinke.

Diem, whose displayed works will be a series of paintings of river rocks, spoke of her inclusion in the gallery's event. She said that she submitted slides of her work to the gallery and it went to the gallery's jury that decides who to accept and who to deny.

She received her master's degree in art from Cal State Northridge and currently teaches art at Davis High School. She said that she has been an artist for more than 20 years, then conceded that "it's actually closer to 30 now."

Her 15 selected works will be on display and for sale at the gallery (the pieces range



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Land Park News Photo/Benn Hodapp

in price from \$300-\$1,200 according to Diem), but she hopes that at the very least people enjoy the experience of seeing her art.

"I think people will enjoy the tranquility of my work," she said.

Lyman, the resident metal artist, started his work as an artist in 1978. He told the story of his background with metal art and how he got started.

"I'm 56 and my dad had a (metal) shop my whole life. I was around it ever since I was about four years old. I was employed by the time I was 11."

Lyman will have what he calls "utilitarian and function-

al art" on display in June. His pieces will be for sale as well and the prices range from \$35 to \$5,000.

As far as his side of running the business, Lyman cracked that "Millie handles all the interested artists who want to be showed. I'm just an artist, I do the fun stuff."

Porter, who prefers to think of herself as someone who does "a little of this and a little of that" rather than a curator, said that there are more reasons to come out and enjoy Second Saturday at Fe Gallery. The gallery offers appetizers such as cheese, grapes, crackers and wine. For the meat-loving section of the populace, there is a tri-tip smoker on the premises that also makes an appearance.

June's installment in the Second Saturday franchise will include a sculpting dem-

onstration by bronze sculptor Patterson and a glass blowing demo by Steinke. The demos will take place during Second Saturday hours, which are from 6 to 9 p.m.

The gallery is an extension of Fence World Iron World at 1100 65th Street in Sacramento. Those wishing to see the artistic works but are unable to make it out for Second Saturday can visit the gallery during regular daytime hours, which are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information on the Fe Gallery, you can go online at www.fegallery.com or call (916) 456-4455. Information about the Second Saturday Art Walk and other galleries included within it is available at www.2nd-sat.com.

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JUNE

African art at Central Library

A special exhibition of traditional African art will be on display, now through Sunday, June 14, at the Central Library, 828 I St., Sacramento. The beauty of African art is simply an element of its function. Objects of daily use, such as bowls, containers, baskets and boxes, are also aesthetically pleasing, being carefully made and often beautifully decorated. For more information, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

Pops in the Park

Councilman Steve Cohn and the Pops in the Park Committee are pleased to present the 15th annual "Pops in the Park" summer concert series. All concerts are free and open to the public and begin at 6:00 p.m. Food and beverages will be for sale. People should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The concerts are June 13 with "Aaron King and The Imperials" at Glen Hall Park, Sandburg and Carlson drives—and a Second Saturday showcase featuring Robin Leddy Giustina; June 20 with George Bruno Big Band at Bertha Henschel Park, 45th Street and Brand Way—also Sidney Pope and Onion Awards and wading pool open for free; June 27 with Kate Gaffney at McKinley Park, 33rd and H streets. For additional information, please visit www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com or call (916) 808-5240.

Art at SFCA

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center presents "Inner Views" from June 9 through June 27. The event is sponsored by the Northern California Arts. The show will present original artwork by local artists. Visit the Sacramento Fine Arts Center at 5330-B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Visit them online at www.sacfinearts.org.

JUNE 11

Computer Club Meeting

Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet from 1-3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. Subject will be Picasa 3 Update to the free Google program for managing digital images by Ann Kerr. A question and answer session will follow the meeting. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call 366-1687 or visit <http://missionoakscomputercub.org>.

JUNE 12

Learn about Parkinson's Disease

Educate your mind via Carmichael Oak's educational series. Learn about Parkinson's Disease at a seminar at 10 a.m. at Carmichael Oaks, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. The event is hosted with Parkinson's Association. RSVP to 944-2323.

JUNE 13

Rummage Sale

The Sacramento Buddhist Church at 2401 Riverside Blvd. is having a huge church benefit Rummage Sale on June 13 from 8 to 4 p.m.

Enjoy the art

Glass Artist Rene Steinke, Bronze Artist Darby Patterson and Multi-Media Artist Lynnette will be featured in at Fe Gallery in June, along with Metal Artist Stephen Lyman and Fused Glass Artist Sheena Wolfe. An artist reception will be held Saturday June 13 from 6-9 p.m. There will be glass blowing demonstration and a bronze molding demonstration throughout the evening. Fe Gallery is located at 1100 65th Street (north of Folsom Blvd., corner of 65th and Elvas), East Sacramento. For more information about the artists and the gallery visit www.FeGallery.com. Fe Gallery, (916) 456-4455, is an extension of Fence World Iron World and daytime gallery hours are currently from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

Saint Michael's Yard Sale

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Hiram Johnson class reunion

The Hiram Johnson Class of '79 is having their 30-year reunion aboard a luxury yacht cruising the Sacramento River. For more information, contact Jeanette Galvan, 397-2315, wandafun@pacbell.net.

Effie Yeaw Ice Cream Social

Held on Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., this event is a fundraiser to benefit the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. The event will also feature stories from Ted Robinson, a well-known speaker and author of "Water in My Veins: The Pauper Who Saved the President," his memoirs of serving in the military with JFK. Ice cream and other refreshments in the Robinson's lovely garden in the Arden-Arcade area. Call (916) 489-4918 to make your reservations. Tickets are \$25 per person and limited to ages 14 and older.

"Legacy Trees Project" Fundraiser Party

Come celebrate The Second Annual "Legacy Trees Project" Fundraiser Party on from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. upstairs in the open courtyard at 1801 L St. in Sacramento during June's Second Saturday Artwalk. This event is free to the public.

Susan Peters at the Park

County Supervisor Susan Peters will be holding "Office Hours" on Saturday afternoon in East Sacramento immediately before the popular "Pops in the Park" summer concert begins at Glen Hall Park in the neighborhood of River Park. Peters will set up a table at the park for residents who wish to drop by and discuss with her items of interest between 4 and 5:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary; visits will be handled on a first come first served basis.

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JUNE 13-14

Annual Nichiren Bazaar

Held on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 5191 24th St., the annual Nichiren Bazaar will feature games, raffles, ice cream, chicken teriyaki, tempura, noodles, sushi, music, hula and more. The event is open to the public.

AIDS benefit plant sale

The June AIDS Benefit Plant Sale, benefiting the summer camp program with kids with HIV/AIDS of Sunburst Projects (Sunburstprojects.org), will be held in the covered parking area on 18th St. behind The Gifted Gardener at 18th and J streets in midtown Sacramento. The sale will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days and will feature more than 200 varieties of hardy perennials including many new, rare and hard to find varieties. This will be the only downtown sale in June. If you can't make the sale, but would like to donate to the cause, contact Jennifer at Sunburst Monday thru Friday at (916) 440-0889 or Jennifer@sunburstprojects.org.

See a big band swing

JUNE 14

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The 30's-40's-50's Dance Band has its first free park concert of the year in June. Hear a 17-piece big band really swing on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Rusch Park, 7801 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights. There is a large expanse of grass with a few shade trees, a cement pad for dancers, and a covered patio-like area with several picnic tables. Bring chairs and/or blankets if desired. The event is sponsored by the Sunrise Park and Recreation District, care of Chris Miller. Call 725-0165 for more information.

JUNE 15

Safe at home seminar

Ethel Hart Center, 915 27th St., will host the Safe at Home Program on Monday at 1:30pm. Rebuilding Together will discuss how to create a safe and healthy home. Come learn how you can have your home assessed for potential fall hazards and how you can receive safety modifications for free based on eligibility. Join us at the free seminar. For more information, call 808-5462.

JUNE 17

Genealogy Meeting

The Genealogy Association of Sacramento will hold its June Meeting on June 17 at 1 p.m. in the Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr. The speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Bob La Perriere. He will speak about the Health issues for Women on the Overland Trail and Gold Rush medical issues. The meeting is free. Questions: Call Melanie Howard at 383-1221.

JUNE 18

Caregiver fitness

More and more Californians are becoming caregivers to family members in need. Care manager Larry Dawes will speak on juggling personal and care giving responsibilities and how to develop care-giving muscle. This free class will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Eskaton Adult Day Health Center, 5105 Manzanita Ave., in Carmichael. For more information, call 334-1072.

JUNE 19

Father and Daughter Dance

Calling all fathers, grandfathers, daughters and granddaughters to join us for our 8th annual Father/Daughter Dance. Held Friday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael, event tickets are \$5 per person. Music provided by the Sundance Kid, light refreshments, games and prizes. All ages welcome.

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JUNE 20

A night at the movies

Enjoy a night at the movies and see a classic film the third Saturday each month at Didion/Lewis Park Recreational Center at 6490 Harmon Dr. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie begins promptly at 7 p.m. Free admission, free popcorn and free prizes. See the following movies: "Witness for the Prosecution" on June 20; "Roman Holiday" on July 18; "To Kill a Mockingbird" on August 15; and "Gaslight" on September 19.

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JUNE 20

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Scholarship Fundraiser

Hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation, Holy Spirit Branch is the 419 Scholarship Fundraiser. Enjoy an Italian Dinner with pasta, salad, and bread prepared by Sampino Fine Foods at the Holy Spirit Elementary School Cafeteria, 3920 West Land Park Dr. The event is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids in advance; at the door, tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$5 for kids. For more details, contact Gloria Lo Giudice at 208-5598.

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Computer consumer class

Held Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at the Central Library, 828 I St., is the forum "Company and Industry Research." Participants will learn how to use the library's databases to find information on companies and their industries. Specific searches will include how to obtain contact information, company profiles, company financials, market share, industry overview, and trade journal articles. The class will take an in-depth look at Gale's Business and Company Resource Center and General Business File. It will also cover Reference USA and Morningstar.

JUNE 21

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JUNE 27

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Skate Park fun

The La Sierra Skate Park, 5325 Engle Rd. in Carmichael, will host a day starting at 2 p.m. of music, skating and fun for kids of

all ages. Music groups include local bands such as Ambrosia Caprice, The Captains of Spaceship Earth, Baconhawk, Takilma, Jeepster and Fishcatfish. There will be food, vendors, skate demos, raffles and more. The cost is \$5 and sponsors include Alien Workshop and Habitat. For information, call Bob Kerr at 480-0700 or Elizabeth Crisante at 483-7826

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Auditions for new season

The Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd, in Carmichael will conduct general auditions for local actors on Sun-

A day for the dogs

Four-legged friends rejoice: Sutter's Landing Dog Park opens

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When the landfill known as Sutter's Landing closed its doors in 1992, the city of Sacramento was left with an area full of promise but lacking direction. An important step in fulfilling the land's potential was unlocked on May 23 with the opening of the Sutter's Landing Dog Park.

A crowd of hundreds piled through the gates with their canine friends, ready to experience something that was a long time coming.

"There was a pent up demand for this," said local resident and City Attorney Eileen Teichert. "People around here who have small properties need this."

Teichert was joined in the festivities by Jackson, her five-year-old Pug who clung to her side and scoped out the goings on.

District 3 councilmember Steve Cohn was on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and he explained how the park came into being.

The general idea for a park was hatched in 1994, he said. The cleaning out of the remains of the landfill took some time, but in 1999, the park began to take shape. A bike trail was one of the first steps.

In 2005, Cohn said, the city started thinking more specifically into what the park would offer. Thanks to a \$2.5 million check from the Capital Reinvestment Fund as well as lease revenue from billboards on I-80, there was enough money to put the plan into effect.

Construction began early this year, but it was more than meets the eye. Much of the process of turning a landfill into a dog park goes unseen because it happens underground.

The asphalt floor of the landfill was lined with layers of clay, soil and bark to ensure full drainage of all water. The trees that dot the park are the first to grow in the lot in more than 100 years, boasted Cohn.

Jackie Kuhwarth, founder and president of the Sacramento Dog Owners Group (sacdog.org), was one of the biggest advocates of the park. Despite the fact that the park shrunk from a proposed 17 acres down to its current three-acre size, Kuhwarth is pleased with the start. She said that she and her two Basenjis, Ben and Cooper, will utilize the park a great deal.

The park consists of two fenced-in areas. One area is for dogs up to 25 pounds and the other is for larger dogs over 25 pounds. Each section has been landscaped to have hills and ample running room for the curious critters. The three-acre park is the largest in Sacramento according to Cohn.

Dog day morning

The opening was a huge success, as seemingly hundreds of dogs couldn't wait to charge through the gates and mingle with their four-legged brethren. Well, mostly four-legged, that is.

One of the stars of the show was two-year-old Rottweiler Cain who was born with a deformity on his front left paw. His owners, Kim Kearsing and Abby Maurer, explained the process that led to their dog's starring appearance.

"The vet told us that the best thing to do would be to amputate his leg," Kearsing said.

Cain has been hobbled for nearly a year now, but he doesn't even seem to notice. He sprinted along happily with 160-pound Great Dane buddy Oliver who treated Cain like part of the family.

The dogs that showed up ranged from handbag-riding Chihuahuas to the largest dog in attendance, a 185-pound Great Dane named Coco, who was ac-



Dogs (and their owners) await entry during the May 23 ribbon-cutting ceremony for East Sacramento's new dog park.



City Attorney Eileen Teichert and Jackson the Pug at the new Sutter's Landing dog park.



District 3 City Councilmember Steve Cohn cuts the ribbon at the Sutter's Landing dog park.

companied by "big" sister Piddles, a tiny terrier that was no more than 10 pounds.

Dave Katten and Ruby, his five-year-old Corgi, were out enjoying the festivities as well. Katten lives a block away from the park and he is delighted with how it looks. "We're going to come down here every day," he said.

Despite the great start to the park, Cohn said that this is just the beginning for Sutter's Landing. By next spring there will be courts for basketball, bocce ball and handball; a restroom to replace the current portable toilets; and further beautification processes to cover up the remaining vestiges of the park's former use.

Cohn said that when the park is fully developed, it will be the size of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Time will tell if that becomes a reality, but on this day at least, it was a wonderful dog day afternoon.

Sutter's Landing is on 28th street past C Street and just past the railroad tracks.



Jackie Kuhwarth, founder and president of the Sacramento Dog Owners Group (sacdog.org), attended the opening of the new dog park with Basenjis Ben and Cooper.



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Could this site on the corner of Del Rio and Sutterville roads be the home of a new Trader Joe's grocery store? Rumors point to "maybe." The official word from Trader Joe's is "no comment."

Trader Joe's: Rumors abound as to whether the company will bring store to Land Park

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stant financial success," said Land Park Community Association board member Craig Powell. "Land Park also has the demographic stability to assure that Trader Joe's will be a long-term success as well. There are very, very few large retail locations in Sacramento that offer both strong demographics and rock solid stability."

Recently, the shopping center has experienced a bit of a revival, as Parkside Pharmacy – a compound pharmacist offering specialty goods, opened in May. Pillars of the shopping center, like La Bou Café and the Macau Café, already drew scores of local residents.

"We should not... count our chickens before they hatch. There has been no announcement of a signed deal between Trader Joe's and the

landlord. However, the LPCA's Commercial Revitalization Committee, led by (board president) Terry Grimes, has been doing everything it can to help encourage the consummation of a lease, as we clearly see it as a win-win for the community," Powell said. "If and when a deal is announced, the LPCA will certainly do its part to make sure that Trader Joe's receives a warm Land Park welcome to the neighborhood."

Tell us what you think—would you advocate for a Trader Joe's grocery store in Land Park? Would the shopping center at Del Rio and Sutterville roads be the best location? E-mail your opinion to ryanrose@valcomnews.com. Letters will be printed in the next edition of The Land Park News.



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The former home of Prime Supermarket, now empty with large boards blocking access inside, has been vacant since late May.

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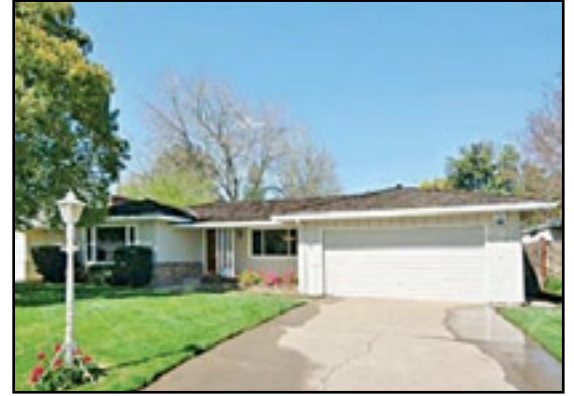
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