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Closing the book on the old library

Curious onlookers stopped to watch the razing of the Walnut Creek Library on Feb. 26. The seven-hour demolition cleared the way for the construction of the new library, which will begin later this spring. For more pictures, see page 5.

City to hold line in face of tight 2008-10 budget

Slumping auto and retail sales and a downturn in the housing market will prompt the City Council to tighten its fiscal belt when it considers the new 2008-10 operating budget this spring.

The Council will consider the new two-year budget on May 20 and June 17.

While Walnut Creek is still in better financial shape than many municipalities across the state, the City is looking at creative ways to hold the line for the next two years, said City Manager Gary Pokorny.

“Because sales taxes account for nearly one-third of the City’s \$65 million in annual revenue, the current downturn in our local economy is causing us to look at new ways to maintain services and

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Army corporal to be remembered on Memorial Day

The City Council will dedicate a plaque in memory of slain U.S. Army Corporal Sean K.A. Langevin of Walnut Creek at its Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 26.

The public ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. in Civic Park, corner of North Broadway and Civic Drive.

Cpl. Langevin, son of Drew and

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CPL. SEAN LANGEVIN

Celebrate City’s pioneer beginnings on Heritage Day at Borges Ranch

Join the City of Walnut Creek for a fun family celebration of its frontier days at the annual Heritage Day event on Saturday, June 14 at Borges Ranch in the Shell Ridge Open Space.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 per family. Parking will be available at nearby Northgate High School, 425 Castle Rock Rd., where a shuttle will run to and from Borges Ranch throughout the day.

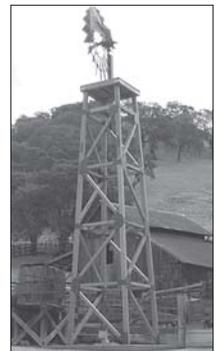
Family activities will include crafts and games for children, demonstrations by 4-H and craft guilds, music by the Jug Band, square dancing, and exhibits by the Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Walnut Creek

Open Space Foundation, Save Mount Diablo, the East Bay Regional Park District, and state and national park services.

The Essanay Silent Film Museum will show Charlie Chaplin and Billy Bronco movies filmed in nearby Niles Canyon.

Food will be available.

For more details, call 925-942-0225.



Water tower at Borges Ranch

City Event Calendar

May

17-18

Art on the Main

10 a.m.-6 p.m.; free
Main Street

26

Memorial Day Ceremony

10 a.m., Civic Park
(see story, page 1)

31-June 1

Art & Wine Festival

11 a.m., free
Heather Farm Park
Call 925-934-2007

June

29

Opera in the Park

6 p.m., free
Civic Park gazebo

City Meeting Calendar

City Council

May 6, 20; June 3, 17
7 p.m.
City Council chamber
City Hall, 1666 N. Main St.

Planning Commission

May 15, 29; June 12, 26
7 p.m.; Council chamber

Arts Commission

May 19, June 16
4:30 p.m.; Council chamber

Transportation Commission

May 22, June 19
7 p.m.; Council chamber

Design Review Commission

May 7, 21; June 4, 18
7 p.m.; Council chamber

Park, Rec & Open Space Commission

May 5, June 2
7 p.m.; Council chamber

 City Council meetings are televised live on Comcast Channels 28 and 26 (unincorporated), and on Astound Channel 29. They are repeated the following Sunday at 1 p.m. on all. Video of the meetings is also available online at walnut-creek.org

Bedford Gallery Docents offer Public Art Tours

The Bedford Gallery Docents are once again offering guided walking tours of Walnut Creek's prime public art works.

The tour provides an up-close view of works by Stephen DeStaebler, Yoshio Taylor, Bruce Beasley and others, as well as the Veteran's Memorial Plaza by Cliff Garten and a recent mural by Josh Keyes. Bedford Gallery docents are trained by public art specialists and can offer information and insight appropriate for all ages.

A printable Walking Tour Map is available



Docent Jane Emanuel discusses an artwork in the City Hall lobby.

online at www.bedfordgallery.org
Tours will be offered at 11 a.m. every second Saturday of the month including May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8. Admission is \$5 and includes a free pass to the Bedford Gallery. Tour schedules are subject to change.

The 45-minute tour departs from the front of the Leshner Center at 1601 Civic Drive. Tours will be cancelled in the event of rain. Special group tours are also available for 15 or more by reservation only.

For more information, call 925-295-1417.

What's Happening

Arts, Adventures & Academics for kids

Arts, Adventures & Academics is a unique summer school provided by the Walnut Creek School District and Civic Arts Education, a program of the City of Walnut Creek. Classes for boys and girls entering grades 1-8 will be held June 23-July 25, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Walnut Creek Intermediate School, 2425 Walnut Blvd. For details, call 925-943-5846 or go to www.arts-ed.org

Shadelands Antiques Show set June 8

Over 100 dealers will be selling their antiques and collectibles at the Shadelands Antiques Show on Sunday, June 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the Shadelands Ranch Historical Museum grounds, 2660 Ygnacio Valley Road. The event benefits the Walnut Creek Historical Society. Admission is free. Call 925-935-7871 for more information.

'Green Arts & Jamm' celebration

The City's Civic Arts Education program will celebrate its 45th anniversary Sunday, June 1 with "Green Arts and Jamm" a celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shadelands Arts Center, 111 No. Wiget Ln. Live music, adult art demos, green art activities for kids. Free.

Free composting workshops offered

Free "Home Composting for Busy People" workshops will be held June 21, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Reservations required; call 925-906-1806.

Healthy gardening workshop offered

In partnership with the City, the Gardens at Heather Farm will hold a Healthy Gardening Workshop on Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For details call 925-947-1678 or go online to www.gardenshf.org

Bridal dresses on display at Shadelands

With its picturesque gardens and grounds, the stately Penniman House, now the Shadelands Ranch Historical Museum, has hosted many lovely brides over the last 35 years. To honor that tradition, the museum has planned a special exhibit June 1-29 of wedding dresses from the past century. *A Century of Brides* will also include several dresses from local celebrities, including the dress of Mayor Gwen Regalia. The exhibit will also feature information about the history of matrimonial traditions in this country and photographs of the brides on their wedding day. The museum is at 2660 Ygnacio Valley Rd. and is open Wednesdays and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. For details, call 925-935-7871.

Fiesta! fundraiser at Lindsay Museum

Families are invited to the "Fiesta!" fundraising event on Sunday, June 1, from 2:30 to 7 p.m., at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave. in Walnut Creek. Children's activities, tours of the museum, live music, food, and silent and live auctions. Advance tickets are \$30, ages 10 and up; \$5, ages 3-9. For more information, call 925-627-2961 or go online to www.wildlife-museum.org

Downtown WC Flower Stroll, Wine Walk

The Walnut Creek Downtown Business Association is planning two upcoming events:

- a free Walnut Creek Downtown Flower Stroll on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting at City Hall, 1666 No. Main and ending at Plaza Escuela to introduce shoppers to quaint shops
- Downtown Wine Walk on Wednesday, June 25, 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the Wine Walk are \$20.

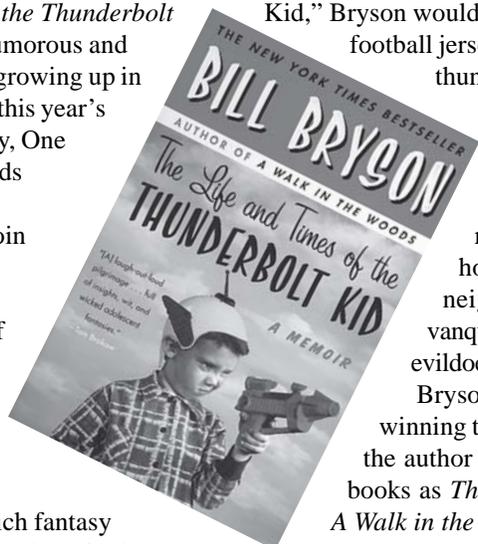
For details on both activities, go to www.walnutcreekdowntown.com or call the Downtown Business Association at 925-933-6778.

'Thunderbolt Kid' next selection for One City, One Book program

The *Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*, Bill Bryson's humorous and nostalgic memoir about growing up in America in the 1950s, is this year's selection for the One City, One Book: Walnut Creek Reads program.

Folks are invited to join the community read this summer and then participate in a variety of citywide events in September and October.

Like millions of his generational peers, Bryson grew up with a rich fantasy life as a superhero. He was born in the middle of the American century — 1951 — in the middle of the United States — Des Moines, Iowa — in the middle of the largest generation in American history — the baby boomers. As the "Thunderbolt



Kid," Bryson would don an old football jersey with a thunderbolt on it, drape his "cape" (a towel) about his neck, and then run around his house and neighborhood, vanquishing awful evildoers (and morons). Bryson is an award-winning travel writer and the author of such noted books as *The Lost Continent*, *A Walk in the Woods*, *Bill Bryson's African Diary*, and *In a Sunburned Country*.

Copies of the book are available at the Walnut Creek Park Place Library, Broadway and Civic Dr.; Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Rd.; Rossmoor

Library; and the Friends Used Book Store, 1910 Olympic Blvd., Suite 101. The book is also available on audio CD and audiotape and in large print.

For more information, visit www.WalnutCreekReads.org or call (925) 938-1481.

One City, One Book: Walnut Creek Reads is presented by the Contra Costa Library, Walnut Creek Branch of the American Association of University Women, Walnut Creek Library Foundation, Walnut Creek and Ygnacio Valley Friends of the Library groups, the Rossmoor Library, and the City of Walnut Creek.

Russian Olympians to perform at annual Aquanuts fundraiser

The Russian Olympic synchronized swim team will perform at the Walnut Creek Aquanuts's "Night of Olympic Champions" fundraiser on Saturday, June 21 at Heather Farm



Aquanuts perform

Park's Clarke Swim Center.

The Russian team has consistently placed first in the world and this will be their only U.S. appearance. Both the Russian and the USA teams will swim their Olympic performances (including team and duet routines).

Performances by Russian and USA Olympic synchronized swimmers and Aquanuts athletes ranging in age from 7 to 22 will be 5-8 p.m. There will also be a small live auction and raffles for prizes. Autographed Olympic memorabilia will also be available for purchase.

KTVU-Channel 2 Sports Director Mark Ibanez will be emcee for the event. Admission prices start at \$25.

A champagne social featuring fine food, live music, and silent auction will be 2-5 p.m. Entrance to this portion of the event is \$35 per person, including first choice of seats in the bleachers for the swimming demonstration.

Tickets will be first-come, first-served at www.Aquanuts.org and at the door.

Musicals & mirth highlight Center REP Company's 42nd season at the Leshner

Walnut Creek's Center REPeritory Co., the City's professional theatre company, recently announced an ambitious schedule for its 42nd season at the Leshner Center for the Arts.

To kick off its new partnership with the Contra Costa Musical Theatre, Center REP's new season will be highlighted with four blockbuster musicals, a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, two comedies, and the traditional yuletide production of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Center REP will launch its 2008-09 season with its production of "Fats" Waller's *Ain't Misbehavin'*, winner of three Tony awards, including Best Musical. It runs Sept. 4 through Oct. 11 in the Margaret Leshner Theatre.

Right on the heels of that show, CCMT will offer the Broadway classic *42nd Street* in the Hofmann Theatre Oct. 10 to Nov. 8. It also won several Tony awards, including Best Musical.

The 2005 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Doubt*, written by John Patrick Shanley, will be presented by



Center REP Oct. 23 to Nov. 22 in the Margaret Leshner Theatre. Without taking a breath, Center REP's general manager, Scott Denison, will direct, for the 11th year, the company's perennially popular production of *A Christmas Carol* in the Hofmann Theatre.

To start the new year, the company will present *2 Pianos, 4 Hands*, a comedy with music about two prodigies dreaming of concert pianist stardom, which will run Jan. 29 to Feb. 28, 2009.

Then CCMT will stage the seven-time Tony Award winner *Evita* from Mar. 27 to Apr. 26, 2009 in the Hofmann Theatre.

Rounding out this season will be Center REP's production of *Enchanted April*, a heartwarming romantic comedy that will run Apr. 2 to May 2, and — for a climactic finish — the eight-time Tony Award winning musical *Cabaret* will close the season in style May 21 to June 27 in the Margaret Leshner Theatre.

Season subscriptions are available now from \$128 to \$377. For more information, to receive a free color brochure, or to reserve your place in the 07-08 season, call 925-943-7469 or visit the Ticket Office at 1601 Civic Drive or at Barnes and Noble, 1149 So. Main St.

Youngsters learn how to go green in school activities

Watch out, Mrs. Fields — the third graders at Murwood Elementary School have

discovered a fun and inexpensive way to bake cookies that they say are better than store-bought.

Using the heat of the sun, students under the guidance of Science Lab teacher Daizy Asaravala recently baked a batch of tiny solar cookies made from fold-up solar ovens that heated the confections to a crisp 225 degrees over one hour.

“We learned that you could make things without using electricity,” said Naina Asaravala, 8.

“We don’t need to,” added Nadjlaa Benaouda, 9. “All we need is the sun.”

Using a \$5,000 grant from PG&E’s Solar Schools Program, Asaravala is creating an entire curriculum for kindergarten through fifth grade students. The funds will allow the kids to build solar cars and provide a solar water fountain in front of the school.



Science Lab Teacher Daizy Asaravala hands out “solar cookies” made by Murwood School third graders using a solar oven. The cookies baked up to 225 degrees for an hour.



Preschoolers at the Old Firehouse School in Walnut Creek tend their garden plot at the City’s Howe Homestead Park. From left: Riley Cummins, Isabelle Lurie, teacher Megan Esposito, and Gabe Vallardes.

Tour East Bay’s greenest homes

The City of Walnut Creek will help organize a Build It Green Home Tour on Sunday, June 1 that will offer a glimpse inside some of the East Bay’s greenest homes.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 17 homeowners in Walnut Creek, Livermore, and Oakland will open their doors to showcase their green building techniques and products and share information about the materials they chose, installation dos and don’ts, and lessons learned.

Admission is \$30/person or \$50/ two persons. A Tour Guidebook/ ticket can be purchased online.

For more information/tickets, visit www.BuildItGreen.org or call 1-888-404-7336.

Solar power lights Villa Vasconcellos

Villa Vasconcellos, a new 70-unit apartment complex at 1515 Geary Road for extremely-low and very-low income seniors, features a variety of green amenities that promote energy conservation and healthy living.

Among the green features are common area electricity and hot water provided through solar power, Energy Star appliances, low E windows, and drought tolerant landscaping.

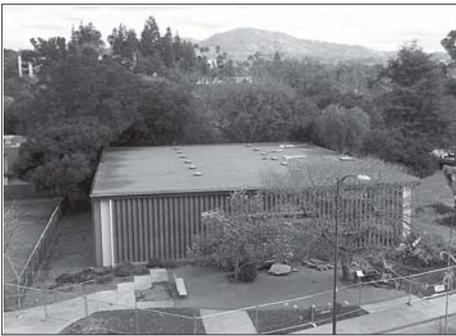
The complex, which opened in February, was designed for seniors over 55. All the units are affordable to low income people, with monthly rents ranging up to \$734.

The City provided funding of \$2.6 million through its Community Development Block Grant program to help make the \$19 million project possible.



Planners checked out the solar panels on the roof of Villa Vasconcellos in March.

Photo by Margot Ernst



Going...



going...



gone!

In only seven hours the venerable downtown library at 1644 North Broadway was demolished Feb. 26 to make way for the new library, which will be built on the same spot over the next two years.

Groundbreaking for new library later this spring

The public will be invited to witness the groundbreaking for the new Walnut Creek Library in a ceremony that will be scheduled later this spring.

The event, to be announced soon, will take place on the spot where the 47-year-old former library stood until Feb. 26, when it was razed in a quick seven hours.

Construction of the 42,000-square-foot library will begin by June and be completed in spring 2010.

City officials were delighted to learn on March 18 that three construction bids for the project were lower than the estimated cost of \$30.8 million to build the library and 121-space underground parking garage.



The front wall of the old library was the last to fall at around 2 p.m. on Feb. 26.



Sidne Long presents a \$250,000 check from the Thomas J. Long Foundation to Ed Del Beccaro, president of the Walnut Creek Library Foundation, for the new library.

Fundraising reaches \$4.2 million for library

The Walnut Creek Library Foundation announced April 15 it has raised \$4.2 million toward the capital construction of the new Walnut Creek Library.

Foundation president Ed Del Beccaro told the City Council the Foundation expects to raise \$7.5 million for the new library, \$2.5 million more than originally proposed.

He added that the outpouring of donations so far is testimony to the community's support of a library that will meet the community's needs.

In 2007, when the City Council voted to move forward with the new downtown library project, the Foundation made a commitment to raise private funds for the project.

To date it has received \$4.2 million in

pledges, donations, and grants from the Leshner Foundation, John Muir Health, Thomas J. Long Foundation, J.M. Long Foundation, as well as other groups and individuals. The amount also includes more than \$1 million raised with 100 percent participation from the Foundation's board of directors and City Council members.

The public phase of the campaign, which will begin this fall, is aimed at obtaining smaller donations from individuals, families, schools and a variety of organizations in Walnut Creek.

Illustrations and a virtual tour of the new library are on the group's website at www.NewWCLibrary.org.

To make a donation, go online to the website.

City Council Update

More funding for DBA approved

The City Council on Feb. 5 agreed to provide the Downtown Business Association \$650,000 over the next four years to enhance the success of the downtown through beautification projects, special events and programs, and marketing.

The Council approved allocating \$65,000 from the Downtown Parking and Enhancement Fund for 2007-08 to establish an energy-efficient tree lighting program. These additional allocations will also be made: \$185,000 in 2008-09; and \$200,000 each in 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Dog Park closed 'til June 13

The Walnut Creek Dog Park in Heather Farm Park will be closed through June 13 for routine maintenance and seasonal restoration work.

Budget

From front page

programs for our citizens," said Pokorny.

The City's financial picture is still solid, Pokorny noted. He asked City staff this spring to propose fresh ideas on how to deal with the softening of revenues that is forecasted through 2010.

Teens on job search



Jasmine McKinley, 17, a junior at Ygnacio Valley High School, sat down to apply for a summer job with the City at the annual Teen Summer Job Fair on March 6, which attracted over 350 local students. Upwards of 100 paid summer jobs (including lifeguards, camp counselors, and interns) are available to qualified Walnut Creek residents this year.



New commissioners sworn in

City Clerk Patrice Olds, left, gave the oath of office to Walnut Creek's newest batch of City commissioners at the March 4 City Council meeting. Sworn in were (from left) Brian Killian, Design Review; Dorothy McDonald, Design Review; Kevin Wilk, Transportation; and Richard Carlston, Park, Recreation and Open Space.

Council seeks flexible design plan for Locust St./Mt. Diablo retail area

The City Council wants to see some flexibility in a visionary "specific plan" to revitalize an older, 1 1/2-block area of the downtown.

Council members got a chance March 4 to comment on the draft *Locust Street/Mt. Diablo Boulevard Specific Plan*, a guideline for developers that encourages improvements to enhance the economic vitality of the area bounded by Locust Street, Mt. Diablo Boulevard, North California Boulevard, and Cypress Street.

Aspects of the specific plan have been debated and discussed since the Council initiated work on the plan in September 2004. The City's comprehensive vision for the area would end piecemeal development that has resulted in the current patchwork quilt of businesses, some with large, underutilized parking lots.

City planners have pointed out a number of opportunities in the plan:

- enhancing the pedestrian-friendly character of downtown
- developing the former Mark Morris Tire, Chevron station, and McDonald's sites into mixed uses with ground-floor retail and centralized parking
- converting the City's small parking lot at the corner of Main Street and Mt. Diablo Boulevard into a two-level commercial building



One vision in the plan would add a mixed-use retail building at the former Mark Morris Tire site at Locust and Mt. Diablo.

- reconfigure Commercial Lane to make it easier for trucks to access

Individual Council members suggested that the "specific plan" be kept flexible enough to permit excellent design that still meets plan objectives.

The Council unanimously voted to direct staff to prepare a final draft specific plan for its consideration later this year.

(To read the Council's comments, go online to www.walnut-creek.org and click on the "Public Meetings Video/Audio" link. Scroll down to "Archived Videos" and click on "City Council Meetings". Then click on "View Minutes" for March 4, 2008.)

Vacation planning tips to safeguard your home, family

Summer is rapidly approaching. As you plan vacation getaways with your family, Walnut Creek's Community Policing Team encourages you to consider the following security tips:

Before leaving

✓ Have good locks on all doors and windows, and use them.



✓ Engrave your valuables with your Driver's License number, so that in the event they are stolen, law enforcement can find out that they belong to you.

✓ Never leave your house key hidden outside (eg. under a doormat, etc.).

✓ Make your house appear "lived in." Use timers for lights and radios, have a neighbor pick up mail and newspapers, and keep the lawns mowed and watered.

✓ Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors or friends.

✓ Consider installing a home alarm system for extra security.

On the road

✓ Never carry large amounts of cash; use traveler's checks. If you must carry large sums of money, do not display it openly and keep it close to you at all times.

✓ Keep a record of traveler's checks numbers and credit card numbers in a safe place. Have the telephone numbers to call in case your checks or credit cards are lost or stolen.

✓ Ask for directions at a hotel or tourist information center and stick to well-lit main streets and public areas.

✓ If older children go off separately, be sure they understand the importance of time and returning promptly at appointed hours.

✓ Ask if there are areas that should be avoided while traveling.

✓ Do not leave valuable items unsecured in hotels or motels. Take all cash with you, and lock up any other valuable inside a hotel safe or take them with you.

✓ Know where the fire escapes and emergency exits are located in your hotel.



S.W.A.T. team assists in search for assault victim

Walnut Creek Police Sgt. Don Tetzloff, in S.W.A.T. garb, discussed with police and County Sheriff's personnel March 20 the search of a home on Boulevard Way where resident Joshua Rhoads, 25, was found dead of a gunshot wound in what was the first homicide in Walnut Creek in 2008.

A Look Back: WC weathers the Great Flood of '58

Fifty years ago this spring, Walnut Creek experienced one of its most devastating natural disasters when the downtown was flooded due to a day of heavy rains.

On April 2, 1958, a major storm caused the banks of Walnut Creek to overflow and back up into the storm drains along Main Street. Merchants tried unsuccessfully to block the flood waters from entering their businesses using sandbags, and the J.C. Penney store at Broadway Shopping Center (today's David M. Brien store) suffered \$100,000 in damage. As local commerce was brought to a standstill, homes were evacuated in the Bradley Drive area east of the creek.

The construction of the San Ramon Creek flood bypass channel by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Contra Costa County in 1990 has prevented similar catastrophic flooding.



Flood waters inundated Main Street near Cypress Street on April 2, 1958. This view looks south on Main near Duncan Avenue. The Bank of America building is where Broadway Pointe is today.



Stores in the Broadway Shopping Center were under water and the J.C. Penney store suffered major losses.

Time to Bike to Work on May 15

California's annual Bike to Work Day event is on Thursday, May 15. Please consider joining thousands of others in the Bay Area by cycling to work that day and enjoy the health benefits, reduced air pollution, and no waiting in traffic.

Start planning now by getting you and your bike in shape. There are citywide bike maps available at City Hall or check

out your local bike shop for some advice.

Walnut Creek has outstanding paved

trails which can help guide you around the area, many of these trails will have hosted energizer stations that day for your convenience.

Additional information on Bike to Work Day

events and prizes can be found at <http://bicycling.511.org/>. We look forward to seeing you on a bike May 15th.

Re-Cycling

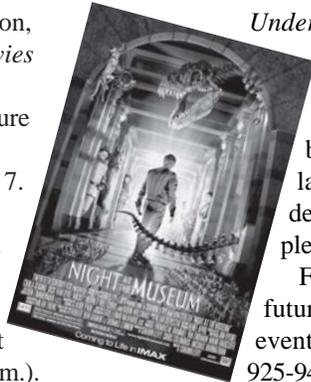


'Night at the Museum' is next feature for Movies Under the Stars

To kick off its sixth season, the City's popular *Movies Under the Stars* series at Heather Farm Park will feature the 2006 hit *Night at the Museum* on Saturday, June 7.

It will be shown on the front ballfield at the Park at Ygnacio Valley Road and North San Carlos Drive. The movie will be shown at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.).

Admission is always free at *Movies*



Under the Stars. Come at least one hour early to reserve a lawn spot.

Popcorn and beverages will be available for purchase. Low lawn chairs will be allowed in designated areas only. No pets, please.

For further information about future *Movies Under the Stars* events, call the Recreation Division at 925-943-5858 or go to

www.walnutcreekrec.org

Helpers needed for Creek Clean Up Day

Volunteers are again being asked to help remove a year's worth of debris from Walnut Creek's three downtown creeks on the 19th annual Creek Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 10.



Volunteers at work

Volunteers should sign up by 9:30 a.m. at Civic Park, corner of Civic Drive and North Broadway, where they can also pick up plastic trash bags. A free barbecue lunch for all participants will follow the activity.

This event is co-sponsored by the City and Friends of the Creek. For details, call Pam Romo at 925-939-8979.

Renew business licenses online

Beginning this spring, most Walnut Creek businesses for the first time will be able to renew their City business licenses online.

For fiscal year 2008-09, business

licenses can be renewed on the City's website at www.walnut-creek.org (click on "Quick Links" and then "Business Licenses"). Details will be included in a flyer to be mailed with renewals on May 1.

Memorial Day

From front page

Roxane Langevin of Walnut Creek and a graduate of Ygnacio Valley High School, was killed in action on Nov. 9 while patrolling in Aranus, Afghanistan. He was

23. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, and a newborn daughter, Zoe.

Cpl. Langevin was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for valor.

George and Florence Denison of

Rossmoor, both World War II veterans, will be the ceremony's keynote speakers, and the Walnut Creek Concert Band under the direction of Harvey Benstein will perform several patriotic pieces.



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