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Sacramento Shakespeare Festival director discusses decision for single-gender casting for this year's plays

By BARRY WISDOM

The Sacramento Shakespeare Festival, produced by City Theatre at Sacramento City College at William Land Park's William A. Carroll Amphitheatre, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year by introducing an "everything-old-is-new again" concept to its two-show repertory lineup this summer. For its alternating productions of "Romeo and Juliet" (July 3-Aug. 1) and "As You Like It," (July 10-Aug. 2) each show will feature single-gender casts. "Romeo and Juliet" feature an all-male cast, while women will fill all of the parts in "As You Like it." The Land Park

News spoke with Sacramento City College adjunct faculty member Lori Ann DeLappe-Gronadin, who directs "As You Like It," about the decision to embrace the single-gender casting concept this year, as well as about her production of "As You Like It."

LPN: Can you talk a bit about the decision to feature two uni-gender plays this year?

LADG: We knew the plays we were going to do. Having done them a couple of

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Over the Fence



with Greg Brown greg@valcomnews.com

Come-N-Go on Freepoint Gets a Makeover

The Come-n-Go is back! It even has that new convenience store smell. The convenience store on the corner of Meer and Freepoint had fallen on hard times the past several years. The outside of the store looked almost abandoned. Dry weeds and litter encircled the parking lot. The unsightly gas pumps have been Out Of Order for years. The flickering, intermittently working, fluorescent lights gave the front of the building a creepy horror movie vibe. The Come-n-Go was a neighborhood eyesore.

A convenience store that wasn't very convenient.

Inside the store was much worse. Expired everything!

Don't even bother picking out some ketchup. The Icee machine was Out Of Order. The list of bad things goes on and on. The only thing safe to buy there were the Tic Tacs.

The former owner, Daniel Sun, got in trouble with the law a few times last year for selling alcohol to minors. He was arrested and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and selling alcoholic beverages to a minor, according to a story last October in The Sacramento Bee.

The Feds suspended his license for good. He wasn't selling gas or alcohol at the Come-n-Go. That's when he came and went.

Pat Mulhall is the new owner and he's come to the res-

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Sacramento Fire Department, Front Street Shelter net awards for saving dog in hot car

Courtesy of PETA, two framed awards are on their way to the Sacramento Fire Department and Front Street Animal Shelter, which together came to the rescue of a dog who was left inside a car in dangerously rising heat. Firefighters recorded the temperature inside the vehicle at 91 degrees when the Front Street Animal Shelter arrived on the scene. They were able to free the dog from the hot car, and animal-control officers took him to a local shelter. He has since been reunited with his guardian, and rescuers have stated that they plan to cite his owner for abandoning the dog in life-threatening heat. The fire department also recently resuscitated a dog who had collapsed from the heat on July 4.

"The quick and decisive actions of these caring officers and first responders spared this lucky dog's life," says PETA Senior Director Colleen O'Brien. "Every summer, many others die in agonizing, preventable ways, and that's why PETA calls on bystanders to act quickly when they see a dog left inside a car, even if the windows are cracked, during hot months."

PETA—whose motto reads, in part, that "animals are not ours to abuse in any way"—reminds all dog guardians never to leave any animal inside a parked car. On a 78-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can soar to between 100 and 120 degrees in just minutes, and on a 90-degree day, the interior temperature can reach as high as 160 degrees in less than 10 minutes.

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Campbell Soup plant built on former ranch of Southside area resident

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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As the years pass by, the memories of certain people of prominence also fade. And such is the case of Joseph Holmes, whose sale of his ranch at 47th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard led to the establishment of the West Coast plant of the Campbell Soup Co.

Holmes, who resided a short distance from Southside Park, at 1008 W St., at the time of the sale of that property, is far from a household name today.

But during his lifetime, Holmes built a notoriety that extended beyond his connection to the establishment of the local Campbell plant in this city.

Holmes was also one of the original founders of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co., master of the California State Grange from 1913 to 1916, and a member of Sacramento Lodge No. 40 of the Free and Accepted Masons.

With the insurance company, Holmes was one of its directors and served as its secretary from 1904 to 1938.

Born in England in 1858, Holmes immigrated to America 12 years later, at which time he began working at a woolen mill in Cornwall, N.Y.

When Holmes was 20 years old, he came to Sacramento and found employment at a ranch on property that would later become home to the St. Patrick's Orphanage (later known as St. Patrick's Home for Children) at the south end of Franklin Boulevard.

On Nov. 2, 1887, Holmes married Carrie Rosanna Rich in the Rich family's home at the then renowned Lemon Hill Farm, which was located a short distance from the then-future Campbell Soup site. Together, the couple had three sons and two daughters.

Holmes died in his Southside area home on Aug. 3, 1946, about 11 months after selling his ranch to the soup firm. At that time, he had 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Following his services on Aug. 6, 1946, Holmes was buried in the Land Park area's Masonic Lawn Cemetery on Riverside Boulevard, just south of Broadway.

Although Campbell Soup would later acquire additional property for its Sacramento plant, it was the company's purchase of Holmes' property that made possible the establishment of the local Campbell plant, which opened in 1947.

Campbell's interest in establishing a West Coast plant in Sacramento dates back to 1945, when the company was operating two plants, the original plant in Camden, N.J. and another plant in Chicago.

By June 1946, Campbell's Sacramento soup plant was under construction, and about a month later, plans were being made to open a portion of the plant for the 1947 season.

In January 1947, Campbell Soup finally obtained its for-

mal building permit for its plant. The plant was previously being constructed under a verbal permit, since the cost of the project had yet to be determined.

Included in an article about local canneries in The Sacramento Bee's Sept. 1, 1948 edition are the following words about the Campbell's plant: "This year an additional food cannery is operating (in Sacramento). The \$8,000,000 Campbell Soup Company plant at Forty-Seventh Avenue and Franklin Boulevard, completed last year, will complete its first full year of processing, thereby increasing the number of

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by Margie E. Burke

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

DOWN

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

39 Seurat's forte
45 Shore bird
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Campbell's:

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cases of canned foods produced here.

"It is estimated that this year the Campbell Soup Company will employ in the neighborhood of 1,000 persons."

For decades, the local Campbell Soup plant was an institution that provided employment for many Sacramento area residents.

The Bee, in its Sept. 3, 1989 edition, mentions that the Sacramento Campbell plant was then generating a payroll of \$49 million.

In a front page article in The Bee's May 30, 1992 edition, it was reported that Campbell Soup was contemplating the possibility of whether to expand at its Franklin Boulevard site or, as a last resort, relocate to another city.

The article also mentions that "no decision (would) likely be made for at least 18 months."

At that time, Campbell made soups, Prego tomato sauce, V8 tomato juice and Franco-American Spaghetti-Os.

An article in the Sept. 14, 1986 edition of The Bee notes: "Over the years, Campbell gobbled up other food companies and it now owns a multitude of labels, including Swanson, Prego, Mrs. Paul's, Pepperidge Farm, V8, Snow King and others."

The same article recognizes that Campbell Soup was then processing tomatoes, carrots,

celery, potatoes and other ingredients for its soups and sauces.

Campbell announced on Jan. 18, 1994 that it would undergo a \$57 million expansion at its then-136-acre Sacramento plant.

Regarding that proposed expansion, which would have a major increase in its price, The Bee, in its Sept. 25, 1996 edition, mentions the following: "Negotiations hit an impasse in 1994 over the company's demand that local government simply come up with \$34.5 million, representing about 10 percent of the cost of a proposed \$345 million expansion of the soup plant."

On Sept. 27, 2012, Campbell announced that it would be closing its Sacramento plant.

At the time of that announcement, the Sacramento plant was the company's oldest plant.

An article in the Sept. 27, 2012 edition of the Sacramento Business Journal mentions that the company planned to close the plant in phases, with the overall intention of obtaining a complete closure by July 2013.

Plant worker Dave Martin was quoted in the Sept. 28, 2012 edition of The Bee as saying that signs of the local plant's struggles had been evident for months, and that managers of the company had been complaining about declining soup sales and increased production costs.

Furthermore, the Sept. 27, 2012 Bee article notes: "Campbell's has been losing market share as consumers drift away from canned soup."

The closure of the local Campbell plant resulted in the loss of about 700 full-time jobs and the demise of one of the longtime successful institutions of the capital city.

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Young Actor's Stage to present 'Peter Pan'

By JUDY KENT

There are many versions of the story "Peter Pan." Sometimes audiences get confused over which version they will be seeing. Later this summer, Young Actor's Stage will be performing Disney's "Peter Pan Jr.," Aug. 7-9 at the 24th Street Theatre in Curtis Park. The Music Circus will be performing a different version of "Peter Pan" later this summer as well. All versions of "Peter Pan" in some way are based on Sir James M. Barrie's 1904 play "Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" and Barrie's novelization of it called, "Peter and Wendy." There were several productions of the play "Peter Pan" in the early 20th century. Later producer Edwin Lester, founder of the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera, acquired the American rights to adapt "Peter Pan" as a musical for Mary Martin. The musical opened on Broadway in 1954 and was a huge success, earning Tony awards for its lead actors. Over the years there have been several Broadway revivals, as well

as several television productions, all with slightly different changes, including a recent live 2014 NBC television broadcast, starring Allison Williams.

Many people are most familiar with the 1953 Walt Disney Animated Classic film version of "Peter Pan." Walt Disney acquired the rights for the film and actually started working on it in the late 1930s; however, World War II put a hold on those plans. Several composers and lyricists were brought in, including Oliver Wallace, Sammy Cahn, Sammy Fain, Jack Lawrence, and Frank Churchill. The songs and soundtrack were a huge success. Some of the most popular songs from the Disney film, like "You Can Fly" and "Never Smile at a Crocodile," are also included in Disney's "Peter Pan Jr.," which Young Actor's Stage is staging the second weekend in August. In addition, some songs have been adapted and refreshed for the Disney Jr. version, like the popular large production number, "What Makes a Brave Man Brave."



Photo by Liorah Singerman
Megan Muchowski, shown at the left, and Lelis Fulton, shown at the right, are actors in this year's Young Actors Stage production of Peter Pan, which debuts Aug. 7 at the 24th Street Theatre in Curtis Park.

Some people wonder what is the main difference in a junior production of play. Usually this means that the running time of the show is 60 minutes, rather than 90 to 100 minutes. This makes the shows particularly family-friendly. The shows are typically two acts, with an intermission. "Peter Pan" tells the story of the Darling family in London. Tinker Bell and her fairies introduce the story to the audience. Wendy Darling enjoys telling stories to her younger brother, Michael and John. When her father tells her she must move out of the nursery, Peter Pan comes to visit and whisks them away to Never Land. Their adventure introduces them to the Lost Boys,

Mermaids, Indians, and pirates, including the infamous Captain Hook!

In the Young Actor Stage production of "Peter Pan Jr.," the role of Peter Pan will be played by Ali Qadiri and Bella Hopkins. Wendy will be played by Clara McNatt and Elli Cummins. Captain Hook will be played by Peter Sunseri and Asa Williams. The role of Tinker Bell will be played by Megan Muchowski and Lelis Fulton. All of the young lead actors have several years of experience in local musical theater. The director and choreographer is Liorah Singerman. Show times at the 24th Street Theatre are Aug. 7 at 7; Aug. 8 at 1, 4, and 7 and Aug. 9 at 1 and 4. Tickets are available online at www.YoungActorsStage.com.



Faces and Places: Music in the Park

Photos by Monica Stark
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Showcasing the diverse Sacramento local music scene, Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association's Music in the Park series is a signature summer event that brings three evenings of free live music to William Curtis Park, every last Sunday in June, July and August. Music lovers of all ages gather to celebrate family, life and community. Shown here are snapshots from the Sunday, June 28 event, which featured MAJICKAT, a Cat Stevens cover band and local favorite children's musician, Mister Cooper. Upcoming shows are on Sunday, July 26, featuring Bad Catz, a blues and classic rock band, and Mister Cooper. The Sunday, Aug. 30 show features On Air and Music Matt. On Air's repertoire ranges from hot Motown and rhythm and blues to favorites by Steely Dan, Van Morrison, and The Doobie Brothers. Music Matt is another children's favorite who specializes in making sure children are exposed to the wonderful world of music and that they have a blast learning about it. The events are held at William Curtis Park, 3349 West Curtis Drive, from 6 to 8 p.m. Sponsors are councilmember Jay Schenirer, Joseph Eschleman, Cook Realty and SMUD.



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The lion cubs are growing up!

By ALICIA DIENST

The projected temperature was 105 on a recent Thursday and it was already warm at the Sacramento Zoo at 8:30 a.m. The lion family of five, 9-year-old lion Kamau, 10-year-old lioness Cleo and their three 8-month-old cubs, one boy and two girls were back in the private holding areas, waiting for their morning feeding.

"This is the first lion cub birth here since the 80s," said Lara Kirkendall, Outreach and Biodiversity Manager. Kirkendall stated proudly that they live together in a common holding area "just as nature intended." Kirkendall added that the cubs' growth has been exponential since birth. She said they are nearly 55 pounds now, up 50 pounds from their smaller frame at four weeks. Now, she said, "they're dog size, as opposed to cat size." And their size will double yet.

The cubs will learn all things from both parents; they will model their behavior after their same sex parent. "It's fun to watch them interacting with each other, playing with sticks, wrestling, chasing each other." She said they are learning and honing all the skills that they will need as they grow.

"The birth of the cubs gives us a great opportunity to learn about their lives," Kirkendall said. Some people assume that lions are solitary, but she said, "Lions are the only social cat." Now people will have the chance to see the family unit grow together. Kirkendall said Cleo usually monitors the action from a distance, while Kamau spends more time with the cubs.

The cubs' birth has attracted more visitors to the zoo who can see photos of the cubs' development over time over the cage. Zoo visitor Kathy Phillips came to get some new shots of the family. She said she has really enjoyed watching the cubs' development and the interactions of the cubs with each other and their parents. "The dad has been amazing." She was particularly impressed with the dad's parental restraint when the babies jumped on top of him and he just took it in stride.

While waiting for the lion family to make an appearance, a zoo keeper laid the area with "behavioral enrichment" treats. This gives the animals something to search for, simulating their environment in the wild.

Finally, the cubs appeared one by one and walked around, surveying their space, and taking turns sitting atop the area's highest mound. The cubs are learning how to be vocal and made a few whines.

Then Kamau appeared and immediately detected the presence of the treats. After his initial search, he planted himself a few feet in front of the opening, patiently waiting for Cleo to appear. When she did, she came out and then went back in, then reappeared and went back in again. This went on for a few minutes until she finally came out and took a seat stage right, where she had a view of the whole area.

Kirkendall said that having given birth and having nursed and taken care of the cubs in their infancy, Cleo "was used to being treated like furniture." Now, she said, "Dad is right in the thick of it (interacting with the cubs)" which brought great pleasure to visitors on Father's Day.

The zoo, Kirkendall said, was completely prepared for their arrival so they have all the resources they need to take very good care of the new additions, such as plenty of adequate space and meat. She said the decision to breed the lions was determined by the 1981 American Species Survival Plan. Tonja Candelaria, the zoo's Public Relations Coordinator, said that the "circle of life" maintains a certain level of the population at the zoo.

Over time as a result of the protections they have received, the lion species' status has improved from "endangered" to "vulnerable," according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Kirkendall said the zoo was well prepared, but that the cubs have needed "very little intervention" since they and their parents are "doing a fantastic job." Candelaria noted that there is a high infant mortality rate in the wild due to disease, still births and predatory species.

Kirkendall and Candelaria both stressed the zoo's participation extensively in community and regional education, resource management and conservation efforts. "It doesn't take much to make an impact globally," said Candelaria. Two hundred volunteers contribute to the work of the zoo, including 130 docents and 50 keepers, zoo teens, Interpretative Interns, horticultural groups, AmeriCorps, Boy Scouts and event volunteers.

The zoo will not release the cubs' names until the training period is over. Zoo staff want to make sure the cubs know their voices first to ensure effective animal husbandry. For now the names are private.

Michael Douglas, a visitor services staff member, had a question for the reporter on her way out. "So did you see the pride of the Sacramento Zoo?" Indeed she had.



Shown here are recent photos of the lion cub trio at the Sacramento Zoo. Photos courtesy of the Sacramento Zoo.



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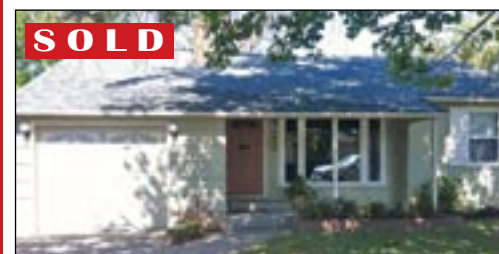


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Camellia Waldorf on Freeport is moving to the Pocket

Editor's Note: About an hour before going to press for this issue of the Land Park News, the following letter was sent to the newsroom via email. It is being reprinted in its entirety.

Dear Camellia Families and Friends,

This past March, during the Camelliapalooza Fund A Need, I stood before you and asked for your support in Building Our Future. That vision included strengthening our Middle School Math and Science program, and thanks to your generosity we have now added a Math Specialist and Algebra offering to our community. That vision also included increasing our savings so that Camellia Waldorf School could one day purchase property, and plan for the next 25 years and beyond.

In early June, we received an opportunity to make this dream of property ownership a reality. We were invited to tour the vacated Merryhill School campus at 7450 Pocket Road and to begin to imagine the potential of moving Camellia Waldorf School to this new location. This location on Pocket Road is approximately 10 minutes from our current site and allows for easy access from the freeway.

This location provides our community with two significant advantages. Having our school nestled in a safe residential neighborhood is truly ideal. This location of almost three acres allows access to the levee and the Sacramento River, and is only a few blocks from Garcia Bend Park. In addition, this location places us within a few miles and directly in between Bergamo, a highly regarded private Montessori school, and Brookfield, a highly regarded private college preparatory school. This location, in a safe neighborhood that already supports educational excellence and educational choice, will bring new children and families into our community.

Needless to say, it has been a busy summer for the Board of Trustees, Administrative Staff, and Faculty. After countless meetings and hours spent reviewing our finances, Camellia Waldorf School is creating history by purchasing property at 7450 Pocket Road and will begin the new school year in September at this location.

As many of you know, we have spent the past two years building a relationship with the Sacramento City Unified School District and exploring the possibility of moving our school to the C.P. Huntington campus. While this arrangement would provide many benefits, it would not present the opportunity for ownership.

Although this decision is being made quickly, many substantial hours have been spent in preparation for this moment. When Camellia Waldorf School started at the current Freeport Boulevard location, there was never the intent to remain for this many years. We are currently on a month-to-month lease and face many challenges with increasing rent, the lack of a safe and dedicated parking lot, and the surrounding

transient population. In addition, this spring we were notified by the city of Sacramento that our property line is in violation and will need to be adjusted within the year. This adjustment will significantly reduce the available play areas for our low-grade, kindergarten, and preschool play areas.

It has long been the dream of our leadership to own a permanent home for Camellia Waldorf School. The entire faculty, staff, and board of trustees recognize the value of this opportunity and are in full support of this move. Plans are already underway concerning moving preparations, repairs, and upgrades at our new location. Jennifer Mason and I are already working on the necessary transfer of our California preschool license with expected ease and success.

We look forward to hosting an open house on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and inviting our Camellia families and friends to tour our new location! More information will follow soon. We also look forward to your involvement in making this move a successful community effort. Although the timeline is short, we are a community with many talents and with your help, we will make great things happen quickly!

We are currently in need of volunteers to provide packing supplies, assist with packing of classroom materials, begin preparing our outdoor structures for transport, and to assist with repairs and landscaping work at the new site. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please contact Ardyth Sokoler at administrator@camelliawal-

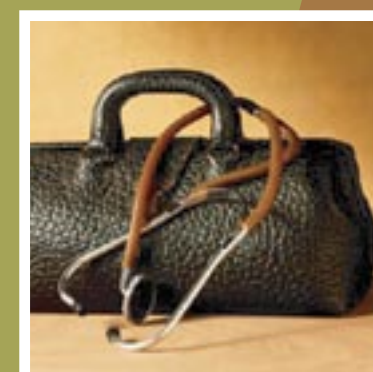
dorf.org about your resources and availability. We are in the process of creating a Sign-Up Genius and will send the link early next week.

As always, we welcome your questions and comments. We recognize that unexpected change can be disruptive, and look forward to working together to make this transition as smooth as possible for our children. Thank you for your commitment to Camellia Waldorf School and for your support. We look forward to Building Our Future together!

Warmly,
Ardyth Sokoler, Administrator
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Over the Fence:

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cue. He's really spruced up the place. They've installed a clean crisp new sign out front. The previous sign was yellowy and worn. It also had the 24 hours sign cut to say 21 hours.

It definitely brought janky to Freeport Boulevard in Land Park. And we don't want janky in Land Park.

The one thing I noticed above all else is the big windows. Lots of natural light filtering into the store. Most liquor or convenience stores have all the cheap advertising covering up the windows. Tacky.

No pricing on the front of the building windows, nothing above the rail. It's a very clean look. "We don't want it to look like an average convenience store, we also want to be more of a neighborhood market," Pat said.

The interior of the store has been cleaned up, too. Where it used to have red disintegrating Formica above the register is now wood interior with neon beer signs of craft and import beers. Sorry Budweiser and Coors.

"I want to tell people more about our imports and craft beers," Pat said.

They installed granite countertops, marble back-splashes, and brand new flooring. It's really an impressive transformation. Convenience store crashers...On HGTV!

Pat's already heard positive things from the neighbors. They're "very happy to have the store back," Pat said. A place they can walk to and buy milk, bread, or Doritos.

They're going to have coffee and donut specials every morning. Pat said they're going to offer Yum Yum donuts along with Boyd's coffee.

The new Come-n-Go will also be a good place to grab local craft beer bombers, like Knee Deep Brewing, Drake's Brewery, and Sacramento favorites, The Rubicon and Track 7.

And a convenience store staple... they will have a roller grill for hot dogs! Along with corn dogs, taquitos, egg rolls and food items like that.



(above left) New owner Pat Mulhall standing proud in front of the new and improved Come-n-Go Market in Land Park.



(above right) California Middle School's Summer of Service kids pose during the bake sale to raise funds for a doggie station at the school.

They'll also offer some healthy options like sandwiches and high end fruit drinks.

Bigger brighter and less dreary liquor store feel. "Everything we've done with this building is energy efficient," Pat said.

Come-n-Go was like that dilapidated house on your street everybody hates. Now it's the shiny new convenience store the neighborhood can enjoy.

Ford's Real Hamburgers gets renovated

Another building that was a bit dilapidated and in desperate need of TLC is the old Ford's Real Hamburgers building on Sutterville behind the former Blockbuster video store.

One of the men working on restoring the building said, "It used to look like a jailhouse café." He was right. With the spiked metal fence to the scabbed on plastic yellowy awnings, this place was another black eye for the neighborhood.

Somebody had literally screwed sliding glass doors side by side and made a wall out of it.

All that spiked fencing and sliding glass door walls were not up to code. The tiny 3-foot by 5-foot bathroom was not ADA compliant. It actually wasn't suitable for anybody to use. The building had been just sitting there vacant waiting for somebody to give it some renovation love.

Adair Construction was hired to bring the building back to life. They did a masterful job. Once they tore away all the unsightly scabbed-on additions you could tell there was a cool retro-looking building.

I spoke with the contractor, Ryan Adair, of Adair Construction, on the final day of the restoration and he said, "Nobody would design and build this today, but look at it, it's fantastic!"

It's also nice to see a cool little building NOT torn down.

The original 1970s rock veneer and inverted roof-line give the building character. Adair said, "The original rock veneer? We decided to keep it. Why pull that away? It looks good."

On the day the building restoration project was complete, a woman drove by, glanced over, and did a double take, like "Oh wow, what a cool little building!"

There's also plenty of space for outdoor dining. Lots of curb appeal to the space, too.

While I was at the site, Ryan Adair was busy pulling the last bit of stray Bermuda grass from the property when he said, "There's a huge benefit to re-using an existing structure. It pulls a little bit of the past into the future."

Now that the building restoration is complete what will be going into that spot? Another burger place? Ice cream shop? Barbecue joint? Whatever it becomes, I hope it's not another Goodwill Express.

Summer of Service At Cal Middle School

There was a bake sale outside Cal Middle School, courtesy of the kids from Summer of Service, a summer school program at Cal Middle School. They were doing a project to serve the neighborhood of Land Park.

The bake sale was to fund an idea from 8th graders at the school.

The 8th graders have been having difficulties at physical education due to the dog waste scattered all over the field. It's an ongoing problem for the children. Soccer and dog poop do not mix!

So they're raising money to build a doggie cleanup station at the school hoping it will be utilized by nearby dog owners who don't feel the need to clean up after their pooch.

They had some homemade cookies, cupcakes, apple turnovers, and all sorts of goodies at the one day bake sale. They actually raised more than \$200 in a few hours. Sounds like a summer of success.

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JULY

Lecture to address reducing the risk of falls and related injuries among the elderly

July 23: Falls, the leading cause of non-fatal and fatal injuries and a leading cause of death among the elderly, will be the topic of the July UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Center Community Discovery Series lecture. The speaker will be Christy Adams, UC Davis Health System Trauma Prevention and Outreach Program coordinator. The lecture will be held on Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m. in the UC Davis MIND Institute auditorium, 2825 50th St. The consequences of falling become more severe with age. Awareness of fall risk factors, prevention strategies and available resources is an essential part of decreasing the risk of falling and serious injury. This presentation is designed to empower adults of all ages and fitness levels to reduce fall risk for themselves or a loved one. The series is made possible by the generous support of Sunrise Senior Living, Norwood Pines Alzheimer's Care Center, Aegis of Carmichael, Revere Court, Eskaton and Home Instead Senior Care. Attendance is free of charge, but the courtesy of an RSVP is required. To RSVP or for additional information, please call 916-734-5728. The UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Center is one of only 27 research centers designated by the National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Aging. The center's goal is to translate research advances into improved diagnosis and treatment for patients while focusing on the long-term goal of finding a way to prevent or cure Alzheimer's disease. Also funded by the state of California, the center allows researchers to study the effects of the disease on a uniquely diverse population. For more information, visit <http://alzheimer.ucdavis.edu>.

Fire Station 15 Open House

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

General medical and incontinence supplies

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

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AUGUST

Fire Station 18 Open House

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

Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

Aug. 6: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket.

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Fire Station 19 Open House

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Aug. 8: With new merchandise constantly added to the inventory, more than 100,000 "gently used" books, videos, and audio books will be offered for prices from 50 cents to \$2 at the Friends of the Library Warehouse Sale. There will also be a \$6 bag sale outside the warehouse. The warehouse is at the rear of the Friends "Book Den" store at Suite E, 8250 Belvedere Ave., just south of 14th Avenue between Power Inn and Florin-Perkins roads. Plenty of parking is available, but visitors should be careful not to park between the "No Parking" signs on the south side of Belvedere. Sale hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the bag sale opening at 8:30 a.m. There will also be a preview for Friends members only on Friday, Aug. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. with the members' bag sale opening at 4:30 p.m. (You can join at the door for \$15). Bring your own bag if possible. Income from the sale helps pay for programs, equipment, and materials local libraries need but can't afford. The book store will be open during the sale as well as weekly on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most items there are priced from \$2 up, but there is also a large dollar-a-book section of fiction. For more information, call 731-8493 or go to fspl@att.net.

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As You Like It:

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times already, we are always looking for ways to keep it fresh, for both our audiences and our company. We attend a conference of Shakespeare producers called the Shakespeare Theatre Association. It was here that the idea was sparked. In a conversation, we talked about how to cast more women, as we all know Shakespeare plays are male role heavy. We also talked with Lisa Wolpe of the Los Angeles Women's Shakespeare Company, who, in a way, challenged us to be bold. There have also been many conversations about gender equity in the theater and how to bring it about in more companies. It also seemed like an intriguing idea as a director. I suggested we do an all-female "As You Like It." I wasn't sure how it would be received, but my colleagues, Luther Hanson and Christine Nicholson, were intrigued. This started the conversation. After a few more days of discussion, we also decided not to choose which play would be which gender until auditions. We had to make sure we could fill out two single-gender casts. We also wanted to test the waters and see how it would be received.

LPN: Has the festival ever staged uni-gender plays before?

LADG: As far as we can tell, no. We've traced the history back to 1966 with classics in the summer (three years in the park), and we have not found anything that indicates any single-gender productions. We just might be the first in the 50-year history of the festival.

LPN: Tell me about your experience with "As You Like It."

LADG: My experience with this cast and "As You Like It" has been phenomenal. I used to not like this play very much. It wasn't until I studied it from an original-practices point of view that I learned of the nuances. Original practices looks at how we believe Shakespeare and his company would have approached the play. With minimal rehearsal time due to performing six plays a week, one of them new, each week, there would have been no time for company rehearsals. Shakespeare wrote many cues right into his plays – modes of address, "here" vs. "there," formal "you" vs. informal "thee" and so on. I also realized that many of these seemingly comedic characters were running for their lives through the first act. That "danger" helped me see this story in a new light and gave this play new appeal for me.

LPN: Has the play been staged simi-



Shown here is a collection of photos from a performance of "As You Like It" as produced by City Theatre at Sacramento City College for the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival held at William Land Park's William A. Carroll Amphitheatre.

larly elsewhere, or is this a new "take" on it?

LADG: It has been done by two companies that I know of, Oxford Shakespeare and The Queen's Company. Another all-female Shakespeare company, Smooth Faced Gentlemen, did an all-female "Romeo and Juliet" in 2012. There was also the recent all-female "Julius Caesar" at Donmar Warehouse in London. It's being done around the world.

LPN: Tell us about working with a young cast that may or may not be well acquainted in performing Shakespeare. What are the challenges and how do you help them overcome possible fears?

LADG: I find my cast to be filled with amazing women. I try to create an atmosphere of collaboration and a safe space to create in. This allows them the confidence to ask questions when

they don't understand something in the text or don't understand a direction. In this atmosphere of collaboration, we work to stage the play and tell the story clearly and cleanly while adhering to the words Shakespeare gave us. When something isn't clear, I can tell and we work it out. Some of the biggest challenges have been to make sure we are telling the story and that we all understand what is being said

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Shakespeare:

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at every moment. To do this, we talk about each scene and they paraphrase their lines into their own words. Once that is done, we work on the language itself – verse/prose, pacing, rhythm. Each of these can be a challenge, but with continual work, they all grasped it and we moved on. I am thrilled that we did not face huge hurdles with line memorization or blocking retention. These ladies are diligent hard workers who came into rehearsal ready to work. The opportunity for many of them to play roles they might not have gotten an opportunity to play in traditional casting ignited their spirit.

LPN: Can you summarize the plot of "As You Like It," and tell me what you find appealing and what audiences can expect to discover in your production?

LADG: "As You Like It" is one of Shakespeare's most beloved comedies about flirtation, friendship and mistaken identity. "As You Like It" is a lighthearted look at the fickle and passionate nature of love – with a little danger thrown in to keep it interesting. Will wit and merriment overcome jealousy and deception? How will true love ever find its way, lost in the delightful madness of the forest? This production is sure to entertain as the all-female cast takes a classic approach – single-gender – to a classic play. Set in 1920s Prohibition-era Atlantic City and environs, the costumes are bright, the music is catchy and the ladies rock this world.

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