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Launch of LP Volunteer Corps

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In the past two years, 60 percent of the city's park workers have been laid off due to budget cutbacks, creating a growing crisis in the care of Sacramento's parks, including Sacramento's most popular park, William Land Park, visited by almost two million people annually.

In response, the Land Park Community Association has launched the Land Park Volunteer Corps, mobilizing volunteers from both

Land Park and around the city who care about the condition of what many consider to be the crown jewel of Sacramento's park system.

Corps members agree to work in the park on the first Saturday of every month: planting, trimming, weeding, clean-up and performing other gardening tasks. The Corps has been developed in consultation with the city's Department of Parks and Recreation. Sacramento City Council member Rob Fong, Land Park's representative on the City Council, is underwriting the start-up cost of the Corps. In an expression of neighborhood sup-

port for the Corps, individual members of the LCPA have, in the first week of May alone, donated \$2,830 to the Corps, fully funding its operations for its first three months.

For information on joining the Land Park Volunteer Corps, visit www.landpark.org.



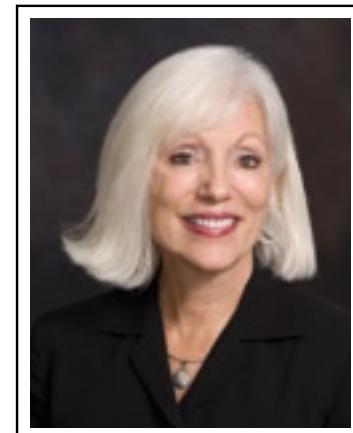
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Sumatran tiger cub at the Zoo needs a name

Special to The Land Park News

The Sacramento Zoo's Sumatran tiger cub, born on Thursday, March 18, needs a name. The Zoo is requesting the help of the community to choose a name fitting for this adorable cub. Her name will be announced when she goes out on exhibit for the first time in June (date will be announced in early June).

The following list of names and their meaning can be voted on at saczoo.com:

- Shamrock – Born the day after St. Patty's Day, this little cub is sure to be a lucky charm.
- Selamat – It has multiple meanings in Indonesian: congratulations, safe and survivor. The Sumatran tiger is an endangered species and the birth of this girl is a safeguard for the survival of the species.
- Malia – Malia Obama, the daughter of President Barack Obama, talks to her father weekly about what he is doing to save her favorite animals, the endangered tigers.
- Jingga – It means orange in Indonesian. The little tiger cub already has a full coat of orange and black striped fur. Did you know that no two tigers have an identical stripe pattern?
- Lina – for Lina Fat, the matriarch of the Fat family in Sacramento, whose philanthropy has greatly served the Sacramento community.

Zoo saddened by loss of Geoffrey's Cat

Sacramento Zoo reports the death of the oldest Geoffrey's cat in captivity; Sabrina was 24 years old. Already coping with arthritis and cataracts, veterinarians detected a cancer in her jaw in March. Due

to her advanced age, she did not receive aggressive treatment for the cancer but was medicated to keep her comfortable. Keepers and veterinarians monitored Sabrina closely, but it was only a matter of time before the progressive disease took its toll. Her condition worsened quickly and after thoughtful discussion between animal care, zoo administrators and veterinary staff, the decision was made to euthanize Sabrina to prevent her from suffering.

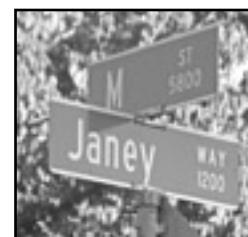
"She was a great animal and she was a part of our zoo family for so long," Harrison Edell, zoo curator said. "It has been especially hard for staff members who have worked with this particular cat for so many years to see her health deteriorate, and we feel confident in our decision to euthanize her before she suffered," he said.

Many Sacramento Zoo visitors have enjoyed seeing Sabrina over the years, and she will be missed.

About the Sacramento Zoo

Open since 1927, the Sacramento Zoo is home to over 450 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of over 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park, the zoo is wholly managed by the non-profit Sacramento Zoological Society. This Sacramento treasure inspires conservation awareness through education and recreation. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., general admission is \$11; children ages 3-12 are \$7.00 and two and under are admitted free. Parking is free throughout the park or ride Regional Transit bus No. 6. For information, call 808-5888 or visit saczoo.com.

Janey Way Memories



Jim Ducray: A story of redemption



By MARTY RELLES
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The Ducray Family lived across the street from our house on Janey Way: Justin Ducray, his wife Alice and their six children: Joan, Bill, Jim, Jennifer, John and Mary Kay. The two older boys, Bill and Jim, were fierce sibling rivals. They fought regularly. These were not the pushing and shoving kind of fights brothers sometimes have, but knock down drag-out fights that resulted in cuts, bloodied noses and black eyes. They were tough kids.

Jim seemed the wilder of the two boys and got into trouble early. His parents separated, then divorced during his mid-teens and that seemed to really throw him off. At age 15, he and two other boys took a car and went on a joy ride. The police apprehended them and Jim landed in juvenile court. The juvenile judge sensed he needed some supervision and placed him in the Sacramento Boys Ranch, a minimum-security facility that featured a working ranch where boys mucked stalls, fed animals and tended a garden. Jim seemed to prosper in this environment. He returned home six months later and seemed a changed person. However, his troubles were not over.

A few weeks before his 18th birthday, he stole a second car on the way to a job interview. Again, the police caught him and placed him in the Juvenile Hall. After release on his own recognizance, he went immediately to an army recruiter and enlisted. Somewhere on his way to basic training, the court system found out he enlisted and dropped the charges. Jim served two years in the army, including a tour of duty in Viet Nam. In 1968, he received his honorable discharge from the army and returned home.

After returning home, Jim had trouble adjusting. He enrolled at Sacramento City College, but soon dropped out. Then he took a job selling jewelry door-to-door. He soon found trouble yet again, when he tried to sell a small amount of marijuana to one of his customers who turned out to be an off-duty cop. This landed him in jail yet another time. This time he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of selling a controlled substance and spent six months at Sacramento County's Rio Cosumnes Correctional Facility.

That time in incarceration changed Jim's life path. After his release, he enrolled at Sacramento State University and four years later attained a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Following graduation, he went to work for the California Youth Authority as a youth counselor. Unfortunately, this career ended early when a youth gang member threatened his life. Subsequently, Jim returned to Sacramento State and completed work on a master's degree in counseling, then began a long and successful career as a crisis counselor for Amador County.

After his career with the county, he started a private practice as a marriage and family counselor in Jackson. He has come full circle from run-ins with the law to counseling families and troubled youths. Jim lives with his wife and nephew in a beautiful Sierra foothills home he had built near Jackson. His story is truly one of redemption. It is proof positive that with the right kind of support, and friendships like the ones built on Janey Way, a young person can turn his life around and achieve success.

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Lance Armstrongs unite

Land Park News writer catches up with famous cyclist during Amgen Tour

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
(The writer, not the cyclist)
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As a staff writer for four Valley Community Newspapers publications – the Arden-Carmichael News, the East Sacramento News, The Land Park News and The Pocket News – attending and reporting on this year's Amgen Tour of California presents a variety of opportunities.

One such opportunity is to inform some of our confused readers that as amazing as it may seem that I have taken a week from my already busy schedule to participate in this world-renowned cycling event, while still producing articles for these publications, this is, however, not the case.

Instead, it is merely a coincidence – a very bizarre one, in fact – that out of the tour's relatively small number of reporters when compared to the thousands upon thousands of people who have flocked to various places throughout the Golden State for this prestigious cycling event, I just so happen to share the same

name of one of the tour's cyclists.

And no, not just any cyclist, but ironically one the sport's most renowned athletes, seven-time Tour de France winner, Lance Armstrong.

Making it my main goal to set the record straight that there is a difference between the Lance Armstrong at the tour who wrote with pen on paper and the Lance Armstrong at the tour who rode with a pack of bicycles around the Capitol last Sunday, I began this mission at the tour's press conference, which was held last week at the Sacramento Convention Center. And this quest continued at the first stage sites of Nevada City and Sacramento and at the second stage site of Davis.

Meet and greet

Just prior to the beginning of this 104.3-mile stage that traveled through Grass Valley and Auburn on its way to Sacramento, I was informed by a tour representative that Armstrong, the cyclist, was readying to step out of his tour bus and head out on

his bicycle to the starting line.

Having been in communication for several months with Philippe Maertens, the press officer representing cyclist Armstrong's Team RadioShack, I made my way to the bus to speak with Maertens, who assured me that he would do his best to assist me in meeting with Armstrong, the cyclist, despite a mountain of similar requests.

Accompanied by my friendly photographer Tracy Bryan of Elk Grove, I was fortunate enough to be the first person to greet Armstrong, the cyclist, as he stepped off the bus.

And although our meeting was brief, it was a key moment in my efforts to assist the aforementioned confused readers of our publications in understanding that there is a difference between Lance Armstrong the writer and Lance Armstrong the rider.

But as many teachers know, subject matter is not necessarily learned in one lesson, so I was also fortunate enough last year to instruct my students – aka readers – of the commun-



Photo by Tracy Bryan

Land Park News writer Lance Armstrong spends a moment with Armstrong prior to the first stage of the Amgen Tour of California.

ty about the difference between the two Lance Armstrongs in a well-circulated article, titled "Lance Armstrong Meets Lance Armstrong." The article can be found on various sites on the Internet.

During my previous meeting with Armstrong, just prior to the Prologue of last year's Tour of California, the globally-famous cyclist pointed to me and let a large group of onlookers

know that I, too, am also Lance Armstrong (albeit, a different one).

But even with one of the world's most renowned athletes as my spokesman, word has still traveled relatively slow.

But then again, it was somewhat of a strange experience for me at the event to approach various people from throughout the world

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Cyclist: 'It's like LeBron James meeting another LeBron James'

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who said that they had read about me in last year's article.

One such person was Australian Will Dickeson of the Jelly Belly Cycling Team.

Just prior to departing from Davis, Dickeson, whose mother Helen Perry is a volunteer for the tour, said that he was glad to meet me.

With a sense of humor, typical of many Australians, Dickeson said, "This is something a bit different (meeting Lance Armstrong). I thought he'd be pretty closed off and pretty hard to talk to. He's a pretty famous guy, but he was just walking by like an average guy, like the rest of us. He's a very easy guy to talk to. I like him a lot."

Another person familiar with last year's article is Sacramento resident Travis Hagen, a cancer survivor, who was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2002 and is among the many people throughout the globe who are inspired by the cancer survival story of Lance Armstrong, the cyclist.

With his cancer now in remission through the assistance of Lance Armstrong's doctors in Indianapolis, Ind., Hagen has since had two children and is an avid cyclist.

"(Armstrong, the cyclist) inspired me to get on the bike and I'll be racing the Leadville 100 (in Leadville, Colo.) in August," said Hagen, while standing with his family in Capitol Park.

Steve Brunner, the tour's press chief, who is also familiar with last year's article, finds it very entertaining that the two Lance Armstrongs were able to meet.

"It's like (National Basketball Association star)



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong

Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong speaks about his team's strategies for the Tour of California during a press conference held in Sacramento May 14. Lance Armstrong pictured together in cover photo by Tracy Bryan.

LeBron James meeting another LeBron James, so it's pretty cool," Brunner said.

Following the May 14 press conference before the tour began, Mark Cavendish, who later won the first stage of this year's tour with a mark of four hours, four minutes and 46 seconds, said that it was a unique experience meeting another Lance Armstrong.

"I never thought I'd meet another Lance Armstrong, but sometimes I thought I'd never meet the (cyclist) Lance Armstrong," Cavendish said.

And indeed, there is another Lance Armstrong, thus readers can rest assured that they will promptly get their news, despite the fact that another Lance Armstrong will be pedaling in hopes of capturing his eighth title at the Tour de France next July.

For an expanded version of this story, visit www.valcomnews.com.



Land Park News Photo/Lance Armstrong

Sacramentoan Travis Hagen, an amateur cyclist and a cancer survivor who was a patient of cyclist Lance Armstrong's doctors, stands with his wife Carrie and children, William and Ashley.

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Know your neighbor

'Mormon Helping Hands' clean up and beautify William Land Park

By SUSAN LAIRD
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If you were out driving in the beautiful weather earlier this month and saw what seemed like hundreds of people in yellow shirts and vests working in William Land Park...your eyes were not deceiving you.

Over 800 volunteers from the Sacramento California Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints participated in "Mormon Helping Hands: Renewing California Parks" on May 8. The local effort was part of an ambitious statewide project that involved some 75,000 volunteers who donated their time, talent and treasure to state, regional and local parks throughout California.

The large scope of the project initially took John Cassinat, stake president, aback.

"I had just become president about two months earlier," Cassinat said. "When I received the letter from Elder L. Whitney Clayton – he is a member of our Presidency of the Seventy and supervises North America



West – saying that this was a project he wanted us to take on, I realized that this was one of the first big 'to dos' of my stake presidency."

The Sacramento California Stake is a geographical grouping of Mormon congregations, or wards, in the Sacramento, South Sacramento, Elk Grove and Pocket areas. It is a diverse group, including members of the Hmong and Tongan communities in its make-up. The initial challenge, according to Cassinat, was to choose a location that everyone in the stake could agree upon.

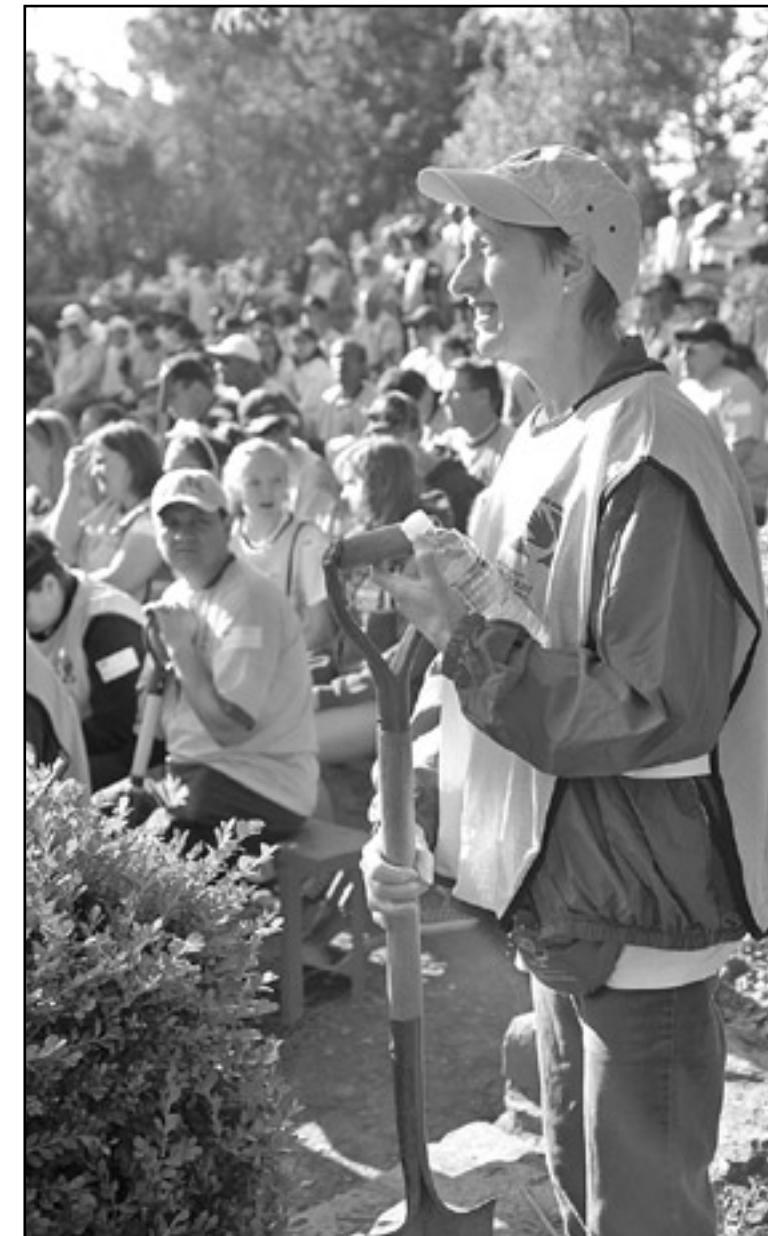
"I knew in a heartbeat that we needed to be in

William Land Park," he said. "Not only is it beautiful and historical, it is loved by everyone in the community."

Members of the church initially planned for a turnout of 500.

"We ordered 500 yellow vests," Cassinat said. "The response to this in our stake was so tremendous, that we quickly ran out of vests before the event. We had to tell 300 people 'Get a bright yellow t-shirt' for the day."

The hard-working Mormon volunteers focused on historic trail restoration,



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Land Park: 'These parks belong to everyone'

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power washing park amenities, landscape maintenance and specialized gardening at the Boat Pond Gardens, the WPA Rock Garden, and near the Swanston Memorial, laying sod, and tree maintenance in addition to a massive clean-out of the park's three ponds.

In cooperation with the Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department, and in partnership with Council member Robert Fong and United Rentals, Mormon Helping Hands volunteers contributed more than 3,000 volunteer hours helping to maintain the beauty and utility of one of the Sacramento region's most valued and heavily used parks. The local effort grew out of a larger, international effort.

"Since 1985, the church has provided assistance around the world in excess of \$884 million," Cassinat said. "The Mormon Helping Hands Project grew out of that in 1998. During this time of fiscal belt-tightening, our desire was to assist with the Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation who have been at the brunt of budget cuts."

After a successful day of volunteering, members of the Sacramento California Stake celebrated with an old-fashioned family-style picnic with multicultural food festival flair. Roasted pig, roasted side of beef, homemade baked goods

and more were a happy reward at the end of the project.

The volunteer services performed in Land Park have an estimated dollar value of more than \$70,000. In appreciation, the City of Sacramento officially declared May 8, 2010 as Mormon Helping Hands Day. The vision of the church leadership was to make a positive contribution that would benefit everyone in the community.

"This was a perfect example of people stepping up to make a difference," said Hindolo Brima, spokes-

person for the Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation. "The Mormon Helping Hands event involved over 1,000 people. In addition to William Land Park, they also did a couple other projects in Natomas. These parks and amenities belong to everyone, so it's great when members of the community volunteer to help. We encourage other individuals and groups to follow this example and do the same."

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Meet the three running for Sacramento County Sheriff

By ELIZABETH VALENTE
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Editor's note: Our newspaper is pleased to offer our readers complete profiles of the three candidates running for Sacramento County Sheriff. The interviews are printed in alphabetical order and are also available online at www.valcomnews.com.

In the world of politics, the race for Sacramento County sheriff is not typically considered a hot one. But this year, with 57 years of law enforcement experience between them, three candidates, Jim Cooper, Brett Daniels and Scott Jones, are vying for the position and the race is heating up. The current sheriff, John McGinness, is not seeking re-election, and the Primary Election is Tuesday, June 8.

Jim Cooper

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Having served 25 years as a deputy sheriff in this county, Captain Jim Cooper, commander of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crime's Task Force, covers all the child pornography investigation for the region. The Cordova High School graduate is also the taskforce commander for the department that deals with identity theft investigations and forensics for cell phones and computers. As if that was not enough, he is in his third term as an Elk Grove city councilman, having already been mayor of the city twice.

Born in France but raised in Sacramento County after his father retired from the Air Force, Cooper put himself through college, receiving a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Saint Mary's. He then went to the FBI National Academy and has taken a number of leadership courses. All his education and training has led him to lead the narcotic and gang unit.

"I spent the first five years of my job buying drugs every night and arrest the guys who sold it to me," said Cooper. "Since then, my team and I have worked all over California with several drug agencies to combat the state's drug problems."

Cooper is backed by organizations like the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association, Former Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas, Sacramento County Law Enforcement Managers' Association, and the Sacramento Police Officers Association. His campaign strategy is to help meet budget constraints by bringing in more revenue for the department.

"We need to be more self-sufficient and not rely on the County General Fund," he said.

Cooper wants to bring in more contracts, like the Work/Release Division.

"The inmates that pick up trash and do community work paid to be in that program," said Cooper. "The program brought in at least 6 million (dollars) a year. Little league fields were cleaned up, trash was picked up in neighborhoods – it was a win-win situation for the community. And though it brought in revenue, the administration cut the unit."

Along with increasing more deputies in the department and appointing a committee to help review department audits and help devise solutions for the best use of department funds, Cooper also advocates an academic/athletic program to help troubled youth.

"When I worked narcotics I saw teens that were abused, that never had a chance in life. I've always been committed to our youth," said the father of three.

Despite all the political mud slinging and accusations in this hotly fought election, Cooper said he wants voters to know he's a man of action, not inaction.

"I will do everything I can to make our citizens safe," he said.

Bret Daniels

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Bret Daniels is a former Sheriff's Department deputy and former Citrus Heights city councilman. Currently, Daniels works as a safety director for a shopping mall. As to his experience, Daniels cites his 13 years in the department dealing directly with the public.

"I've watched this department grow into a very bureaucratic, cop-heavy kind of function, as opposed to a law enforcement function," he said. "I have more direct law enforcement experience than my two opponents combined. They have spent little time in the patrol car responding to calls. I don't think they grasp the full importance of patrol enforcement."

If elected Sacramento County Sheriff, the Citrus Heights native says he plans to move more officers from behind the desk and onto the streets patrolling more neighborhoods.

"When you call 9-1-1, you don't care that there is a taskforce for this and a taskforce for that, you care whether or not a cop is out there in time to help you," Daniels said. "We especially need this done by the summer, when more calls come in."



Jim Cooper



Bret Daniels



Scott Jones

current Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness.

"As a cop, we tend to be linear thinkers, black and white, just the facts. The law degree gave me a whole different context on how to look at problems and situations. It has given me the ability to recognize the importance of perception," he said.

But his career hasn't always been a smooth ride. In 2004, Jones was suspended from the department while federal investigators looked into a mishandling of a Treasury check. He was cleared of all charges.

"It was fully investigated by the U.S. Attorney and FBI and proven to be unfounded. I understand they had to investigate it," he said. "I was exonerated, I had nothing to hide."

With a strong support from his family and backers like Sheriff McGinness, Sacramento Police Chief Rick Braziel, and former U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott, Jones has since pushed forward and is focusing his effort on making the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department an "open-book policy."

"As commander of the Main Jail, the largest division in the Sheriff's Department, I instituted reforms that dramatically reduced the number of complaints, excessive force allegations and costly lawsuits," said Jones. "I opened up the jail for the first time to the media and the public."

Along with opening the jail to media, examining the allegations of excessive force and high suicide rates in the jail, and the ride-along program, Jones plans to take an innovating thinking and ethical leadership approach in his campaign for sheriff.

"We are custodians of the taxpayers' dollars," he said. "This department will have no secrets and be as transparent and open as possible."

Like the other candidates, Jones also vows no advocacy for fees or taxes.

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Life after 50

Generation Y – Listen up

By DARBY PATTERSON
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My husband and I were leaving DeVere's Irish pub in downtown Sacramento as twilight descended. A couple of young business bucks were on the patio tossing down pints. They were using (shall we say) colorful language. One apologized to me and assured him it was no problem (he hasn't heard me express myself). Then, as we were walking away I heard him remark that his grandmother wouldn't approve of that vernacular.

Now, I have finally settled into young people asking me if I want the senior discount – but I am far from being a 20-something's grandmother. I wanted to pummel the little Gen Y troglodyte. It's very difficult, sometimes, for those of us with more mature judgment to ignore the unintentional slights of youth. And, I am thinking that maybe we shouldn't!

Baby Boomers are sweeping onto the population charts in record numbers – and we are planning to live longer and better than any generation before us. Perhaps it's time to exert our well-earned authority. Toward that, I should have made that young man wash his mouth with soap – or eat his words. Note to anyone under the age of 40 – don't presume to guess the age of anyone who looks old enough to be your parent (or grandparent). It's not polite and puts you in the general classification of "Jerk."

Furthermore, please don't call us "honey," or "sweetie" or "dear." This is inherently condescending. It implies a superiority you have not lived long enough to claim. It's women who are most prone to issue this unintended slight, although I have had young men (clerks in stores, dudes behind the counter) toss me this empty term of endearment. I am not your sweetie or honey. We've never been properly introduced and I think I would find you quite boring if I was forced to have a conversation with you.

As older adults who want to maintain dignity and exercise our rights of elder-hood, I think we owe it to the young to demand a level of respect. For me, this means refusing to tolerate or ignore these small gaffs. How will they know if we don't inform them? Of course, really nice Baby Boomers will find a gentle, acceptable way to get the message across: "I know you mean well, but I'd rather you didn't address me that way. It's inappropriate." I am striving to be that reasonable. My response? "Listen kid, do you know who I am? I am Georgia O'Keefe, Madam Curie, Elizabeth Stanton, Marian Anderson, Amelia Earhart. I am not your grandma – and if I was, you'd have better manners."

With our burgeoning older generation I think it's time to aggressively seek to change the stereotypes about "seniors." We are not feeble, slow, childlike, dependent or a host of other misconceptions that accompany moving into the second half of life. I'm interested in what other Boomers and our parents would like to see changed about the way we are perceived. Comments welcome!

Tell Darby what you think – she blogs online at www.valcomnews.com. Darby Patterson is a member of the Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission and the author of "Meow.org, The Cat-Napping Caper." Visit Darby at www.storiesandbooks.com.



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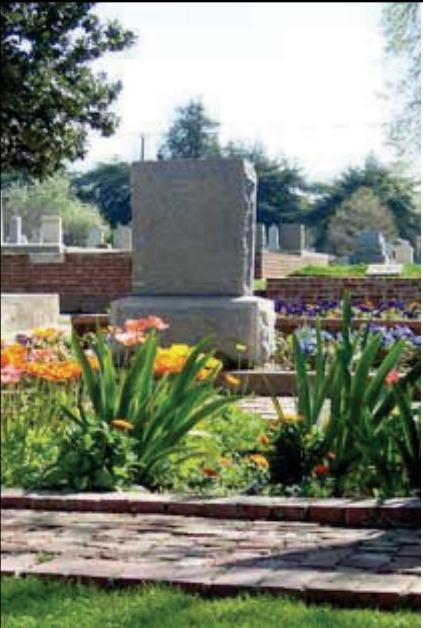
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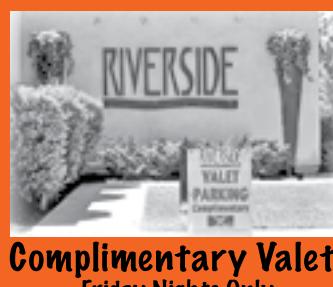
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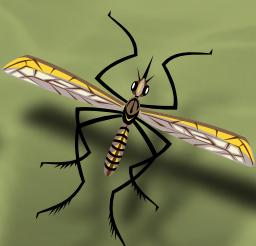


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University will also eliminate vacant staff and management positions, reassign staff and managers, and reduce the number of temporary employees to close the deficit, which was brought on by drastic cuts in state funding.

"The work we have done over the last two years to

reduce expenses and judiciously use reserve funds, along with the furloughs, gave us the resources we needed to insulate against personnel reductions," President Alexander Gonzalez says. "However, deep cuts in state support of higher education have left us with no further options,

and the CSU Chancellor's Office has concurred that the limited number of layoffs is unavoidable as part of our overall need to reduce salary expenses."

Unprecedented state budget cuts to the California State University have forced Sacramento State to shrink its bud-

get. As part of the plan to meet budget reductions, the University is eliminating 38.5 vacant staff and seven vacant management positions, transferring 17.43 positions to non-state funded sources and leaving 20 staff and eight management positions vacant.

The campus planned for both 12 percent and 18 percent budget reductions, and due to prudent financial management, the University was able to minimize the impact at 12 percent. Because of retirements, not filling vacant positions, reassigning and realigning services, transferring employees to non-state funding when possible, reducing operating expenses and substantially reducing travel, the campus was able to avoid further cuts at this time.

At this time, the University is maintaining its tenured or tenure-track faculty and retired faculty under the Faculty Early Retirement Plan, or FERP. "This decision helps us build a schedule for Fall 2010 that can better accommodate the number of students we expect," says University Provost Joseph Sheley. "We are admitting all qualified students, as required by law, and we want to give them the best possible chance of obtaining the courses they need to advance toward graduation."

Once the state budget is approved and the impact is known, University officials will re-evaluate the campus budget for the spring semester.

Sacramento State has approximately 1,338 faculty positions, 1,183 staff positions and 167 management positions, for a total of 2,688 positions.

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South Sacramento Rotarians give back large to community

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A small group of local business men and women gave over \$19,000 local nonprofits that serve the community on May 10.

Some 20 community organizations received checks from the 39 members of the Rotary Club of South Sacramento, at the group's weekly meeting at the Casa Garden Restaurant. The donations reflected just a portion of the funds given out by the generous club, which is firmly committed to Rotary International's slogan "Service Above Self."

"This is nothing new," said Frank Cook, president of the Rotary Club of South Sacramento. "Serving others and stepping up when there is a need, this is the basis for our society."

Rotary International is a volunteer service organization with 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. It initiates humanitarian projects that address today's challenges affecting the world today, such as hunger, poverty and illiteracy.

Rotary club members represent a cross-section of business and professional leaders around the world. These 1.2 million men and women donate their expertise, time, and funds to support local and international projects that help people in need and promote understanding among cultures. The South Sacramento club is one of some 40 Rotary clubs in the Sacramento region.

The South Sacramento Rotarians worked hard during the past year to raise funds to benefit those in need in the local community, the region and the world. They sweltered in the summer sun, selling fireworks. They put on an annual crab feed and a golf tournament, and performed numerous other fund-raising tasks with joyful and hope-filled hearts.

"Our club responded with great generosity to needs around the world and locally," said Krysia Falltrick, a member of the club. "In only one meeting, over \$1,000 was raised to be donated to Shelter Box International. Each box supplies up to 10 people with a tent and essential supplies to use in a disaster. I am so proud to be a member of this club."

Rotary's flagship program is its effort to protect children against polio. It aims to eradicate the disease from the world. Another international effort is the Wheelchair Foundation. The South Sacramento group contributed to these international efforts also. In partnership with other clubs in the area, the Rotarians will distribute 1,120 wheelchairs next year in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Local groups receiving funds included: the Boy Scouts of America, the Camellia Symphony Orchestra, Chicks in Crisis Inc., the Foster Youth Speech Contest (National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc.), the Girl Scouts of America, Loaves and Fishes, Luther Burbank High School, Moral Values, NorCal Camp Grizzly, Project Night Night, Rosemont Robotics Club, Sacramento City College, the Sacramento Recovery House, St. John's Shelter, SSIP Emergency Food Closet, Toys for the Troops' Kids, YMCA and VSA Arts.

All requests for grants from the Rotary Club of South Sacramento received consideration, including one from a student. Megan Perry, a junior at Christian Brothers High School, received a grant to provide canvas bags for Project Night Night.

"Project Night Night in San Francisco collects stuffed ani-

mals and blankets in canvas bags for homeless children," Perry said. "This gives them something concrete and stable to hang onto while they are in a very unstable situation."

Each gift will help to fuel efforts to improve conditions for every resident in the local area and the region at large.

"As there are more and more cutbacks in education, it is harder and harder for families with youngsters to experience a live concert," said Gus Guichard, president of the Camellia Symphony Orchestra. "In this economy, I understand why cuts are necessary. This donation, however, will allow us to continue our program to give kids and their parents an opportunity to go see a concert next year. Thank you."

"Chicks in Crisis serves teens and women who are pregnant," said Inez Whitlow, founder and CEO of that organization. "We provide free services to help babies. The people we serve are in dire straits. Chicks in Crisis reduces the number of infants facing abandonment, foster care, abuse or even death. This money will go far to help make a difference."

"We will be holding our first speech contest next week," said Donna Wood, of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. "Thank you.



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Making a difference in the local community, these representatives of area non-profit groups received over \$19,000 from the Rotary Club of South Sacramento to go out and do good for others. Left to right, Donna Wood, Ed Daniels, Bernice O'Neil, Phil Sherwood, Elnora Woods, Gay Ritner, Megan Perry, Patti Shaw, Liz Long, Angela Adams, Gus Guichard. Seated, Inez Whitlow, Frank Cook.

We are a 30-year-old organization dedicated to promoting leadership development and gender equity in the areas of health, education and economic empowerment.

"Thank you for helping men to get off the streets and deal with their issues of alcoholism and drug dependency," said Ed Daniels, representative of the Sacramento Recovery House. "This donation will get a kid off the streets and get him to turn-around his life."

VSA stands for Very Special Arts. The group pairs special education students with local artists. VSA will use the Rotary funds to continue to provide op-

portunities for these students in the visual and performing arts.

"Thank you from the kids who will benefit from YMCA's camp programs," said Liz Long, director. "These funds will send kids to local and resident camps."

The enthusiasm of the recipients warmed the hearts of the Rotarians, and served to inspire them to continue their efforts to give back to the community. It is something that Cook does not find surprising.

"The purpose of Rotary is to give service to others and thereby create momentum in those people to pass that service on," he said. "Then it's a complete 'pass it on' environment."

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Pieces of the past

Da Rosa stores played essential role in early days of Riverside-Pocket area

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Back in the days when the Riverside-Pocket area was considered "out in the country" to the city folks of Sacramento, this area was heavily populated by first- and second-generation Portuguese people, who operated their own local businesses. And among the most important of these businesses were early grocery stores.

Despite the large number of Portuguese living in this area during this time, Riverside's first full grocery store (an earlier, smaller store was located at the current site of The Trap at 6125 Riverside Blvd.), Conley's Riverside Cash Store, on Riverside Road - now Riverside Boulevard - was originally owned by an Irish man, named Charles "Charlie" Conley.

Conley, who in about the early 1900s opened his business, which was a general merchandise store, which included groceries, operated the store with his wife, Nanny.

Although very limited information about the couple, who had no children, is known today, Riverside native Alice Da Rosa, 94, whose father Antonio Da Rosa purchased Conley's store in about 1912, said

that she remembers seeing Conley many times during her childhood.

"Mr. Conley was an Irish man and his wife was also Irish," Alice said. "He lived on Riverside Road. He was a nice person. He was about 80, I guess, when I was just a kid."

Alice said that although she does not know the circumstances in which Conley met her father, she described her father's relationship with Conley as "very close."

"My dad was like a son to him," Alice said. "You see, they were very, very close. He depended on my father for a lot of things. I wish I knew how they ever met and how they ever got together (in business). That's the puzzle in the system. But they knew each other for a long, long time and oh, goodness knows when that was."

The father-son-like relationship between Conley and Antonio was so strong that Conley invited the Da Rosa family to live with him.

Alice said that Conley's residence was later the birthplace of her brothers.

"I had three brothers and the three brothers were all born in Mr. Conley's house," Alice said. "My oldest brother (Elmer) was the first to be born in Mr. Con-



Photo courtesy of PHCS

Francis Da Rosa, one of the three sons of Antonio Da Rosa, stands near Riverside Grocery in this 1930s photograph.

ley's house and he was the apple of his eye. Oh, he was. He really was. We girls were born in the house that my dad had built on this property (on Riverside Boulevard), where I live now."

From Conley to Da Rosa

After purchasing Conley's Riverside Cash Store, Antonio operated the business for about the following three years.

In 1915, Antonio, who was born in the Portuguese, Azorean island of Pico on May 30, 1882, purchased property on the levee



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Antonio Da Rosa (far left with arms folded) stands on the porch of his then-newly-acquired business, Conley's Riverside Cash Store, which he purchased from Charles Conley in about 1912.

side of Riverside Road, about a mile from the Conley store, which stood just south of the then-new Sutter School.

It was on this property that he had a new store built for him that he called Riverside Grocery.

The store also originally included a saloon, a gasoline pump and a barbershop. The barbershop, however, was a very short-lived endeavor.

Alice said that besides during her father's early years in the grocery business, when he had

assistance from several others from within the community, his involvement in this field was a family affair.

"Working in the store was a family thing," Alice said. "I grew up with it and it was just a way of life for us. All my brothers and sisters and my mother (Maria) worked in the store. My mother had six of us to raise, so she was a pretty busy person. As for myself, I would have rather been playing with jacks and marbles

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Da Rosa: 'It completed the circle of businesses of the Riverside-Pocket, Portuguese area'

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and things like that, but I didn't mind working in the store, because I used to like helping my father. And my father needed us to handle many of the (duties) in the store."

Alice said that she kept busy in the store doing a variety of work, including wrapping merchandise for customers.

"I would do the things that I could handle," Alice said. "I was pretty young back then."

A special family business

Pocket native Dolores (Silva) Greenslate, 85, said that she remembers both Riverside Grocery and the former Conley's Riverside Cash Store building, which she never saw as a grocery store, since by the time of her childhood, it had already been converted into a bar that did not permit access to children.

"My parents would shop at the Da Rosa's store, but the thing I remember the most about going to the grocery store is that we all had to walk home from (Sutter School) and if you ever found a penny or had any money at all, you had to make up your mind whether you wanted to go to Conley's (as it was still referred to at this time despite having a different name) or the Da Rosa's grocery store," Greenslate said.

Greenslate, who attended Sutter School with some of the Da Rosa children and walked to and from the school with a group of children, said that although Conley's was no longer a grocery store during her school years, it did carry a small supply of candy for sale.

"Conley's had a window that came down and you tapped on that window," Greenslate said. "It

was one of those (windows) that you unfastened from the inside and it came down and formed like a little ledge and they could serve things out of there. Well, you had to make up your mind if you wanted an all day sucker or if you wanted bubble gum. At Conley's, you could get that real good bubble gum. Otherwise, you walked clear down to Da Rosa's grocery store, further down the road, and they had those all-day suckers. They had a big jar on the edge of the counter, near the door, and they had these suckers in all these different colors. So, you picked out the color that you wanted and I always picked out the raspberry one, because it had more flavor, I thought. You could buy one for a penny.

"The thing was Conley's was about a half a block south of the school, so if you went there, you could chew gum all the way home. But if I bought an all-day sucker from the Da Rosa's store, which was only about a block away from my house, my brother would probably want something, too, and then there would be a fight. So, a lot of times I would get the bubble gum. Plus, it was the best tasting bubble gum and you could blow bubbles all the way home, which was about a 30-minute walk, since we were in no hurry to get home after school."

The local market

Riverside Grocery made a great impression on the community due to its services, which extended well beyond selling such things as groceries and general merchandise.

Antonio, who worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Sacramento during the ear-

ly 1900s and later worked on the steamship Apache on the Sacramento River, then developed a three-acre peach orchard and sold wholesale fruit to be shipped back East, was known for his kind demeanor.

Since the then-rural Riverside-Pocket area was an agricultural community with farmers who relied on seasonal incomes, Antonio allowed some local farmers to run tabs for many months until produce from their farmlands could produce sufficient funds to cover their outstanding bills at the store.

Antonio was also known to assist Japanese of the area in obtaining their citizenship papers and drivers' licenses.

Additionally, Antonio, who was later a member of the reclamation board during Gov. Culbert Olson's time in office and was a member of the Sutter School board of trustees, supplied groceries free-of-charge to various needy families in the Riverside-Pocket area during the Depression.

An end of an era occurred in 1948, when Antonio retired from the grocery business.

Although Antonio no longer worked in this field and passed away 20 years later, Greenslate said that he left a strong lega-



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Shown clockwise, left to right, in this 1925 photograph are the children of Antonio and Maria Da Rosa: Francis, Alice, Irvin, Elmer, Marie (baby) and Elvira (front left).

cy in the Riverside-Pocket area through Riverside Grocery.

"(Riverside Grocery) served the people of Riverside and Pocket well, because otherwise, we would have had to travel clear to (Sacramento) for all the necessary things we needed from the ordinary grocery store," Greenslate said. "It

filled the last void of what we were lacking in the community, because we had a gas station, we had a church and we had schools. So, (the store) was very important and appreciated, because it completed the circle of businesses of the Riverside-Pocket, Portuguese area."

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MAY 27

Wellspring golf tournament

Wellspring Women's Center is hosting its 21st Annual Golf Tournament benefit event on Thursday, May 27, at Whitney Oaks Golf Club in Rocklin. There will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds support Wellspring Women's Center in the Oak Park neighborhood. For more information (916) 454-9688 x 205 or visit us online at www.wellspringwomen.org. Golfers register for just \$135, with reservations due no later than May 20 and forms are available online.

MAY 29

Memorial Day Ceremony of Reverence
Join us at 10 a.m. for a ceremony honoring our Veteran's who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Speakers will be featured and the Veterans Affiliated Council Honor Squad will give a rifle salute and taps. The gravesite of all veterans will be adorned with U.S. Flags. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the Mortuary Chapel near the middle of the cemetery (follow the carriageways to the south). Held under the auspices of City of Sacramento Division of History & Science and the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. the Veterans Affiliated Council of Sacramento, presents this free event as a public service.

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JUNE

May 31

Memorial Day tribute

Mount Vernon Memorial Park - 43rd Annual Memorial Day Tribute. Jet flyover, skydiver, Navy 2 Bell Ceremony, 59th Army Band, Mr. John Cavaiani, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient will be the guest speaker and much more to honor veterans of the past and present. 11 a.m. 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks. Free (916) 969-1251.

Pops in the Park 2010

Pops in the Park returns to East Sacramento for the 2010 season: Saturday, June 5 - East Portal Park "Whiskey Dawn" playing; Saturday, June 12 - Glenn Hall Park "Because," a tribute to the Beatles and Second Saturday Showing by Sofia Lacin & Hennessy Christophe; Saturday, June 19 - Bertha Henschel Park "SwingMasters," ESIA Sidney Pope & Onion Awards, Wading Pool Open - Free Admission; Saturday, June 26 - McKinley Park, "The Q-Balls" playing. All concerts begin at 6 p.m.

Widowed Persons Association

Widowed Persons Association of CA (WPAC) Chapter 1 is a non-profit organization that addresses the needs of widowed persons (both men and women) coping with the death of their spouse. This is a peer support session of two hours from 3:00-5:00 p.m. every Sunday, conducted by a trained facilitator. These sessions are held at the office located at 2628 El Camino Avenue Suite D-18. For more information about these sessions and the organization, contact the WPAC office at (916)972-9722.

Free Dance Lessons

Free tap dance lessons on Fridays at noon at the Dance Corner, 2927 Fulton Ave. For more information, call 804-3104.

JUNE 5

Jensen Garden Workday

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden work days one Saturday of every month from 9AM to 1PM. The next workday is Saturday, June 5, 2010. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. Next workdays in 2010 are 7/10, 8/7, 9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ex23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

Sacramento Buddhist Church

Rummage Sale

With a theme of recycling, reusing, and raising revenue for the Sacramento Buddhist Church Endowment Fund, a rummage sale is planned for Saturday, June 5, from 8-2 p.m. at the church social hall at 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento 95818. A wide range of items including collectibles, clothing, household items, books, tools, and plants will be available at bargain prices. Donations to the sale will be accepted at the church on June 2-4. Unsold items will be donated to charities to help others and to keep them from going to the landfills. Come early for best selection. Call the church office, 916-446-0121 for more information.

Fuchsia Society show

The Sacramento Branch of the American Fuchsia Society will have their Annual Show and Sale at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, on Saturday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members will be on hand to give tips on growing fuchsias. Hanging and upright fuchsia varieties for sale. Free admission. For more information call Alice Bowles, 916-972-8606.

JUNE 5-6

Benefit Plant Sale

The Benefit Plant Sales will have a sale of new, rare and hard to find perennials, from starter to gallons on Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The sale will benefit Sunburst Projects summer camp for kids, and will be held in the covered parking area on 18th St, behind the Gifted Gardener at 18th and J streets. Over 200 varieties of perennials will be available. For further info, contact the sale coordinator - Robert Hamm at (916) 943-6183.

Carmichael Band Fest

The Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association presents the annual Carmichael Park Community Band Festival, Carmichael Park Amphitheater. There will be a community band, one every hour, on June 5-6 from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Included in this year's lineup is the 59th Army National Guard Band "The Governor's Own" at 1 p.m. Sunday. Admission: FREE; Parking: free; Location: Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave. Carmichael. For more information, call (916) 489-2576 or visit <http://svsba.org> or www.sacwinds.org.

Chrysanthemum Sale

The Sacramento Chrysanthemum Society is having its annual cutting sale. The sale will be at the Windmill Nursery at 5750 Windmill Way in Carmichael at Manzanita and Windmill Way. The dates and times for the sale are: Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call 916-988-6081.

JUNE 6

Fair Oaks Village Singers

The Fair Oaks Village Singers, a community concert choral group of 70 mixed voices, will present their annual Spring Concert, Sunday, June 6 at 6 p.m. in the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church – "Family Life Performing Center, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., in Fair Oaks. Public is invited, admission is free, and there will be snacks provided at intermission. For more information, call president Ed Silver (916) 723-2794.

JUNE 7

Wild day at Effie Yeaw

Things are about to get wild at Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Peter Gros, co-host of the original Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, along with some of his animal friends will stop by Monday, June 7 to do two appearances from 8:45-9:15 a.m. and 9:30-10 a.m. Gros will talk with those in attendance about what they can do to protect the natural world and the animals that share it with us. A serval, python, civet, ocelot, ring-tail lemur, fennec fox and a few creepy crawlies will help him deliver his message. Live animals from the Nature Center and some fascinating natural history biofacts will also be on display. Tickets for this event are \$2.50 per person. For more information, please call 489-4918.

JUNE 8

Sharing the Journey Through Grief

This workshop will meet once a month on the second Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each workshop will explore a different aspect of grief and loss. Presenter is Margo Hayes, MSW. Workshops are free of charge. Pre-registration required. Contact Lucy Chao at 916-393-9026 Ext. 322.

JUNE 9

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Instructors Mary Lynn Perry and Bill Taylor will lead this free workshop Tuesday, June 8 at 9 a.m. on stress and the negative effects it has on the mind and body. This workshop will offer a sampling of different modalities such as reflexology massage, chair yoga, meditation and Reiki. Come learn how you can decrease stress in your life. Please sign-up at the reception desk. Free. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street, Sacramento, 916-808-5462.

JUNE 10

Belle Coolege Ice Cream Social

Bring the whole family to Belle Coolege Library's 12th annual Barbara Jeanne Hansen Ice Cream Social from six until eight p.m. on Friday, June 11 at the park adjacent to the library. Come celebrate the beginning of summer vacation with free ice cream and toppings provided through the generosity of Foster Farms Dairy featuring Crystal Dairy products. Friends and neighbors are invited to join us for this summer evening of family fun. In addition to free ice cream, Trevor Wyatt the Magician will perform magic tricks and DJ Harrison from Let's Celebrate will provide music. There will be face painting and balloon twisting by Clown Blanca Rose and her assistant and, depending upon fire calls that evening, a big red fire engine and friendly firemen and women from Sacramento Fire Department Station 13. The ever-popular Sacramento Modular Railroaders will have their fantastic small-scale railroad display in the library's community room.

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JUNE 12

Sacramento VisionWalk

being held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Southside Park to benefit the Foundation Fighting Blindness. VisionWalk is the national signature fundraising program of the Foundation Fighting Blindness.

Anyone interested in participating in the Sacramento VisionWalk should visit www.VisionWalk.org or call Heather Spearmint, Events Manager, at 408-202-3801.

JUNE 13

Genealogy Meeting

Root Cellar-Sacramento Genealogical Society general membership meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 7pm - 8:30pm, Citrus Heights Community Clubhouse 6921 Sylvan Road, Citrus Heights. Root Cellar President and anthropologist Marilyn Ulbricht will present "Trash Talk - Identifying and Dating the Discards of our Ancestors and What They Tell Us About Their Lives". Free, guests welcome. Details about the speaker and Root Cellar at www.rootcellar.org or contact Sammie Hudgens (916) 481-4930.

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Art lecture/demonstration

Pastel Laureate, Margot Schulzke will share her thoughts "Knowledge is Power" Wednesday, June 9. 7 p.m. at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330-B Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, 916-971-3713. Her objective in this discussion is to help people understand the rules of design well enough that they can break them successfully. Free - Guests are always welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Information 916-966-8910.

JUNE 16

Computer club meeting

The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet on Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. The meeting topic will be "Securing Your Computer", presented by Computer Security Analyst Davin Enigl. A problem solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our Web site at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

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A final look at the Master Plan for Executive Airport

Community meeting draws a curtain on planning process

By EARL ROGERS
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Almost four years ago (June 2006), a crowd of local residents and airport people packed a Town Hall Forum at Kennedy High School. The future of Land

Park's Sacramento Executive Airport was on the line. City planners saw it as prime land for a major new growth area. Opposition groups wore "Save Executive Airport" buttons. The crowd settled down and went to work.

When the meeting ended, a vote showed that 60 percent of the attendees wanted the city-owned land to remain an airport. Elected officials had heard from the people. They preferred an airport to a business park or housing tract.

Nine months later the Sacramento City Council adopted a growth map showing minimal growth of Executive Airport land. That vote sealed the future of the airport at least until the year 2030 leaving it intact and requiring the city to work with Sacramento County on an Airport Master Plan. (The city owns the land, but the county operates the airport.)

On April 8, about 60 people listened to a final presentation of the Master Plan during a public meeting at Pony Express Elementary School. Much of the talk summarized what the audience had heard before. All of the previous studies and forecasts have now been consolidated into a single document called, in the language of planners, Draft Final Report, Executive Airport Master Plan. The word draft implies that the final report is still open to comments by the public and probably to some minor tweaking of the language as it is reviewed by the city, the county and the Federal Aviation Administration.



Land Park News Photo/Earl Rogers
All of the previous studies and forecasts concerning Land Park's Sacramento Executive Airport have now been consolidated into a single document called the Draft Final Report, Executive Airport Master Plan.

The review process began after the April 8 meeting. The gestation period takes about nine months. If the schedule holds, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will have the Master Plan on their docket for approval by January of next year.

What does the plan say about future capital improvements?

Over the next 20 years, airport construction (taxiways, access roads, ramps, paved parking areas, runway closures, utilities and a host of minor projects) will boost the local economy to the tune of \$41.5 million provided that money becomes available.

According to the plan, the future is broken into two 5-year and one 10-year phases. Each phase calls for a list of projects to be completed, but no development will take place unless there is an actual demand for it and the funds are available.

Federal, state, and in some cases private third party financing are the sources of money for airport projects. Money from the State of California is not available because of the state's fiscal crisis. Airport revenues can be used for major construction, but Executive Airport falls short of funds

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even for day-to-day operations and maintenance.

Deficit spending and revenue sources

Yes. The airport does not generate enough revenue to be self-supporting. Annual revenues are less than half the operating cost, a ratio of \$1.4 million revenue to \$3.3 million cost.

The County Airport System, which includes the Sacramento International Airport, makes up the shortfall. The justification for this assumes that without Executive Airport, International would have to pay for handling private jets and some of the propeller planes that now land at Executive.

Current sources of airport revenue are fuel flowage fees, terminal space and building leasing, hangar rent, tie-down fees and permit fees for commercial operators. Raising these fees high enough to cover all costs of operation and maintenance would be unsustainable. Officials conducting the meeting said quite emphatically they didn't want anyone concluding that because the airport operates on a shortfall it may be closed.

How might the airport raise additional revenues? Land lease income from the development of airport lands for commercial use both airport and non-airport related is discussed in an appendix to the report. Two new sources of revenue are also mentioned: landing fees for large transient aircraft weighing more than 12,500 pounds and airport access fees for residents living in Fullertown

What's the deal with Fullertown?

Fullertown is a subdivision of 72 single-family lots on 24th Street adjoining Executive Airport. Some of the residents are aircraft owners with hangars on their own residential lots facing the airport boundary with easy access to the airport runways, like backing out of your driveway onto a public street.

For the past 50 years, they have been operating their aircraft without having to pay a fee for rolling across the airport boundary, called TTF or through-the-fence access. Times have changed. The Master Plan study has awakened County officials to a new source of revenue, an assessment to be paid by the Fullertown homeowners for driving an airplane off their property onto a public taxiway. The FAA is concerned about airport security and control of access. The Master Plan proposes three alternatives, none of which appear to benefit the Fullertown people. Negotiations continue among the homeowners, airport officials and the FAA.

Will the existing noise ordinance be changed?

Yes, but not enough to make a perceptible difference. The current noise ordinance is considered discriminatory because it applied to jets only. The bar will be lowered somewhat to include a small number of aircraft that would otherwise be excluded from landing or taking-off from Executive and would have to land at some other nearby airport in the county.

The revised ordinance will be easier to enforce.

With other airport issues pretty much settled, questions about noise seem to arise more often than not at the public meetings. Airport officials have repeatedly stated that all noise complaints are investigated. An aircraft noise monitoring system, in place on the airport since 1996, allows the community to track the worst of the noise perpetrators via a website, <http://www.sacramento-tracks.com>. Noise violation is a misdemeanor. It hasn't happened yet, but serious violators could be fined or otherwise told to take their airplane elsewhere.

Viewing the Executive Airport Master Plan

Anyone with computer access to the internet can download the entire report in PDF format. Go to http://www.sacairports.org/exec/planning/master_plan.html. Click on the various components or download the complete document.

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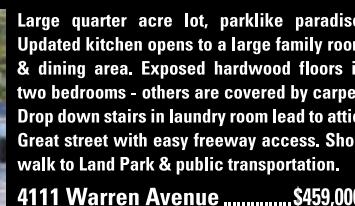
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