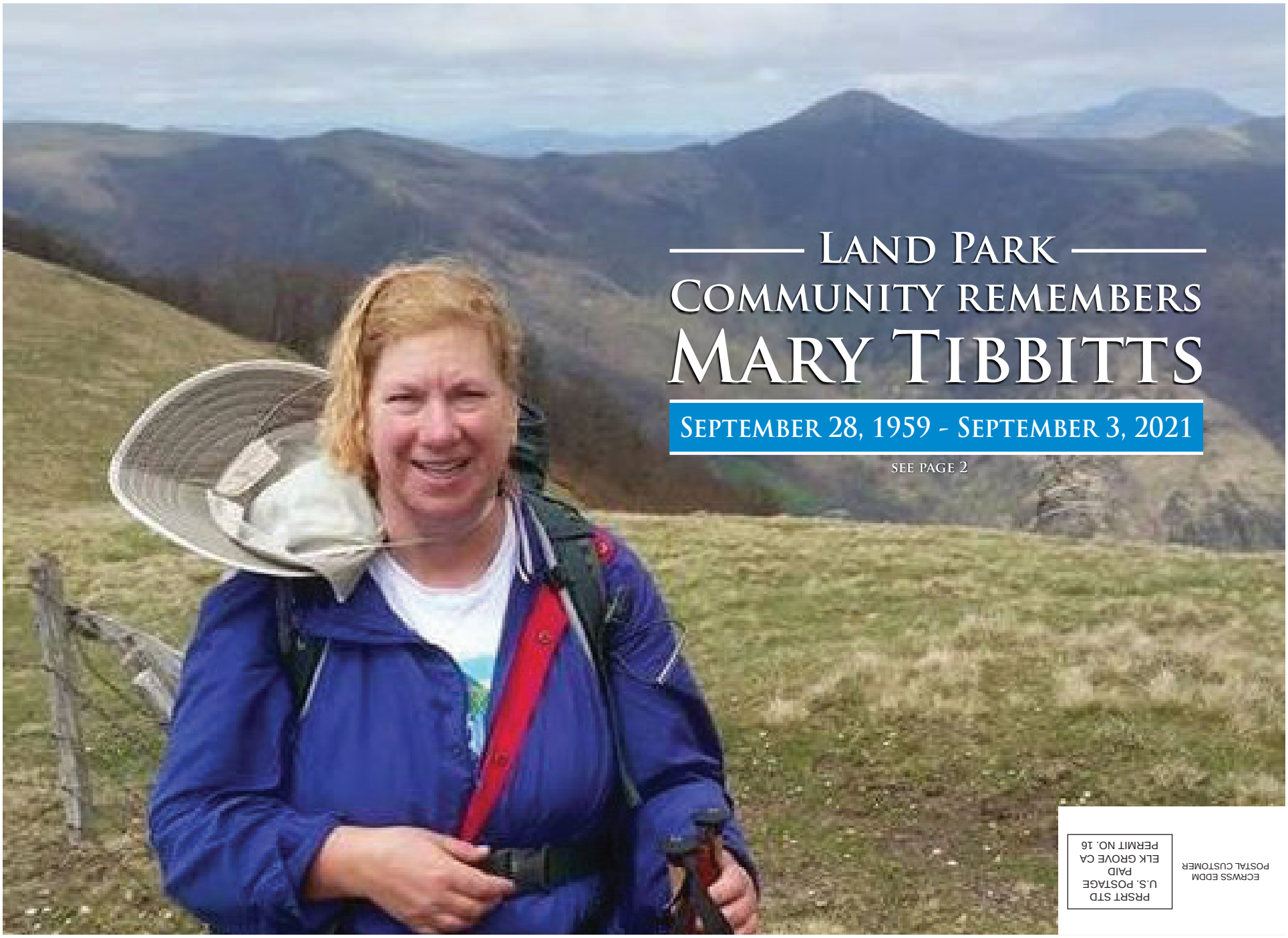
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What follows is a public statement released by the Tibbitts family:

On Friday, September 3, 2021, our sister Mary Kate Tibbitts (friends and family called her Kate) was taken from us in a senseless, violent attack. The huge void in our lives will never be filled. Our only comfort is in knowing that Kate's soul is in a better place. We are remembering her for the wonderful person that she was, and are thankful for the outpouring of grief and support we have received from family, friends, neighbors, and the community. Our sister was a loving daughter, aunt, sister-in-law, cousin and faithful friend.

She was committed to all that she held close, and would willingly share in their burdens without thought of her own burdens. She was always ready for a conversation about ways to better the world! She read voraciously. Kate was rooted in her Catholic faith. She was a major champion of homeless dogs and cats, and a continual volunteer at the SPCA. She was heavily involved in charities that made sure that Christmas joy and gifts found their way to families in need. To Kate, her civic duty was much more than the mere act of voting; she often worked on election days at voting precincts. Kate will be forever missed.

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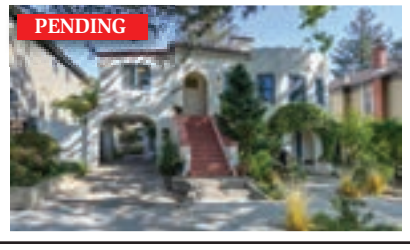
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All of this led to his allegedly being on the street on September 2nd and 3rd, the night Kate and her dogs, Molly and Ginny, were so gruesomely murdered. If he ends up being convicted, and we think he will, it is obvious that he should have never been released in the first place and given the freedom to commit his heinous crimes.

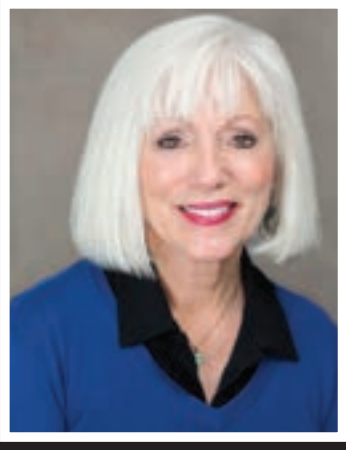
The fact that he was released demonstrates a monumental failure of the political and criminal justice system in the state of California. Our only hope is that it won't take years for the citizens of the state to wake up and realize that we have the ultimate power to insist on changes to laws, and the people who implement them, to effect reforms that are so badly needed to protect ourselves from the evil that exists amongst us.



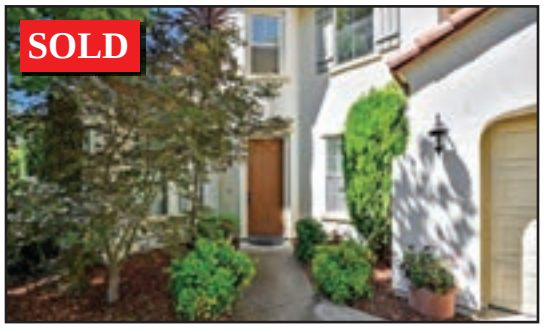


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The Land Park community gathered at Cervantes Plaza on Thursday, Sept. 9 for a vigil to mourn the murder of their neighbor, Mary "Kate" Tibbitts.



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International fest draws large crowd to Broadway



Photos by Lance Armstrong
A model displays festive Indian clothing during the event's fashion show.



The youth dance group, Forever Dancerettes, poses for a group photograph just prior to performing at the Broadway International Festival.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

The Broadway International Festival, an event that its organizers hope to "put Broadway on the U.S. and world map as one of the greatest celebrations of culture and unity," drew a large crowd during Labor Day weekend.

This new event, which closed Broadway from 16th to 19th streets for eight hours on Sept. 5, attracted attendees that collectively reflected this capital city's recognition as one of America's most diverse cities.

While walking along Broadway during the event, Haile Itraits, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, spoke about what brought him to the festival.

"We're representing the Rastafarian community, playing reggae music in California, which is an international place," he said. "And to be here on Broadway to see an international festival, I feel very welcome and happy to be here.

"The multiplicity of cultures and the love and the respect is always a joy to represent and see. We are moving along, enjoying the times. So, we appreciate Sacramento for having us."

Itraits was just one of several live music performers who entertained guests of the event on four stages.

Another musical entertainer was vocalist and Sacramento native Marquita White – aka Marquita Kianna – who performed the Whitney Houston pop song, "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," and her own original song, "A Situation."

Kiana, a 2001 graduate of Natomas High School, mentioned that she also enjoyed the event.

"(The event drew) loving families, (and) the kids are here, so it's like a family event," she said. "It's for everybody. It's a positive event. (The local, black-owned, FM radio station, KDEE) 97.5 FM is here and I was a part, working with them."

There were also dancers, art, food, a vintage car show, and a wide variety of vendors who joined together in this event that united many cultures.

Mario Benton, one of the event's organizers, told the Land Park News how the event was organized.

"I was one of the organizers (of the) Oakland First Fridays (festival), and when I came to Sacramento seven years ago, I saw potential in Broadway that would be a great place to bring people (together)," he said.

With that thought, Benton had weekly meetings for three months with two Broadway business owners: Zion Taddese of Queen Sheba Ethiopian Cuisine, and David Gull of the New Helvetia Brewing Company. Together, they organized last weekend's festival, which also included an international fashion show that showcased the works of Indian, African and Asian designers.

Essential for the organizers was drawing attention to many Broadway businesses and other businesses that set up booths along the boulevard.





Marquita Deechell, a vendor from Vallejo, shows off her handmade jewelry.

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Benton noted that he was pleased with the overall success of the event.

"I felt that it was an amazing event with the short amount of time that we had to develop it," he said. "It was an amazing and successful event and it was a beautiful event."

Benton also credited Courtney Thomas of the festival's marketing team for the event's success.

Ife Saint, an attendee of the festival, mentioned that he appreciates events that celebrate diversity.

"(This event is important) just so people know that people are still for (diversity)," he said. "We don't get to do stuff like this all the time. It's just like you can have your own little communities here and there, of course.

"That's one thing, but for it to be public and here in the neighborhood for everyone to see and enjoy, and the music and the drums, just to be able to show our culture and stuff like that, that's important for me."

Saint added that he is proud of his Haitian and Samoan heritage.

Leonard Harris, who also attended the festival, told this publication that he was pleased to be a part of such a large gathering of people.

"COVID(-19) has actually impacted us to such a point that having a good time (with a lot of people) really, really was needed," he said. "The food is smelling good, everybody is smiling. There is no negativity at all. Everybody is just having a good time."

Kara Leoung also expressed excitement for the festival.

"We haven't had a street fair in a while, had to come out," she said. "Love this, a little bit of everything. I think (this event) shows wonderfully how diverse we are as a city. We're just an amazing city. Look, there's just a little bit of everybody here. Can't not love that."

Anna Marie said that she learned something about Broadway during the event.

"I never realized how much diversity there is in this corridor," she said. "It's cool. I hope it's a big success."

Orangevale resident Kelsey Knorp, who attended the event with two of her

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friends, Olympia Ortiz and Jamie Foster, referred to the event as "really great and community oriented."

"(There are) a lot of diverse products and experiences," she said. "Bought some earrings (from a jewelry vendor). I love events like this, because, obviously, you get to know the community better."

Also drawn to the diversity of the event was Davis resident Gina Murphey.

"I came out just to expose my daughter to the International Festival and everything that goes on here," she said. "(There are) a few cultures (in Davis), but not the wide array that you will get to meet and understand a little bit better here."

April Meszaros, who attended the event with her brother-in-law, Roman Stollenwerk, and a dog named Ichibod, described why she believes an event like the Broadway International Festival is important.

"It's an opportunity to bring together the community, as well as people from different backgrounds, cultures, demographics, and everybody gets to communally enjoy the festivities of everything, and become one.

"It's fantastic. I live in the neighborhood and I'm so excited to see this (event). I honestly hope this becomes a more permanent tradition along Broadway, where we have a more walkable, usable space for all of our community to enjoy."

Asked about the future of the Broadway International Festival, Benton noted that he would like to hold the event monthly, but at least annually.



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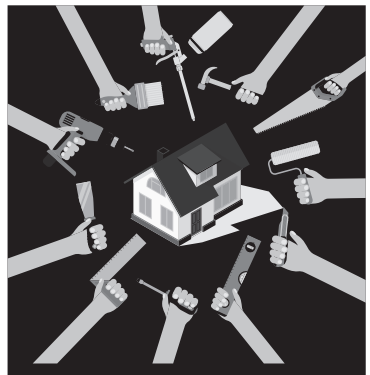
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Faces and Places: Land Park Volunteer Corps workday

Photos by Stephen Crowley

The Land Park Volunteer Corps (LPVC) held a work day this month. As Rick Stevenson of LPVC stated, "We had a 'well-oiled' machine in 2019, but we are now removing the 'rust' to get back to that level." Their hard work does not go unnoticed.













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Sacramento Public Library celebrates Latino Heritage with virtual event series

This month, Sacramento Public Library will kick off a 5-week long series of virtual events celebrating Latino Heritage starting with an Authors Uncovered poetry reading and panel on September 22. Learn more and register at www.saclibrary.org/LatinoHeritage.

Authors Uncovered with LAX to SAC Poets

(September 22 at 6 p.m.)

Authors Uncovered will feature a virtual poetry reading and panel Betty Sanchez, Aideed Medina, and Yago Cura. The poets, who represent a wide range of Latinx/Chicanx identities, histories, and regions will share their work and discuss the great joy and the complexities of Latino/a/x heritage.

Virtual Bilingual Family Painting with El Comalito Collective

(September 25 at 2 p.m.)

This bilingual painting workshop will include step-by-step guided instruction with positive reinforcement and validation. It will also include breathing exercises and coping strategies that will promote social, behavioral, and mental wellness. El Comalito Collective is an art gallery and community space in Vallejo, CA that showcases underrepresented artists through a variety of media that spark consciousness.

Virtual Piñata Making Workshop with Patty Botello

(October 2 at 2 p.m.)

Create a mini piñata sculpture of a mango on a stick with Tajín seasoning. These mangoes will be three-dimensional in form, using various piñata making techniques. This workshop will also focus on using recyclable items like cardboard and newspaper and giving these ordinary objects a new purpose.

Virtual Bilingual Music Time with Mariela!

(October 6 at 10:30 a.m.)

During this interactive bilingual performance, Mariela's Music Time will share rhythms and multicultural sounds, along with the rich traditions of our region.

Authors Uncovered with Maceo Montoya

(October 6 at 6 p.m.)

Meet California-based author, artist, and educator Maceo Montoya during Authors Uncovered. His first novel, The Scoundrel and the Optimist, was awarded the 2011 International Latino Book Award for "Best First Book" and Latino Stories named him one of its "Top Ten New Latino Writers to Watch." In 2014, the University of New Mexico Press published his second novel, The Deportation of Wopper Barraza, and Copilot Press published Letters to the Poet from His Brother, a hybrid book combining images, prose poems, and essays. Montoya is also the author and illustrator of Chicano Movement for Beginners a work of graphic nonfiction, and 2021's Preparatory Notes for Future Masterpieces. Moderated by Xico Gonzalez, a Sacramento-based artist, educator, and social justice advocate.

Tween Comic Book Club

(October 8 at 4 p.m.)

Tweens ages 9 to 12 are invited to join librarians live for a Comic Book Club. During this special Tween Comic Book Club, special guests Elisa Amado and Abraham Urias will discuss their graphic novel Manuelito and modern-day refugees and asylum-seeking.

Virtual Traditional Doll Making Workshop with Ramona Garcia

(October 9 at 2 p.m.)

Join Sacramento-based artist Ramona Garcia for an art workshop celebrating Mexican papier-mâché dolls, tradition, and storytelling. In this workshop, create your own doll using molded forms, strings, embellishments, and paint. Participants will also learn about the history of the paper-mâché doll as a traditional and indigenous form of art from Mexico as well as its use with practices of art therapy.

Jonny Garza Villa - Virtual YA / Teen Author Visit

(October 16 at 2 p.m.)

Sacramento Public Library is honored to welcome YA author Jonny Garza Villa for a teen author visit. They are an author of contemporary young adult literature inspired by their own Tejane and Chicane and queer identities, including the multi-starred reviewed Fifteen Hundred Miles from the Sun and upcoming sophomore YA, Ander and Santi Were Here. Whether they're writing about coming out in a Mexican American household, immigration, mariachi, or being in a brand new place for the first time, Jonny ultimately hopes Latine young people feel seen and at home in their writing.

Congratulations current Women's Golf Club Champ, Charlotte Wells

The Bing Maloney Women's Golf Club began in 1952, the same year the golf course opened. The Handicap Tournament, which is named in honor of the Club's 1958 Captain Lois Sellenger, was first played in 1958; with some ladies winning multiple times over the years, many cases decades apart.

Our current Champion Charlotte Wells, who had previously won in 2016, has a few more decades to catch up with one of our longest members Rose Jang!

Rose first won in 1970, followed by winning in 1972, 2007, & 2009. Mae Fong, another long-term member, won in 1977 and, to show we more recent members just how to play the game, won again in 2011.

Then there is Peggy Dodds, who first won in 1989 and then again in 2008; and in between those Handicap Tournament wins, won the Club's Championship Tournament in 1998!

Charlotte and these other ladies were busy over the years promoting the game of golf. Charlotte and Peggy, and along with other winners Barbara Conerly, Shirley Johnson,



and Peggy Chan have been active members of the Sacramento Golf Council.

Yes, the Bing Maloney Women's Golf Club, which celebrates its 70th year this January, has been a nurturing ground for many dedicated ladies in Sacramento's golf world.

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