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**10-year Old Skateboarding Prodigies Help Kick-off Saturday's Granite Park Festival with Exclusive Skateboarding Demonstration:
Friday 2:30pm, Granite Skate Park**

Sacramento, California, June 8, 2007—In preparation for Saturday's Granite Park Festival, 10-year old skateboarding prodigies Tristan and Nic Puehse will be on hand at Granite Regional Park to demonstrate some of their award-winning skateboarding tricks at 2:30p.m., Friday. The demonstration is part of preparations for Saturday's humongous celebration at Granite Regional Park.

Saturday's festival will showcase all that Granite Regional Park has to offer. Soccer lovers will be treated to a 6-on-6 soccer tournament, soccer clinics, and a professional soccer exhibition game played by semi-pro athletes. Skateboarders will be treated to an amateur skateboard contest and skateboarding clinics. Dog lovers will be treated to dog obedience demonstrations and a dog show. There will also be a petting zoo, amusement rides, live music, and food and merchandise available for sale.

The list of sports stars that will conduct exhibitions or compete in Saturday's events is impressive. They include:

Soccer Stars

California Cougars Players: Bernie Lilavois, Antonio Sutton, Evan Mcneley, Matt McDougall, Semir Mesanovic, Craig Scheer, Eduardo Velez, Ato Leone, Vicente Figueroa, Enrique Tovar, Nelson Santana; **California Victory Players:** Dominik Jakubek, Matt Fitzgerald; **Ex-local Athletes:** Ian Fraiser, Gene DeChateau, Brandon Cavitt, "Super" Mario, Troy Dayak, Myles Stoddard, Vava Marquez, and John Doyle

Skateboarding Stars:

Duane Peters, 2002 Slalom Skateboarding World Champion; Chris Hamrock, 2002 California State Amateur Champion; Barrett "Chicken" Deck, Nathan Groff, Sam Cunningham, Ricky Winsor, John Drummond, Curtis Franklin, Peter "Kiwi" Gifford, and Tristan & Nic Puehse

Details:

Event: Granite Regional Park Complex Festival
Dignitaries: Mayor Heather Fargo, Vice-Mayor Kevin McCarty, Senator Darrell Steinberg, Assemblymember Dave Jones, and Former Councilmember Kim Mueller
Date: Saturday, June 9, 2007
Time: 12p.m. – 5p.m: Dedication Ceremony (2:00p.m.)
(See Attached Complete Event Schedule)
Location: Granite Regional Park (Romona Avenue and Power Inn Road)
Highlights: Appearances by Soccer and Skateboarding Athletes/Stars; 6-on-6 Soccer Tournament, Clinics, and a Semi-Professional Exhibition Game; Amateur Skateboard Contest and Skateboarding Clinics; Dog Obedience Demonstrations and a Dog Show; Petting Zoo, Amusement Rides, and Live Music.

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Media inquiries about this event can be forwarded to Hindolo Brima, Public Information Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation, (916) 622-8066.

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Granite Regional Park Complex Festival Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Soccer Tournament	Turf Fields
10:00 a.m.	Soccer Clinic 1 Passing, Dribbling, Shooting, and Juggling	All-Condition Sports Field
11:30 a.m.	Soccer Clinic 2 Passing, Dribbling, Shooting, and Juggling	All-Condition Sports Field
11:45 a.m.	Busy Bee Performing Dogs	Main Stage
Noon	Performance by Didely Squat	Main Stage
	Bowl Jam	Skateboard Park
12:30 p.m.	Opening Remarks	Main Stage
	Soccer Skills Challenges	All-Condition Sports Field
	Pro Soccer Player Autographs Session	All-Condition Sports Field
12:50 p.m.	Skateboarding Demonstration Tristan & Nic Puehse	Skateboard Park
1:00 p.m.	Soccer Clinic 3 Passing, Dribbling, Shooting, and Juggling	All-Condition Sports Field
	Old City Kite Demo	Soccer Field- South/West
	Performance by Didely Squat	Main Stage
	Rail Trick Competition	Skateboard Park
2:00 p.m.	Dedication Ceremony	Main Stage
2:30 p.m.	Soccer Clinic 4 Passing, Dribbling, Shooting and Juggling	All-Condition Sports Field
	Skateboarding Demonstration Tristan & Nic Puehse	Skateboard Park
2:45 p.m.	Awards Presentation- Skateboard Contest	Main Stage
3:00 p.m.	Busy Bee Performing Dogs	Soccer Field- West
	Best Ramp Trick	Skateboard Park

3:15 p.m.	Kite Demo- Old City Kite	Soccer Field- West
3:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation- Soccer Tournament	Main Stage
4:00 pm	Performance by Didley Squat	Main Stage
	Pro-Soccer Exhibition Game/Autographs	All-Condition Sports Field
4:15 p.m.	Kite Demo- Old City Kite	Soccer Field- West
4:30 p.m.	Busy Bee Performing Dogs	Soccer Field- West
