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## Land Park area schools have some of the highest test scores in the district

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Overall, Sacramento City Unified Schools moved up eight points on the state's Academic Performance Index to 768. API numbers reflect student scores on various standardized tests taken in the spring of 2012. The API is a numeric index that ranges from a low to a high of 1,000. The state API target for all districts and schools is 800. "Despite state budget cuts, we are moving forward and improving teaching and learning in our schools," said Superintendent Jonathan Raymond. SCUSD's eight middle schools had a collective increase of 199 API points. The biggest increases were in English Language Arts scores, a rise credited to the district's push to implement Common Core Standards in that subject. More than half—55.3 percent—of SCUSD middle school students scored in the "proficient" and "advanced" ranges, an increase of 5.6 percent over 2011. Crocker-Riverside has highest API in the district; Alice Birney, Crocker and Judah met all federal targets; and Cal Middle is now over 800 in API (the state's goal for all schools).

### Land Park area schools

Bret Harte Elementary- 762 with a growth of 10 points from last year  
Collis Huntington- 700, which was down three points  
Crocker Riverside- 937 with a growth of 6 points  
Ethel Phillips- 766, which was down four points  
Hollywood Park - 795, with a growth of 6 points  
John Cabrillo- 724, up 14 points  
Leataata Floyd (formerly known as Jechediah Smith)- 668, down 29 points  
Pony Express- 872, up 6 points  
Sutterville Elementary - 851, down 14 points  
Theodore Judah - 890, up 36 points  
Alice Birney Waldorf-Inspired Methods - 756, up 6 points  
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# Collaborative workplace comes of age celebrates partners, neighborhood, art

By MONICA STARK  
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Co-working – not a novel idea or one that would be exceptionally newsworthy except for the fact that Land Park entrepreneurs have taken the idea of working together and made a business out of it.

Capsity, which is now located in Land Park on 21st Street next door to Sol Collective, is an own-

er-occupied professional workplace. Originally built in 1949 as a U.S. Post Office, modern renovations provide an interior of more than 4,500 square feet, workspaces, a meditation room, game room and community art gallery.

Jeff Louie, the 31-year-old co-founder, acknowledges that co-working isn't necessarily a new thing.

"People are always working together – architect-

ure firms, co-ops," he said in an interview. "But the model is now applied to business."

Occupying eight of the 10 current offices include: Real estate brokers, Nina's playhouse (a theater workshop), Sac Trips, Raoul Photography, Sac Hats, Sac TShirts, The Tree Network, Thomas Dodson PR.

Thursday, Oct. 11's celebratory evening doubled as



Jeff Louie and Benjamin Philips Lesfana.

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an art reception for neighborGOOD, an in-house gallery exhibition elevating themes of local-to-global consciousness.

Recent work from Raoul Ortega and Pachama Coffee photojournalists Olaf Hammelburg and Thaleon Tremain explore interweaving threads of community, responsible commerce, and everyday environment.

Local jazz guitarist Ross Hammond and Chinese guzheng player Zimei rounded out the festive event with musical performances.

Founded in 2008, Capsity first was located in midtown at the corner of P St. and 23rd.

Reflecting on Capsity's recent progress, Louie said:

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# Capsity: Coworking space includes place to relax and have fun

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"Four years ago, we were just a space that provided B2B services in a building that encountered its fair share of difficult challenges," he said. "We can now claim our own building with remarkable partners, amazing neighbors like Sol Collective, and a focused desire to do good work."

Amenities to the contemporary modern interior include WiFi, free coffee/tea and snacks, access to a kitchen, conference room, private room, a sunlit lounge and reading area, ample whiteboard spaces, a meditation room, and to provide work-time respite, Nerf toys, foosball table, and '80s-era Galaga console.

Louie is an idealist who knows how to get down to business. Part of his dream of developing Capsity was to blend fun with productivity and achievement.

The realization is evident with the inclusion of the meditation room and the game room. While hav-

ing a clean and well-stocked bathroom was a first priority, having an office that integrated a place to retreat was also important. "We thought: wouldn't it be nice to have a space where we can retreat and take five minutes of our time to quietly think or not think. A lot of times people think their office can be a place where they can retreat," he said.

While Louie is co-founder, he holds the title, Community Activator. His practice? To activate everyone who enters the office and see what is dormant inside them, in terms of their business and passions and to get them to leverage their skill sets the best they can.

"My belief is that everybody has a genius skill set; they just haven't found it," he said.

Capsity is located at 2572 21st St., Sacramento. For more information, contact Capsity at 585-3004, office@capsity.com or visit www.capsity.com.



Capsity's grand opening celebration on Thursday, Oct. 11.

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# Ford's Real Hamburgers founder is also a well established artist

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series about Land Park native and Ford's Real Hamburgers founder Jim Ford.

Jim Ford, founder of the recently closed Ford's Real Hamburgers at 1948 Sutterville Road, sat down last week to discuss one of the greatest loves of his life — art.

This love of art, Ford explained, began when he was about 5 years old.

"My love of art began when I was attending Crocker Elementary School on Vallejo Way, next to California Junior High School (now California Middle School), which I also attended," Ford said. "I just gravitated naturally toward art, because I liked it, and I excelled in it, because of the deep interest (in art) I developed."

Ford, who has spent the majority of his life residing in the Land Park area, said that

he was not the first artist in his family.

"My father (John Dewey Ford), who was born in Sacramento on March 12, 1898, was a furniture maker and refinisher for Breuner's department store and later for Scofield's (department store)," said Ford, who resides in South Land Park with his wife, Karen DeVoe, who he married in 1993.

While attending California Junior High, Ford, whose childhood home was at 1824 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., began taking art and mechanical drafting classes.

He excelled in these subjects through his time as a student at C. K. McClatchy High School and Sacramento City College.

And while attending McClatchy, he was in charge of the school's advertising committee during his sophomore, junior and senior years.

In recalling his involvement in this committee, Ford, who was also president of McClatchy's Art Club during his senior year in 1962, said, "The committee was my favorite non-class. I got to paint signs and banners and it was just a lot of fun."

One of Ford's earliest major artistic achievements occurred while he was attending city college in 1963.



Jim Ford stands with some of his art pieces during one of his recent shows.

Photo by Lance Armstrong

A collage piece that he had created for the school's color and design class was selected for the inside front and back covers of the school's 1964 Pioneer yearbook.

Ford spent several years in the 1960s moving back and forth between Sacramento and Aspen, Colo.

During this time in Aspen, Ford, who described himself as

having been a "ski bum," held a variety of jobs from a waiter, a busboy and a donut cook to a janitor, a maid and a bellman.

Ford became the city draftsman for the city of Aspen in 1964.

A year later, Ford joined the Air Force Reserve, and after spending six weeks in basic training in San Antonio, he transferred to McClellan Air

Force Base to serve his six-month term of active duty.

After this service, Ford returned to his draftsman job in Aspen.

In 1966, he was accepted to the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles.

After spending only a few weeks at this prestigious art college, which was established in 1930 and is now located in Pasadena, Ford returned to Sacramento and enrolled at city college.

Ford said that he dropped out of college in 1967 to pursue an artistic venture.

"I coerced my friends, the Schultze brothers, into promoting a concert with three bands at the Governor's Hall," Ford said. "I named it Simultaneous Avalanche of Psychedelic Lights. Featured at the show were the local bands, Parish Hall Blues, Working Class and Free Love, and our light show. We drove a 1956 Dodge Town Wagon with a permanent sun deck onto the wooden floor at Governor's Hall and then projected wild, colorful, psychedelic lighting on three walls from the sun deck platform."

To promote this May 12, 1967 show, Ford created artistic advertising posters and handbills.

Ford would eventually gain more exposure through his

# Ford: The artist looks forward to future endeavors

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art during this experimental counterculture era of the 1960s, as he left Simultaneous Avalanche to Tom and Rick Schultze and concentrated on creating more concert advertising posters and handbills.

His next concert advertising posters and handbills were for the Grateful Dead/The Creators shows, which were held at Kings Beach, Calif. on Aug. 25-26, 1967.

Altogether, Ford was the artist for 10 images for concert posters and handbills.

These concerts also included the Pop Music Festival featuring Jefferson Airplane at Hughes Stadium on Oct. 15, 1967 and performances by The Jimi Hendrix Experience and The Creators at the Sacramento State men's gym on Feb. 8, 1968.

Although Ford had created a niche for himself as a concert poster and handbill artist, he eventually left Sacramento to return to Aspen after he was asked to continue his city draftsman position.

Along with his city draftsman position, Ford worked as a freelance graphic artist and photographer.

In 1970, Ford was offered a full-time graphic artist and illustrator position with the Studio Three advertising agency, which was owned by Norm Clasen and later became known as the Norm Clasen and Associates.

After accepting this position, Ford worked for Clasen for nine years.

The most notable of the many projects that Ford created for Studio Three was his series of Aspen ski town art, which was used for the advertising campaign for the Aspen Skiing Corporation for two seasons and became the logo for the city of Aspen for more than a decade.

During this same time, Ford also worked as the public announcer for many major sporting and in-town events, one of which was the Nations World Series of Skiing with the notable sportscaster Brent Musberger.

In 1977 through 1981, Ford designed and built homes in the Aspen area, after which time he returned to Sacra-



Photo by Lance Armstrong

During the late 1960s, Jim Ford was the artist for posters and handbills for 10 Northern California rock concerts. Shown above is his first artistic rock image for a concert at the Governor's Hall in Sacramento.

mento and continued acquiring graphic design work.

Ford moved to Sloughhouse in 1983 and became involved in a major project of drawing scenes of 13 different areas of Sacramento and other parts of Northern California.

These drawings received much press and his limited edition prints of these scenes were purchased by Weinstocks and Macy's department stores in Sacramento.

Ford was once again residing in Aspen in 1985 and 1986.

A year later, as presented in the first article of this series, Ford, who was then residing in Sacramento, founded Ford's Real Hamburgers.

After selling his restaurant in 1991, Ford continued to design logos, draw architectural plans and pursue his dream of manufacturing

a removable rack for pickup trucks.

It was also during that time that he owned a 1962 Piper Cherokee 160 airplane and enjoyed flying to various small airports around the Sacramento Valley.

In 2004, Ford was the facilitator and project manager of a \$5 million water treatment plant in Marysville.

Most recently, he has devoted much of his time to creating welded metal art featuring fish and birds and exhibiting his works at fine art festivals and fairs.

Ford said that he has enjoyed the many artistic-related activities of his life and that he looks forward to his future endeavors as an artist.

"My life has been full of wonderful achievements and projects and I look forward to new challenges in the art and design world, wherever they may fall," Ford said.

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# Fur! Fall! Fun! Haunted Open House at the Front Street Animal Shelter on Oct. 28

Special to the Land Park News

On Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, the City of Sacramento's Front Street Animal Shelter, located at 2127 Front St., will open its doors for the Haunted Open House from noon to 4 p.m. for a day full of Fur! Fall! and Fun!

Tricks and Treats galore will be found at this event. The Front Street Animal Shelter invites guests to enjoy free hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, and popcorn. In addition, Booker T's Catering, Rubio's, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Vic's Ice Cream and Cupcake Craving will

be serving samples of their tasty treats. (While supplies last.) Other treats include a bounce house and children's game area, face painting, local vendors, and live music by Roni and the Flight. For tricks, 8 dog kennels will be decorated for the "Pimp My Crib" contest and guests are invited to brave the Haunted House.

Guests will have the opportunity to purchase special tickets for \$5 to be entered into a drawing for an \$800 value Sacramento Kings experience package. Many other prizes, donated by local businesses, will be offered in a general \$1 drawing.

Attendees are encouraged to bring cans or a bag of cat food or dog food to benefit Titanic's Pantry, a free pet food bank open to families in need.

The Front Street Animal Shelter has made significant strides in saving animals over the past year. Since 2011, there has been nearly a 100 percent increase in adoptions, helping thousands of homeless pets find their new homes. The goal for the 2nd Annual Open House event is to have a record adoption day with more than 50 pets finding their new families.



## Faces and Places: CURTIS PARK

### WINE TASTING & SILENT AUCTION

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY  
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The 22nd Annual Curtis Park Wine Tasting, Silent Auction & Beer Garden was held Saturday, Oct. 6 from 4-7 p.m., at Sierra 2 Center. As one of SCNA's largest fundraisers, the event brought local wineries, breweries and restaurants to Sierra 2 Center for tastings. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and beverages along with the exciting silent auction and raffle drawings. Items for bid included original art, spa packages, beach rentals, dance lessons and much more.



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# Kids Day 'DIA DE LOS MUERTOS' CELEBRATION AND STREET FAIR



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Sol Collective hosted Dia De Los Muertos art activities for kids and kids at heart on Sunday, Oct. 14. Sol Collective is located at 2574 21st St. in Land Park. Also, outside on the sidewalk, This-n-That Thrift held a crafts fair.



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## It's Halloween Time!

By **CORRIE PELC**  
Valley Community News writer  
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Wondering where to pick a great pumpkin or what's going on for Halloween? We've got you covered with some great ideas!

### Get Pickin'!

Whether you're looking for the perfect pumpkin for jack-o-lantern carving, or hoping to catch a glimpse of Charlie Brown's Great Pumpkin, the good news is there's lots of options close to home to take the family and get in the Halloween spirit!

For instance, little ones can get out and pick their own pumpkin at the pumpkin patch at Fair Oaks Boulevard Nursery on the weekends until October 28 from 11am-3pm. According to Owner Debbie Woodruff there's also face painting, a straw bale maze, haunted house, and photo opportunities. They've also invited local food trucks El

Chacuaco Tacos & Burritos and Papadales Food Diner to add to the experience.

"It's just us having fun in the neighborhood," Woodruff says. "We're just bringing the urban feel for a pumpkin fall gathering here."

Over in West Sacramento, Dave's Pumpkin Patch offers five acres of pick-your-own pumpkins, as well as the Carnival, which features a number of attractions from farm animals to the Pumpkin Princess Castle to the huge Jumping Pillow, says Manager Andee Solis. The "We've been here for over 25 years and each year we just get bigger and better, so we're pretty excited - this year is going to be one of our biggest yet," Solis adds.

And in South Sacramento, visitors to Roemer Pumpkin Patch get to take a hayride to its eight acre pick-your-own pumpkin patch. Owner Dan Roemer says the patch features a variety of pumpkin sizes, with the largest weighing in 100 pounds.

The patch also features photo opportunities, a picnic area, and a five acre corn maze.

"It's a clean, safe, wholesome environment when they come out here," Roemer adds. "Just come out, enjoy yourself, pick a pumpkin and spend a couple of hours in a stress-free environment."

Here's a look at just a few of the pumpkin patches in the Sacramento region. *Editor's note: As hours and details may have changed after press time, please make sure to call and confirm the following information before visiting. Please note most pumpkin patches close for the season on or before October 31.*

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In honor of "Day of the Dead" activities celebrated each year in Mexico and in major cities around the world, Sol Collective and the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation have teamed up to present a series of Dia De Los Muertos/"Souls of the City" events and activities in Old Sacramento that take place throughout October and culminate on November 2-3.

A schedule of the special workshops-free with Mu-

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## Halloween: Local pumpkin patches and events

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seum admission--and activities is as follows:

- Papel Picado & Paper Flowers Workshop - 10/6 at Sacramento History Museum (11am-2pm)
- Calavera Masks & Pinatas Workshop - 10/13 at Sacramento History Museum (11am-2pm)
- Decorate Frames & Candles Workshop - 10/20 at Sacramento History Museum (11am-2pm)
- Honoring Our Past Event\* - 10/25 at Sacramento History Museum (6-8pm)
- "Souls of the City" Pop Up at Panteon De Sacramento Event - 10/27 at La Raza Galeria Posada (11am-11pm)

For more information visit [www.historicoldsac.org](http://www.historicoldsac.org) or [www.solcollective.org](http://www.solcollective.org).

### Scarecrow Festival & Parade

Denio's Farmers Market and Swap Meet in Roseville is inviting the entire community to join in the first "Denio's Scarecrow Festival & Parade" on Saturday, October 20 from 10am-3pm. The day will feature a variety of activities for the entire family including pumpkin and treat bag decorating, kids carnival area, handmade treats, craft vendors, costume parade, live scarecrow auction and Trick or Treating within the scarecrow area.

Participants are invited to enter the scarecrow contest to help neighborhood schools and win fantastic prizes. All scarecrows will be available for viewing in the Denio's Scarecrow Arena throughout the event and will be judged by popular vote from festival visitors. Cash awards will be handed out to the top two scarecrows and a third will receive a special Denio's Choice Award. The costume parade will also have winners for the most creative and fun costumes.

An entry form and additional information about the Scarecrow Festival & Parade can be found at [DeniosMarket.com](http://DeniosMarket.com).

Then on Friday, November 2, from 8pm to midnight, the community is invited to a free Traditional Altar & Velacion Ceremony and large-scale Altar Installation at Waterfront Park in Old Sacramento. And on Saturday, November 3, a final evening of free Dia De Los Muertos or "Souls of the City" celebratory activities will take place throughout the Old Sacramento beginning at 4pm that include family-friendly fun such as face painting, a pop-up photo booth and traditional music, with festivities concluding at 6pm with a traditional Procession and not-to-be-missed Azteca Dance performances.

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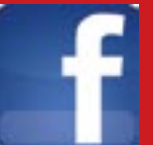
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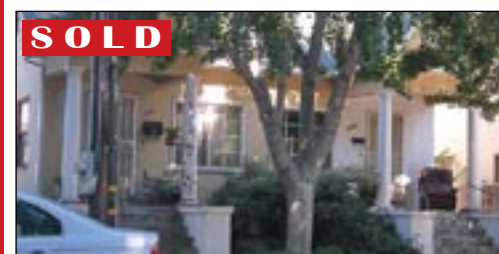
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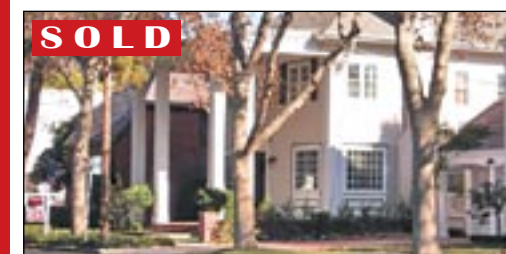
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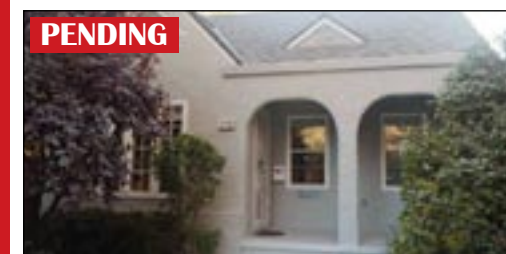
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# C.K. McClatchy students performed humanitarian work in Rwanda

## Teens spent 28 days in East African nation this summer

The Land Park News

Eight C.K. McClatchy High School students spent 28 days this summer in the East African nation of Rwanda.

The students participated in the AfriPeace Youth Peace and Cultural Education Program, which provides young adults with opportunities to learn about African culture, history and society while performing humanitarian work.

This is the fifth year CKM has worked with AfriPeace to build a bridge to better global understanding for students.

"I really enjoy these trips because I get to see the students react to and then embrace Africa," said teacher-guide Jeremy Predko, Sacramento City Unified School District's Coordinator of Instructional Technology, who has led four of the five past trips to Africa.

"I enjoy hearing them talk about how friendly, giving

and generous the people they meet are," Predko said. "They are shocked to meet people who have so little but can give so much. I know the trip has been successful when, as the trip nears its end, the students want to stay for another month. Although they miss their family and friends, they want to continue their cultural immersion."

In prior AfriPeace trips, students visited Nigeria and Ghana. This year's trip to Rwanda presented a chance for students to experience a country reconciling itself to the aftermath of 1994's horrific genocide, which claimed the lives of an estimated 800,000.

Talking to genocide widows had a profound effect on students, said CKM senior Celia Ringstrom. "I was changed in my understanding of forgiveness and what it means," Ringstrom said. "(The widows) weren't saying to forget but to remember and move on. For-



giveness benefited them as well as others."

Students visited historical museums, non-governmental organizations, genocide memorials and national parks. They also met the Rwandan President of the Senate and the Minister of Justice.

Throughout the school year before the trip, the students raised almost \$2,000 through

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## Rwanda: C.K. McClatchy students embraced the culture of local families

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car washes and bake sales, and gathered nine suitcases full of supplies which were donated to the people of Mayaga, a small rural village consisting mostly of genocide refugees and their families.

During their week stay in Mayaga, students helped build a workshop for a vocational training school using the money they raised.

"Before the trip, I had no idea what it was like to live so minimally, thinking about how to feed yourself and where to find clean water," said Zachery Ramos-Taylor, who recently graduated from McClatchy and now attends UC Santa Cruz. "Now I appreciate more of what I have and I try not to judge others."

Students also embraced Rwandan culture by trying unusual foods (fish eyes, goat stomachs), participating in traditional dances, bargaining at the markets, hiking through jungles, playing football with village and street children and staying at the homes and parishes of local families and churches.

Ramos-Taylor said he learned to appreciate Rwanda as "a great country. I slowly learned that Rwanda was more than just a memorial site for genocide."

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# Fall/Winter citywide loose-in-the-street yard waste collection now underway

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Citywide Loose-in-the-Street yard waste collection is now in effect and will continue through the week of Jan. 14. Pickup will occur, on average, every other week during the peak leaf season.

Residents can find out when crews are scheduled to be in their neighborhood by calling 311 or by using an online map, which is updated daily on the City's website at [www.cityofsacramento.org/yardwaste](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/yardwaste).

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## Service notes:

• Yard waste containers will continue to be picked up weekly on regularly scheduled collection days. Container customers should continue to use their container weekly, in addition to the Fall/Winter Loose-in-the-Street service.

• Loose-in-the-Street pickup typically will not occur on a customer's regularly scheduled garbage/recycle collection day. Residents can use the online map to find out their next projected service date.

• Projected dates shown on the map can change up to 12 hours before pickup, based on weather, equipment availability, and the amount of material to be collected.

• Weather has a significant impact on Loose-in-the-Street service. Crews work rain or shine six-days-a-week, including holidays, and stormy weather can slow down collection.

• Daily service needs may change and are unpredictable.

Crews do not know from day-to-day the volume of material they will need to remove until they are on city streets. Days with high volume piles in one zone may impact the speed of clearing a neighborhood and moving to the next neighborhood.

The citywide Fall/Winter Loose-in-the-Street collection includes curbside holiday tree pickup. The last day trees can be placed out for pickup is 6 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. Trees should be clean of all lights, tinsel, decorations etc. and have no stand attached. Flocked trees will be accepted.

For more information on Solid Waste & Recycling Division services, call 311.

# City College unveils renovated Performing Arts Center

## Hundreds gather for grand opening

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Sacramento residents are familiar with Sacramento City College for a number of reasons. One of them is Hughes Stadium, which plays host to numerous football games rich in tradition. But now another facility may just challenge the stadium as the most recognizable building on campus. The newly minted Performing Arts Center had its grand opening on Friday, Oct. 12, and while many will say that the renovations were overdue, the end result left even those clamoring for change in disbelief.

Hundreds gathered for the grand opening festivities, which included a catered buffet, commemorative key chains and entry into a prize drawing. Those in attendance were also free to roam the new classrooms in an open house setting.

The original building opened in 1937 during the Great Depression, where it became a hub for local art and social events. Time took its toll on the building over the course of 73 years.

Jennifer Martinez, a member of the Sacramento City College Chorale, spoke about the shortfalls of the old building.

"It really was in bad shape," Martinez said. "It was old and the stage was in disrepair as well as the seats. It showed its age."

Renovations began in June 2010 to bring the center into the new century. A pamphlet from the college outlined the work done to the old facility.

"The 620-seat main auditorium now features a motorized orchestra pit, trap floor, lighting catwalks and control systems, and audio controls with various acoustic settings. The venue also has an under-floor air delivery system that enhances sound characteristics and thermal comfort."

All of the classrooms within the center are also now connected via a network so that anything happening on the main stage can be watched on televisions in the classrooms.

Bob Martinelli, vice president of administrative services at the college, outlined the costs of the renovations.

"The total cost was \$18.6 million, with \$14 million coming from state bond funds and \$4.6 million from local bond (measure A) funds," Martinelli said in an e-mail. Measure A was passed in 2002, which provided \$265 million for construction within the



The Performing Arts Center at Sacramento City College held a grand opening on Oct. 12 to show off many renovations.

Photo by Benn Hodapp

*"The 620-seat main auditorium now features a motorized orchestra pit, trap floor, lighting catwalks and control systems, and audio controls with various acoustic settings. The venue also has an under-floor air delivery system that enhances sound characteristics and thermal comfort."*



Commemorative posters fresh out of the silk screen printer sit to dry.

Photo by Benn Hodapp

Los Rios Community College District.

Though the changes were many and undeniably spectacular, Martinez fell in love with one aspect in particular. "The acoustics are amazing," she said. Martinez explained that during the renovations the choir was forced to hold concerts in the practice rooms. The acoustical difference between the two is, not surprisingly, quite drastic.

Chris Daubert, a professor of art at the college, said he loves the changes that were made. He jokingly added that he "misses the asbestos and lead paint."

The open house included demonstrations of all types, including Daubert as he made posters to commemorate the grand opening via silk-screen printing.

Music teacher Kathleen Poe played classics by George Gershwin on a grand piano in the 104-seat Little

Theater as people milled around the facility.

Akshay Sharma, minoring in film and play production at Sac City, was an usher for the event.

"It's amazing," he said. "The old building was not that great. I am very psyched up."

After the open house there were performances by the Sacramento City College Chorale, the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival Production, the Faculty Fusion Ensemble and the City Theatre Musical Production.

Perhaps the crown jewel of the facility is the original fresco painting by legendary artist Ralph Stackpole. He was

commissioned to paint it in 1937 in the lobby of the old building. The fresco was restored in the 1980s, and after being carefully protected in 2010 prior to construction, the fresco now greets patrons in the entryway of the newly named Performing Arts Center.

The new facility is packed full of future concerts and events, but it is open to be rented by those wishing to use it. The college is also offering an opportunity to purchase a seat in the main auditorium. Those who buy a seat will have their name engraved on a brass plate, which will be attached to the seat. The money raised will go to the SCC Performing Arts Fund.

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# 'Celebrate Francie' aims to help beloved children's entertainer

By **CORRIE PELC**  
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For 22 years, Francie Dillon has entertained children and families with her mix of music and storytelling, everywhere from Fairytale Town to area schools to hospital bedsides.

Now battling an undiagnosed neurological disorder, the community is rallying to support Francie in her time of need with "Celebrate Francie" – a fundraising event on Friday, Nov. 2 at Fairytale Town.

"Francie touches people's hearts and particularly the hearts of children," explains Terry Foley, organizer of Celebrate Francie. "It was a no-brainer that people would want to come together for her. If you had to choose a person for which you were going to do something, you might as well choose someone that everybody loves, and everybody loves Francie."

## The "Voice of Fairytale Town"

Dillon – who was just named Arts Educator of the Year by the Arts & Business Council of Sacramento, according to an article in the *Modesto Bee* – says she first started her business, then named Jazz Babies, in 1991 by teaching music appreciation in preschools.

During this time, a parent asked her if she performed at birthday parties. "I remember looking at her and thinking you've got to be kidding, right?" Dillon says with a laugh. "I didn't even know people could do this for birthday parties!"

Dillon decided to take a shot at performing at a private engagement, which eventually lead her to perform at the former Thursday Night Market on K Street and eventually Fairytale Town. Dillon says her first performance at Fairytale Town was the "most unique feeling in the world" and she walked away from it thoroughly enjoying the experience. "That was the kind of thing that started me on the avenue of being an entertainer," she adds.

For at least 15 years Dillon has been a special guest performer and program MC at Fairytale Town, according to the park's Executive Director Kathy Fleming. However, Dillon is mainly known for the 25 storybook boxes that are stationed at each of Fairytale Town's sets throughout the park. The stories and songs she recorded for them, earned her the name the "Voice of Fairytale Town," Fleming says.

"She brings a love of literature, a love of play and fun to Fairytale Town," Fleming says when asked what Dillon brought to the park as a performer. "She brings her essence and it just represents what we do here so well, so it worked out well to have her as much as she's been here."

## Overcoming Obstacles

From there, Dillon continued to perform and went on to record and publish her own album, "The Toy Box," which won the National Parents Choice Approval Award. She also began to cross over to teach adults how to bring music into the school setting through presenting at childhood education conferences, and currently teaching children's literature at California State University Sacramento.

Dillon says teaching other adults is crucial to her now with the physical limitations she is now experiencing. "It's very important that adults see the potential for creativity and joy that comes from music and storytelling, and for them to present it in such a way that we release the excitement about it," she adds.

In July 2011, Dillon sought medical attention for the symptoms of her condition, left her nearly bedridden. Although she has some mobility, her lack of balance affects her walk and leaves her unable to walk very far without needing to sit, and her speech alternates between normal and slurred. And her energy declined to where her Monday night lectures at Sacramento State left her incapacitated for the rest of the week.

Currently Dillon's condition has been undiagnosed by doctors, though they recognize it as a neurological disorder. Dillon says she is determined to find an answer.

"I've never felt like a victim," Dillon says. "I've never felt like why me? It has been more of a what can I do to understand this, overcome this, to get through this."

## Celebrate Francie

Now unable to perform as she once did, Dillon is facing some financial hardships. To help her get through this period in her life, some of Dillon's friends asked her if they could put on a benefit to help raise money for her. Although Dillon says she was reluctant at first, they talked her into it and she finally agreed. "That is the hardest thing to be on the receiving end of such generosity," Dillon adds with emotion in her voice.

The benefit, Celebrate Francie, is being run by Foley, who was first introduced by Dillon when he hired her to perform at children's programs for Borders Books & Music in the Sacramento area. After hearing about Dillon's medical issues, Foley decided to step forward to take on the fundraiser.

The event will be held on Friday, Nov. 2, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Fairytale Town, which Fleming says is the logical place for it to happen. "Francie played a major role in the re-ignition of Fairytale Town, so it just made sense," she says.

Foley says the fundraiser will feature a performance by Northern California band Mumbo Gumbo, as well as family programming. He says further information can be found at CelebrateFrancie.com, where community members can also purchase tickets for the fundraiser and make donations. Additionally a trust fund for Dillon has been established at the Chase Bank on Florin Road in Sacramento.



Courtesy photo

Now battling an undiagnosed neurological disorder, the community is rallying to support the former Land Park resident, Francie Dillon, in her time of need with "Celebrate Francie" – a fundraising event on Friday, Nov. 2 at Fairytale Town.

"This is not a sad event – it's a happy event and it's a way for people to come together and celebrate Francie and the contribution she has made," Foley says. "And really that is what makes up the fabric of our community or any community is people coming together to honor and support one another."

Dillon says the money raised will allow her to take the steps she needs to adapt her past career as a children's entertainer to a new one that works within her current situation, as she knows she still has more to give.

"I can't believe that the universe is willing to let me just dissolve without making further contributions, I cannot believe that is the plan," Dillon says. "I believe I've got something to give that will benefit and be of service, and now it's my job to discover that. This benefit will give me the breathing room to make that happen, and to me the greatest gift of all is the room to discover that."

*Celebrate Francie will take place Friday, Nov. 2, from 5:30-8:30pm at Fairytale Town. To purchase tickets and for further information, visit CelebrateFrancie.com.*

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Emerging science points to pesticides as a key contributor to childhood diseases and disorders, requiring swift action from policymakers

Report highlights local policy solutions, like edible school gardens, right before Mayor Kevin Johnson and famed chef Alice Waters kick off new project

## Special to Valley Community News

Learning disabilities, childhood cancer and asthma are on the rise in the United States. A new report out today points to pesticides – with over 3 million pounds applied on farms and homes in Sacramento County each year – as a critical contributor to these health harms in children. The report release comes on the same day that Sacramento leaders kick-off an effort to increase the amount of healthy, nutritious and organic food in area schools, expanding on existing efforts at area schools.

"Without question, the health of our children should be a local, state and federal priority. Unfortunately, it's not a fairytale. The widespread use of hazardous pesticides, from farm to fork, is putting this generation in jeopardy," said Goli Sabha, a mother, doctor and coordinator of the school garden at the Language Academy of Sacramento. "A comprehensive system of school gardens and healthy, organic lunches, is a good first step."

In particular, the report points to the fact that children are sicker today than a generation ago, confronting serious health challenges from pesticides and other chemical exposures that their parents and grandparents were unlikely to face.

Californians for Pesticide Reform, in conjunction with health professionals and mothers groups, released the new report, which draws from academic and government research to chronicle the emerging threat of pesticides to children's health. Compiled by researchers and scientists at Pesticide Action Network, *A Generation in Jeopardy: How pesticides are undermining our children's health and intelligence focuses on studies published within the past five years – a growing body of evidence that convincingly demonstrates a link between pesticide exposure and childhood health harms.*

"There is a growing 'silent epidemic' of diseases and disorders facing our children. And we know that even in small amounts, pesticides can have a tremendous impact on developing children," said Dr. Harry Wang, president of the Sacramento chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility and child psychiatrist. "We must take action to prevent another generation from being put in harms way."

The report shines a light on the growing links between exposure to pesticides where children, live, learn and play and an array of impacts on the mind and body – including diminished IQ, ADHD & autism, childhood cancers and asthma. In

particular, the report points to the following trends across studies:

The brains and nervous systems of boys are significantly more affected than girls.

Timing of exposure is critically important. If a child is exposed to even very small amounts of a harmful pesticide during a particular moment of development, the impacts can be severe – and often irreversible.

Studies link exposure to pesticides during pregnancy to increased risk of childhood leukemia and brain cancer. And children who live in intensively agricultural areas are more likely to have childhood cancer.

The report outlines a series of urgent recommendations for state and federal policymakers to better protect children's health and intelligence, recommendations emphasized by organizations on Tuesday.

"Children living in Sacramento Region face pesticide problems in parks, schools and agricultural fields. We can't shop our way out of these problems – we must press our political leaders, here in our state's capitol, to protect our children's health and intelligence," said Daniel Gannon, father and farmer. "We can't afford to wait any longer."

The report points to the need for the following reforms to reduce pesticide use:

Create stronger policy tools so enforcement agencies can take swift action to pull existing pesticides off the market and block new pesticides when independent studies suggest they are harmful to children.

Increase investment and support for innovative farmers as they transition away from pesticide use.

Set and track national pesticide use reduction goals, focusing first on those pesticides that studies show are harmful to children.

Withdraw harmful pesticide products from use in homes, daycare centers and schools.

Establish pesticide-free zones around schools, daycare centers and neighborhoods in agricultural areas to protect children from harmful exposures, especially pesticide drift.

The report highlights states and communities across the country where innovative policies have been put in place to protect children from pesticides where they live learn and play.

For example, parents and teachers at Language Academy of Sacramento, a school located on the UC Davis Medical Center campus, have developed a pesticide-free garden that they incorporated into the lunch program and their curriculum. The school is just down the street from Sacramento High School, where Mayor Kevin Johnson and Alice Waters announced their new edible schoolyard project.

The report was released Tuesday, Oct. 9 in 10 cities across the country, including Bakersfield, Des Moines, Fresno, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Sacramento, Salinas, San Francisco, Stockton, and Ventura.

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# Preparing for the 2012-2013 Flu Season

By MICHAEL SIEGEL, M.D.  
Special to Valley Community News

Though summer vacation and barbecues aren't far behind us, as a physician for Molina Healthcare, I remind my patients that it is never too early to get vaccinated for the upcoming flu season. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that the public gets vaccinated as soon as the new vaccine is offered since the antibodies take about two weeks to provide the full measure of protection. Even

if you were vaccinated in years past you should still get vaccinated because every year the vaccine is not only different, but also modified to protect against the flu strains most likely to be seen the coming season

**When does flu season start?**  
Flu season can begin as early as October, and typically lasts through May, peaking in January and February. Although the flu usually doesn't hit until the fall, the CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO) – two

organizations that determine the contents of the influenza vaccine to be developed each year – have been looking toward the next flu season for a while. This is because the vaccine manufacturing process begins six to nine months ahead of time to insure enough supply on hand.

**Who should get vaccinated?**  
The CDC recommends that anyone over six months of age gets vaccinated, especially those at high risk for complications. This includes people with chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and chronic lung disease, pregnant women, children between six and 23 months of age, anyone 65 or older and those who live with or care for those listed as high risk.

**Who shouldn't get the vaccine?**  
People with severe allergies, especially those with an allergy to eggs, should check with their doctors. Anyone who has had

a severe reaction to influenza vaccine previously and anyone who has ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a disorder where the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its nervous system) should discuss vaccination with their doctors.

**Know fact from fiction.**  
Many people think of the flu as a severe cold with short-term symptoms that may lead to a few lost workdays/school-days. However, the truth is, the seasonal flu can be a serious condition and even fatal in some cases. The seasonal flu hospitalizes 200,000 people in the U.S. each year and can kill between 3,000 and 49,000 people from complications caused by it. Some people are also afraid to get the vaccine because they believe it may cause the flu. However, injected flu vaccines only contain dead virus so it can't infect you. The nasal vaccine, known

as FluMist, is the one type of live virus flu vaccine, but this virus is specially engineered to remove the parts of the virus that make people sick.

**What should you do?**  
Preventing the flu takes the same care as preventing other forms of illness. I advise my patients to practice good hand washing habits, avoid touching their faces when possible, and cover their mouths when they sneeze or cough. Symptoms of the flu range from mild to severe, but usually begin with a fever and body aches, and often include a cough and/or sore throat, a headache, a runny nose, fatigue and chills, and potentially vomiting, nausea and/or diarrhea. In many cases, the flu will resolve on its own in four to ten days with plenty of rest and liquids. If symptoms are severe, a doctor can prescribe antiviral medication to help lessen the duration and/or symptoms.

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Oct. 25: Starting at 8 p.m., selections include "Moten Swing" by Benny Moten, and "Waltz for Dave" by Chick Corea in the Music Recital Hall on campus, 6000 J St. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 seniors and \$5 students and available at the University Ticket Office, 278-4323 or http://bit.ly/xRmEZ8. Contact: 278-5191.

**'Crocker Talkers' to be featured at River's Edge Senior Community**  
Oct. 25: Starting at 2 p.m., these well-informed and enthusiastic speakers will share with you the fascinating history of the Crocker Family, the Crocker Art Museum and the museum's stunning display of art. RSVP by calling 921-5131 by Monday, Oct. 22. Refreshments will be served. 601 Feature Dr.

**Stage Fright Haunted House**  
Oct. 25-27: The Performing and Fine Arts Academy's Drama Club presents costumed dancers, face-painting, concession stand, storytelling and more. Thursday and Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 5-9 p.m. \$2 per person. Natomas Charter School, 4600 Blackrock Dr., Sacramento. 803-5863

**Christian Brothers Family Pasta Feed Dinner**  
Oct. 26: \$12 for adults and students. Every dinner receives one raffle ticket. \$6 for kids, ages 6-11, free for 5 and under.

## Second annual 'One Book' Sacramento dinner

Oct. 26: Friends of the Sacramento Public Library will hold a "Constitution dinner" from 7 to 9 p.m. Menu includes: Ratification roast beef, convention chicken, legislative vegetarian lasagna, patriotic pizza. Dress as a founding father, society matron, or wear Old Glory's colors of red, white and blue. To be held at the Elks Lodge, No. 6, located at 6446 Riverside Blvd., Adults: \$30, children: \$10. Information, call Kathi Windheim at 392-0101 or email zaw2000@msn.com

## Haunted Stacks: Zombies and Ghosts to Roam Central Library

Oct. 26: From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the program is Sacramento's creepiest and most educational haunted library tour. There will be a screening of a classic scary movie in the adjacent Tsakopoulos Library Galleria and escorted haunted tours of the Sacramento Room during the film showing. Age 10 and up. No advance registration is required; however arrive by 7 p.m. to sign up. 828 I St., Sacramento.

## Beer, Ribs and Chicken benefiting Elks Lodge's new Sports Lounge

Oct. 26: Join Ron Domingos and gang as he cooks up his world-renowned chicken and ribs from 5 to 10 p.m. \$15 per person. No host bar: keg and draft beer for \$1.50. Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, located at 6446 Riverside Blvd. 422-6666.

## 26th Annual Safe & Super Halloween: A Grimm Halloween

Oct. 26, 27, 28: From 5-9 p.m., the fairytales of Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm

will come to life for three nights of family fun. Cost: Advance tickets are \$7 members and \$10 nonmembers. Beginning October 26, tickets are \$9 members and \$12 nonmembers. Children ages 1 and under are free. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento CA 95822, 808-7462, mail@fairytaletown.org, www.fairytaletown.org

## Gala at the Garden and Casa Boutique

Oct. 26-27: Support programs of the Sacramento Children's Home by attending the "Gala at the Garden" on Friday, Oct. 26, featuring fine wines and hors d'oeuvres AND the first opportunity to shop "Casa Boutique". Tickets are available at www.casagardenrestaurant.org OR visit the "Casa Boutique" on Saturday, Oct. 27, no entry fee and see live demonstrations by Open Studio at Lakeside. Both events are at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd. Enjoy a unique shopping experience with one-of-a-kind gifts created by talented artisans. Shop today for tomorrow.

## Halloween crafts at Arcade Library

Oct. 27: At 2 p.m., for children, ages 5 to 12, children will get in the Halloween spirit with fun crafts, including paper bag ghosts, trick or treat bags, and more. They are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume. Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento.

## Pumpkin Smash Bash

Oct. 27: Smash pumpkins, sample local beers, participate in a costume contest, and be entered in a raffle to drop a pumpkin from a helicopter. The winner of the helicopter raffle will also enjoy a 30-minute helicopter ride courtesy of Joe Heidrick. The bashing goes on from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Heidrick Ag History Center in Woodland. 1962 Hays Lane, 530-666-9700, www.aghistor.org

## Zombie Scavenger Hunt II at Central Library

Oct. 27: Combining the spirit of Halloween with the coming zombie apocalypse, the entire Central Library will be used for an adventure to survive, find useful items and save the world from 6 to 10 p.m. For ages 14 to 24. Registration required, 264-2920 or at www.saclibrary.org.

## Run for a Safe Haven fundraiser for My Sister's House

Oct. 27: 9th annual 5k run/walk is the largest fundraiser for My Sister's House, a non-profit dedicated to ending domestic violence. Adults (ages 19 and up): \$30, Teens (ages 13-18): \$25, Kids half mile

## Third annual Panteon de Sacramento

Oct. 27-28: Two day event with 50 large, colorful Day of the Dead altars. To be held in the large parking lot west of 2020 J St.

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**Sacramento Emblem Club's**  
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**FREE LUNCHEON SEMINAR**  
"The Privilege of Planning"  
Presenter: Josh Tuttle  
General Manager  
East Lawn Mortuary & Sierra Hills Memorial Park  
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Wednesday, October 31 – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Seating is limited to 30 attendees per seminar  
**St. Francis Community Hall**  
6700 Verner Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841  
(1-80 @ Greenback)  
30-minute presentation followed by a question and answer period.  
Reservations Required RSVP to Lisa West @ (916) 732-2020

**Annual Holiday Boutique**  
Sierra Oaks K-8 School  
Saturday, Dec 8 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Over 20 vendors & local business owners selling jewelry, clothing, decorations & specialty items. Sierra Oaks Cafe will have coffee, pastries, soup & salad.  
171 Mills Rd. Sac., Multi-Purpose Room  
Arden-Arcade Area  
Info: carla.halligan@gmail.com  
All proceeds benefit the children at Sierra Oaks School

**21st Annual Beaujolais Plus Wine Tasting & Silent Art Auction**  
Sacramento Suburban Kiwanis Benefit  
Sunday, November 4, 4-7 p.m.  
Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.  
\$30 Donation  
Kristi Mattes (916) 505-7598

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**34th Annual "Holiday Show of Hands" CRAFT FAIR**  
Friday, Nov. 30, 5-9 p.m. (\$3)  
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Sat., 5-9 p.m.  
\$2 per person  
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Natomas Charter School  
4600 Blackrock Drive, Sacramento  
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**Mission Oaks Holiday Craft Faire**  
Saturday, November 3rd  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. FREE  
Mission Oaks Community Center  
4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael  
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**Nutracker in One Act & Christmas Angels**  
Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., & Dec. 2, at 2 p.m.  
Crockett-Deane Ballet Company & Deane Dance Center  
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**7th annual craft and boutique fair at River's Edge Senior Community**  
Oct. 27: Shop in a festive atmosphere from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jewelry, artwork, candles, food, purses, clothing, soaps, music and more will be available. 601 Feature Drive near the intersection of Howe Avenue and Fair Oaks Boulevard in Sacramento. 916-921-5131.

**Concert featuring flutist Mat Krejci**  
Oct. 27-28: The Chamber Music Society of Sacramento invites the public to a concert that features our flutist, Mat Krejci, and pianist Dmitriy Cogen, and will include Mozart's Flute Concerto in D Major; Mendelssohn's Piano Trio; and Faure's Piano Quartet. Performances are on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Bet Haverim, 1715 Anderson Rd., Davis; and Sunday at

7:30 p.m., at Sac State Capistrano Hall's music recital auditorium, off State University Drive West in Sacramento. Season and individual tickets are available by subscription or at the door: \$22-28, 12 for students. <http://www.cmssacto.org/>.

**Tree tour set for River Park**  
Oct. 27: Sacramento Tree Foundation will sponsor a tour of the trees in River Park from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn to identify trees by leaf, bark and growth habits. Insect and disease issues will be discussed as well as watering needs for Sacramento soils and weather. The tour is free and will begin at the River Park Shopping Center on Carlson Ave. near the corner of Lovella Way. [sactree.com](http://www.sactree.com); 974-4304.

**SactoMoFo event to benefit Rebuild McKinley**  
Oct. 28: From noon to 4 p.m. at Sutter's Landing Park, portions of the proceeds will go to help build McKinley Park.

**Front Street Shelter Haunted Open House**  
Oct. 28: From noon to 4 p.m. at 2127 Front St. Free refreshments and entertainment while deciding which animal to adopt. Humans only.

**Northminster Harvest Fest**  
Oct. 28: Carnival games and prizes, a bounce house, a magician, Rosie the Clown, hayrides, crafts, DJ music, costume contests, refreshments, giveaways, and more from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, located at 3235 Pope Ave. 487-5192 or visit [northminsteronline.org](http://northminsteronline.org).

**PurpleStride Walk**  
Oct. 28: The Sacramento Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is hosting PurpleStride Walk at 9:30 a.m. The walk begins and ends at Cal Expo. Pancreatic cancer survivors, families, friends and supporters are invited to attend the walk to help

raise awareness and much-needed funds for pancreatic cancer research. Register at [www.purplestride.org](http://www.purplestride.org).

**'Boo at the Zoo'**  
Oct. 30-31: Kids can safely trick-or-treat around the lake at 25 different candy stations and other activities include magic shows, costume dance party, ghoulish games, and more. Advanced ticket prices: General are \$10; Zoo members are \$8; children 1 and under are free Day of prices are \$12; children 1 and under are free. 3930 West Land Park Dr., Sacramento, 95822

**Trunk or Treat**  
Oct. 31: Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr., will host a free Halloween party for children from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be trick-or-treating for candy out of decorated car trunks, zip line and bounce houses. There will also be food available for purchase. For more information, call 452-7132.

**Winnie, the Witch, with Puppet Art Theater at the Carmichael Library**  
Oct. 31: At 4 p.m., for children ages 5 to 12, Winnie loves Halloween, especially the candy. On her way back to pick up sweets

on Candy Island, she discovers Willard, the Wizard, trying to make Halloween candy taste like Brussels sprouts. 5605 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael.

**'The Privilege of Planning'**  
Oct. 31: From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Josh Turtle, General Manager for East Lawn Mortuary and Sierra Hills Memorial Park will provide a 30 minute presentation followed by a question and answer period. St. Francis Community Hall. 6700 Verner Ave. 732-2020.

## NOVEMBER

**'Sacramento's Chinatown' lecture at CSUS**  
Nov. 1: Sacramento's Chinatown, by Brian and Larry Tom, is the topic for the Friends of the University Library's Author Lecture Series presentation in Sacramento State's University Library Gallery, on the campus, 6000 J St. The free presentation takes place at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1. Sacramento has one of the nation's oldest Chinatowns, and the Tom brothers are third generation Chinese Americans. Contact: (916) 278-5954.

**American Lung Association respiratory rally**  
Nov. 1: Learn how to best treat the disease including tips on living a high quality life, understanding environmental factors and the latest in medical innovations, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sierra 2 Community Center, located at 2791 24th St. Sacramento. Free, registration required and lunch provided. 585-7666.

**Bi-Polar Anonymous**  
Nov. 2: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

**Book Sale - Friends of Arden-Dimick Library**  
Nov. 2: From 3 to 6 p.m., friends of the Arden-Dimick Library will host a 2-day book sale. All books will be reasonably priced, starting at 25 cents. Thousands of titles include: children's books, mysteries, thrillers, adventure, romance, history, art, cookbooks, travel, biographies, science, fiction, sci-fi/fantasy and more. Arden-Dimick is located at 891 Watt Ave., Sacramento, CA 95864, 264-2700.

**Widowed Persons Association of California meeting**  
Nov. 2: Informational meeting to be held in the main hall at Greenhaven Terrace at 1 p.m. For reservations call Jim Stowell, 422-626, or Jane Hinman, 381-3060, or Mary Francis at 395-0210. 1180 Corporate Way, Sacramento.

**Fundraiser for children's entertainer Francie Dillon**  
Nov. 2: From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Fairytale Town in Sacramento, there will be a celebration of Francie Dillon with music and other entertainment scheduled to thank Francie for enriching our lives with her talents. The group - Mumbo Gumbo - will perform. Event details will be available at the website - [celebratefrancie.com](http://celebratefrancie.com). Dillon, an award-winning children's en-

tertainer and storyteller, as well as a reading educator, has an undiagnosed neurological condition, which has caused some financial hardship. She's keeping a positive attitude as she continues to do some work and has hope for a good outcome. A donation account has also been setup at the Chase Bank for Francie - <http://francedillon.wix.com/francedillontrust>

**Sandhill Crane Festival**  
Nov. 2-4: Nature tours, family activities, wildlife demos, workshops, music and more. Free admission. Hutchins St. Square, Lodi. 800-581-6150, [www.cranefestival.com](http://www.cranefestival.com)

**Pancake Breakfast**  
Nov. 3: Two light, delicious, warm pancakes, a tasty patty of sausage, Log Cabin syrup, tea and coffee, all for only \$3 per person. 8:30 to 10 a.m. every first Saturday of the month. Benefits the Wednesday Club. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

**Volunteer in the garden**  
Nov. 3: Jensen Garden, located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael, is holding a volunteer garden work day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring work gloves, hand pruners, lunch and a drink and join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. All skill levels are needed. Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ext. 23 or email [tracy@carmichaelpark.com](mailto:tracy@carmichaelpark.com).

**POWERtalk International**  
Nov. 3, 6: Want to improve your public speaking and presentation skills? POWERtalk International, a nonprofit public speaking organization, provides coaching in leadership skills, sales presentation, interviewing, confidence building and more. Meets First Tuesdays of the month 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and First Saturdays of the Month 12 noon-3 p.m. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Liz Richardson (916) 208-9163, [erichardson1202@yahoo.com](mailto:erichardson1202@yahoo.com) [www.powertalkinternational.com](http://www.powertalkinternational.com)

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