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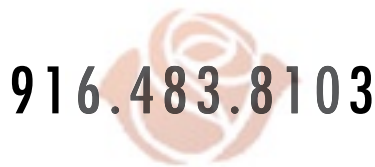
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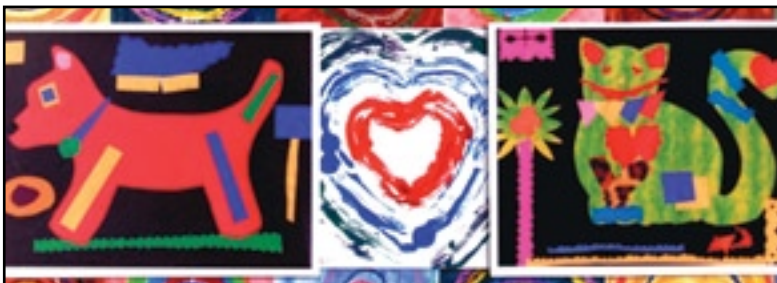
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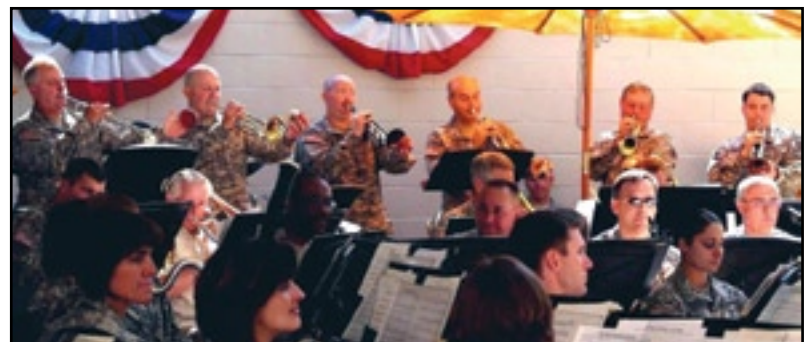


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# Teen maestro triumphs with 'emotionally rich' musical feat

By SUSAN MAXWELL SKINNER  
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However gifted, few composers dream a world-class professional orchestra might perform their work before their 19th birthday.

When the Sacramento Philharmonic struck the first chords of Levi Saelua's "Prelude in G major" last month, the Rio Americana graduate reached a milestone in a fledgling career.

"All the time I was composing, I had to hear all the instrument parts on my computer," said Saelua. "I wasn't sure how it would sound with real musicians. When I heard them play my first big swell, I was amazed. I thought: 'Wow, this is kinda good.'"

In awe, too, was Chris Brubeck, Saelua's front row neighbor in the packed Community Center auditorium. Brubeck and his father - legendary jazzer Dave - had collaborated on an "Ansel Adams America" piece also aired that night. Both Saelua and the younger Brubeck acknowledged standing ovations for their work.

"Chris is such a friendly guy," said Saelua. "I met him two days before the performance and learned lots about the music business from him."

Post-show, a grinning clutch of Rio Americana students mobbed Saelua for autographs. "That was just their joke," said Saelua. "They made fun of me - pretending I was a star - I would have done the same to them. Still, they were on spring break and stayed in town for

the concert. It meant a lot to me. We'll always be friends, no matter what we achieve."

## From student to sensation

Though the teen now attends the hallowed Eastman School of music in Rochester, N.Y., his music has long been the pride of music departments in the San Juan School District. At Arden Middle School, band teacher Rick Baker recalled the student "approaching me after class with high-level questions. Saelua always asked for more work. He was very accomplished at saxophone, even before he got private lessons. At 12, he wrote an extremely mature jazz solo for the Reno Jazz Festival. The judges thought I'd coached him on it. But even in eighth grade, Levi had the rare gift to compose. In 20 years at Arden, I've only had a couple of students with his level of understanding."

Said Saelua: "Mr Baker was the first teacher who encouraged me to follow my passion." Rio Americana teacher Craig Faniani further stoked his dreams.

"Mr F. lit a fire under all his students," said Saelua. "We all just loved him."

When relaxing, Saelua and his Rio friends enjoy alternative rock or jazz.

With three other musicians in the family, mom Yvonne and stepfather Anthony Donaldson have hauled kids to lessons and recitals for years.

"We're proud of them all," said Yvonne. "After living with my son for 18 years, I accept that he's here to share his work



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Susan Maxwell Skinner

Fan club: Brandishing concert programs that made 18-year-old composer Levi Saelua (front, second left) toast of the Sacramento Philharmonic, Arden Carmichael teens mob their former Rio Americana classmate. Saelua's "Prelude in G Major" was performed in a recent sold-out concert at the Sacramento Community Center. His friends are (back row): Jordan Santo, Jackie Rose and Brian Bush. Front row: Eric Barger, Mariana Calderon, Erin Doherty and Ryan Meinders.

with the world. When he was three, I opened my kitchen cupboards showed him how to beat pots and pans. He immediately played a proper pattern; then he repeated it. I knew then he was a musician. I never had any doubt."

From saucepans to an 80-piece philharmonic is a long conga. The orchestra commission came via his friend Jordon Santo's grandfather, Carmichael businessman Dan Santo.

"He made the suggestion in 2007 and I didn't think more about it," recalled Saelua. "But Mr. Santo (also a Sacramento Philharmonic director) seems to make things happen."

"The Philharmonic wanted a classical piece reinterpreted in the jazz idiom. I chose the prelude from J.S. Bach's Suite No.1 for cello," he added. "It was daunting at first; I'd never arranged for strings and felt completely lost. I listened to symphonies while following their scores; seeing how these

looked while hearing how they sounded."

Saelua's opus took shape over eight months, during which time he also managed a 4.0 grade point average at Eastman. On spring break, the composer returned to Sacramento and heard his prelude rehearsed two days before the performance. An audience

of 2,300 agreed with Saelua's "kinda good" assessment. In print, a music critic expanded: "(The piece) grows emotionally rich and resolves boldly."

Hipper kudos came from Saelua's friend Brubeck.

"I really liked Levi's composition," he said. "I particularly wish I could have written it at 18."

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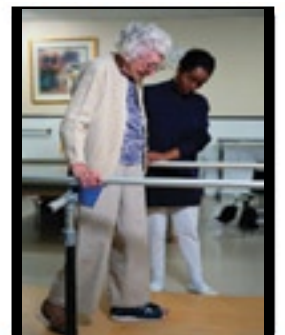
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# First class effort: Postal workers hold food drive

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On May 9, hundreds of local Sacramento and Carmichael residents teamed up with the National Association of Letter Carriers to "Stamp Out Hunger" across America in order to provide assistance to the one in eight Americans who struggle with hunger.

The "Stamp Out Hunger" effort is the nation's largest single-day food drive, having collected more than 909 million pounds of food since its inception in 1993. Last year, letter carriers across the country collected a record total of more than 73.1 million pounds of food, but with hunger impacting many Americans – including working families, children and the elderly – help is needed now more than ever before.

"It takes an extra effort to get the day's mail sorted and delivered and then, to pick up all the food," said a Sacramen-

to deliverer. "It's feel-good day for us. We're doing something above and beyond our jobs."

The national yield of 60-plus tons of non-perishables will go to food kitchens all over the country. The May 9 collection for the hungry was boosted by 107,960 pounds of groceries donated from Sacramento-area households—of that, 10,200 pounds came from Carmichael.

"In these difficult economic times, hunger is an issue that must be addressed in every community across our country," said William H. Young, NALC president. "We see it daily out on our routes. That's why now more than ever before we need everybody's help to make a real difference."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 36 million Americans live in food insecure households, and approximately one in every three of these Americans is a child. Additionally, a recent survey of Feeding America food bank members reported a 30 percent increase in requests for emergency food assistance. The reasons cited for this dramatic increase in demand included rising cost of food, increasing unemployment and underemployment, the cost of fuel

and the burden of mortgage or rent costs.

Food banks are also notoriously empty during summer months, having exhausted the supply of donations received from food drives conducted during the holidays that are then distributed during spring. Summer donations are even more critical since many children in need no longer have the benefit of their school lunch program.

"When schools let out for summer, many children will no longer receive daily meals through the National School Lunch Program," said David Arquette, chairman of Feeding America's Entertainment Council. "Your contribution (benefited) the food bank members of Feeding America as well as other hunger relief organizations across the country."

For more information about the annual "Stamp Out Hunger" effort in your communi-



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Combined veterans of over 80 years in U.S. postal service, Mark Couture (left), Phylis Thomas and Art Blackwell hauled donations to the recent food drive. Sacramento households donated nearly 108,000 pounds of groceries.

ty, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office or visit [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com).

The Post Office will also accept cash donations to feed the hungry after the May 9

food drive. To donate, call Greg Price at 348-0133.

Arden-Carmichael News Writer Susan Maxwell Skinner contributed to this story.

## On The Cover

Special delivery: During the recent Post Office food drive, Carmichael mom Jennifer Goldwyn (center) loaded up 95608 deliverer Julian Barbero. Daughter Lexi, 12, and golden retriever Chance pitched in.

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# Changing a classic: City considers renovating McKinley rose garden

By RYAN ROSE  
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A thorny issue rose recently in light of recent proposals that could change the layout and overall look of McKinley Park's historic rose garden.

Proposals to "rehabilitate" and possibly even redesign the 1.5-acre, 81-year-old garden, a celebrated amenity of East Sacramento and a popular venue for weddings, are currently under examination by the city. Among the ideas being considered are proposals that would remove and replace the site's rose bushes; remove and possibly relocate garden memorials and remembrances; and possibly reshape the entire garden to allow for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

"Currently, it's just an idea... this is just the start of the proposal process," said Hindolo Brima, spokesperson for the city's Department of Parks and Recreation. "Some people like (the rose garden) the way it is, some other people are looking to the future."

## Of proposals and petals

Billed as the McKinley Park Rose Garden Rehabilitation Project, the city, according to materials released at an April

20 community meeting at the Shepard Garden and Art Center to discuss proposed changes, attributes the desire to improve the rose garden to the city Department of Parks and Recreation and the Sacramento Rose Society, a volunteer organization that aids in the regular maintenance of the garden's rose bushes.

Brima said the Sacramento Rose Society is interested in giving support – both in-kind and financial – and that they would raise money to assist the rehabilitation project. The city has already earmarked \$45,000 to develop a master plan for the project.

According to documents provided by the city, "there has not been a major renovation to the rose garden since the mid-1970s," and "the irrigation system needs to be replaced and made more efficient."

It is due to insufficient irrigation needs that Sacramento Rose Society member Baldo Villegas is interested in renovating the rose garden.

"I would love to see the changes—I think the Sacramento Rose Society has been working with the city for a long time on this... it's a tremendous renovation."

Villegas said that many of the rose bushes need to be removed because they are suffer-



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ing from "crown gall," a bacteria disease that affects the roots of the bushes and can survive in the soil for more than 10 years. As such, the soil beds would also need to be amended, according to Villegas, a member of the Sacramento Rose Society since 1981 and a former president of the group.

"We need to get rid of (those rose bushes for roses) better adaptive to the Sacramento area," Villegas said, adding that

the renovation could allow for a rose garden built upon more varieties of roses that are less disease-prone. "We will have fantastic roses that we won't have to spray (with insecticide) so much."

Local historian and Valley Community Newspaper writer Lance Armstrong reports that there are already more than 1,000 varieties of rose bushes, tree roses and blooming annuals at the site (read

Armstrong's in-depth historical feature on McKinley Park and the rose garden at [www.valcomnews.com](http://www.valcomnews.com)).

Brima said that the rehabilitation project would also provide an opportunity to install more plants that are drought resistant. Those ideas, however, are just "part of a wider process," Brima added.

"The first step in the process is to develop a new design or Master Plan Amendment. This includes both 'needed' improvements and additional enhancements to the Rose Garden into the future," according to the "Common Questions and Answers" handouts provided April 20 by the city. "This gives the community an opportunity to be heard about improvements to public facilities and express their ideas to maximize public parks."

Betty Ann Cassina, also a member of the Sacramento Rose Society (since 1982) and also a former president of the group, said the rose garden is in a perilous position and worries that without action, the garden could possibly disappear due to disease and death of the roses.

"(The garden) needs to be updated," she said.

## Politics and the process

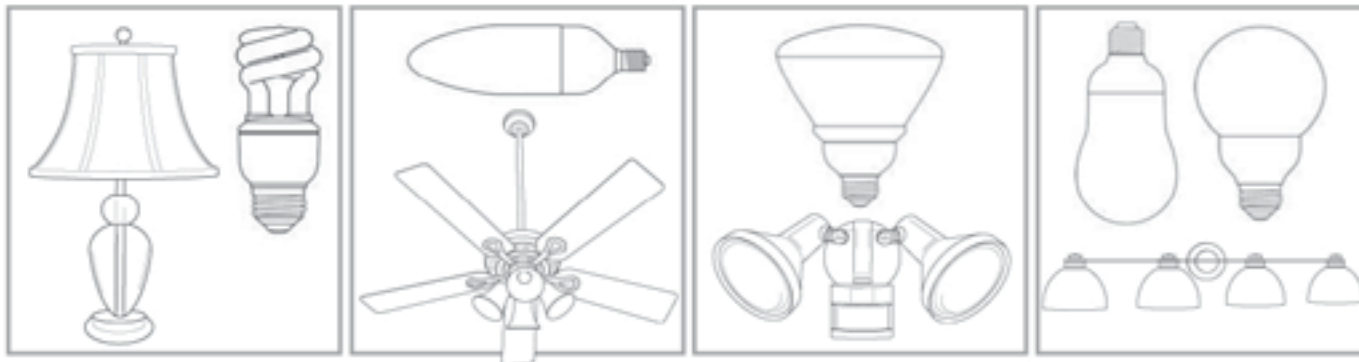
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# Plaques and petals for Sacramento-area deputies

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"We can't say enough to memorialize these men," said Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness of two deceased deputies. "They were consummate gentlemen; flawless in their approach to the profession they loved."

The sheriff was honoring his late deputies Lawrence W. Canfield and Paul W. Derouen. New plaques, rose bushes and full departmental honors at the Sheriff's Memorial Rose Garden commemorated their sacrifice.

Canfield died on duty in Rancho Cordova last year. While overtaking a traffic offender, his motorcycle was hit by another motorist.

Derouen was wrestling a suspect on a foggy Delta night in 1988. A passing vehicle struck him.



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Tribute to heroes: Sacramento County Sheriff John McGinness, center, welcomed the families of Deputies Lawrence Canfield and Paul Derouen to the Sheriff's Memorial Rose Garden in Carmichael. Both officers died in service to the community.

The deputy suffered his injuries for 22 years until his death in January. Both officers' families attended the recent Carmichael ceremony.

A rose bush and plaque also memorialized German shepherd Ado. This loyal canine

deputy ended his watch in January, felled by a car during a foot chase.

Located at the Sheriff's Training Academy, 1000 Riverwalk Way in Carmichael, the memorial garden is open to the public, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Information: (916) 481-1002.

## Pothole Sweeps Week

Special to the Arden-Carmichael News

The Sacramento County Department of Transportation has started up "Pothole Sweeps Week", which is an intensified effort to identify and repair potholes. This project is part of continuous efforts to improve preventative maintenance activities for unincorporated area roadways. Pothole sweeps are now performed twice each year: in Fall to ready road surfaces for the storm season and in late Spring to repair potholes caused by inclement weather. This County-wide effort started on May 4 for the northern part of the unincorporated area and will move into the Arden Arcade community as follows:

• **Week of May 11 – Inspection:** Work crews will inspect all Arden Arcade streets and mark potholes with white paint. Residents are encouraged to call SACDOT Customer Service at 875-5171, or visit [www.sacdot.com/tools/eservices](http://www.sacdot.com/tools/eservices), between May 11 and May 15, to report additional potholes not identified by crews.

• **Week of May 18 – Repair:** Maintenance crews and equipment will sweep through Arden Arcade streets and repair all identified potholes.

The second phase of this project, for the unincorporated area south of the American River, will start on June 1.

According to Mike Penrose, Director of the Department of Transportation, "No one likes driving over a pothole or having one on their street. The Pothole Sweeps Week program was implemented in 2007 as part of our overall roadway maintenance program. We know that the driving public and neighborhoods are pleased when road surfaces are pothole free and provide a smoother ride."

There are over 5,200 lane miles of paved roadways in the County unincorporated area and it's inevitable that somewhere in this large area of streets there will be potholes. SACDOT's policy is to "Repair all potholes as soon as possible." The Pothole Sweeps Week program enhances ongoing pavement maintenance activities, which include SACDOT crews who are sent into the field Monday through Friday each week to specifically repair potholes.

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# Dermatologist gives former gang members 'fresh slate'

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When making a radical change in life, some need a clean slate; others need clean skin, so to speak.

While tattoos for some can make a statement during adolescence, for others, tattoos represent a link to a past they'd rather forget. Securing employment may be even harder for individuals with obvious tattoos on their hands, neck, arms and other visible places.

Now, former gang members between the ages of 13 and 25 years who want a fresh start at life have the opportunity to remove unwanted tattoos free of charge through the Northern California Regional Tattoo Removal Program in collaboration with East Sacramento dermatologist and Land

Park resident Emil A. Tanghetti, who serves participants in Sacramento and some surrounding counties.

"Participants view their tattoos as a link to their past... the past when they were getting in trouble and hanging around negative peers," said Sacramento County parole agent and tattoo removal coordinator Richard Ancheta. "Many participants need to have the tattoos removed to be more successful, obtain jobs, attend school or vocational training."

### New lease on life

In 1997, Senate Bill 526 (written by Sen. Tom Hayden, D-Los Angeles) appropriated funds to the California Youth Authority (now referred to as the Department of Juvenile Justice) for the purchase of medical devices that utilize a laser to remove tattoos

for individuals seeking employment, mostly former gang members.

"In February 1998, after Senate Bill 1700 (Hayden) passed, the groundwork began for the formation of the Northern Regional Tattoo Removal Program to provide free tattoo removal services to people desiring to disassociate themselves from the gang lifestyle and increase their educational and career opportunities," Ancheta said.

The program is accountability based and requires each participant to complete 24 hours of community service and demonstrate participation in one of the following areas: employment, vocational program or school.

"Sometimes people pre-judge a person by a tattoo on their arm rather than what comes out of their mouth," Tanghetti said, who has been involved with the program for about 10 years.

"Granted, we shouldn't be judging people for having a tattoo, but that's not the way the human condition works."

### Local doc to the rescue

Tanghetti was approached by the CYA and asked if his practice, Dermatology and Laser Surgery, would be interested in participating in the program. Tanghetti has been active ever since and feels it's his form of community service.

"When you give people an opportunity to make a life for themselves without prejudging, it gives them a fair chance to be successful; at least to get their foot in the door, so to speak," Tanghetti said. "We are an egalitarian society and everyone has a chance

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# Tattoo: Local doctor gives wayward teens a second chance at life

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to make it. That's the whole appeal of our country and culture."

Tanghetti was born and raised in Sacramento and completed his undergraduate studies at UC Davis. He graduated first in his class from the UCLA School of Medicine. Upon finishing an Internal Medicine residency at Stanford University and dermatology at Harvard School of Medicine, he completed a fellowship in photo-medicine at the Wellman labs at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

"There's a lot of experimentation that goes along with preadolescents and teenagers. I think that's part of our culture," Tanghetti said. "We see that everywhere, but people do change."

Tanghetti suggests to people thinking of getting a tattoo to be very cautious; he recommends trying to change something that is not permanent first, such as hair, jewelry items, make up or grow a beard. A tattoo, on the other hand, is very difficult to change. It may be cute today, Tanghetti said, but ten years from now, it may not be cute anymore.

"Tattoos are much like a clothing item," Tanghetti said. "They are fixed at a point in time and reflect the feelings at that time. Time changes – and we change – but the tattoo is the same. It may no longer fit our personalities."

## Past only skin deep

Laser technology has seen tremendous improvement since the genesis of the tattoo removal program, but even still not all tattoos can be removed. According to Tanghetti, tattoos with color are much more difficult and sometimes impossible to remove with the current technology.

The removal process may require three to ten treatments, each spaced six to eight weeks apart, depending on the size, depth, ink intensity, line width and color of the tattoo. Tattoos using India ink, a single color, dark, carbon-type ink, are often the most easy to remove.

"Removing the tattoo is only one part in the process," Tanghetti said. "What comes next is all in the participant's ball park. It's up to them and their perseverance."

The doctor often doesn't see the most rewarding part of his work: the subsequent success of his patients. Tanghetti has had former patients thank him and express gratitude, but, for the most part, if he doesn't hear from them, he assumes they are getting on with their lives.

"If youth are operating with impediments – whether it be tattoos, education, speech – they are operating at a disadvantage," said Tanghetti. "I just like to see everyone have a fair chance at life."

## A new slate

First priority for the program is given to probation-

ers and parolees and referrals are accepted from school officials, law enforcement and community-based organizations. The program accepts men and women, aged 13 to 25, though women who are pregnant or nursing are not eligible.

The collaboration between the CYA (Division of Juve-

nile Justice) and the Sacramento County Probation includes smaller jurisdictions within the Northern California region who might not otherwise be able to support a departmental tattoo removal program.

For more information, call Richard Ancheta at 445-5993.

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# Historic ice cream parlors bring smiles to local faces

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With the arrival of warmer weather and even warmer days ahead of us, it is a great time to take a look at a few of the places that bring smiles to our faces during this time of year: old time ice cream parlors and soda fountains.

And Sacramento area residents are fortunate to have several very fine and classic ice cream parlors that are reminders of the days of old.

## Gunther's Ice Cream 2801 Franklin Blvd.

The oldest of these parlors is Gunther's Ice Cream at 2801 Franklin Blvd.

Opened in 1940 at 5th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard by German immigrants, Herman "Pop" and Iva Gunther, the business relocated to its current site in 1949.

Current owner Rick Klopp, a 1965 McClatchy High School graduate, purchased the business in 1974. He had managed the business since 1967, following 16 years with Sacramento's Shasta Ice Cream.

Despite this ownership change, Rick and his wife Marlena maintain the historical integrity of the business.

"We still serve all 12 original Gunther's flavors and we stay loyal to our customers," Rick said. "We have to. We tried to replace the old benches inside here and we had customers that said, 'No, you can't do that.' People really appreciate our history here."

Today, Gunther's makes more than 120 different flavors on site and offers

45 flavors every day, as well as homemade ice cream cakes and pies, fruit freezes, sandwiches and soups.

Rick said that his business takes pride in its slogan, "Sacramento's Best Since 1940," and its notoriety of using the highest grade of cream of any ice cream made in the city.

For those who have never been to Gunther's, it is perhaps the city's simplest ice cream parlor to locate, since its exterior features a colorful neon sign with an ice cream worker tossing a scoop of ice cream in the air and catching it in a cone.

Gunther's is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. For more information, call (916) 457-6646.

## Vic's Ice Cream 3199 Riverside Blvd.

Although Gunther's holds the position of serving the Sacramento public longer than any other local ice cream parlor, Vic's Ice Cream at 3199 Riverside Blvd. in Land Park has its own local claim to fame dating back to 1947, said Vic's owner Craig Rutledge.

"We're the oldest, original family-owned ice cream parlor in Sacramento," Craig said. "My father Ashley Rutledge and (the late) Victor Zito met during World War II. Victor was from Sacramento and he decided to open up an ice cream parlor with my father, who was from Red Cloud, Neb. We've been operating as a family-owned business ever since."

Craig, a 1969 graduate of Kennedy High School, said that since his first time working at Vic's in 1966, he has enjoyed meeting many longtime customers and seeing new generations of families gain a love for the business.



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
Leatherby family members, (left to right) Sally, Patty, Alan and Jessie, stand inside Leatherby's Family Creamery at 2333 Arden Way.

"It's great to see grandparents that used to come in here years ago with their kids and then seeing their grandkids," Craig said. "It's just such a wonderful atmosphere here."

Another draw of the business, Craig added, is that customers enjoy seeing the same faces, noting that two of his employees, Maury Hatch and Erik Downey grew up in the neighborhood and have been working at Vic's for many years.

Of course, the main draw of the business is its ice cream and other food and beverages and at Vic's no other ice cream flavor receives more attention than mint chip.

Ice cream cakes and pies are also very popular at Vic's, especially the "Party Cakes," which include 10 different flavors of ice cream and are frosted with vanilla ice cream.

Craig added that one should not forget about the popular Cheese Dog with sliced hot dogs and cheese on grilled toast with all the fixings.

Vic's is open Mondays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call (916) 448-0892.

## Burr's Fountain 4920 Folsom Blvd.

For those who may have noticed a similarity between Vic's and Burr's Fountain at 4920 Folsom Blvd., it should come as no surprise that these two businesses have a direct connection.

Exclusively serving Vic's ice cream, Burr's was the creation

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# Ice Cream: Taste the rich tradition in every scoop and every bite

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of former Vic's employee, Jim Burr.

After 27 years working at Vic's, Burr opened his own ice cream parlor, which he could not help but give the natural ice cream-related name, Burr's.

Opening his business 20 years ago, Burr, a 1959 graduate of McClatchy High School, said that he wanted to bring an old time-style soda fountain to East Sacramento.

"Years ago, places like these were all over and every drug store had a soda fountain," Jim said.

After experiencing a slow beginning with his business, Burr, a native of Minnesota, has built a continuously growing clientele.

"We've been here since 1989, so we must be doing something right," Burr said.

Known for its more than 31 flavors of Vic's ice cream, milkshakes, hot dogs and a variety of sandwiches, Burr's has become an East Sacramento institution.

Burr's is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. For more information, call (916) 452-5516.

## Leatherby's Family Creamery

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Although it may seem like yesterday to many people, it has been 37 years since Leatherby's Family Creamery was founded by "Daddy Dave" Leatherby.

Since this time, Leatherby's, which is located at 2333 Arden Way and 7910 Antelope Road, has continued as a family-operated business and is owned in varying shares by Leatherby family members.

Leatherby's co-owner Alan Leatherby, who is one of the 10 children



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Lance Armstrong  
Jim Burr, a former Vic's Ice Cream employee, opened Burr's Fountain at 4920 Folsom Blvd. in 1989.



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Gunther's Ice Cream owners Rick and Marlena Klopp are dedicated to preserving the traditions of Sacramento's oldest ice cream parlor.

of "Daddy Dave" and "Mother Sally" Leatherby, said that the Disneyland-like atmosphere of his business was best described by a customer, who said that Leatherby's should be called, "The Happy Place."

And there is plenty to keep Leatherby's customers happy from a large dining room with murals of ice cream specialties to friendly servers and of course, a large menu, which includes more than 40 flavors of ice cream.

For those seeking a tasty, cold treat, Alan recommends "Alan's Black and Tan" sundae with creamy vanilla and toasted almond ice cream drowned with caramel and hot fudge and topped with whipped cream, nuts and a cherry.

Like Gunther's, Vic's and Burr's, Leatherby's also takes the soda fountain approach by offering a variety of non-ice cream food items. These

items include the extremely popular crab sandwich and other sandwiches, hamburgers, salads and soups.

With the absence of such Sacramento ice cream parlors as Farrell's, many Sacramentans feel fortunate that Leatherby's and other local ice cream parlors continue to deliver quality products in family atmospheres.

And in the case of Leatherby's, it is difficult to find a more family-oriented business than this establishment.

Leatherby's is open Mondays through Thursdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to midnight. For more information, call (916) 920-8382.

## Ice Cream Capital

With the city's tradition of ice cream parlors continuing, it can be interest-

ing to note that Sacramento was once an ice cream capital.

According to a 1931 report in The Sacramento Bee, Sacramento had nine factories that produced a total of one million gallons of ice cream per year.

By contrast, with the relatively recent loss of the large Sacramento ice cream producer, Crystal Cream and Butter Co., only about 150,000 gallons of ice cream are produced each year in the city today.

But ice cream capital or not, the city still reigns in the local ice cream world with the continuance of its extremely popular ice cream parlors and soda fountains.

So, for those who have not stopped by any of these businesses for a chilled delicacy, sandwich or other tasty treat lately, perhaps it's about time.



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# Roses: 'We are just looking for a healthy rose garden,' expert says

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been met with skepticism and surprise, as there is concern that politics could invade the process, taint the proposals and the rose garden would lose the unique spirit that has made it so honored by local residents.

For Villegas, his main concern is a new irrigation system.

"We need that (new irrigation system)," he said, adding the he is positive the park's special character will not be lost in the renovation process.

However, others see possibilities the city could use the renovation process to completely remake and redesign the park – the city has sent inquires to a San Francisco landscape designer according to Cassi-

na – and point to proposals for a new wedding pavilion in the rose garden as reason for that belief. A new facility at the rose garden geared toward nuptial celebrations could provide additional revenue for the city, which is currently facing a strained budget. According to city documents, the rate to rent the rose garden for a private celebration is \$140 for

three hours (about \$47 an hour) and a \$100 deposit for the site.

"The money (for the rose garden rehabilitation) needs to go to practical concerns," Cassina said. "We are just looking for a healthy rose garden, which (the current garden) hasn't been in a long time—they (the roses) do not have what they need."

Cassina said that the Sacramento Rose Society was interested in raising money to support the rehabilitation, but that the society is "not going to support foolishness."

Angie Graham, who deeply enjoys the rose garden, is determined to pay close attention to how the proposal process develops, worried that changes done for the sake of change could provide more harm than good.

"It's not always progress to tear down," she said.

Also of concern is a proposal to remove the memorials and remembrance plaques purchased by or for Sacramento residents that are placed beneath rose bushes throughout the garden.

"It's not a cemetery garden," Cassina said. "And that's what those plaques in there looks like."

Cassina said that some of the memorial plaques give incorrect information on the rose bushes in which they share landscape space, as often times the rose bush combined with a memorial is removed and replaced by a rose of another variety. Cassina said she would be in favor of relocating the memorials.

There are those who disagree with Cassina's desire to see the memorials removed or moved, some of whom remarked at the April 20 meeting that some of the plaques were purchased to remember AIDS victims. Brima said that no decision has yet been made about the memorials.

"Any decisions that are made will include their opinions. It will not just be that we will dictate what will be done about those memorials," he said.

## The process continues

After the April 20 meeting, Brima said the city is interested in generating a dialogue with members of the community to incorporate a larger pool of ideas and proposals into the planning process.

"(The city) is looking at all ideas—there has been no ideas that been decided on now," he said.

According to Brima, a press release on the next meeting's date and time (which is expected to be in June) will be announced two weeks before the next community forum. The Arden-Carmichael News will publish the date of that meeting in a future edition.

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*Treasure trove: A monster rummage sale organized by Effie Yeaw Nature Center volunteers recently raised over \$4,000 for educational programs. Ancil Hoffman Park hosted the outdoor sale. Sorting donations were volunteers Mark Emmers, left, Mojgan Fischer, Effie Yeaw staffer Brian Gilmore and volunteers Lee Wilner and Linda Thomas. Learn about Nature Center programs at (916) 489-4918.*



*Potting talk: The Carmichael Geranium Society's recent festival enticed over 900 flower fans to Carmichael Park. Specimens for sale included the first supplies of a new "Lady Carmichael" hybrid geranium. Green-thumbed volunteers included Donn Reimers, left, Jean Prather, Birte Harley, Penny Newell, Velma Frenberg, Bernice Holbert and Joyce Holder. Learn about the society at (916) 481-1002.*



*Teacher's pets: At a luncheon in The Palace reception facility, the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce met San Juan School District Superintendent, Dr. Pat Jaurequi, center. Superintendent Jaurequi chatted with chamber board member Trish Harrington, left, SMUD staffer Nava Esteban, board member Stuart Nelson and Mission Oaks Park District officer Debby Walker. Chamber information available at [www.carmichelchamber.com](http://www.carmichelchamber.com)*

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## MAY

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### African art at Central Library

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## MAY 13

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## MAY 14

### Eskaton's annual gala

A night of "Old Hollywood Glamour," with live music, a casino, fine wines, dinner, live auction and raffle benefits Eskaton's community programs, including The Senior Connection, TLC Telephone Reassurance Program, adult day health and affordable housing, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Arden Hills Resort Club and Spa. Tickets, \$125, \$100 for ages 70-plus. Information from Suzanne Strassburg, 334-0810.

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## MAY 16

### Spring Park Carnival

Come celebrate spring at the Spring Park Carnival, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Hamilton Street Park. Food, music, arts and crafts, vendors, carnival games, prizes and giveaways for families and people of all ages. For information, call 482-8377 or visit [www.ar-cadecreekrecreation.com](http://www.ar-cadecreekrecreation.com).

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## MAY 16-17

### Cactus and Succulent Show

The Carmichael Cactus and Succulent Society is presenting their 33rd annual Cactus and Succulent Show at the Carmichael Park Clubhouse, 5750 Grant Ave., in Carmichael. Admission is free and there will be free plants to the first 100 guests each day. There will be beautiful displays of cacti and succulents, plants, pottery, books, a raffle and refreshments. The event is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

## MAY 17

### Spring Musical Potpourri

Vocal and instrumental pieces celebrate springtime, love and friendship. Held Sunday at 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd. Tickets are \$10, children enter free. Refreshments available. Information: UUSS Music Director May Tucker at 213-6027 or [may@uuss.org](mailto:may@uuss.org).

### Open House at Parkside Church

Parkside is sharing its new sanctuary with the neighborhood during a Free Open House on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the chancel choir, bell choir, organist, and the Parkside Players drama team. Parkside Community Church is located at 5700 South Land Park Dr. For more information about the church,

please visit [www.parksideucc.org](http://www.parksideucc.org) or call the church office at 421-0492.

## MAY 18

### Community sing-along

Harmonize on old hymns and folk songs. Shower singers welcome. First and third Mondays, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento, 2425 Sierra Blvd. Free. More information at 457-4527, daytime.

## MAY 19

### Estate Planning for Art Collectors

Financial and Estate Planning Seminar for Art Collectors is Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Crocker Art Museum. The meeting is an informative and interactive seminar specifically addressing financial and estate planning issues for art collectors. Attorney Don Poole, accountant Ron Pomares and the Crocker's Associate Director and Chief Curator Scott A. Shields will lead the presentation at the museum, 216 O St. For more information on exhibits and events call (916) 808-7000 or visit [crockerartmuseum.org](http://crockerartmuseum.org).

### Art and Flowers at Casa Garden

Experience spring through Art and Flowers at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stroll through the restaurant viewing Ikebana floral arrangements influenced by the artist's original paintings being showcased while enjoying delicious Casa gourmet hors d'oeuvres. The fee is \$20 per person (includes tax and gratuity). Call 452-2809 for reservations.

## MAY 20

### Free Health Seminar

The "Fibromyalgia: Truth, Hope and Results" learning event is Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This class will be presented by Dr. Tony Baratta, who has successfully treated hundreds of patients with Fibromyalgia. The class is free. RSVP at 979-0716 or e-mail [tonybaratta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonybaratta@sbcglobal.net).

## MAY 21

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## MAY 23

### Sink or Swim Cardboard Boat Race

The Arden Manor Recreation and Park District is celebrating summer by opening the Deterding Pool complex, 1415 Rushden Dr., with a splash. Arden Manor Recreation and Park District be hosting the first Sink or Swim Cardboard Boat Race to be held at noon. There will be live music, BBQ, games and a boat showcase before the races begin. Teams of all ages are invited to participate in this fun event for the whole family. For the success of this event, we would love to extend an invitation to take the "Sink or Swim" Challenge and register a boat in the races.

## MAY 28

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Casa Garden Restaurant, supporting the Sacramento Children's Home, in Curtis Park, since 1974. For more information, please join us on Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The restaurant is located at 2760 Sutterville Rd., up the hill from Sacramento City College, off of Highway 99. Please RSVP to 452-2809.

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## MAY 30

### Arts in River Park

Held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H St., this free event will include exhibits of local artisans and organizations, hand-crafted items available for purchase, food, healing arts, live entertainment and children's hands-on activities. For more information, visit [www.artsinriverpark.org](http://www.artsinriverpark.org).

### Annual SPCA Doggy Dash

The Sacramento SPCA will hold its 16th Annual Doggy Dash and Bark at the Park Festival. Registration begins at 7:30 am; run/walk begins at 9 am; festival begins at 10 am at William Land Park (Village Green Area). Registration is \$25 before May 22, \$30 thereafter. Or form a group and register as a fundraising Pack for \$40 per person. Children eight and under are free. Free parking is available at Sacramento City College on Sutterville Road. For more information or to register, visit [www.sspca.org/doggydash](http://www.sspca.org/doggydash), call (916) 383-7387, ext. 9102 or e-mail [specialevents@sspsca.org](mailto:specialevents@sspsca.org).

### Fairytale Town Goes Green

Fairytale Town will celebrate its 50th anniversary by going "green," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3901 Land Park Drive. Several Sacramento-area environmental organizations will have displays and interactive demonstrations, and there will be hands-on educational activities that teach children to practice responsible conservation techniques. The event will also feature green art -- art made from recycled materials. Admission is \$4.50, free for children under 2. For more information, call 808-8886, or visit [www.fairytaletown.org](http://www.fairytaletown.org).

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To be located at an eight-acre private residence at 7260 Pocket Rd., the price is \$55 per person in advance or \$65.00 at the door. The theme is Rock n' Rollin' Barn Party with Catered BBQ. Guests can dance to "oldies" with the Jay Rolerz Band. Clothing is casual. The event starts at 5 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m. A no-host bar will be available. Also available is a reunion photo memory book for \$20. For more information, call 600-8042.

### Effective job search in a tight economy

First Christian Church is offering a series of free seminars to help people to find work and to obtain career counseling. The seminars will be held on Saturdays, beginning on May 30. The dates will be: Saturdays, May 30, June 6, 13,

20 and 27. Each week the sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last for approximately 2 hours. First Christian Church is located at 3901 Folsom Blvd. Admission and materials will be offered for free as an expression of God's love. For questions, or to preregister, call 452-7661.

### Sacramento VisionWalk

The Foundation Fighting Blindness ([www.FightBlindness.org](http://www.FightBlindness.org)) will host its 2nd Annual 5K VisionWalk in Sacramento on Saturday at Southside Park - Amphitheater. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the Walk will start at 10 a.m. To participate in the Sacramento VisionWalk, or to learn more about supporting local or national VisionWalk events or the Foundation Fighting Blindness, visit [www.VisionWalk.org](http://www.VisionWalk.org) or call toll free 866-782-7330.

## JUNE

### Pops in the Park

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es will be for sale. People should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The concerts are June 6 with the "The Q Balls" at East Portal Park, 51st and M streets; June 13 with "Aaron King and The Imperials" at Glen Hall Park, Sandburg and Carlson drives—and a Second Saturday showcase featuring Robin Leddy Giustina; June 20 with George Bruno Big Band at Bertha Henschel Park, 45th Street and Brand Way—also Sidney Pope and Onion Awards and wading pool open for free; June 27 with Kate Gaffney at McKinley Park, 33rd and H streets. For additional information, please visit [www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com](http://www.eastsacpopsinthepark.com) or call (916) 808-5240.

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# Effie Yeaw Nature Center facing serious budget cuts

Center's director says most of center's staff positions expected to be eliminated

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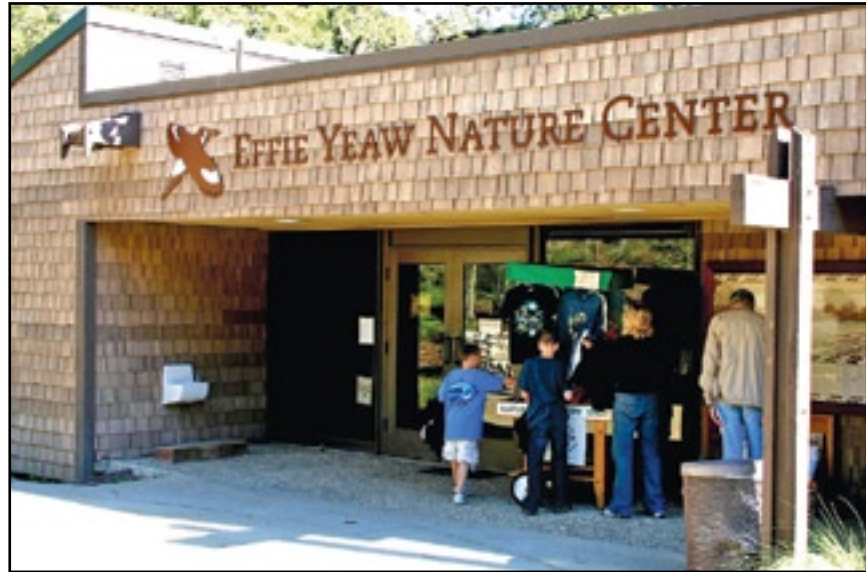
The history of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Ancil Hoffman County Park is a story of the preservation of nature. But according to the center, its staff is also concerned about a different kind of preservation these days.

Marilee Flannery, the center's director, recently ex-

pressed her concerns to The Arden-Carmichael News regarding the preservation of the center's long-established productivity. The center has been serving the community since 1976.

"The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is facing unprecedented cuts to its budget beginning July 1, 2009," Flannery said. "These cuts will seriously impact the (center's) ability to keep its doors open seven days-a-week as it presently does and will jeopardize many popular and important educational school programs."

Furthermore, Flannery said that the majority of the center's staff is expect-



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Effie Yeaw Nature Center has been educating visitors about Sacramento's natural and cultural resources for the past three decades. The center, which is located in Ancil Hoffman County Park, is facing budget cuts that seriously impact the center's ability to maintain its seven days-a-week schedule.

ed to lose their jobs as a result of the budget cuts.

"All the parks will have some very serious cuts and those to the nature center are about a 78 percent cut in the allocated cost from the county, compared to last year," Flannery said. "This will result in the elimination of three of the five full-time staff positions here and 80 percent of the seasonal help positions. And those are the people who actually go out and do all the programs and are here at our front desk and are kind of the face for the nature center. They present the programs, do the summer camps, go to the schools and we're finding that they need to reduce that by about 80 percent."

Currently, the center has five full-time and about 20 seasonal workers and as a result of the cuts, the center, Flannery said, will be left with a full-time staff of about two people and about four seasonal workers.

Flannery added that there is a bit of light in the darkness, considering that the center has already collected most of its funding for its summer camps.

"We have been given a reprieve in that we have already collected nearly all of our money for our summer camps," Flannery said. "So, we're going to be able to do our summer camps and keep as much staff as we can to run the summer camps until the end of summer. Until September,

we're going to pretty much be business as usual, seven days-a-week. After that and when the budget is finalized accounting for all the county departments, we'll be facing these serious eliminations."

#### Hard cuts ahead

Flannery emphasized the seriousness of these budget cuts, noting that although the center has faced serious cuts in the past, never before has every county department faced such drastic cuts at the same time.

"In the past, it used to be just parks and a few other departments that faced cuts," Flannery said. "Now it's every department, so there isn't that hidden pot

See Effie, page 19

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# Effie: Partial closure of the center very probable as funds disappear

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**- Effie Yeaw Nature Center Director Marilee Flannery**

of gold somewhere else that might have been able to save the parks in the past."

A report, which was provided by the center to The Arden-Carmichael News, further details the expected impacts of the budget cuts. Among these expected impacts are:

- Partial closure of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center;
- Elimination of 60 percent of the full-time professional staff;
- Elimination of most of the school programs; only self-sustaining programs or programs fully funded by grants will remain;
- 80 percent reduction in seasonal help staff;

- Reduction in nature area tours and aquatic programs;
- Elimination of the Maidu Field Days, the Traditional Maidu Indian Day annual event, summer tours, nature field games, Gibson Ranch Living History Programs, outreach programs to schools, community outreach events and the 2010 Summer Fun Days;
- No trail maintenance or trash collection in the 77-acre nature preserve, which may lead to closure of the trails for school tours and general public use;
- Deterioration of front landscaping;

- Live animal collection will be reduced;
- Enrollment in fall 2009 school programs will be delayed until August 1 or until the budget is finalized with allocation for more support of the center.

### Budget fallout

Flannery said that in response to the forthcoming budget cuts, efforts are being made in the attempt to acquire additional funding for the center.

"We're all working very hard to find alternative funding sources such as grants and the American River Natural Histo-

ry Association is seriously looking at even more ways that it can financially assist the center's needs," Flannery said. "I know times are tough and I look around and see lots of (economic) struggling. I just hope that we can overcome our financial

difficulties, so people can continue to enjoy the jewel that is the Effie Yeaw Nature Center."

For additional information about the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, call (916) 489-4918 or visit the Web site [www.effie-yeaw.org](http://www.effie-yeaw.org).

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