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Buggy Whip restaurant reopens after two-year closure

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Buggy Whip restaurant served its customers at 2737 Fulton Ave. for 52 years before shutting its doors two years ago. But after a remodeling of that longtime eatery's building and various other changes, the business has once again opened those doors to the public.

The longtime popular eatery held its grand reopening

on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9.

Larry LeSieur, whose father, Aaron LeSieur, opened the Buggy Whip in 1959, had continued the business's operation following the death of his father 35 years ago. But due to financial matters, the place closed in 2012.

However, last July, Larry released the old Buggy Whip building with plans to reopen the eatery.

In speaking about the decision to reopen the busi-

ness, Larry said, "I needed to bring (the Buggy Whip back). This is the only thing that would work in this area. We had (operated) for 52 years, and so, to close it and to rent this (building) to somebody else didn't make any sense. The only thing that made sense was to bring the Buggy Whip back, but an improved Buggy Whip."

Larry explained that it was no simple task to prepare the building for the restaurant's reopening.

"It was hard, Larry said. "It took us four months to get it back open. You know, I painted everything, I did the floors, I did the kitchen, just redid everything. It's not a new designed restaurant as you can tell. It's still an old restaurant, but I took the rug out, I redid the ceiling, I painted everything. I just redid everything is what I did."

"The bar has never changed. I redid it though. I did a little thing on the mirror. I put 'established in 1959.' What it was (is) I etched (that inscription) on the mirror."

After being asked about his overall excitement with the reopening of the Buggy Whip, Larry said, "Well, it's very exciting. You know, I was here since I was a little kid. I grew up here in the



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Buggy Whip restaurant co-owner Larry LeSieur gives a toast to the reopening of his restaurant at 2737 Fulton Ave. during the longtime popular eatery's grand reopening weekend.

restaurant business. I was 9 years old when I started here. I left to go to school and to go in the service, (but returned to the restaurant). (The Buggy Whip) is my home. This is the only thing I could have done. I went out looking for a job, but I can't work for someone else. I had to work for myself. It's very, very exciting for me to be back open."

Assisting Larry in his project to bring the Buggy Whip back to the community and region was his new business partner, Steven Segal.

Segal shared a bit about himself for readers of this publication, noting that he spent the past 35 years in the publishing industry for a company, which has

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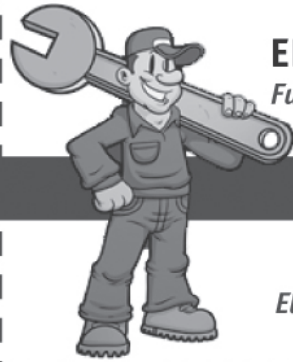


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its office in Marin County. That company had more than 2,000 restaurants advertising with it and also did restaurant marketing.

Additionally, Segal previously worked at steakhouses and seafood-steakhouses, and he mentioned that he managed Peppermill restaurants in the state of Washington.

In speaking about the recently reopened Buggy Whip, Segal said, "We're still keeping the flavor of what (the restaurant) was in the past. We made some subtle changes in the front of the building with the shutters around the windows and the black awning. We have a (newly made restaurant) sign coming up, and the business is starting to happen. People are starting to discover us."

"We serve good meat. We've updated it almost to the point of prime. The food is good, the service is excellent, the feel of the place is right there. We're taking banquets, we're open for Thanksgiving, we're good to your mother and father."

"The real key to this thing is this is an iconic restaurant. We kept everything we could for the core people that are in there. But we have Wi-Fi in the restaurant now. We've modernized a few things."

And in sharing a little more about himself, Segal said, "I've been Larry's friend for 46 years. I met Larry when I was in the service. Originally, I'm from New York. I was born in Brooklyn, I was raised on the island, I went into the service and I came out (West) afterwards."

Segal was quick to compliment the Buggy Whip's chef, Luis Gomez, saying, "He's the real deal. This is the first

time that the Buggy Whip has ever had a classically trained chef or any chef. It was always done with a good cook (as) a meat and potato place."

Gomez took time from his busy cooking schedule last week to share a few details about himself and his work at the Buggy Whip.

"I am from the Bay Area," Gomez said. "I did most of my cooking in the Bay Area. I started off back in 1980 and I worked in really nice restaurants in San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose. I graduated from the (California) Culinary Academy in San Francisco in 1986. You know, I've been paying my dues."

"Me, being a chef, my greatest satisfaction is making my rounds through the dining room, talking to the customers table by table. The biggest compliment I get is my food. It has been very well received. I need to

go out and have a relationship with my regulars and get feedback from them. But so far, so good. You know, we've been getting a lot of good feedback."

"I moved to Sacramento back in 1999. Here in Sacramento, I used to be the executive chef and part owner of Rio City Café in Old Sacramento. I also bought a business up in Auburn – the Auburn Alehouse. I was the (co-owner). I was at Rio City Café from 1999 to 2005, the Auburn Ale House from 2005 to 2009, then from 2009 through 2012 (at) Casino Real (in the north area) as the executive chef."

Gomez added that after leaving Casino Real, he worked for Crawdads River Cantina (now Crawdads on the River) on the Garden Highway.

With food being something that he obviously knows a lot about, Gomez spent a relatively long time speaking about the food offerings at the Buggy Whip.

"We specialize in really high end meats," Gomez said. "We only serve certified Angus beef. We also have on the menu some organic seafood. That's our main concept. Outside from that, I run specials on a daily basis. We also have a very good selection of desserts, salads, sandwiches. We have a little bit of everything, (but) our concept is a steak-seafood house."

"We have three different cuts of prime rib, a 12-ounce New York steak, a 12-ounce

rib-eye (and a 12-ounce) sirloin. The steak dinner for two is very popular. The Buggy Whip is known for the steak for two from previous years."

"We also have the steak sandwich, which is very popular. It's a 10-ounce sirloin steak served open face with mashed potatoes and vegetables. We sell a lot of that."

And in commenting about a specific portion of the popularity of the Buggy Whip, Gomez said, "Part of our success is that our prices are very, very competitive. Compared to other steakhouses, we are probably 25 percent (less expensive) or less. And also, all of our dinner entrees include soup and salad, so people get value for their money."

The soup can be substituted for Gomez's award-winning chili.

In speaking about his chili, Gomez said, "In the Bay Area, I won three different awards with that chili. It has a lot to do with the ingredients I put in my chili."

Gomez demonstrated his enthusiasm for his work, saying, "I've been doing this for 34 years, and food is my passion, without a doubt."

Desserts, which are all made in house, include banana crème brulee, peach-blueberry cobbler, mango bread pudding with bourbon sauce and the cheesecake of the day.

The Buggy Whip has also introduced a weekend

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The Buggy Whip presently has 36 people on its staff, including four people who worked at the restaurant prior to its 2012 closure. Those returning employees are servers Jean Harris and Kory Greunke, bartender Catherine Compagno and the main cook, who is simply known as Hoover.

In inviting the public to dine at the reopened Buggy Whip, Larry said, "I would say, come and visit us again. You know, mostly everybody has been here. People come. I have a reg-

ular clientele. It's just like I never even closed. People just say they've been coming here for 50 years and 40 (years) and 30 years. And they come back in and they're not surprised. They say, 'Wow, this is much nicer.' That's all they say to me. They all came back. They're all coming back. I can't believe it. They come from everywhere. They come from Auburn, you name it. Each weekend it gets busier. We keep getting busier and busier."

As for the future of the Buggy Whip, Larry said, "We're back here for at least 10 years. I leased it for 10 (years). You know, until I die or send it to my kids. Who knows? We'll be here for at least 10 years, for sure."

The Buggy Whip is open Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1

The MPAA has given this a PG-13 rating

Clever Katniss continues to captivate! From Lionsgate, the Hunger Games screen saga continues with the usual suspects: Ms. Jennifer Lawrence, of course, resumes her role as Katniss Everdeen; Liam Hemsworth, Donald Sutherland, Woody Harrelson, Julianne Moore, and Stanley Tucci are back again.

The late Philip Seymour Hoffman (Plutarch Heavensbee) photographed this screen chapter of the story with all of the previous movies at the

same time. Seeing him now is particularly noticeable after his unfortunate passing and is an odd feeling.

This chapter, almost like classic serial chapters of the golden age of the movies with the necessary cliffhanger ending, follows Katniss' destruction of the games. She meets the President of District 13 (Julianne Moore) who convinces her to become the poster girl for the rebel cause against the Capitol. Katniss steps up to the challenge and ends up leading the rebels against an unknown future. She still holds a flame for Peeta Mellark (played by Josh Hutcherson, recapping

his role), who is a prisoner of the Capitol.

In one scene, Katniss goes to a hospital in the war zone. The shots were very reminiscent of Scarlett O'Hara visiting the wounded soldiers in "Gone with the Wind". I found this to be an entertaining movie, and less loud and fast than the previous installments, and that's good. Donald Sutherland savors his role and it's great to see him on screen. Jeffrey Wright (Boardwalk Empire) returns and is good in this as Beetee. Ms. Lawrence is always fun to watch and will not disappoint in this offering of Hunger Games adventure.

"Interstellar"

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

Paramount Pictures and Warner Bros. bring us "Interstellar," an epic science fiction event movie that rivals the classic era of showmanship's great road shows in its IMAX and 70mm film presentations in the United States.

Under the direction of Christopher Nolan, "Interstellar" stars Matthew McConaughey. In the not too distant future, McConaughey, a farmer with two kids, once an engineer, pilot, and astronaut, uses technology to bring down a drone flying over his farm.

The information he finds will lead him to set his course for adventure. This future world is plagued by great climate change devastated by famine and drought. He's recruited by NASA into action to find hope for mankind's future in the stars.

Michael Caine, a key NASA scientist, offers the discovery of a rip in the space/time continuum as a chance to look for life on a planet in another solar system.

This is indeed a most handsome production, which even at a lengthy running time of 169 minutes without intermission, offers good performances from Jessica Chastain, Matt Damon, Anne Hathaway, John Lithgow, and one of my favorite young actors of today, Casey Affleck. In small

scenes, you'll see Tophér Grace and Ellen Burstyn.

The director's choice for IMAX film shots of incredible size give you the impression of the vastness of space much better than you saw in "Gravity", and in fact I liked this so much more than that movie for many reasons.

The best part: I felt like I was a kid again with the wonder of adventurous space travel, pushing the limits of science and imagination. The "2001: A Space Odyssey" influence may be felt here, as you get a sense of the unknown and mysterious with a longing to know more. It's a fun ride.

One of the notable aspects of this film release is the very fact that it is on film, and will be projected that way in IMAX theaters across the nation on IMAX 15 perf/70mm prints.

I found that "Interstellar's" musical score by Hans Zimmer offers a tip of the hat to the "2001: A Space Odyssey" score while remaining different than the standard action scores of today with that nasty boom crash sound that I find so detestable. This is a great way to spend time at the movies, it made science-fiction fun for me again. (Note for our readers: Matías' online review for this movie shows the inside of the Esquire IMAX theater and just how the film print is assembled and shown for these special showings on actual IMAX film: <http://youtu.be/lbUHfMYyZP4>)

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Arden resident reminisces about his Cycle Tune business

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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For the past year and a half, a small, cinder block building sat vacant a block from McKinley Park and across the street from Sutter Middle School at the address of 900 Alhambra Blvd. But about two weeks ago, that structure, which for the majority of its existence housed Cycle Tune Co., was demolished.

The 30-foot by 30-foot building was a destination spot for more than 40 years for motorcyclists who sought to have their bikes fine tuned and repaired in an efficient manner at reasonable rates.

Arden resident Ray Jenkins, a 1968 graduate of Grant High School, was the sole owner of the business for practically the entire duration of the business's operation, which began in 1976.

In speaking about the founding of Cycle Tune, Jenkins said, "It was a motorcycle repair place set up by a guy by the name of Richard Northam, and he was a highway patrol officer that worked graveyards. He had a family of four kids and a wife and he wanted to get into some kind of business and he liked motorcycles and there were a lot of officers that had bikes.

So, he was there for about six months (before Jenkins became a partner in the business)."

Jenkins explained that his road toward becoming involved with Cycle Tune began when he was 20 years old.

"I had gotten away from junior college and decided just to go to work," Jenkins said. "I tried different things, welding and working in restaurants and (other jobs), but I realized I wanted to do something I enjoyed. So, one guy brought up this idea, and said, 'There's something called the state rehab vocational department.' And I go, 'What do you mean?' He goes, 'Well, you've got your handicapped arm.' And I do. I have an arm that was injured during birth. It's not fully developed and formed. So, I went down to downtown Sacramento, got an appointment and saw a fellow, and he said, 'All right, I can see that you qualify because of your arm. So, what would you like to do?' And I never had given it a great deal of thought, so I said, 'How about a brain surgeon?' And he said, 'No, the state wouldn't pay for that.' I just said that to throw it on the table. And he goes, 'Okay, what's your other idea?' And I thought, 'I love motorcycles.' So, I said, 'Be a motorcycle me-



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Arden resident Ray Jenkins, who owned Cycle Tune Co. for more than 40 years, sits on his 1984 Honda Trail CT110.

chanic.' And he goes, 'All right, then this is what we'll do. You go out and you find yourself a situation with a (motorcycle) shop and if they will hire you, we'll buy all of your tools and a tool box and we'll pay half your wages for three years.'"

In being motivated by the offer, Jenkins went seeking a job and eventually acquired one at

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Hair ties for a cause

Seventeen-year-old Carmichael resident Emma-Kate Brown makes the hair ties and donates half the proceeds to Women's Empowerment. A student at St. Francis High School, she has her hair ties being sold at Crazy Mary in East Sacramento, Sugar Shack in Midtown, Sugar Hair Salon near Loehmann's Plaza and Mona Mia, also near Loehmann's Plaza. She's making holiday hair ties now. Girls at her school use them as hair ties and as a cute bracelet that can turn into a hair tie if they want to put their hair up. Such an amazing, creative girl! And she and her mom are going to be hosting a booth at Women's Empowerment's annual Holiday Craft Party in December, where formerly homeless women have the chance to make gifts for their loved ones. (See story on Emma-Kate on the next page.)

Give warmth this winter

Oakmont of Carmichael, 4717 Engle Road, is sharing the warmth and stocking up the bar for a warm winter drive and holiday cocktail party on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. Oakmont will be collecting socks and scarves for women and children in need during the holidays while enjoying mulled ciders, hot toddies, hot cocoa, punches and hors d'oeuvres. A prize will be awarded to the attendee who wears the craziest socks. All donations will benefit WEAVE and the Sacramento Receiving Home.

Artistic Edge Framing & Gallery

Artistic Edge Framing & Gallery, 1880 Fulton Ave., will be holding its annual art sale with an artist painting on site on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be prizes, music and food. Artistic Edge is all about supporting the community with exhibiting a local artist every month, and providing working art studios. Artistic Edge is a great place to buy original affordable art along with unique gifts. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Kathy Caitano at 482-2787.

Carmichael Flowers

Carmichael Flowers, 5901 Fair Oaks Blvd., is a full service florist with unique gifts inside of a vintage store. While they specialize in stunning wedding florals and funeral flowers, this holiday season you can pick up ornaments and more in-

cluding: vintage glasses, mini chandelier ornaments, leopard themed ornaments, glasses for your holiday table and of course bouquets. Carmichael Florist will be holding an open house on Saturday, Dec. 6 from noon to 4 pm.

Mission Oaks Community Center

Give the gift of health. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., strives to provide recreation based activities for older adults at affordable rates. For the holiday season, the center will be holding a number of events. On Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m., don't miss the 60-member symphonic orchestra from American River College as they perform holiday classics in a warm intimate atmosphere. All ages are welcome for this hour of holiday music. There is a suggested donation of \$10. Then, on Dec. 11 at noon (doors open at 11:30 a.m.), for \$5, don't miss the holiday roast beef lunch with entertainment by folk singer Mac Russ. Additionally, the center will be holding a special holiday lunch and New Year's Eve Ball from 1:15 to 3:45 p.m.; doors open at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person. There will be a balloon drop and prizes as well as party favors and refreshments.

Arts and crafts show at Sac Fine Arts

Sacramento Fine Arts Center is presenting their 20th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Dec. 6. Check out the artistic gifts for your loved ones – jewelry, scarves, wall art, baskets, baked goods and specialty foods, sculpture, photography and more by 25 different vendors. The holiday show, which runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Carmichael at 5330B Gibbons Dr., will also include performances by guitarists Sean O'Conner, Noah Byrd and Alex Bonilla. Additionally, SFAC will be showcasing art from San Juan Unified School District K-12 students in their galleries. Besides the arts and crafts show on Saturday, Dec. 6, the Sacramento Fine Arts Center also is operating a gift shop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Black Friday and on Sunday, Nov. 30.

Edible Arrangements

Edible Arrangements, located in Town & Country Village, 2621 Marconi Ave., and downtown at 1020 12th St., No. 110; creates magnificent, fresh fruit arrangements and gourmet chocolate dipped fruit to order, for pick-up or delivery. Edible Arrangements can make perfect Christmas gifts. Their Reindeer Sleigh Ride Bouquet features new reindeer-shaped pineapple dipped in semisweet chocolate, and is filled with a variety of fresh fruit favorites. They also have added

a variety of crisp green apple wedges and fresh strawberries dipped in semisweet chocolate with white swizzle free of charge (\$24 value). It is all artfully arranged in a keepsake ceramic sleigh container that can be used to decorate year after year. Plus, this package includes a plush toy, Cinnamon the Reindeer, as well as a Christmas balloon. The package is available in three sizes: large, regular and small. Edible Arrangements is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. But, the downtown shop is closed on Sundays. For more information, contact Arlen or Elvira at 484-3411 or by email at elvargroup@gmail.com

Puddles – A Children's Shoppe

Puddles is located at 2580 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste. 4 in Lyon Village next to Peet's Coffee & Tea and is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed Sundays (though personal shopping appointments are available on Sundays). Puddles is a unique children's boutique specializing in whimsical yet functional apparel, gifts and accessories for newborns through age six. The store's select collections come from all over the world including Stella McCartney Kids, Appaman, No Sugar Added, Ryder & James, Splendid, Kicky-Pants, Luna Luna, Coccoli, Fox & Finch, Minihana and footwear from Livie & Luca, Elephantito, Hatley, and Native.

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Carmichael Park Farmers' Market

Folks can expect to see specialty artisan crafters out there for the holiday season. The market is out in Carmichael Park on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, visit: www.bemoneysmartusa.org

Carmichael teen and Arden-based National Charity League fill stockings for homeless women and children

At age 17, Emma-Kate Brown of Carmichael is already a veteran at helping local women's and children's causes. In her freshman year of high school, she created a line of hair ties called Loops and began donating 50 percent of the proceeds to nonprofits working with women and children. She and her mother are avid members of the Arden-based National Charity League, and her family has always valued philanthropy.

Last December, she and her mother donated holiday stockings to local nonprofit Women's Empowerment, which empowers and educates homeless women to find work, secure housing and create a healthy lifestyle for their families.

But when she and her mother went down to Women's Empowerment for a tour in early 2014, she found her pet cause.

"When we went to visit Women's Empowerment, there was a feeling of peace around the building," Brown said. "It was so beautiful what they were doing. All of the women seemed so appreciative, kind and professional. All of the employees really supported the women. There was a real sense of encouragement and love throughout the entire place. It gave me a warm feeling."

Brown now donates 50 percent of the proceeds from each Loop to Women's Empowerment. Her hair ties can be found in several local boutiques, including Crazy Mary, Sugar Shack, Mona Mia and Sugar Hair Boutique. She is even creating a holiday line for the upcoming season.

Brown's mother, Katie, owns Rytina Fine Cleaners, a high end dry cleaning service in Arden, that is now donating cleaning for any professional attire or formal wear that Women's Empowerment receives for its clothing closet. She plans to run a drive for professional attire and formal wear in the spring.

As the holidays approach, the Browns are not only planning to donate stockings to Women's Empowerment again, they are running one of the craft tables at the group's Holiday Craft Party where the wom-

en and children make holiday gifts for loved ones and are surprised with the stockings. They will be helping formerly homeless women and their children make bracelets using the same concept as the hair ties.

"I love doing crafts and being able to pass that love onto them," Brown said. "Maybe they will realize this is something they truly love and will go back and find a way to continue making crafts."

Brown also is excited to see the women's and children's faces when Santa Claus appears with the holiday stockings. She hopes more Arden and Carmichael residents will get involved in the Holiday Stocking Drive that is seeking 250 stockings and specific fillers for local infants and toddlers, children, teens and adult women once homeless. For the list of items needed and dropoff details, visit www.womens-empowerment.org. Those interested also can donate \$30 to have a volunteer elf fill a stocking or donate Target gift cards. Stockings for adults and teens are especially needed. Items are needed by Dec. 5 and can be dropped off at 1590 North A Street, Sacramento.

The National Charity League Sacramento Chapter that meets in Arden will once again be donating more than 50 holiday stockings to Women's Empowerment – its third year participating in the drive and sixth year working with Women's Empowerment, one of 22 local organizations this mother-daughter group supports.

"Women's Empowerment is near and dear to our hearts since it is an organization that empowers and educates women," said Sheryl Burns, former board chair of the National Charity League Sacramento Chapter and member of nine years.

Women's Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically for women who are homeless and their children. The 2014 Organization of the Year has graduated 1,177 homeless women and their 2,552 children. Last year, 81 percent of graduates found homes and 90 percent found



Shown above, Carmichael resident Emma-Kate Brown has created a line of hair ties called Loops and began donating 50 percent of the proceeds to nonprofits working with women and children.

Shown at left, here are some of Emma-Kate's hair ties she's been selling at her school, St. Francis High School and through out local boutiques.

jobs or enrolled in school or training. The program combines self-esteem courses, job training, health classes and support services to help homeless women across diverse ages, races and cultures. Women's Empowerment is funded solely through private donations from the community. To donate online: www.womens-empowerment.org.

"It's such a beautiful and moving experience to surprise women and children once homeless with holiday cheer and necessary items needed to stay warm as they celebrate their first holiday season in their new homes," said Lisa Culp, executive director. "We hope the local community will be part of this magical experience by filling a stocking for these amazing women and children."

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Cycle Tune:

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a shop that sold Kawasaki motorcycles off Jefferson Boulevard in West Sacramento.

Although he was not a mechanic, Jenkins told the business's owner that he was a mechanic, thus forcing himself into a sort of "sink or swim" situation.

And Jenkins explained that he nearly sunk in his attempt to repair a Yamaha RD 250 two-stroke motorcycle with a transmission problem.

"I spent the better part of two weeks trying to get that thing together," Jenkins said. "I was about ready to quit, because I was just tired of going to work and having to face the same machine day after day."

Jenkins said that the very day that he was heavily considering quitting his job, he put the motorcycle together correctly.

After about two years of working at the West Sacramento shop, Jenkins moved on to other jobs, including

working at a Suzuki dealer at Broadway and Franklin Boulevard and in the repair department of A&S Motorcycle Parts at 3501 3rd Ave.

Jenkins explained that he was given the opportunity to become involved with Cycle Tune during a period of his life when he was receiving unemployment checks.

"(The situation) just kind of fell into my lap or whatever," said Jenkins, who was then riding a Bridgestone 350 motorcycle. "He needed a partner and I fit what he needed being a mechanic.

"How it worked out was I stopped and talked to (Northam, who was then riding a Honda CB 400 F) and he was a nice fellow, but I could tell that he wasn't a mechanic. So, he would be like cleaning the bikes with a rag and changing oil. He could do that, but as far as like a tuneup or whatever, he had no idea how to adjust valves or sync carbs or

what, you know. So, the second time I stopped by, I was talking to him and he said, 'Be my partner.' He needed somebody there that was a mechanic. He had a little bit more knowledge about the business aspect and licenses and sales tax numbers and that sort of thing."

Jenkins mentioned that his acceptance of that offer led to his sole ownership of the business.

"I could tell that (Northam) was just burned out," Jenkins said. "I never saw anybody that could lean standing up against a wall and take a nap. He was working eight-hour shifts at night in the patrol car and he's got a family and then he's trying to run Cycle Tune for 40 hours a week. So, we were together the better part of the year, I believe, and then he just came up to me one time and said, 'Ray, I can't do this. There (are) not enough hours in the day and I'm getting exhausted and I'm not spending enough time with my family. So, (the business) was sort of like dumped in my lap. I had never run a business. It was kind of scary. You know, there it is and you have to learn.

"So, how he put it was, 'Ray, I know you don't have a whole lot of money, so pay me half of the inventory.' He made up some kind of figure like \$5,000 or \$8,000 or whatever it was and he said, 'You can pay me when you can pay me.' So, it was like pretty economical (to purchase the business) and he was more than generous. And we continued to be friends and I (would go) over and visit him and his family and we would go on motorcycle rides and things like that."

Jenkins, who spent many years playing tennis during his spare time, said that Cycle Tune was a service-only, non-sales business that would also order specific parts to meet a customer's need.

In recalling a fond memory of his business, Jenkins mentioned that he became known for purchasing a new motorcycle every other year.

"(The new bikes) worked as a business catalyst," Jenkins said. "When customers would come by (the shop), they would say, 'Oh, that's the new (Kawasaki

KZ750. I read about that in a magazine."

Although Jenkins hired various workers in the heyday of Cycle Tune in the 1970s and 1980s, he noted that he opted to work alone for the majority of the years he owned his business.

In reminiscing about the 1980s, Jenkins said that Cycle Tune would then continuously work on about 18 motorcycles at a time.

Jenkins spoke with pride about his approach to his work and his determination to provide a high level of customer service.

"I was concerned about the quality of work that went through Cycle Tune," Jenkins said. "A lot of my stuff that came to me was disenfranchised people that had been to dealers, paid a ton of money and got crap work. And so they would come looking for an alternative. So, I went out of my way to make sure (a bike) worked properly, and (its problem) was figured out. I test drove it and if there was an issue, no problem, bring it back, I'll take care of it. So, I got a pretty good reputation in Sacramento over those 40 years."

Jenkins, who began working alone in about 1985, recalled being informed about a proposal for the property that would lead to the closure of Cycle Tune.

"My landlord – and there were about four of them over 40 years – at the time, Tessa was his gofer person. (She) was the woman that would go around and do the legwork and collect the money and rent and deal with problems and what have you. And she told me that (a sale of the property) was in the works, that an offer had been made and it looked like something that was coming up. It was an independent (buyer). I think some investors from Southern California. In other words, I knew in March, April (of 2013) that stuff was going to be happening. By May, I'm contacting AT&T to try to garner my old (business) phone number that I had for 40 years."

It was also at that time that Jenkins had a contractor working on a small shop behind his Arden area home for



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the purpose of creating a work space where he could continue working on bikes of other people on a hobby basis.

Jenkins, who presently rides a Yamaha Majesty 400 and a 1984 Honda Trail CT110, was completely moved out of the old Cycle Tune building by July 2013.

In regard to earlier history of the corner that included the Cycle Tune building, a residential structure was built on the property in about 1921. It was originally the home of a cement worker named Edwin S. Johnston. That building, which had the address of 916 31st St. (the original name of Alhambra Boulevard), was the home of John C. Silver, a carpenter, from about 1924 to about 1925.

East Sacramento resident Theodore A. "Teddy" Kellogg operated an automobile repair shop in a building on the same site from about 1925 to about 1960. The structure was then demolished.

A building at 910 Alhambra Blvd. stood for about a quarter century, and was home to a business known as Alhambra Auto Laundry.

One of the earlier advertisements for that business, which opened in early 1945, includes the following words: "Alhambra Auto Laundry. Washing, polishing, waxing, simonizing, steam cleaning, clean radiator on car, hot tank for cleaning motors for overhaul. Free pickup and delivery service. Dial 2-6438."

Ward N. Cooper, who resided with his wife, Tessie, at 1014 E St., was the business's original proprietor.

Other owners of the business were Wylie B. Abney (about 1947 to about 1949); Anthony I. and Oreno J. Tonarelli (about 1949 to about 1952); Anthony I. Tonarelli, sole owner (about 1952 to about 1964); and James O. Hawkins (about 1964 to about 1966).

Wayne E. Lee was the auto laundry's owner when the business closed in about 1969.

As for the Cycle Tune building, it was originally the structure of the Rio Grande Service Station that was then owned by East Sacramento resident Virgil M. Nott from about 1939 to about 1940.

Nott sold the business to Henry C. Bangham, who sold the business to Virgil L. Overholt about a year later.

A 1942 advertisement for Overholt's Rio Grande includes the following words: "Just like new. We use an electric process for wax and simonizing. Try this modern method! Have your car simonized for winter protection. Coupes, \$6.00, sedans, \$7.50. Phone for appointment."

In mid-February 1943, the station, according to a crime report, was burglarized and three dozen spark plugs were stolen.

By 1945, Lemuel F. Young had acquired ownership of the business.

The establishment was known as Brown Bros. gas station from about 1946 to about 1948.

A Richfield Service Station operated under various owners at different times from about 1948 to about 1957, when the future Cycle Tune building became home to the Alhambra Garage.

In about 1968, after about two years of vacancy, the building had a new tenant, Luther's Garage, which was owned by East Sacramento resident Richard Luther. The business provided Citroën parts and services.

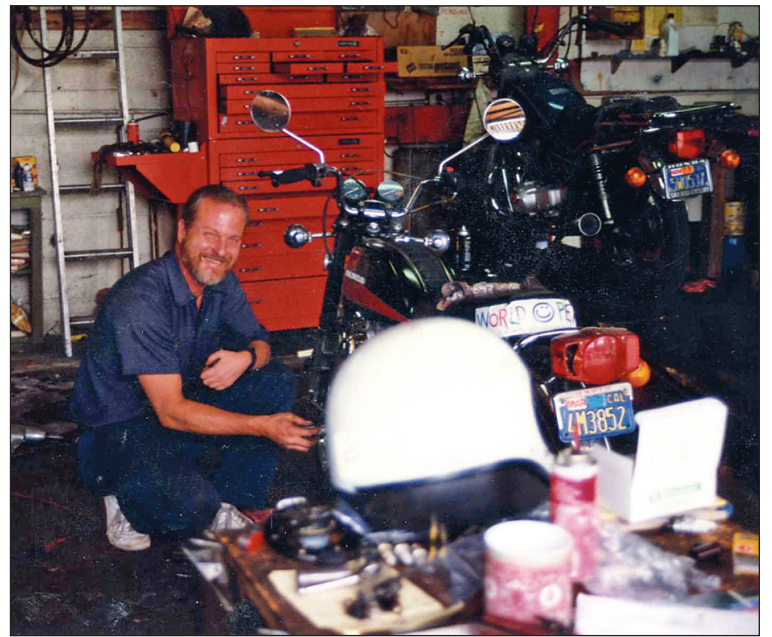


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The Cycle Tune Co. building at 900 Alhambra Blvd. sits behind a chain-link fence about a week prior to the structure's recent demolition.

The building was once again vacant from about 1970 to about 1972, at which time arrangements were being made for the building to be demolished.

In about 1973, Leon Cenur began operating the MCS Volkswagen maintenance shop at that site.

And after another period of vacancy, the structure became home to the final pre-Cycle Tune business in the building – Yucon Delta House Boats.

That business was owned by Jack Ferguson.

The recent demolition of the old Cycle Tune building represents an end of an era, as the structure was the last surviving building that had stood on the southwest corner of Alhambra Boulevard and I Street during a time when the Alhambra Theatre (present site of Safeway) and Helvetia Park (present site of Sutter Middle School) were a part of the area's attractions.

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Area ballerina to star in The Nutcracker Mutt

Meet Nikole

Sacramentan 10-year-old Nikole Farina is a rising star in the ballet world. Nikole, who will be playing Clara, the opening weekend of Ron Cunningham's *The Nutcracker Mutt* with the Sacramento Ballet, spoke with the *Pocket News* about her love of ballet and the excitement over her upcoming performance. "It means a lot to me, and is a great opportunity to be chosen to play Clara. It's such an honor."

Having completed seven years of dance training and now into her eighth, Nikole began dancing when she was three years old in June 2007 at Step 1 Dance and Fitness (1920 T St.) She first came to the Sacramento Ballet when she was 7 years old. In spring 2013, Nikole performed as a firefly in Cunningham's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Adding about the experience of dancing in the Nut-

cracker, Nikole said: "It's a lot of fun, and I think it's really cool that they have about 500 kids in the Nutcracker. And, for all the kids, I think they have a lot of fun working with Mr. Cunningham and the professionals." Nikole's first Nutcracker role was a Cherub in 2011, followed by being an Arabian Attendant in 2012, and Baby Blue in 2013. "And this year," she proudly states: "I'm Clara."

Asked what she likes most about dancing, Nikole said: "I like dancing because dance studios have a recital and it gives all the students an opportunity to be on stage. I also like the friendships I have made from dancing."

A unique production of the Nutcracker ballet

This year's production of the Nutcracker by the Sacramento Ballet will be



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Dancers and puppies! The Sacramento Ballet has teamed up with the Front Street Animal Shelter for a special production, called the Nutcracker Mutt.

unique as they are partnering with the Front Street Animal Shelter and bringing a new flavor to this holiday season. Hoping to encourage shelter pet adoption, this season's Nutcracker will feature special four-legged guest stars. Each performance of the Nutcracker will include an adoptable dog in search of its own home for the holidays. Other shelter pets will be available for adoption during intermissions. The Sacramento Ballet's Nutcracker will be held Dec. 6 through Dec. 21 at the Sacramento Community Center Theater. Tickets are available now at <http://www.sacballet.org/nutcrackermutt/>

Bobby Mann, City of Sacramento public relations specialist for the animal shelter, spoke with the *Pocket News* about how the idea behind *The Nutcracker Mutt* was born and further shared details about the roles the dogs will play in the production.

"The dogs will be in the prologue and stroll across the stage. We may also have another special guest spot for puppies. The dogs will be picked from our population of dogs that are available for adoption at that time. The goal is to show people that shelter animals are just as beautiful, regal and trainable as any other dogs. We want to reach a demographic



Sacramentan, 10-year-old Nikole Farina is a rising star in the local ballet world. Nikole will be playing Clara, the opening weekend of Ron Cunningham's *The Nutcracker Mutt* with the Sacramento Ballet. Here she is shown with adorable puppies from Front Street.

that may not normally visit a shelter and also bring joy to the cast members who are all shelter pet advocates," Bobby said.

"Both organizations admired each other's work and some of the staff from the ballet even volunteer for us. One day, we were brainstorming of ways to

collaborate and this idea was born."

One or two dogs will be performing in each show and there also will be other animals available at the show for adoption. "Every time a dog is adopted out we will pick a new dog to be in the show," he added.



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Dec. 11: Superintendent Banda is hosting a "Dessert and Coffee" community meeting to meet parents and other stakeholders and to gather feedback on our schools at Luther Burbank High School (3500 Florin Road) from 6 to 8 p.m. Free childcare and translation services will be provided.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk

Dec. 13: The Sacramento Jingle Bell Run/Walk® is a fun, festive event for the whole family! Put on your reindeer antlers and your running shoes and come join us for some holiday cheer at Crocker Park in downtown Sacramento. The event is fun for all and open to all ages. You can participate in the 5-K timed race or the 5-K Fun Run/Walk with holiday themed activities all along the course! Bring your friends, family, coworkers, and your furry friends, too! Crocker Park is located at 211 O St. For more information, call 368-5599 or email edahler@arthritis.org. Packet Pick-up and late registration is available at Sports Authority in Natomas, 3632 N. Freeway Blvd. From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Santa's Community Village (vendors) will be available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Registration is from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. Candy Cane Kids Run will be held from 8:15 to 8:25 a.m. The timed 5-K run will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and the family fun run/walk will take place from 8:45 to 9 a.m. Awards and entertainment will follow from 9:45 to 10 a.m. Fees: 5K Run/Walk - Early Bird: \$30; Adult Registration Candy Cane Kids Fun Run is \$15.

The Community Housing and Services Coalition monthly meetings

Originally created by the Sacramento Community Services Planning Council, the Community Housing Coalition (CHC) was created as a vehicle to provide information and educate community leaders and decision makers regarding housing for low income, disabled and older adults. CHSC monthly meetings are free and open to the public; they are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Sacramento Sheriff's South Area Office Community Room at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento (the Sacramento County Voters Registrar Building). At each meeting a guest speaker is invited to attend and give a 30-minute presentation with 10 minutes for Q&A. Speakers are selected for their expertise and knowledge in their respective fields, and agencies/organizations. The speakers are encouraged to provide handouts, fliers, and other informational materials to the 15 to 30 attendees.

If you have any questions, please contact either: Alex Eng at 424-1374; email xeng916@sbcglobal.net; or Cindy Gabriel at 916/732-6189; email cynthia.gabriel@smud.org.

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Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on Fridays at 7 a.m. Topical weekly speakers and 'first meal for visitors on us'. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th St. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com. Meeting/Membership info: 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

Food trucks at Carmichael Park

Every first Thursday of the month from 5 to 8 p.m. (July will be held on July 10) food trucks hit Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Road.

The Sacramento Capitolaires meeting

A men's Barbershop Harmony group, meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim Hall (Sierra Arden United Church of Christ), 890 Morse Ave., Sacramento. Info:

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Global Winter Wonderland is here:

Sacramento selected to host largest lantern festival outside of China

Sacramento was chosen as the only city in the country to host the annual Global Winter Wonderland, a magical world of light and cultural entertainment. The spectacular lantern festival and multicultural theme park is a one-of-a-kind experience illuminating 17 acres at Cal Expo with vibrant light displays, carnival rides, an international food court, shopping and exciting entertainment.

"We explored many cities around the country and chose Sacramento because of all the culture, beauty and convenience the region has to offer," said Lulu Huang, event founder. "It's a family-friendly community and we look forward to welcoming people of all ages to experience the magic of Global Winter Wonderland."

Guests are invited to Travel the World in One Night and enjoy more than 70 massive light displays, some towering up to seven stories high. The illuminated displays depict ornate holiday scenes and iconic landmarks from around the world including the Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal and Golden Gate Bridge. The eco-friendly lanterns are illuminated with millions of LEDs, 100 tons of steel and 200,000 feet of silk. A majestic dragon constructed of recycled CDs will debut this year.

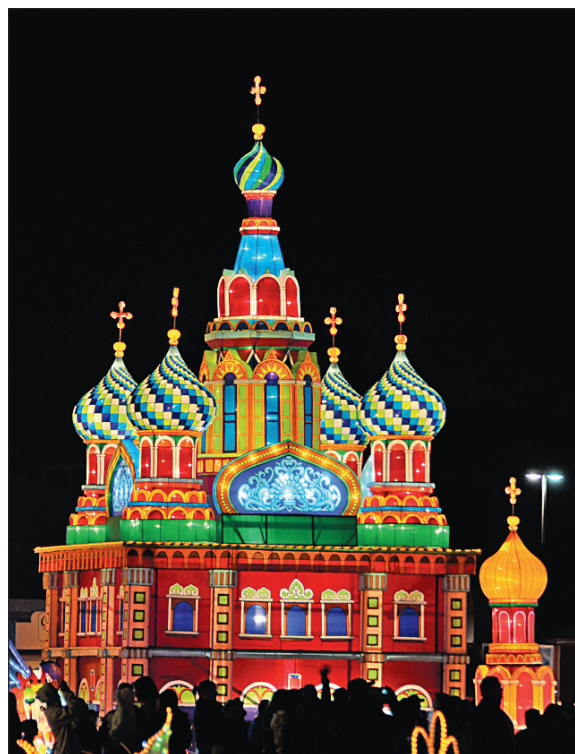
Nearly 100 people from the local community were hired to staff the festival and theme park at Cal Expo from November to January.

"Global Winter Wonderland offers visitors a unique holiday experience that is sure to make lasting family memories much like the California State Fair," said Rick Pickering, Chief Executive Officer at Cal Expo and the California State Fair.

Going on now until Jan. 4, 2015, tickets are on sale at www.globalwonderland.com. Ticket prices include the lantern displays, representing all seven continents, a fantasy forest, a dinosaur maze and a holiday village. Ticket prices also include incredible performances by international acrobats four times each night on two stages. Children under 3 are free, kids 12 and under and seniors 65 and older are \$12 and adults are \$16. Season passes start at \$34, and parking is \$10 at Cal Expo.

Global Winter Wonderland is the largest lantern festival outside of China, a tradition that dates back more than 2,000 years. In 2011 and 2012 Global Winter Wonderland was held at Great America in Santa Clara and in 2013 at Turner Field in Atlanta, Georgia.

International Culture Exchange Group (ICEG), the producer of Global Winter Wonderland, was founded by President Lulu Huang to create a multicultural festival in the United States. For more information on Global Winter Wonderland and ICEG please visit www.globalwonderland.org



32 Event Days

Open Daily: Now until Nov. 30
Weekends: Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 12-14
Open Daily: Dec. 19 to Jan. 4, 2015

Event Hours
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 Adult (Ages 13-64) - \$16
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 Children 3 and younger - FREE

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 Sunday, Nov. 30: African American Day
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 Saturday, Dec. 13: Sacramento Rivercats Day
 Sunday, Dec. 14: Asian Pacific Islander Day
 Sunday, Dec. 21: Slavic Day
 Thursday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day Celebration
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