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sides, and inside each arch is a small
lically domed alcove with a basin into
of wa- which water from a golden faucet
never stops running, spilling over,
draining away. I was led into one
t they of those alcoves, gently seated on
re in- my towel by the basin, sham-
out in- pooed, sloshed, shampooed again,
s that resloshed. After this, dozing on
water. that warm platform is warmly
water recommended, a sort of Turkish
mes- bath recovery room.

ing a This process — the cost is
carry about \$13 — takes about an hour
bbed and a half, but you are welcome
to remain longer.

floor, — Sally Bixby Defty

n Turkey

ermi- schools, Christian and Muslim,
a sec- and changed the weekend to the
ages of Christian/Western Saturday and
Sunday.

Arab- At the time of his death in 1938
n let- at the age of only 43, he was
have adored by the Turkish people.
e old "We have lost our lover," one
d him woman wrote a friend. "Now we
a and will have to make do with a hus-
anned band."

rkish Judging by the photos and
brim paintings of him you see in every
sepa- office, shop, restaurant and hotel,
ment, that reverence is alive today.

in all — Sally Bixby Defty

beach The promotion will run through
e peo- Feb. 15, when the Finders Keep-
invited ers Ball will be held along with
Feb- dinner, dancing and two art auc-
tions.

Silver Dollar City plans May debut for new park

BY CAROLYN OLSON
Of the Post-Dispatch

Silver Dollar City's newest attraction — a \$40 million nighttime theme park — is scheduled to open in May.

Construction of Celebration City, which will feature an eight-story wooden roller coaster, is continuing. The park, which will be open from 3 to 11 p.m. daily, will feature 21 rides (three roller coasters) and attractions in a 20th-century America theme, which will include:

- Main Street, with shops, water sculptures and fountains from the Victorian era.
- Electric Boardwalk, with a Coney Island feeling, trolley park and arcades.

- Historic Route 66, celebrating the 1950s and '60s, with shiny automobiles and drive-in diners.

Celebration City is at the junction of Missouri Highways 76 and 376 on a site that used to be Branson USA, a smaller amusement park that Silver Dollar City bought and is rebuilding.

Linda Antus, vice president of marketing and sales of Silver Dollar City, views Celebration City as being "as different from Silver Dollar City as night and day — literally. This will be the place to go at night after being at Silver Dollar City during the day."

That's how the new park will be marketed, in conjunction with Silver Dollar City's other attraction, White Water.

"Silver Dollar City is open about 250 days a year; Celebration City will be open about 150 days; and White Water is open about 100 days," Antus said. A special all-city season pass will admit customers to all three parks.

"Silver Dollar City closes most nights at 7 p.m., so folks can just come over here after that," she said. "Silver Dollar City features 12 rides compared to the 21 that the new park will have. There's no duplication between the rides at the two parks."

Celebration City's \$4 million wooden roller coaster is called the Ozark WildCat and will reach speeds of 45 miles per hour and drop eight stories. The second roller coaster, the Thunderbolt, is a 60-foot steel roller coaster. The yet-to-be-named third roller coaster will be added this winter.

A laser show will be presented nightly. Theme restaurants include the '50s-style Last Chance Diner, Kate's Cookies and Cream, Mickey's Pizza and Mustard's (featuring hot dogs).

For more information, call 1-800-952-6626 or go to www.silverdollarcity.com.

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