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Over the Fence

with Greg Brown greg@valcomnews.com



Mark and Toni Groth of WOW WOW Chili are awarded People's Choice at the Track 7 Chili Cook-off. Here they are posing with the trophy and owners/brewers Geoff Scott and Ryan Graham.

Track 7 Brewery held annual chili cook-off

Band leader and trumpeter Harry James once said, "Next to music there is nothing that lifts the spirit and strengthens the soul more than a good bowl of chili."

I think Harry may have been onto something, because spirits were lifted and souls were strengthened at the Third Annual Track 7 Chili Cook-off at the taproom in Curtis Park.

A lot of chili and beer were consumed too. Local chili contestants were vying for the top spot and the golden chili spoon trophy. A colorful array of chili connoisseurs used a wide variety of chili ingredients. Spices and

seasonings wafted through the air at the boisterous taproom.

One of the rules was contestants had to use Track 7 beer in the chili. Other than that, it was a free-wheelin' chili cook-off.

I asked Track 7 brewer Geoff Scott what he looked for in a chili and he told me "It's about consistency. A good base and good combo of meat and beans." He added, "It's gotta have spice!"

Mark and Toni Groth are the team of Wow Wow Chili. Mark wears the big chef's hat and both of them don colorful yellow aprons.

I call it the Wow Wow factor.

The first year of the chili cook-off the WOW WOW chili crew were told their chili needed "more heat."

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They kicked it up a notch last year and won People's Choice. I guess people like it when you turn up the heat.

While Mark stirred the chili in the big pot, he said with some confidence, "We're here to defend our title today."

I asked if he changed anything or "kicked it up another notch" and he told me "yes." They smoked three kinds of meat and actually added a little bit more spice. He had nine pounds of tri-tip simmering in the big metal chili pot!

It worked. Wow Wow Chili won their second straight Track 7 chili spoon trophy in a row. Perhaps it was the added chorizo, or the crowd also liked their style.

The school teacher team of Derek Perkins and Amy Baldini were on hand serving up chili to the crowd hoping for a win. They called themselves "Backyard Barbeque." It's their second year gunning for the big prize and chili spoon trophy. "We're both teachers, and we have the summer off, so we spend the summer working on our recipe," Derek said.

Perkins added, "For the past month we've been really focused on the life of chili." I bet it's better than the school cafeteria food.

Backyard Barbeque poured a growler of Panic IPA in the sauce and a not-so-secret ingredient...tequila! They added a block of aged Parmesan cheese to it, too. It smelled good! It had a lot of Track 7 in it.

Another chili cook-off contestant was Brian Guido who was tucked away inside the taproom with his pickle red onion relish and Soulman stout chili. He called it "Guido's lamb and stout chili."

"You know the great thing? I had a group of kids keep coming back and back for the chili. And it was lamb. I've gone through four gallons of chili!" Guido said.

Apparently, kids love lamb. Guido told me, he loves the chili cook-off because he loves Track 7. "They make great beer. The place is family friendly and pet friendly, too." He likes just cooking and hanging out at the taproom. He added, "What else am I gonna do on a Sunday afternoon?"

The guys over at Das Chili were really enthusiastic about the chili cook-off. One of the chili makers, Shawn Peter, wore lederhosen while he stirred the chili and gave out samples. The lederhosen was a salute to his German heritage.

Shawn Peter and Chad Seaburg were the team that makes up Das Chili.

Shawn said it's a homemade recipe that he created for himself for the last 20 years – a tried and true recipe that his friends and family love.

All the vegetables were from his parent's garden. The peppers, the tomatoes, the works.

Last year he got a bit exotic and used ground kangaroo sausage. I guess kangaroo gives it a real kick.

This year he went with ground lamb, pork, and a growler of Track 7's Bee Line Blonde.

He caramelized onions, garlic, along with the Bee Line Blonde for three hours. Organic kidney beans, fresh-



The guys of Underground Chef are all smiles after they take home the Brewer's Choice award for best chili at Track 7's Annual Chili Cook-off. They're going to use their \$200 for a big party with friends at the taproom.

ly shucked corn, and finely chopped white raisins along with a little maple syrup were also in the chili. A creative mix of ingredients earned Das Chili third place in the People's Choice category.

I'm sure they got a few extra votes for the lederhosen.

The Brewer's Choice for the best bowl of red went to Underground Chef.

Underground Chef is Nathan Frank, Brian Miller, and Steven Rice. Three friends, plenty of beer, and delicious chili.

"To go through five gallons of chili in one afternoon in little tiny cups... it's insane!" Nathan said. It's their first time entering the Track 7 Chili

Cook-off and as a home chef Nathan thought, "I could do that."

Beef brisket and fried pork belly were the key ingredient for Underground Chef. They also added three pints of Soulman Stout.

"It was cool to be able to use their product and make it taste good," Nathan told me.

The team of Underground Chef had the right mix of consistency and spice because they won the top prize in the Brewer's Choice category. They got a \$200 gift certificate to use on craft beer, Track 7 gear, or rental use of the tap room. The Underground Chef guys have decided to throw a big party with friends at the Track 7 Tap Room.

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Best barbecue & burgers at Burgess Brothers

By LEIGH STEPHENS
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What are the chances that a couple of Sacramento twins would end up serving the community in law enforcement and firefighting as well as starting one of the area's best restaurants for burgers and Barbecue?

Matthew Burgess is a CHP officer and brother Jonathan Burgess is a Sacramento Firefighter. They opened Burgess Brothers' right across from City College in 2012, and haven't looked back. The extremely successful eatery is crowded with college students, law enforcement officers, and firefighters as well as with the Sacramento community at large. The brothers say they were amazed at the community response. The restaurant offers on-site meals, take-out and catering.

In 2010, the brothers challenged each other by entering a cook off hosted by Good Day Sacramento (KMAX-TV). Matt won the con-

test, but Jon still says it was only because he wore a gun-belt. They had been catering around the city for about a year before the contest.

What is unique about the brothers in addition to the scrumptious food is their commitment to community service. Matt says, "Our motto is 'Committed to Service' whether we're here at the restaurant or whether we're in our normal professions."

They consistently donate to community fundraisers and non-profits. Jon says that each time a bottle of their Barbecue sauce is sold in the region, proceeds are donated to benefit burn survivors and their families through the Firefighters Burn Institute. He says that sometimes we don't think about the families who suffer equally as the burn patient.

When they decided to start a restaurant, they installed an outdoor grill to create the unique smokey taste for their burgers and ribs. The restaurant serves five Barbecue sauces on their meats. Their



The Burgess brothers are masters at the grill. Check them out.

Photo by Stephen Crowley

secret Barbecue mild sauce is now sold in Sacramento stores such as Safeway, Save Mart, Taylor's Market, Corti Brothers, and Otos Market. They are negotiating with Sam's Club to distribute the sauce through the large box store. They credit their sauce recipes to their mother who learned in the South from their grandmother.

Walking into the restaurant you see all kinds of law enforcement and firefighter photos and memorabilia - model fire trucks and actual uniforms hang from the walls. The front and back

rooms have a comfortable feeling with a dozen or so tables and chairs with large TV for customer entertainment. It feels like a place where families are welcome, and the luscious odor of smoked meat permeates the air.

The menu features burgers, ribs, tri-tip, brisket, chicken, pulled pork and even hot links. Sides include collard greens, mac & cheese, potato salad, and Cajun rice. The corn bread muffins which also come from Mom's recipe melt in your mouth. They have now started packaging the cornbread for sale. Their family-friendly cost makes eating out reasonable. Burgers start at \$7.95 and up depending on how hungry you are and what you add to your meal.

The basic "Fire Alarm Burger," a ¼ pound patty comes with lettuce, tomato, pickles and crunchy fries and any choice Barbecue sauce from mild to hot. The menu lists eight burgers among which also include the "Hero Burger" with full beef patty covered with Barbecue smoked pulled pork, cheese, grilled onions and basics, the "Tactical Blue Burger," stuffed with blue cheese, and vegetarians can dive into the "Code 4 Burger," a marinated, grilled portabella mushroom with basics.

A plus for picky eaters is a "create your own" plate set-

ting. Included in the above menu are sandwiches, desserts such as peach cobbler and pumpkin pie.

The restaurant owns a food truck that makes possible the catering part of the business. Jon says they cater to private and public events of 50 people or more where the chefs can grill on site. Take-out customers can order slabs of ribs, trays of all the meats, and full trays of sides that feed 25-30 people.

One customer diving into a stacked plate of ribs and brisket from his plate said, "The ribs just fall off the bone. The food is great, and the staff is friendly and helpful." He suggested you might have to take a shower after eating!

Matt and Jon are from Sacramento and attended McClatchy High where they played football. When asked what they do for fun, they say they are avid fans of the Dallas Cowboys and fly into Dallas two to three times a year for the games. Clearly the men don't avoid each other outside of business because they have a Mexico trip planned with wives and kids.

The twins are the babies of their family of four brothers and two sisters. Matt and Jon each have two children. Matt's wife Sandie helps out at the restaurant. When

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DMV celebrates 100th anniversary



By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Among the most well-known organizations of this state is the California Department of Motor Vehicles, which is presently celebrating its centennial.

That department has certainly experienced much growth since its establishment in 1915.

At that time, automobiles were still in their early stages, and the average car could be purchased for about \$500 and gasoline was sold for 8 cents per gallon.

During an interview with this publication last week, Jaime Garza, DMV public relations officer, commented about the early history of the DMV.

"The office was located at the Secretary of State office here in Sacramento," Garza said. "There was a field office in 1914 that opened up before we officially became the DMV. We (had) been doing some business under different offices, but we had an office down in Los Angeles, I believe, in 1914. But the DMV itself was created by law in 1915, and that year was when we (began registering) vehicles."

Garza explained that although the DMV was a small department during

its inaugural year, it nonetheless accomplished much work.

"What's interesting is when we were created in 1915, we only had two (full-time) employees, and during the first year, they registered 191,000 vehicles by hand," Garza said. "So, move up 100 years and now we have about 10,000 employees (and) we register more than 33 million vehicles. And just imagine if we had to do that by hand."

Field offices were created during the first year of DMV's operations.

The first DMV field offices were located in San Francisco and Los Angeles, and additional field offices were added as the demand grew.

By 1917, the DMV headquarters were located in the Forum Building at 9th and K streets.

According to a promotional video that was created for the DMV's centennial, the forerunner to the California Highway Patrol was established as part of the DMV in 1923.

On Aug. 14, 1929, the CHP was established as a branch of the DMV within the Department of Public Works.

An official CHP historical timeline mentions that the CHP was separated from the DMV and "elevated to a



The Berkeley DMV field office is shown in this c. 1938 photograph.

Photo courtesy of DMV

department of state government" in 1947.

In 1958, for the first time in its history, the DMV began issuing driver's licenses with photographs, and 12 years later, driver's license records became completely computerized.

Other aspects regarding driver's licenses include the DMV's introduction of driver's license renew-

als by mail in 1979 and the first use of magnetic strips on driver's licenses and ID cards in 1990.

Garza commented that as the population of the state continued to grow, thus did the DMV.

In mentioning a segment of that growth, Garza said, "The number of driver's licenses

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Sacramento Sikhs Respond to Tragedies with Service

By ALICIA DIENST
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Sikhs in the Sacramento area turned the assaults on their community into a rallying cry not for justice or revenge, but for service. Six people were killed and three others were wounded at the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin by a white supremacist on Aug. 5, 2012. Every August since then, the Sikh Coalition, a civil rights advocacy group, has sponsored a national Day of Seva, or what is called 'selfless service' in Punjabi. This year, Sikhs observed that day on Saturday, Aug. 1.

This year, Sacramento Sikhs partook in three community service efforts: they distributed a lunch-time meal in the Alkali Flats, helped with William Land Park landscaping and maintenance, and ran a Toys for Tots drive.

Service is a critical part of the Sikh culture. "People ask what we get in return for giving to our communities. What we get is priceless in terms of connection to the community," said Harjit Kaur, Sikh Coalition Community Development Manager. Although there is also a strong "feel good" element to the effort, Kaur said that if even one person learns more about Sikhism then their effort is worth it. "We want to take tragedy and mourn it in a way to give back to the community."

Sikh communities exist in 50 cities in the U.S. with California having the largest membership of all the states. Sikhism, the fifth largest religion worldwide, has a belief in *chardi kala* or eternal optimism, which also guides their work in the community. Yet Sikhs still encounter misconceptions about them because they wear turbans that people often mistake for the dress worn by religious extremists from the Middle East.

"We get confused with terrorists, but nine times out of 10 people wearing turbans are Sikh," said Kaur, who added Sikhs hope that serving the community in a public way will "make the conversation more friendly."

Thousands of Sikhs live in Sacramento County. Five to eight temples have been built in the Sacramento/Elk Grove area since the first Sikh, Dalip Singh Saundh came to the United States and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, the first Asian to hold that office.

Sacramento area Sikhs mourn the deaths of two grandfathers gunned down in Elk Grove in March of 2011. Police declared those shootings domestic terrorism and are treating them as hate crimes. "This was all the more reason for us to



Photo courtesy

Shown here is a group of Sacramento Sikhs who volunteered with a day of service in Sacramento in response to tragedies.

have a community response." It was important for Sikhs to make them more visible, but it still feels unresolved to the Sikh community, Kaur said.

Sikhs have a tradition of serving vegetarian food without charge to whoever is hungry at their temples called *langar* every day. A group of young Sikhs serve food to hungry people every Thursday in Sacramento. Raman Singh, who coordinates this effort, said the weekly food distribution on the street is organized by individuals and families, though also supported by the Sikh Coalition. The Coalition assists by recruiting volunteers and sponsoring special events like this year's Day of Seva.

"It doesn't take much money to do this work," Singh said. People reserve days to coordinate and fund them weeks in advance and will take the opportunity to combine the effort with special occasions like their children's birthdays. The return for Singh, he said, is "Peace. You know you're doing something to help people by at least giving them a meal once a week."

Harjit Kaur said, "We go to where the homeless are to show our identity by being in the community."

Sixteen-year-old Amrit Bangha, a student at Natoma Pacific High School, said his cousin, Dam-an Banghu founded the weekly food distribution in Sacramento. Bangha said he helps out every Thursday "just to give back to the community. We have more than we need, so we give back."

Forty-six year-old Tennessee shared a slice of pizza with a friend on the sidewalk and told his story. Tennessee (who chose not to share his last name), said he lost his job and his apartment after being hit by a car a year ago and has been on the street and coming to this site ever since. He said "It helps a lot of people here cause they don't have any other way to get food."

Kaur said that the shooting at the Emanuel AME Church in South Carolina on June 17 this year by a suspect who may also have had racist motives reinforced for Sikhs the need for unity with other religious communities. "It's more important to make a bigger and broader community. Anytime a minority group is attacked... there's more a sense of wanting to stand together with anyone who is impacted by hate. It creates greater understanding (to unify) and that drives my passion for this work."



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Burgess Bros.:

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asked about the kids' help, Jon says they come around when they need money.

The men say their mother started them cooking at a very early age. She had health problems and trusted them and walked them through cooking. Jon says, "It started with easy things like making breakfast: hashbrowns or smothered potatoes and eggs. I mean peeling the potatoes, grating them by hand and frying them. We helped Mom with slicing and dicing and seasoning to taste. Today because we cook at home, often times we'll leave an ingredient out on purpose and ask our kids what it needs."

Jon says, "Our mother taught us the LTs of cooking: Look, Texture and Taste. She never cooked by recipe, although we have set recipes for the restaurant."

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Matias Bombal's Hollywood

Shaun the Sheep

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Lionsgate/StudioCanal/Aardman Animations bring us "Shaun the Sheep", the adventures of a bold sheep that longs to break from the farm routine by taking a day off. In this age of computer generated animation, to find the artful type of animation that was popularized by George Pal in the 1930s with his famous "Puppetoons" is a rare handmade treat indeed. The genius behind Shaun is Nick Park, who has delighted many with lovable Wallace and Gromit, the stars of his first hit movie. "Chicken Run" followed that success in the year 2000. Cleverness makes this just as fun for adults as it does for children, and detail rich it is, so much so, you may have to return a few times to try and catch every subtle detail.

Shaun (the sheep), a small and rather cute diminutive ovine hatches a plot to go to town by having his fellow sheep lure their farmer to sleep in order to escape. The farmer's dog gets wise to their plan, and tries to stop them. However, the dog inadvertently sets adventure in motion by a crazy domino effect that sends his master down the hill and away to town in an old trailer- totally asleep. The sheep enjoy liberty for one day, but without the farmer to feed them, things get edgy for the sheep by the second day. The farmer's pigs, seizing a great chance, move right into the house.

Remorseful, Shaun takes it upon himself to find their farmer and bring him back so all will be right with the world. He takes a big bus to the city by himself, to try and find the master. Sheep, being what they are, naturally can't allow that, it's not their nature. They can't help but follow. They're all off to the big city to save the farmer in his runaway trailer. Moments after they got off the bus, they encounter Trumper, the sadistic Animal Control man... evil personified, and a good villain indeed. Shaken by the city, they devise a plan to rescue their farmer once they find him. Just one thing. He has suffered memory loss.

Shaun's ovine adventures are "shear" fun, and after a while you are taken with the very human behaviors of these sheep, as the clever talents at Aardman animations bring these little characters to life on the big screen by millions of manipulations on a much smaller scale before the camera. The countless hours, days, and months of animation work result in just 85 minutes of screen time.

Although Nick Park has created this wonderful world, the writer-directors of this production are Mark Burton and Richard Starzak. The sheep and adults figures on screen don't really speak, it's gibberish that has human inflections. The joy of this artistic choice is the pleasant result that this movie may be universally understood by children and adults of all ages the world 'round with no need for subtitles. This is a clever and delightful way to spend some time at the movies, and you may have the inclination, after seeing it, as I do, to return again to catch many details you might have missed the first time.

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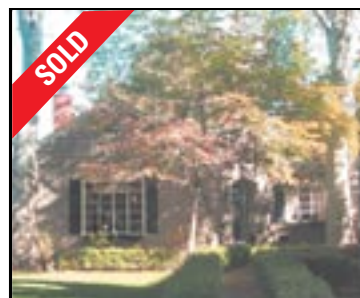


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The important thing is for both parties to be diligent and do their 'homework'. As a seller you would be well ahead of the game if you knew, before putting your home on the market, whether or not your financial agreement was transferable / assumable? Will there be an additional cost to transfer the contract? Will the financial terms, warranty or service plan be altered? In most cases the holder of the contract (financed or leased) has put a lien on your home; will it transfer over to the new property owner or do you have to pay it off with the proceeds from your sale? These are just some of the answers you should know ahead of time.

As a buyer considering purchasing a home with a solar system, you too would benefit hugely from doing some research and getting your ducks in a row. Talk to your lender a head of time. Verify whether or not your 'qualified' loan amount will change if you assume the solar contract. In some cases it can reduce the amount significantly, which in turn will change your house hunting criteria. A solar lease is a long-term commitment, their usually 10-20 years' worth of payments so be sure to include that in the equation when talking to your lender. Some loan programs have specific guidelines when assuming a 'leased' solar system. Also, research how the system will affect things like your 'homeowners insurance', Home Warranty, Title Policies etc... And don't forget to ask yourself if you would you financially commit to renting a home for 10-20 years?

Most people look at purchasing or owning a solar system as an 'investment'; however, sellers should keep in mind that with a solar 'lease' you do not have ownership of the solar system itself and therefore it may not be considered an asset or included in an appraisal as having value. Selling or buying a home with a solar system can be tricky and frustrating if you don't have the necessary information or right representation. Be sure to contact an experienced real estate professional if you're considering selling or purchasing a home with one. They can assist you with all the elements of the transaction to make sure you are informed.

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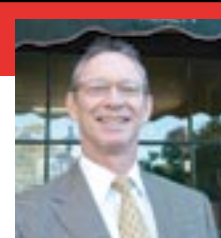
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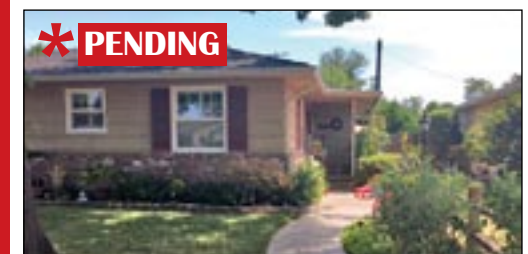
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Upcoming Belle Cooledge Library events

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Rhythm in Film series @ Belle Cooledge (Adult)
Thursday, Aug. 20 at 1 p.m.: Join us for the Rhythm in Film series presenting great documentary films on the third Thursday of each month this summer. August's film is *Thelonious Monk: Straight, No Chaser*. PG-13. Through footage of live performances and interviews, viewers are given a glimpse into the world of this towering figure of jazz. This program is part of the Sacramento Public Library's Summer Reading program.

Bricktastic Lego Party @ Belle Cooledge (Family/All Ages)
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Read-To-A-Dog @ Belle Cooledge (Early Childhood (0-5))
Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 4 p.m.: Read to a Dog is a fun and proven method for boosting a child's reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog and adult volunteer. Children may bring their own books to read to these furry friends or they may borrow a book from the library's collection. Join the library in the community room for this wonderful program!

Sing Along with Mister Cooper @ Belle Cooledge (Early Childhood (0-5))
Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 4 p.m.: Join neighborhood favorite Mr. Cooper for 30 minutes of music time and freeze dancing for ages 3 to 7 years.

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One-on-One Technology Help
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Cat & the Fiddle Music Festival at Fairytale Town

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Hey, diddle diddle! Children and their families celebrated music and fun in the summer sun with a two-day music festival at Fairytale Town on Aug. 1 and 2. Families enjoyed rockin' daytime concerts on the Mother Goose Stage both days. Mister Cooper, Musical Robot, and The Raytones performed on Saturday (These photos are from that day). Sunday's performers included Music Matt, The Poodlums, and The Hipwaders. Visit fairytaletown.org for more upcoming events.

Library events:

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Visit Belle Cooledge Library to schedule or call the main number 916-264-2920 and ask for Belle Cooledge staff. Registration is required.

Tea and Talk Book Club

Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 9:30 a.m.: The Belle Cooledge Tea and Talk Book Club meets the first Wednesday of each month for a lively discussion and delicious goodies.

Sing Along with Mister Cooper (Early Childhood (0-5))

Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 4 p.m.: Join neighborhood favorite Mr. Cooper for 30 minutes of music time and freeze dancing for ages 3 to 7 years.

Toddler Storytime (Early Childhood (0-5))

Thursday, Sept. 3 at 9:30 a.m.: Toddlers and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories and fingerplays. After the storytime, there will be a stay and play group or a simple craft. To ensure that storytime is a positive experience for all, attendance is limited to 40 children (they can bring as many adults as they want!).

Preschool Storytime (Early Childhood (0-5))

Thursday, Sept. 3 at 11 a.m.: Preschoolers ages three

and older and their caregivers are invited to join in for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a craft or play activity all designed to build early literacy skills.

One-on-One Technology Help

Thursday, Sept. 3 at 2 p.m.: Have a computer issue? Can't figure out how to get your laptop onto Wi-Fi? Are you curious about eBooks but not sure how to get started? Is your tablet or eReader a mystery? Meet with a friendly knowledgeable Technology Assistant at Belle Cooledge Library for an hour, they'll get you sorted out. Stop by the library or call the main number (916)264-2920 and ask to speak with Belle Cooledge staff to schedule your appointment. Registration is required.

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Friday, Sept. 4 at 3:30 p.m.: Join the ArtBeast for a monthly Art For All program! Explore various media each month. Three different and engaging projects aimed at artists from ages 0 - 100 are provided. Supplies provided, but you bring the creativity. This program is designed for all ages, always.

Baby Storytime (Early Childhood (0-5))

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m.: Join the library for

nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. This program is for children up to about 18 months old or until they are ready for toddler storytime. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult. Following the program babies and their caregivers are invited to stay and play with activity learning toys.

Noni's Knit-Wits (Adult)

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m.: On Tuesdays enjoy a relaxing afternoon of knitting with fellow yarn enthusiasts. Anyone interested in knitting and crocheting, even beginners, is welcome to join in. This is not an instructional class but assistance is available. Bring your own supplies and a project to work on.

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Toddler Storytime (Early Childhood (0-5))

Thursday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m.: Toddlers and their caregivers will enjoy fun songs, stories and fingerplays. After the storytime, there will be a stay and play group or a simple craft. To ensure that

storytime is a positive experience for all attendance is limited to 40 children (they can bring as many adults as they want!).

Preschool Storytime (Early Childhood (0-5))

Thursday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m.: Preschoolers ages three and older and their caregivers are invited to join in for fun songs, stories, fingerplays and a craft or play activity all designed to build early literacy skills.

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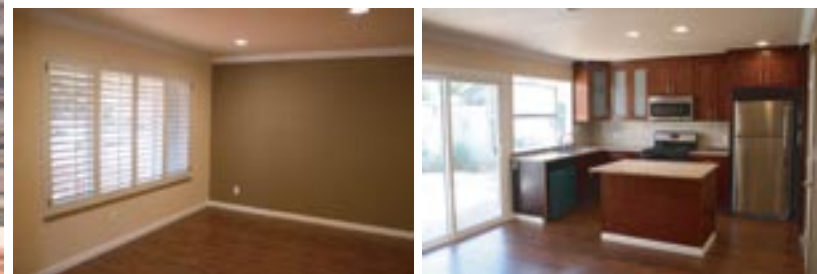
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AUGUST

People with disabilities: How to protect yourself

Aug. 13: This workshop will cover what is a disability, vulnerability, and how to avoid falling prey to victimization. Free of Charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 10 to 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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BBQ, Beer and Boogie returns

Aug. 13: BBQ, Beer and Boogie is back at Oakmont of Carmichael. Hosted by Oakmont of Carmichael and the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, the event will feature live music by Todd Morgan & The Emblems as well as great food, dancing, a silent auction and a raffle. The fun goes from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. It's a fundraiser for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. So please join in the fun and support a great cause. 4717 Engle Road, 95608; tickets are \$30. RSVP by Aug. 4

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Railroad Museum to Present a Special Trivia Contest On a "Hot August Night"

Aug. 20: As a highlight to the popular "Thursday Night at the Museums" program being offered by the California State Railroad Museum and the Sacramento History Museum during the summer months, the Railroad Museum will offer a special trivia contest on a "Hot August Night" - Thursday, August 20, 2015. On this special evening, interested Museum guests will have an opportunity to win fun prizes by answering railroad history-related trivia questions. The trivia contest is open to all ages, begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be led by a spirited Railroad Museum docent. In addition -- and to add some "Hot August Nights" excitement to the special evening -- the Railroad Museum has partnered with the California Automobile Museum to display three eye-catching 1950s and 1960s era vintage automobiles inside the Museum's Roundhouse from 5 to 8 p.m. The special trivia and "Hot August Nights" activities

are included in Railroad Museum admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and children ages five and under are free. More information about the California State Railroad Museum is available at 916-323-9280 or www.csrnmf.org.

Fire Station 57 Open House

Aug. 15: Fire Station 57, located at 7927 East Parkway, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

Sacramento Guitar Society Orchestra meeting

Aug. 16: The Sacramento Guitar Society Orchestra welcomes all players of nylon string guitars who read standard music notation in the first position. Come join the fun at rehearsals at 3823 V St. Sacramento Music Preparatory Theater at 1:30 p.m. After rehearsal, join us for open stage.

Health benefits of tea

Aug. 20: An introduction to incorporating healthy and good tasting tea into your busy life. Learn about the healing properties of teas that can be bought at your local grocery store. The instructor recently re-

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Fire Station 60 Open House

Aug. 22: Fire Station 60, located at 3301 Julliard Dr., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

EMF Exhibit & Slide Presentation: The Health Effects of Electromagnetic Pollution

Aug. 23: Certified electromagnetic radiation specialist, Eric Windheim, is heavily involved in public education due to the extreme lack of government protection or warning about EMF, the common devic-

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EN EM Art Space presents Anna Valdez

Recollections

EN EM Art Space, located at 1714 Broadway Street, is pleased to present Recollections, a solo exhibition of works by Bay Area based artist Anna Valdez. The gallery will be presenting an artist's talk on Aug. 22, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Valdez's unique background in anthropology, video, and painting come together in a body of work that is a visually rich investigation of personal identity, and cultural meaning. Her paintings present viewers with a carefully curated picture of her personal experience through a collection of such things as books, clothes, records, images, houseplants, and textiles. Upon first glance, the composition may appear to be a random selection of objects, but with deeper investigation, meaningful connections emerge—culminating in a form of visual storytelling, and autobiography.

Valdez's work is an obvious nod to the masters of modernist painters. Those influences from painting to decoration to literature make their appearance in her work. However, through the filter of those influences, she has developed a unique vocabulary and a voice all her own. The work is si-

multaneously traditional in technique and her reverence for painting, but decidedly contemporary visually.

The beauty of Valdez's work is not just in the vibrant colors and adept compositions, but also the openness of how she allows the viewer to enter, and engage the space of her paintings. Her work invites the viewer into a contemplation of our collective cultural experience, and as a consequence, inviting to viewers from every walk of life.

Born and raised in the Sacramento area, Anna Valdez received her MFA in painting from Boston University in 2013 and her BA in Anthropology and Art Studio from UC Davis. Her work has been exhibited in museums and galleries across the United States. Valdez's work has been featured in New American Paintings (Issue No. 105 & 115), Fresh Paint Magazine (Issue No.3) and she has been featured on numerous art blogs, including JUXTAPOZ, Anthology Magazine, H&M Culture, SFMOMA and Arte Fuse. Her work has recently been exhibited at the Bedford Gallery, Masur Museum of Art, the Danforth Museum, Boston University Art Galleries, The Rebecca Hossack Gallery, Parts Gallery and EN EM Art Space.

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Effective communication strategies class

Aug. 27: Learn to decode verbal and behavioral communication by someone with Alzheimer's and dementia. Participants will leave with strategies for meaningful connection with people in early, middle and late stage dementia. Free of Charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held on August 27, 2015 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For details, call (800) 272-3900 or email ptardio@alz.org.

Fire Station 16 Open House

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

Curtis Fest

Aug. 30: This year's 9th Annual Curtis Fest promises to be another exciting event where local artists exhibit and sell their work. This free event will be held at the Sierra 2 Center, 2719 24th St from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature more than 60 artists and artisans showcasing a wide range of artistries, including ceramicists, watercolorists, jewelry artists, photographers, potters, portraitists, fabric and giclee artists. In addition to great art, Curtis Fest also features great food from local vendors, live music from Jon Merriman, Jahari Sai and Matt Lancara & Marc Del Chiaro, face painting by the Happily Ever Laughter fairies and a petting zoo. Call to artists: Artists interested in participating

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SEPTEMBER

Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

Sept. 10: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket. Bring your leashed dog. Enjoy S'mores compliments of Sierra Service Project! The events are hosted by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. For more information, contact sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call 731-8798. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

Fire Station 20 Open House

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

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

Sept. 12: Fascinated by railroading history? Interested in working on a train? California State Parks, the California State Railroad Museum and Old Sacramento State Historic Park (SHP) are recruiting adults (18 or older) interested in volunteering to help communicate the West's fascinating heritage of railroading and the California Gold Rush. For those interested, a special, drop-in Volunteer Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Stanford Gallery at 111 I Street in Old Sacramento. Volunteer applications are being accepted through September 15, which will be followed by an interview process.

Each year, approximately 600 men and women volunteer for the California State Railroad Museum's programs -- including weekend excursion train operations, track construction, restoration and maintenance, even clerical work. A background in history is not required to become a volunteer. In fact, most of the volunteers in the popular program began with little knowledge of railroads or the Gold Rush. As individuals become more familiar with the Museum's varied and frequent programs, many volunteers take on additional responsibilities, such as conducting research or giving talks to community organizations. New docents can choose to work in the Museum interacting with visitors from around the world, working in the railroad restoration shops on rare and unique railroad equipment, work on the Sacramento Southern Railroad, or other jobs in this dynamic and fun environment. Volunteering represents a serious commitment of at least 84 volunteer hours annually, but the hours are flexible and the rewards can be tremendous. Docents receive perks such as a discount at the Museum Store, preferential and/or early access to selected special events, and the pride of working at North America's finest and most visited railroad museum. Volunteer applications can be downloaded at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25583 and completed forms can be emailed to allboard.csrmm@parks.ca.gov or mailed/delivered to the Volunteer Coordinator, California State Railroad Museum, 111 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814. For

more information, please call 916-323-9280 or 916-445-0269.

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

Sept. 16: California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to present a special author presentation and book signing opportunity by Robert S. Wells, author of *Voices from the Bottom of the South China Sea*, on Wednesday afternoon. The compelling and illustrated non-fiction book by Wells highlights the largely untold story of a tragic shipwreck in 1874 off Southern China that killed hundreds of Chinese who were just hours away from reuniting with their families after years of helping to build the Transcontinental Railroad. Based on lost records that were recently discovered and pieced together by the author, the historical book captures the lives of the Chinese passengers when they spent years laboring in California building the railroad, mining silver, growing food, and seeking their fortune. In fact, many Chinese workers during this time played critical roles in building the Transcontinental Railroad. While many Chinese workers were already in California as part of the Gold Rush, many more came to California as a result of an ambitious recruitment effort directed by five influential Sacramento businessmen and political figures -- Leland Stanford, Collis P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins, E.B. Crocker and Charles Crocker. Their goal was to find an inexpensive labor force to build the Central Pacific railroad eastward to connect with the Union Pacific. Included as a matter of course were hazardous working conditions such as blasting and cutting through hard granite, blizzards and extreme cold, and the high altitudes of the Sierra. The special presentation will begin at 2 p.m. in the Museum's East Theater and is included with Museum admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and children ages five and under are free. The book *Voices from the Bottom of the South China Sea* will be available for purchase in the Museum store. For more information, please call 916-323-9280 or visit www.csrmm.org. Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.

Fire Station 43 Open House

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

Lupus awareness and fundraising event

Sept. 26: The Alliance for Lupus Research is holding a Move to Cure Lupus Awareness and Fundraising event at Granite Regional Park. ALR is a national nonprofit with a mission to find better treatments and ultimately prevent and cure Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, a debilitating autoimmune disease by supporting medical research. Because the ALR's Board of Directors funds all fundraising and administrative costs, 100 percent of all donations goes to support lupus research programs. To date, ALR has committed over \$100 million to lupus research. ALR holds lupus awareness events all over the country but this is the first time they will hold an event in Sacramento. Participants can choose from a 5K walk, soul line dancing and yoga. Visit walk.lupusresearch.org/Sacramento today to register to participate. Lupus is an autoimmune disease in which a person's immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own tissue and organs. The exact cause of lupus is not known.

DMV:

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and vehicles that we register is about the number of all (driver's licenses issued in) the Western states combined, excluding California. That's how large we are."

And Garza added, "We only did one thing in 1915: we registered vehicles. Now we have a plate load of things that we do. We've leveraged and adopted technology to help us move forward, and that's what we continuously do. We have 18 online services. You don't have to go to a DMV office. From the convenience of your home or office, you can renew your registration, you can renew your driver's license, you can change your address. That was not possible 10, 15 years ago."

Another DMV PIO, Artemio Armenta, who was also present during the DMV's meeting with this publication last week, added, "We have a website that came up a little over 10 years ago. DMV went online in 1996, and that's about the time that many organizations and state agencies began to have a URL. It was probably in about the really early 2000s when we had some forms available online."

Garza added that the DMV was in the forefront of social media, as it was one of the first organizations to create a Facebook page.

Additionally, the DMV has posted more than 1,000 YouTube videos.

"We're always looking for new ways to connect with our public and improve our communication," Garza said.

Today, DMV has 174 field offices -- six of which are located in the greater Sacramento area -- and operates its headquarters at 24th Street and Broadway. That location, which has the address of 2415 1st Ave., is home to the DMV's executive staff and mail reception department, which receives registration and license renewal fees.

Additionally, the DMV presently has more than 10,000 employees, 32 million registered vehicles and 24.6 million licensed drivers.

In celebration of its centennial, the DMV created a special 1915-2015 logo and a 100th anniversary campaign.

In commenting about that campaign, Garza said, "Our goal was to organize a year-long campaign that would allow us to celebrate our past, also our future, by doing various types of activities, (which includes) display cases and a display in lobby to a week-long celebration week. There will (also be a) volunteer month in September, encouraging employees to give back to their community."

A special DMV centennial related California license plate display is



This California license display is presently exhibited in the lobby of the DMV headquarters in Sacramento.

Photo courtesy of DMV



(above left) A woman poses for a DMV camera in this 1950s photograph.



(above right) The first California motor vehicles field office opened in Los Angeles in 1914.

Photos courtesy of DMV

presently located in the lobby of the DMV headquarters.

Garza commented about those plates, as follows: "When (a California resident named Hal BJune) heard that we were having a big centennial, he said, 'Look, I have a license plate display that goes from (1914) to 2000. Would you like to use it, because I'd like to share it with your employees.' And this gentleman, he drove (the display) from Southern Cal all the way up here himself to present it to our director, Jean Shiomoto. And now it's on display, and I can tell you this: our visitors who come into this office to do business take a lot of interest in the license plate display."

"I personally look at the license plates as art. I mean, they really are."

Each one is unique and different, and each one has a story to tell. There's been a progression. We started out with porcelain plates back in the day, and then we went into the metal plates, and then they were issued every year and then they got changed (to permanent plates with annual registration stickers)."

Garza added that the California license plate display is on loan to the DMV indefinitely.

In a recent DMV press release, Shiomoto commented about the past and future of the DMV, saying, "The DMV has always changed with the times. We will build on our successful past and continue to search for more efficient and convenient ways to provide services to our customers in a manner in which they want them delivered."





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