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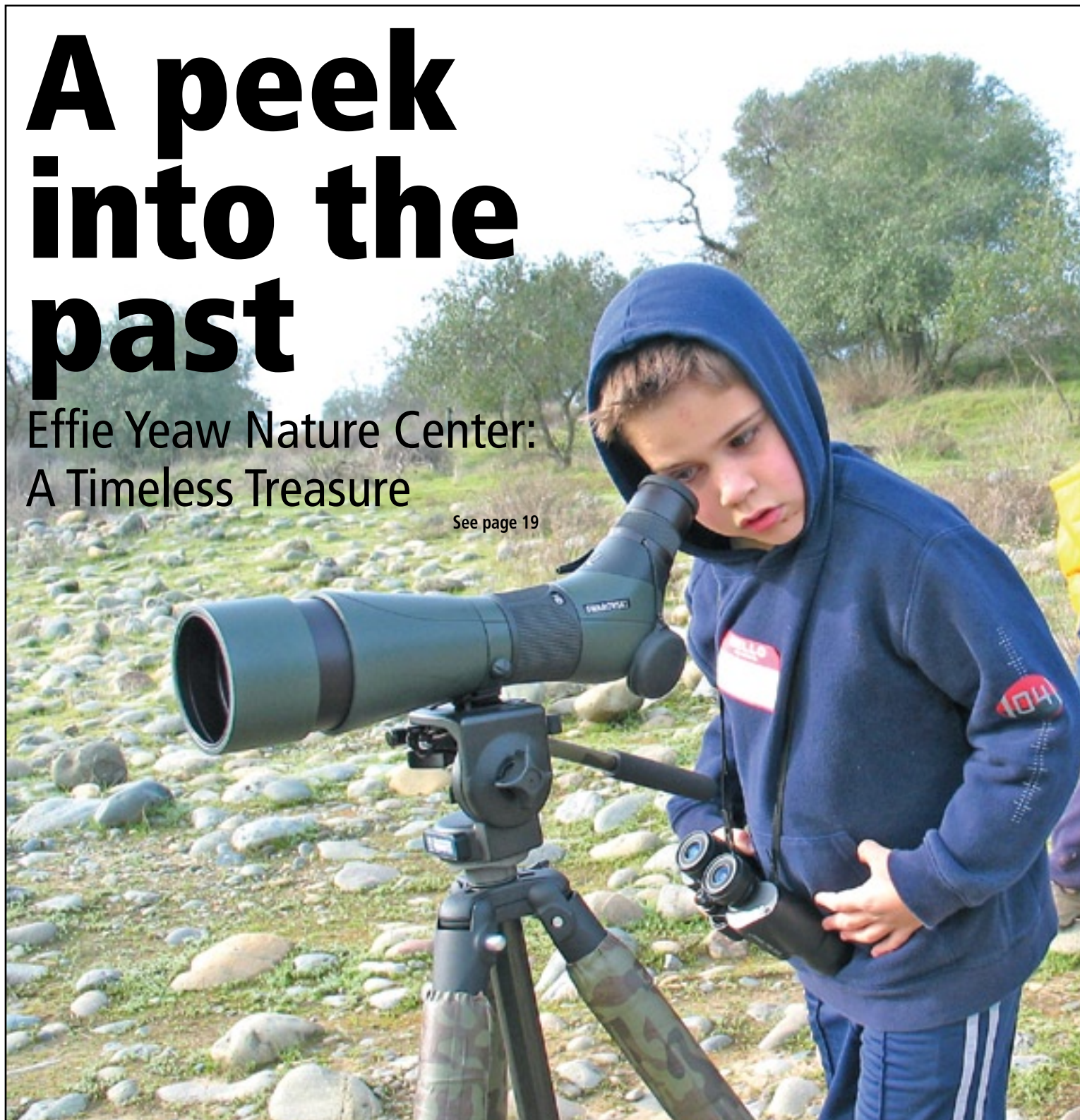
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In Tune with Arden Carmichael

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JFK's rescuer rallies for fundraiser

Aiding the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, one of the last living witnesses to a historic World War II incident will relive his adventures on June 13. U.S. Navy Ensign Ted Robinson and his own PT crew survived the same Pacific mission in which a Japanese destroyer rammed Lt. John F. Kennedy's vessel.

Robinson soon after volunteered for the rescue that returned an injured and emaciated JFK and other survivors from behind enemy lines. Kennedy's epic swim to save his crew was later immortalized by the film classic "PT 109."

For many weeks after the incident, officers Kennedy and Robinson shared a tent in the Solomon Islands. As JFK recovered, he borrowed a walking stick given to Robinson by a local chief. Robinson snapped the iconic photograph of a slender JFK and cane that would be published all over the world. Kennedy used his rescuer's camera for a similar study of Robinson.

"You never saw the picture of me published anywhere," grinned the Arcade resident. "I never became a president."

In his book "Water in my Veins – the Pauper Who Helped Save a President," Robinson reminisces on his colorful life and the PT 109 adventure, as related to him by tentmate JFK. The author will share his experiences and his "war museum" at an ice cream social and book signing in his own garden, June 13. Further information, call 489-4918. Anyone may attend. Admission is \$25.



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Susan Maxwell Skinner
World War II hero Ted Robinson treasures the exotic walking stick that he and John F. Kennedy shared. Robinson took part in the 1943 rescue of PT 109; a mission that saved the future president's life. The Arcade man's vessel, PT 118, earned two Silver Stars. Robinson's JFK memoirs feature in his recent book, as does the famous snap of the fragile campmate Robinson called "Jack."

1,000 words...



Caption and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

Boa overload: Brother Josuse Sandoval (2) eschews feminization as sisters Yadira (4) and Anairis (9) get princess makeovers at the recent Hamilton Street Park Spring Fair. Fairy godmother is Tutu Much stylist Jackie McDaniel. Learn about Arcade Creek Park District events at (916) 482-8377.

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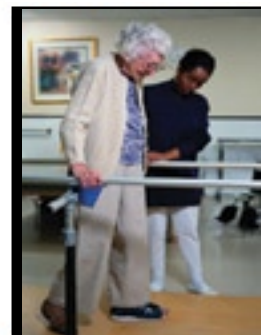
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Special shots of the region by Susan Maxwell Skinner

Jessie Bhanagor, left, from Sher-e-Punjab restaurant serves rice and chicken marsaka to Mindy Sage and Angela Nodolf the women were among 600 hundred guests at the recent Taste of Carmichael fundraiser. Kiwanis volunteers Len Ohlendorf and Hal Snow look on. To learn about Kiwanis projects, call 804-7687.



Putting on the dog: Carmichael Park District's annual "Canine Craze" dog show featured pooches large, small and just doggone cute. Dressed to impress were Yipper (left) with owner Betty Bowles, Missy and owner Jessica Burkett, Zury with Gemily West, Scooter with Alex Miele and Abby and Blanca, with owner Melissa Leon.

Australian cattle dogs Winry and Zury show the form that has bagged "best trick" honors for owner Gemily West. Learn about Carmichael Park District events at (916) 485-5322.

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Arcade historian chronicles founding of park

By SUSAN MAXWELL SKINNER
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Sacramento history buffs have applauded a booklet on the Del Paso Park area with an award for outstanding research. To compile a 28-page volume, Arcade historian Nellie Jellison also penned personal memories. Her "Del Paso Park – a Part of Rancho del Paso" is an account of events that molded her own 83 years.

"Not many Arcade residents are still in their original family properties," she said. "I want to teach new

families about the rich history of where they live."

The Del Paso Park story began 15 years before Jellison's birth. Envisioning a reserve to rival East Coast and European parks, the city of Sacramento bought an 828-acre Arcade parcel in 1911. Initial designs saw Arcade Creek as a serpentine lake.

This waterway had former claims to fame. In 1864, railroad giant Charles Crocker and his cronies petitioned President Abraham Lincoln to recognize the creek as the start of the Sierra Nevada

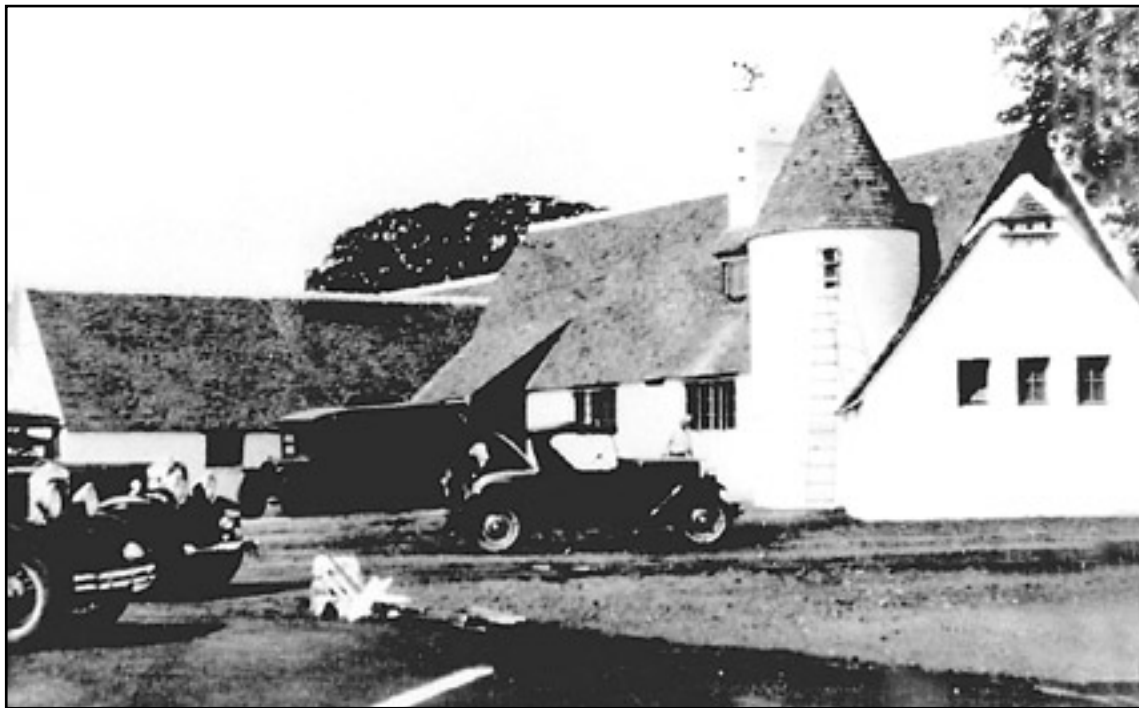


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Built in 1932, the chateau style Del Paso Park golf club house was a handsome presence in the Arcade area. Its restaurant became a Sacramento social hub, hosting movie stars and politicians.

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Mountains. Their spurious contention garnered more government money for laying train tracks. Commemorated by a bronze plaque in the Haggin Oaks Golf complex, the Lincoln connection is part and parcel of Nellie Jellison's history.

Sacramento's Parks Department was never flush enough to fully implement

its plans for the huge reserve. Nevertheless, golf courses, children's play areas, a museum, an airport, a trap-shooting facility, baseball fields and a horse club were developed and most still thrive.

A red barn belonging to the Sacramento Horsemen's Association is a monument to the area's pungent

equestrian history. Legendary horse breeder James Ben Ali Haggin shipped thoroughbreds to race – and win – Kentucky titles from these acres. Gov. Ronald Reagan favored bridal tracks along Arcade Creek and the Sheriff's Mounted Posse still uses the association's facilities.

Until the 1950s, Nellie Jellison's family farmed beside Del Paso Park. Three generations of her kin also golfed on the links now renamed Haggin Oaks Golf complex. Nellie recalls a more glamorous clubhouse (built in 1932 and torn down in 1954), where celebrities dallied. The golf pro, Tom LoPresti, was as much a household name as the VIPs he coached. Riding on the golf course during World War II, a teenage Nellie saw Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Babe Ruth in a Red Cross tournament.

"Babe Ruth was serious," she said. "Bob and Bing had us laughing at their quips. My girlfriend and I just trotted among onlookers on our horses."

Jellison's text chronicles a lifetime of changes.

"I have lived on (the family) property since I was born," she wrote. "My par-

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Historian: Woman tells tales of Arcade's 'halcyon days'

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ents had a small herd of registered Jersey cows... they bottled milk and sold daily to Arcade grammar School...the pasture area is now in the middle of Business 80. It's hard to see the freeway's busy lanes without remembering when the neighborhood was grazed by horses and cows. My father rowed us along Arcade Creek in a wooden boat, from Winding Way to where Watt and Longview now meet. My siblings and I walked to Arcade Grammar School on dirt roads. We had 10-party phone lines. You rang for an operator to connect you to any number you wanted.

"With just open fields between us and the railway track, we could hear the train whistle on its way to Roseville. Few people now can imagine that everyone who lived here knew everybody in Arcade, as well as in Fair Oaks and Carmichael.

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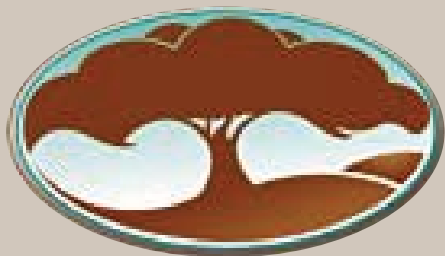
"I hope to share my memories with other old timers and tell newcomers that these neighborhoods had halcyon days, worth learning about."

Jellison's "Del Paso Park - A Part of Rancho del Paso" costs \$5, plus postage. For purchasing information, call Rancho del Paso Historical Society, at (916) 487-9170.



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Susan Maxwell Skinner
Hayley Powell leads Arab mare Skye from the Sacramento Horsemen's Association's vintage barn. Leasing stalls to the sheriff's mounted posse and the National Guard Cavalry, the equestrian group has occupied part of Del Paso's acres since 1946. Gov. Ronald Reagan enjoyed nearby bridle trails.

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Arcade 'ironman' exhibits at midtown gallery

By SUSAN MAXWELL SKINNER
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An alternative midtown gallery plans a one-man show for Arcade sculptor Max Stockinger on the second Saturday of July. Famous for re-designing mate-

rial that people dispose of, the eclectic artist will exhibit sculptures of metal, marble and rock.

Stockinger has captured pop art fans' imaginations with towering musicians, welded from propane tanks, boilers and plumbing pipes.

"My art is my statement," he said. "Humans waste the world's resources."

Blessed with magnetic media appeal, the biblically bearded artist has given away more work than he has sold. Neighbors beg for his statues. His wife, Rancho Cordova Library supervisor Jill Stock-



Arden-Carmichael News Photo/Susan Maxwell Skinner
Heavy metal: Sculptor Max Stockinger, right, explains his whimsical kinetic construction "spinning children" to U.S. Army Private Matt Minick at the Sub Q Gallery, Sacramento. Stockinger's wife Jill looks on. The artist's large outdoor sculptures feature at two Arden-Carmichael libraries and ornament an entire Arcade neighborhood.

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inger, sums up his appeal: "Max loves the world. People see that in his sculptures."

At the Sub-Q Gallery show, Stockinger will include rock sculptures and promises "a real world, made from my imagination."

Stockinger's work features Saturday, July 11, at the Sub Q Gallery, 1715 I St., Sacramento, from 6 to 10 p.m. Refreshments are offered. Learn more about the artist at www.rockmage.com

Pretty and prickly



Photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner
Succulent sights: Carmichael Cactus Society members Patrice Farncomb, left, Jonathan Otto and Gerri Wigglesworth get up close and prickly at the organization's 33rd annual show in Carmichael Park. To learn about the society, call (916) 366-1842.

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Why now is the right time for you to buy a home

By TEAM BLACK
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There is so much economic information hitting us from the media and Internet, we can be on overload. Trying to process what it means to each of us can be confusing. Basically, there are two reasons why now is a good time to buy a home: low interest rates and low house prices.

Many people who were priced out of the market during the past several years have approval letters in-hand and are looking for their first home. Low prices also attract investors who are buying second and third properties as rentals.

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The scoop on today's market

Home prices: According to statistics compiled by the Sacramento Association of Realtors collected from the MetroList multiple listing services, the median sales price moved slightly last month, decreasing .2 percent from \$167,500 to \$167,100 this month. The current median price is down 29.5 percent from the \$236,888 median price recorded last year. The Total Listing Inventory is also down, showing a 14.2 percent decrease from 6,266 to 5,377 this month.

First-buyer credit: With the new stimulus bill signed by President Obama in February came several provisions to help foreclosure relief and encourage home sales. One of those key provisions was an amendment to the 2008 Tax Credit. According to Tim Aderman of VITEK Mortgage, here are the guidelines you need to know about the 2009 Tax Credit:

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- The income limits remain the same: (\$75,000 for an individual; \$150,000 for a couple);
- First-time homebuyers and principal residences only;
- Tax credit is available until Dec. 1 (previously it expired on July 1);
- Waiver of recapture (i.e., no repayment requirement) for properties purchased in 2009 prior to Dec. 1;
- The provision is retroactive to purchases made on or after Jan. 1, 2009. Recapture section does apply to properties sold in first three years;
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Today's economic realities: Preparing for the unknown

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Imagine driving along an unfamiliar cliff road that has no guardrail, in a dense fog. A wrong turn could spell disaster. That's today's real estate market. But there are some things you can do during this difficult economic reality. You can educate yourself about this new realty world and adjust your mindset. Here are some practical suggestions for buyers and sellers – a mental framework if you will – that could be the guardrail for your journey through the mist.

Buyers and Sellers

Whether a buyer or seller, you can start by learning the differences between bank-owned listings (REOs), "short sales" and traditional owner sellers. Get good advice. Work with a seasoned Realtor who can show you how the shifting supply of REO vs. non-REO properties will affect your plans.

Today's Realtor should be able to show you overall market conditions for your area and price range; and show you how things have changed in the last six to eight years and the past few months.

You especially need to be aware of what I call "micro-market" dynamics. The impact of a poor economy and home foreclosures is not uni-

form across the region. You'll find availability, values and demand being quite different from one neighborhood to another and even the pace of change can vary—hence micro-markets. You need to know what is happening in your neighborhood now.

Sellers

Sellers should educate themselves about what is happening with the real estate market where they live. Go beyond sales comparisons by gaining an historical perspective; find out whether values have held up or declined, and differentiate between your neighborhood's distressed and non-distressed properties in good times and bad. Find out, too, if you are competing with ROs. Banks typically value their listings 15 percent to 20 percent below the local market, dragging down the value you of your home.

Selling within 3 months?

For an owner choosing to sell in the near future, they need to learn about market trends, standing inventory, months of inventory and sales trends. Currently, price is king. Sellers need to be realistic, understand that buyers are in the driver's seat and price their property to be the next sale. An experienced agent can help get them the best deal available but will not

be able to get a price that buyers are unwilling to pay.

If the seller has little choice but to sell (difficulty keeping up with the mortgage payments, for example), it's more important to elect the appropriate agent than learn about current market conditions. Select a Realtor who can suggest financial options to explore and is experienced at selling homes under trying/difficult conditions; this requires knowledge of what lenders expect and the tenacity and patience to see it through.

Selling a year from now?

Begin now to educate yourselves about market dynamics. Seek out information about neighborhood trends and don't be afraid to ask a Realtor to help you set up an Internet search that will give you real time information. The goal should be to put yourself in a position to pick the optimum point at which you can get good value for your home that meets your selling objective (such as downsizing).

Buyers

Buyers need to consider which part of the market segment they will be involved in. Price, neighborhood or function (more bedrooms for example)? Buyer's need to educate themselves about current market conditions in the market segment that affects them.

Your agent should also help you get qualified with a mortgage lender and even an insurance broker because your personal credit history and claims history can make a big difference in your mortgage rates and insurance premiums.

Buying in the next few months?

With a short time frame in which to buy, it is critical for buyers to be well-prepared and financially prequalified before making an offer. Make sure you select a responsive



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With all eyes on the sold sign, buyers and sellers must plan their respective end games and use the best data available.

Realtor and mortgage broker who work well together and are familiar with today's fluid market and on top of the constantly changing lending guidelines.

Due to your time frame, you should avoid short sales because they are usually taking three to six months to conclude – typically taking 2-plus months just to find out if you are the buyer chosen by the bank. If you're buying an REO, be prepared to move very quickly to make an offer once you find the one that's right for you. This is especially true below the \$200,000 price mark where we are seeing multiple buyers going after the same home. A day's indecision or not being pre-approved can cause you to lose out.

Buying a year from now?

Well over 80 percent of buyers today spend three to six months "window shopping online" before actually entering the market place. Work with an agent who can provide you with access to the online market place and is available to help you when you need it. Use the time you have to educate yourself about terminol-

ogy and marketplace trends. And keep in mind that what is true today may not be true a year (or even a few months) from now.

While you familiarize yourself with the market and your choices, this is also a good time to improve your credit rating if possible and aggressively save money so you will be in stronger position when you are ready to buy.

A well-prepared and well-informed buyer cannot control the market place, but can place himself or herself in a position to better pick the optimum point at which they get into the market for a home that meets their objective.

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An advertisement for Carol Kellogg, a real estate agent. It features a photograph of Carol Kellogg, a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a light pink blazer over a dark top and dark pants. She is standing next to a large white sign that says "SOLD!" in black letters. Below the photo, the text reads "Carol Kellogg" in a large, blue, serif font, followed by "Serving With Integrity And Excellence" in a smaller font. Below that is the phone number "(916) 966-0405" and the website "www.CarolKellogg.com". At the bottom, it says "The Kellogg Team" in a large, red, serif font, and "Getting Results" in a smaller, red, serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "LYON REAL ESTATE" with the website "www.LyonRealEstate.com" below it.

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Address	BR /BA	Date	Value	Address	BR /BA	Date	Value	Address	BR /BA	Date	Value
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5235 ADELAIDE WAY.....	4 3.....	2009/01/22 ..	\$315,000	5515 MARCONI AVE.....	3 1.....	2009/01/21	139,500	95864			
5346 AGATE WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/02/18 ...	129,000	4756 MARLBOROUGH WAY.....	3 2.5.....	2009/01/28 ...	825,000	4337 ALDERWOOD WAY.....	4 2.....	2009/02/26 ..	\$335,000
5358 AGATE WAY.....	3 1.5.....	2009/01/20 ...	160,000	5064 MARTIN WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/03/26 ...	215,000	931 AMBERWOOD RD.....	4 2.....	2009/03/25	190,000
5143 ALMOND WAY.....	3 2.5.....	2009/03/25 ...	160,000	1500 MCCLAREN DR.....	3 2.....	2009/03/13 ...	488,000	3348 ARDENRIDGE DR.....	3 1.....	2009/03/25	98,550
5147 ALMOND WAY.....	3 1.....	2009/03/23 ...	117,000	3313 MCCOWAN WAY.....	4 2.....	2009/01/30 ...	216,500	4512 ARGONAUT WAY.....	3 2.5.....	2009/03/05	310,000
4760 AMERICAN RIVER DR.....	4 2.5.....	2009/01/26 ...	647,500	6305 MEADOWVISTA DR.....	4 2.....	2009/01/23 ...	225,000	3145 BAKULA WAY.....	3 1.....	2009/01/15	117,000
6000 AMIR LN.....	3 2.5.....	2009/01/22 ...	212,500	6124 MERRY LN.....	2 1.....	2009/03/17 ...	100,000	4312 BAYWOOD WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/01/13	230,000
5701 ANGELINA AVE.....	4 2.....	2009/03/10...	220,000	6465 MILES LN.....	3 2.....	2009/02/24 ...	205,000	3001 BERKSHIRE WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/01/15	130,262
3634 AVA WAY.....	4 2.....	2009/02/24...	395,000	4743 MINARET WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/01/23 ...	231,500	4348 BERRENDO DR.....	4 4.5.....	2009/01/16...	1,400,000
4512 BELA WAY.....	4 2.....	2009/02/25 ...	265,000	5925 MULDROW RD.....	3 2.....	2009/02/05 ...	217,000	3590 BODEGA CT.....	3 1.....	2009/01/14	206,000
4713 BELLUE ST.....	4 2.....	2009/01/30 ...	275,000	5313 NORTH AVE.....	2 1.....	2009/01/29 ...	180,000	151 BRECKENWOOD WAY.....	3 2.5.....	2009/01/29	615,000
6045 BOURBON DR.....	2 2.....	2009/03/20 ...	238,000	5511 NORTH AVE.....	3 2.....	2009/03/31...	300,000	3237 BRISTOL RD.....	3 1.....	2009/01/09	175,000
5029 BOWMAN OAKS WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/02/23 ...	185,000	5601 NORTH AVE.....	2 2.....	2009/03/18 ...	226,000	3301 BRISTOL RD.....	3 2.....	2009/03/27	175,000
4816 BOYD DR.....	3 1.5.....	2009/01/06 ...	170,000	5911 OAK AVE.....	3 2.5.....	2009/02/11 ...	427,000	3216 CHELSEA RD.....	3 1.....	2009/03/17	115,923
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5754 CADA CIR.....	3 2.....	2009/01/02 ...	235,000	6637 OAKCREST AVE.....	3 1.....	2009/01/16 ...	138,500	107 CLUNIE DR.....	4 2.5.....	2009/01/14	659,000
5781 CADA CIR.....	3 1.....	2009/02/10 ...	290,882	5151 OAKLEAF AVE.....	3 1.5.....	2009/01/26 ...	292,857	3450 COSMOS AVE.....	4 4.5.....	2009/03/17 ...	1,620,000
3637 CALIFORNIA AVE.....	2 1.....	2009/02/17 ...	203,000	4952 OLEANDER DR.....	3 1.5.....	2009/02/13 ...	180,000	2220 EASTERN AVE.....	3 2.....	2009/02/18 ...	183,750
3900 CALIFORNIA AVE.....	2 1.....	2009/02/27 ...	155,000	4936 OLIVE OAK WAY.....	4 2.5.....	2009/01/28 ...	280,000	3710 ESPERANZA DR.....	4 3.5.....	2009/01/16	809,000
3224 CANDACE ST.....	4 2.....	2009/01/23 ...	185,000	4535 ONYX WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/03/25 ...	202,500	3300 FAIR OAKS BLVD.....	3 3.....	2009/02/02	595,000
6242 CASSADY WAY.....	3 1.....	2009/01/29 ...	192,500	6420 ORANGE HILL LN.....	4 3.5.....	2009/01/08 ...	640,000	3631 FAIR OAKS BLVD.....	6 5.....	2009/03/09	566,500
6132 CHERRELYN WAY.....	3 2.5.....	2009/02/10 ...	208,000	6123 ORSI CIR.....	3 1.....	2009/03/17 ...	137,500	3650 FAIR OAKS BLVD.....	4 3.5.....	2009/03/19	639,500
5631 CLARK AVE.....	3 2.....	2009/03/10 ...	275,371	6206 ORSI CIR.....	3 1.....	2009/03/23...	105,000	4611 FAIR OAKS BLVD.....	2 1.....	2009/01/09	565,250
5560 COOLLEY WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/02/09 ...	369,000	6249 ORSI CIR.....	3 1.5.....	2009/01/05 ...	215,000	3449 HUMBOLDT WAY.....	2 1.....	2009/02/06	150,000
84 COVERED BRIDGE RD.....	5 4.....	2009/02/20 ...	1,530,000	2909 PALM ESTATES CT.....	4 2.....	2009/02/25 ...	278,800	3320 HURLEY WAY.....	3 1.....	2009/02/10	261,153
6004 COYLE AVE.....	3 2.....	2009/01/20 ...	121,000	3035 PANAMA AVE.....	4 3.5.....	2009/02/20 ...	308,784	1445 INGE CT.....	3 2.....	2009/03/30	190,000
5140 CYPRESS AVE.....	3 1.....	2009/02/09 ...	159,000	3040 PANAMA AVE.....	3 1.....	2009/01/21 ...	281,000	4520 JUNO WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/03/04	270,000
5338 CYPRESS AVE.....	3 2.....	2009/01/30 ...	189,000	5804 PARKOAKS DR.....	3 2.....	2009/02/24 ...	219,000	1642 LA PLAYA WAY.....	2 1.....	2009/03/12	615,000
3541 DENFIELD LN.....	3 2.....	2009/03/06 ...	345,000	3333 PARKS LN.....	4 2.....	2009/02/05 ...	240,000	951 LA SIERRA DR.....	3 2.....	2009/02/27	425,000
3328 DEODAR ST.....	3 2.....	2009/03/23 ...	329,500	4679 PEDERSEN WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/03/27 ...	140,200	1011 LA SIERRA DR.....	4 3.....	2009/02/20	825,000
4039 EASTWOOD VILLAGE LN..	3 2.5.....	2009/01/22 ...	193,000	6616 PEPPERWOOD WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/03/17 ...	286,000	841 LARCH LN.....	5 4.....	2009/03/31...	1,452,000
4919 EL CAMINO AVE.....	4 2.....	2009/01/28 ...	195,000	6305 PERRIN WAY.....	4 3.....	2009/01/08 ...	390,000	3510 LAS PASAS WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/02/18	380,000
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5513 GINA CT.....	3 2.....	2009/01/30 ...	250,000	5262 SANDSTONE ST.....	3 1.5.....	2009/02/26 ...	145,000	4413 MORPHEUS LN.....	3 1.....	2009/03/26	315,000
2018 GUNN RD.....	4 2.5.....	2009/03/27 ...	650,000	5605 SAPUNOR WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/03/24 ...	152,000	1431 MORSE AVE.....	4 2.....	2009/01/02	126,000
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3145 KAISER WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/02/02 ...	300,000	6208 TEMPLETON DR.....	3 1.....	2009/03/24 ...	167,500	4441 SURITA ST.....	3 1.5.....	2009/02/13	131,000
4870 KEANE DR.....	3 2.....	2009/02/05...	495,000	6209 TEMPLETON DR.....	3 1.....	2009/01/27 ...	220,000	4356 ULYSSES DR.....	3 1.....	2009/02/06	243,975
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2848 LA COLINA WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/03/24 ...	170,200	5632 VALL CT.....	3 2.....	2009/03/05 ...	188,000	2005 VESTA WAY.....	3 1.....	2009/02/13	215,000
6015 LANDIS AVE.....	3 2.....	2009/01/27 ...	155,000	5643 VALL CT.....	2 2.....	2009/03/27 ...	142,000	2049 VESTA WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/01/29	300,000
4610 LAS LINDAS WAY.....	3 2.....	2009/03/23 ...	313,000	2742 WALNUT AVE.....	2 1.....	2009/03/18 ...	142,000	1513 WATT AVE.....	3 1.....	2009/03/27	95,000
6214 LINCOLN AVE.....	4 2.5.....	2009/01/13 ...	310,000	5504 WHITFIELD WAY.....	5 2.5.....	2009/03/03 ...	217,300	1521 WATT AVE.....	4 2.....	2009/01/26	136,000
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5955 MALEVILLE AVE.....	4 2.....	2009/02/11 ...	225,000	5441 WILDFLOWER CIR.....	3 2.....	2009/01/16 ...	317,500				
				6040 WINDING WAY.....	3 3.....	2009/02/23 ...	207,000				
				5519 WOODLEIGH DR.....	3 1.....	2009/01/07 ...	148,000				
				5871 WOODLEIGH DR.....	4 2.....	2009/03/10 ...	155,000				

Know your neighbor

Neighborhood Nursery is gardener's delight

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Ahh, spring. Everywhere you look there's new growth, blooming flowers and magnificent color. And nowhere is there more of that in one place than at Talini's Nursery and Garden Center on Folsom Blvd., where green thumbs – and even those with two left thumbs – agree that it's the place to find the best quality plants in town.

"Our plant growers are top quality," said Jill Franklin, manager of Talini's for the past eight years. "Our prices may be a little higher, but our product is top notch."

Family run since it opened in 1976, this neighborhood nursery has a unique charm that has been bringing generations of customers back for all their gardening needs.

Founded by the late, Italian-born Pietro Talini, who once supervised and cared for the gardens at the Vatican, the garden center opened after Talini left war-torn Italy for the United States with the dream of opening his own nursery.

Now, owned by Talini's son, Louigi – better known to customers and employees as "Lou" – the nursery continues to have a matchless charm, and prides itself on having products buyers can't find anywhere else.

"We carry an extensive line of organic products," Franklin observed. "I think that's what a lot of people come here for."

The nursery's 30,000 square feet are covered in everything from herbs to vegetables, and citrus trees to unique perennials, allowing it to have a little bit of everything.

"As far as the plants go, we try to keep things unique," said Franklin. "We try to keep it interesting."

With the help of Uncle Willie, Pietro's brother, and the nursery cat, Casper, along



East Sacramento News Photo/Ryan Rose

Talini's Nursery and Garden Center on Folsom Blvd. is a place green thumbs agree is one of the best spots to find quality plants in town.

with a devoted crew of nine employees, Talini's is open seven days a week, only closing its doors for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

"All the people here have a lot of pride in the nursery," Franklin declared. "I think that's what makes it so special."

Talini's Nursery and Garden Center

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Summer hours: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Winter hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ompa ovations, June 6 – 7

By SUSAN MAXWELL SKINNER
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Rogers and Hammerstein's seventy-six trombones pale by comparison with the cast for Northern California's biggest and brassiest community band festival, June 6 and 7.

A tradition for 22 years, the ompa-fest will this year draw over 700 musicians from as far as San Francisco. Enriching the area's summer concert series with 14 performances, the community festival will entertain Carmichael Park audiences with marches and mazarkas; polkas and pops. Performances stretch from noon on Saturday and end with a finale by the 59th Army National Guard Band on Sunday.

All performances are free and picnickers are welcome. The festival schedule is as follows:

Saturday June 6

- 12 noon – Milpitas Community Concert Band.
- 1 p.m. – North Bay Wind Symphony
- 2 p.m. – Roseville Community Band
- 3 p.m. – Pleasanton Concert Band
- 4 p.m. – U.S. Army Band "The Sounds of Freedom"
- 5 p.m. – Elk Grove Community Band

Sunday June 7

- 11 a.m. – Three Note Band
- 12 noon – Capitol Pops Concert Band
- 1 p.m. – Solano Winds
- 2 p.m. – Sacramento Symphonic Winds
- 3 p.m. – Capital City Concert Band
- 4 p.m. – Sacramento Concert Band
- 5 p.m. – River City Concert Band
- 6 p.m. – 59th Army National Guard Band "The Governor's Own"

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Answering your questions on local law enforcement

By OFFICER MICHELLE LAZARK
Sacramento Police Department
Special to the Land Park News

Editor's note: Ask Officer Michelle your question by emailing her at mlazark@pd.cityofsacramento.org or visit her online blog at http://blog.sacpd.org.

Good neighbors, good fences
Hello Officer Michelle,

The fence in my backyard has ivy growing on it and the neighbor on the other side thinks he can lean over the fence and push the ivy down the fence, on my

side, as far as he can reach. They have a shingled patio that is at the fence line and he thinks the ivy blocks the light. He has only about 2 feet between the top of the fence and the patio roofline. This patio runs the length

of the fence. What can I do?

Thanks,
Bkohlruess

Dear Bkohlruess,

How annoying! Technically, your neighbor is only respon-

sible for the ivy that grows in his yard, on his side of the fence – not yours. There are no laws or city codes that apply to something of this sort whereby the city could intervene. This is considered a civil issue. I would suggest you discuss the matter with your neighbor. If he rents, speak to the landlord. If he fails to comply, you could try the Sacramento Mediation Center (Call them at 441-7979).

Good luck,
Officer Michelle

Laws on scooters

Hi: I have a motorized scooter and I want to know is it legal for me to drive it on a big street instead around my neighborhood

From,
Phuon9do916

Dear Phuon9do916,

That depends on which type of scooter you are speaking of. There are the scooters that look like a skateboard with a handlebar; there are the scooters like the moped; and finally there are the "Lark" type. If you are referring to the skateboard type, the California Vehicle Code sections relating to motorized scooters are 21220.5, and 21224. The law clearly defines motorized scooters. Some highlights are that you must have a valid learner's permit, or driver's license to operate the motorized scooter on public roads. Gas scooter modifications that increase the decibel level or exhaust emissions of the scooter's motor are banned. The driver must wear a bicycle helmet, and may not travel in excesses of 15 mph. You may not operate the scooter on public roads with a speed limit of 25 mph or more, unless it is operated in a bike lane. You must operate your scooter on the right side of the roadway and next to the curb when feasible, and when you are intending to move left at an intersection, you must walk the scooter in a crosswalk when crossing the roadway. If you are driving your scooter at night, it must be equipped with proper lights. Most importantly, you must have working brakes!

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MAY

Bridal gown, prom dress expo

The Sacramento Discovery Shop presents a Bridal Gown and Prom Dress Expo featuring fabulous, affordable wedding dresses and outfits for mothers-of-the-bride and flower girls. Also featured will be prom dresses and formals. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. The Discovery Shop is located at 2744 Marconi Ave. The shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Volunteers are need for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 484-0227.

Free Photo Gallery Show

Come and visit the Marjorie R. Smith Walk-Through Gallery located at Coloma Community Center, Sacramento, CA 95815. Throughout the month of May, Christa Harmon, a local photographer, will be showing her work in Landscapes and Abstractions of Nature. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Receptions are held Friday and Saturday from 5-7 p.m. This is a free event.

African art at Central Library

A special exhibition of traditional African art will be on display, now through Sunday, June 14, at the Central Library, 828 I St., Sacramento. The beauty of African art is simply an element of its function. Objects of daily use, such as bowls, containers, baskets and boxes, are also aesthetically pleasing, being carefully made and often beautifully decorated. For more information, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

MAY 28

FOL Board Meeting

There will be a Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library board meeting at Lisbon Elementary School, 7555 S Land Park Dr., from 6:30-8 p.m. and the community is invited to participate.

Volunteer Recruitment Coffee

Want to give back to our community and have fun, too? Become a volunteer at the 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.

Dementia Training

A special learning event on dementia will be offered by Primrose Living Fund from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at ACC Park City, 7375 Park City Dr. This event will focus on questions and answers concerning the brain. Please RSVP with ACC Park City at (916) 393-9026 ext. 222.

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.

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, call (916) 383-7387, ext. 9102 or e-mail specialevents@sspca.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. Ad-

mission is \$4.50, free for children under 2. For more information, call 808-8886, or visit www.fairytaletown.org.

McClatchy Class of 1963 46th Year Reunion

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.

MAY 30-31

Chrysanthemum Rooted Cutting Sale

Spiders, Quills, Anemones – hmmm – sounds like a list of creepy creatures! But no, they are just some of the 13 chrysanthemum varieties that will be available at the Sacramento Chrysanthemum Society's annual sale May 30 and 31 at the Windmill Nursery in Carmichael. The hours for the sale are Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, May 31, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Windmill Nursery is located at 5750 Windmill Way in Carmichael at Manzanita and Windmill Way. For more information, call 988-6081.

JUNE

Pops in the Park

Councilman Steve Cohn and the Pops in the Park Committee are pleased to present the 15th annual "Pops in the Park" summer concert series. All concerts are free and open to the public and begin at 6:00 p.m. Food and beverages 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 or call (916) 808-5240.

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CALENDAR

JUNE

Art at SFCA

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JUNE 1

Deadheading at Dusk

The Old City Cemetery Committee will be at the Historic Rose Garden tidying up the

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JUNE 2

Casa Garden Wine Social

Held at the Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., the Wine Social will be on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Sample wine and hors d'oeuvres and listed to speaker Tripp Harrison as a he describes "Becoming a Sommelier." Harrison is the sommelier at

Biba's. Entrée selections are Chicken Sonora or Asian Noodles with Chicken and Vegetables. The dessert will be Strawberry Margarita Torte. Tickets at \$16 per person and include tax and gratuity. Tables can be reserved for parties of 6 or more and one form of payment for group. For reservations, call 452-2809.

JUNE 3

Understanding memory loss, part 2

In the second of a special two-part learning series sponsored by Sunrise Assisted Living, part 2 focuses on resources for diagnosis and treatment and innovations in research. The event will be held at the Carmichael Library, 5605 Marconi Ave. from 5-6:30 p.m.

JUNE 4

Pocket Coalition Meeting

Please join Councilmember Robbie Waters and Neighborhood Services staff Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. School multi-purpose room, 480 Little River Way, to get ideas and share strategies. There will be a question and answer session with Officer Bill Hutcheon from City Code Enforcement (Pocket Area). Bring your questions on overgrown lawns, junk & debris, garage sales, fruit vendors, old cars, driveways, fences, RV's, trailers, vacant houses and more. They're creating a network in the Pocket area, asking all Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Watch groups to join them. Want to start a Neighborhood Association or Neighborhood Watch? This is a great place to begin!

JUNE 6

Learn to cool home efficiently

A SMUD Energy Specialists will provide information about your home's energy efficiency possibilities and recommend strategies to help you keep cool during the hot Sacramento summer. Held at the SMUD Customer Service Center, 6301 S St. in the Rubicon Meeting Room, the workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop is free. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Customers can register online at smud.org, e-mail etcmil@smud.org, or call 732-6738. For more information, e-mail Paul Gillaspay at pgillas@smud.org.

Consumer computer class

Held Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at the Central Library, 828 I St., is the forum "Medical Information on the Internet." Attendees will learn to find medical information they can trust and become better health consumers. The class will cover several medical online and library databases which have current medical information, video footage, diagrams and articles that can further augment consumers' medical and health information needs.

Community Father's Appreciation Fair

The third annual Community Father's Appreciation Fair will take place at Riverside Wesleyan Church, 6449 Riverside Blvd., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be cars, boats, trucks, U.S. Army, Marines and Navy, kid's face painting, bounce house, food, Western Martial Arts Academy demonstrations, Lexus of Roseville, Sacramento Sierra Red Cross, Hubacher Cadillac, live music by the "Riverside Rockers," and more. Would you like to show your special car, boat or truck? Call 391-9845 to reserve your space. There is no fee to participate.

Pioneer Grove History Tour

This Saturday morning tour will feature a narrated walk to the "Pioneer Grove," owned and maintained by the Sacramento Association of Pioneers since 1861. The tour commences at 10 a.m. from the Cemetery's main gate at Broadway and 10th Street. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. For tour information, please call (916) 448-0811. Tours are free though donations for the restoration of the cemetery are greatly needed and appreciated.

Jensen Garden Volunteers

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden hold garden workdays one Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The next workday is Saturday June 6. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. Other workdays in 2009 are July 11, August 8, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info, call Tracy Kerth at 485-5322 ex23 or email tracy@car michaelpark.com.

SPCA Thrift Sale

The Sacramento SPCA Thrift Store Annual Spring Boutique Sale will feature specially-selected high-end merchandise including silver jewelry, gifts and collectibles, fashions, books, housewares, linens, electronics and more. The event is Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 7 from 12 - 5 p.m. The Sacramento SPCA Thrift Store is located at 1517 E Street in Sacramento. Proceeds from the SPCA Thrift Store support animal care and spay/neuter programs at the Sacramento SPCA. The SPCA provided care to more than 12,000 homeless animals and altered nearly 13,000 animals in 2008 alone. For more information: Call the SPCA Thrift Store at (916) 442-8118.

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Despite looming financial difficulties for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and the apparent loss of staff and programs that are expected to occur due to budget cuts, which were outlined in the last edition of The Arden-Carmichael News, the center's tradition of meeting its main objective to educate the people of the region about the importance of preserving nature continues.

And this is a tradition that has stood the test of time, as the center, which is a unit of the Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks, has continued to gain importance in the community and region since its opening in 1976.

Established as a place to showcase the natural environment of the Sacramento area, this award-winning environmental and cultural education center is a popular destination spot for people of all ages.

The center, which meets California curriculum standards for elementary school students and is visited by many groups of students throughout the year, includes wildlife exhibits, resident animals, a 77-acre nature preserve, native plant landscaping, a Nisenan Maidu summer village and a nature-themed Discovery Shop.

Although the center, which is located at 2850 San Lorenzo Way in Ancil Hoffman County Park in Carmichael, opened 33 years ago, its story begins much earlier.

The woman behind it all

During the 1950s and 1960s, local elementary school teacher Effie Yeaw laid the foundation for the then-future center through her natural and cultural history walks, which she led in an area, which was known as Deterding Woods, along the American River. These walks were located in the same area where the center would later be built.

One of the creative teaching methods of Yeaw was to present tales of animals to children using human names and trivial facts about the animals. Among the animal character names were Polly the Opossum, Carlyle the Crow and Sammy the Snake.

Yeaw, who was born in Chico on May 15, 1900, understood the importance of appreciating and preserving this natural woodland area along the river for both the people of her era and future generations.

As an environmental educator and conservationist, Yeaw was also part of the drive to establish the American River Parkway, the Save the American River Association and a county tree preservation ordinance.

An educator throughout her life, Yeaw, who graduated from both Sacramento High School and Sacramento Junior College, passed away at the age of 69 on Jan. 3, 1970.

On the Cover:

Children participate in one of many learning opportunities at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Photo courtesy of Effie Yeaw Nature Center



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But her name, inspiration and leadership for protecting and educating people about Sacramento's natural environment lives on through the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, which was built on the edge of the former Deterding Woods and formally dedicated on June 19, 1976.

The construction of the center was made possible through a variety of actions, including the director of parks' 1960 reception of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to purchase the land that is now Ancil Hoffman County Park. This marked the beginning of a variety of parkland purchases in the area.

Five years later, a land use and development plan, which included a future natural and cultural resource interpretive center in Ancil Hoffman County Park, was approved by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

A special place

Betty Cooper, interpretive specialist of the center, said that because of its age, the center is a very multigenerational place.

"Kids come here with their parents, who came here when they were kids," Cooper said. "We occasionally have people who come here and say they had Effie Yeaw as their teacher."

Despite the center's ensuing difficulties as a result of the upcoming budget cuts, Cooper said that the center is striving to maintain its existence as a place that Yeaw would be proud to see.

"We're not going to go off in a corner and cry," Cooper said. "We're going to continue to be active as much as we can. We don't expect any big safety net to fall out of the sky, so we're going to be working real hard to obtain fundraising and grants to support our programs."

Meanwhile, as the center's staff is preparing for tougher times ahead, it continues to plan for various center activities.

"We'll be maintaining our operations at a minimal level and we still have (this year's) summer camps, because we have already committed to them," Cooper said. "Because of the budget cuts, we'll be looking at some partial closures of the center and a serious reduction of services."

In addition to this year's summer camps, another of the center's summer activities will be the Night Owls program.

Using visual and sound aids, Denise Booth, the center's naturalist, will lead an up-close presentation of these birds of prey, which are residents of the center.

The presentation, which will be held on June 5 at 7 p.m., will be followed by a short hike in search of owls in the wild. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

For additional information regarding the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and its special programs and activities, call 489-4918 or visit the Web site www.effieyeaw.org.

Mission of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center

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