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Prickly issues over rose garden plan

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In the last edition of the East Sacramento News, the paper covered a new proposal floating about the city's Park and Recreation Department concerning the renovation of the McKinley Park rose garden. This proposal, co-sponsored by the Sacramento Rose Society, was originally developed through requests for a new irrigation system and the replacement of rose bushes and planter beds infected with crown gall. The disease, an insidious bacteria that attacks the roots of the bushes, remains in the soil for more than 10 years. Also associated with this renovation proposal are ideas for a new wedding complex in the garden; the reshaping of the garden to make it compliant with the Americans with Disabilities act of 1990; and the removal or relocation of the rose bush memorial plaques purchased by or for Sacramento residents as remembrances.

So venerated by neighbors and visitors, the rose garden is not a site where change would go unnoticed; as such, the rehabilitation project has created concern, confusion and conversation.

Hindolo Brima, spokesman for the city's Department of Parks and Recreation, said the city is eager to begin the dialogue on the proposals with the community. The city has already held one informational meeting April 20. The next meeting on the proposed enhancements is

Community Meeting
*Proposed Enhancements to
McKinley Park rose garden
Saturday, June 20, 9:30-11 a.m.
At the McKinley Park rose garden
On the intersection of H St. and 33rd St*

Saturday, June 20, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the McKinley Park rose garden, located by the intersection of H St. and 33rd St.

Although the proposal has been a surprise to some in the community, Brima said, "The city is looking at all ideas—there has been no (idea) that's been decided on now."

The city has set aside \$45,000 to develop a master plan for the project. The Sacramento Rose Society has also said they will fund part of the renovation as well.

This project, whether one believes it to be a simple renovation, an enhancement or a mistake, could permanently change the McKinley Park rose garden if undertaken by the city. Such a modification made without the participation of the surrounding community would be a travesty. Now, with the city's invitation to hold a meeting on the subject, there is an opportunity to get informed and get involved.

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Pavilions

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 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."

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Effie Yeaw Nature Center facing serious budget cuts

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

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

Marilee Flannery, the center's director, recently expressed her concerns to The East Sacramento News regarding the preservation of the center's long-established productivity. The center has been serving the community since 1976.

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

Furthermore, Flannery said that the majority of the center's staff is expected to lose their jobs as a result of the budget cuts.

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

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

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

"We have been given a reprieve in that we have already collected nearly all of our money for our summer camps," Flannery said. "So, we're going to be able to do our summer camps and keep as much staff as we can to run the summer camps until the end of summer. Until September, we're going to pretty much be business as usual, seven days-a-week. After that and when the budget is finalized accounting for all the county departments, we'll be facing these serious eliminations."

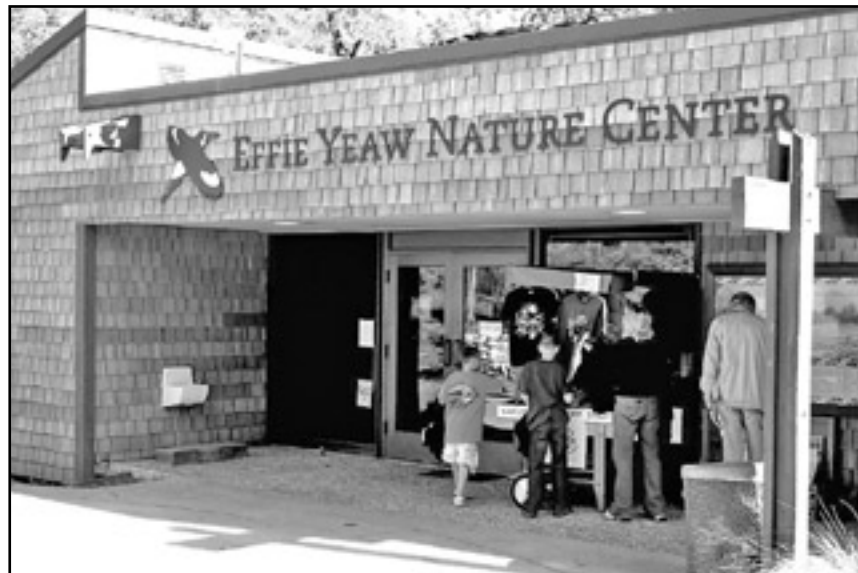
Hard cuts ahead

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

"In the past, it used to be just parks and a few other departments that faced cuts," Flannery said. "Now it's every department, so there isn't that hidden pot of gold somewhere else that might have been able to save the parks in the past."

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

- Partial closure of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center;
- Elimination of 60 percent of the full-time professional staff;
- Elimination of most of the school programs; only self-sustaining programs or pro-



East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong

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

grams fully funded by grants will remain;

- 80 percent reduction in seasonal help staff;
- Reduction in nature area tours and aquatic programs;
- Elimination of the Maidu Field Days, the Traditional Maidu Indian Day annual event, summer tours, nature field games, Gibson Ranch Living History Programs, outreach programs to schools, community outreach events and the 2010 Summer Fun Days;
- No trail maintenance or trash collection in the 77-acre nature preserve, which may lead to closure of the trails for school tours and general public use;
- Deterioration of front landscaping;
- Live animal collection will be reduced;
- Enrollment in fall 2009 school programs will be delayed until August 1 or until the budget is finalized with allocation for more support of the center.

Budget fallout

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

"We're all working very hard to find alternative funding sources such as grants and the American River Natural History Association is seriously looking at even more ways that it can financially assist the cen-

ter's needs," Flannery said. "I know times are tough and I look around and see lots of (economic) struggling. I just hope that we can overcome our financial difficulties, so people can continue to enjoy the jewel that is the Effie Yeaw Nature Center."

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Sacramento State still 'growing' strong after all these years

School's founding was fulfillment of dream dating back to 1920s

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When reviewing the many nuggets of Sacramento's past, it is important to include the rich history of California State University, Sacramento or what many locals simply call "Sac State."

The history of the university is not only fascinating as a local story, but for its firsthand connection to so many Sacramento area residents.

According to CSUS, one out of every 26 Sacramento area residents today are Sac State graduates. And this is an even more remarkable statistic when considering that the school began with a mere 235 students, 119 of which were part-time students.

Holding classes for the first time on Sept. 22, 1947 as Sacramento State College, Sac State became the city's first four-year college.

Creating a college

The opening of Sac State was considered a great accomplishment, especially since efforts to establish a four-year college in the capital city date back to the 1920s.

Sacramento's eventual acquisition of the school was made possible

through the efforts of state Senator Earl Desmond, who authored a bill to bring the four-year college to Sacramento. The bill, which was known as Senate Bill 1221, was signed by Gov. Earl Warren on July 1, 1947.

Because of his efforts, many consider Desmond to be the "Father of Sac State."

Originally, the school did not have its own campus, but instead it shared the Freeport Boulevard campus of Sacramento Junior College (today's Sacramento City College).

At the helm of Sac State during its first 18 years was the school's president, Dr. Guy West, a name that has been preserved through a nearby suspension bridge, which is located east of the current site of the school and was named after West in 1966.

Complimenting West as both Sac State's first principal and a respectable person, in general, David Morse, who was the very first student to enroll at Sac State, said, "I know there are a lot of good men in the country, but they sure picked the right one to start the college."

Along with West, Sac State also began with a staff of 28 instructors, the majority of who taught at the school part time.



Photo courtesy of California State University, Sacramento Archives
A large billboard announces the soon-to-be-erected campus. Among those shown in this April 1951 photograph are the school's president, Dr. Guy West (fifth to right), Dr. Irving McKee, English (furthest to left), and John Samara, personnel officer (fifth to left).

During Sac State's first year, John James Collins, Jr. of Roseville made his mark in Sac State history, when he became the school's first graduate by earning a bachelor's degree in history.

Also during the school's earliest years on the SJC campus, green and gold were selected as the school's colors, the hornet was chosen as the mascot, sports teams were established, the first issue of the

school's newspaper, The State Hornet, was published and the fight song debuted.

The process of locating a permanent campus for Sac State included failed attempts to relocate the school to William Land Park, the old State Fair grounds at Stockton Boulevard and Broadway, and a site on Fruitridge Road, near Stockton Boulevard.

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Sac State: University held first class on Sept. 22, 1947

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The school eventually found a location for its future campus when a 242-acre site along the American River was acquired in December 1949. This property was previously the site of William White and George Terry's White and Terry Tract, which mostly included hop fields and fruit trees.

Following the city council's approval of an eastern extension of J Street, which at the time ended at 56th Street, construction began on the new campus in 1951. Two years later, it was announced that the campus was prepared to be opened for classes.

In celebration of the school's new site, a "Go East with (Guy) West" parade of about 150 automobiles made its way to the new campus.

Building Sac State

The then-new campus was quite primitive compared to how the campus appears today.

When the campus opened, its J Street entrance was not completed and those entering the school did so via a dirt road off H Street.

And being that the school site was located on former farmland that had yet to be fully landscaped and filled with large shade-bearing trees as it is today, early students became accustomed to the presence of much dust and mud, depending on the weather, and far less shade.

The initial structures present for Sac State's opening were the administration building, Douglas Hall, the library, the food services building and three small science buildings.

The school has grown throughout its existence, adding new structures, landscaping, classes, students, faculty and activities.

Expanding from its initial sports teams of baseball, basketball and tennis, the football team, which is widely known locally for its "Causeway Classic" rivalry with nearby UC Davis, was added in 1954. Since then, the sports program has added more sports teams

and received a variety of awards and other recognition.

Although generally considered a commuter school, Sac State added dormitories in 1959 with the completion of Draper, Foley and Jenkins halls.

During the 1960s, the school's radio station, KERS-FM, was added, Martin Luther King Jr. gave an on-campus speech and Jimi Hendrix performed a concert in the Men's Gym.

A campus of change

The following decade brought more change to Sac State, including its monumental achievement of becoming a part of the California State University system. Since then, California State University, Sacramento – also referred to as Sacramento State University – has continued to expand and achieve success.

The once very modest campus has expanded throughout its now roughly 300 acres and presently offers 60 undergraduate and 40 graduate programs and has a student body of about 28,000 students, of which



Photo courtesy of Dave Morse

Members of the Sacramento State College senior class of 1949 were among the school's earliest students, who were enrolled at Sacramento State's first campus.



Photo courtesy of Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento Room

William White and George Terry were the owners of the White and Terry Hop Ranch, where the Sacramento State campus is located today.

about 6,000 graduate each year.

The success of the school is a testament to its longtime commitment of "providing an excellent education to all eligible applicants who aspire to expand their knowledge and prepare themselves for meaningful lives, careers

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To the future

After more than 60 years of working to fulfill the educational needs of its students, Sac State is dedicated to its continued growth through its campus initiative, Destina-

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String Project's little violinist performs

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A terminally ill little girl whose desire to learn the violin was realized thanks to Sacramento State's String Project performed with her fellow students Sunday evening, May 17, at the Make-A-Wish Foundation's 10th Annual Twilight Walk for Wishes in Sacramento.

Kimberly Chao, 7, who enjoys watching her brother, Lucky, play the cello, decided last year - when she was a kindergartener - that she wanted to learn to play the violin. Lucky is a longtime pupil with the String Project, which allows Sacramento State music students to offer low-cost instruction in stringed instruments to children in the community.

The String Project was approached about giving violin lessons to Kimberly, but there was a problem: The project usually does not accept children younger than the third or fourth grade. However, when project officials learned that Kimberly had been diagnosed with leukemia, they made an exception and allowed her to begin instruction.

Kimberly's instruction was limited last year, but she was able to take regular String Project lessons this year, has learned to play "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and a few other pieces, and is reading music and participates nicely in class, said Judy Weigert Bossuat, master teacher with the String Project.

First class effort: Postal workers hold food drive across region

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

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

"It takes an extra effort to get the day's mail sorted and delivered and then, to pick up all the food," said a Sacramento deliverer. "It's feel-good day for us. We're doing something above and beyond our jobs."

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

"In these difficult economic times, hunger is an issue that must be addressed in every community across our country," said William H. Young,



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

NALC president. "We see it daily out on our routes. That's why now more than ever before we need everybody's help to make a real difference."

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

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

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

For more information about the annual "Stamp Out Hunger" effort in your community, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office or visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

The Post Office will also accept cash donations to feed the hungry after the May 9 food drive. To donate, call Greg Price at 348-0133.

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

By **TEAM BLACK**
The Real Estate Quarterly
Special to the East Sacramento News

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.

Because of the increased demand, the listing inventory is down, which means that your choices are fewer than this time last year.

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:

- Tax credit is increased to \$8,000;
- 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 1st);
- 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;
- Waiver of prohibition on financing by mortgage revenue bonds is included.

New home tax credit: There is also a new home tax credit offered by the



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Knowing when a house is 'your home'

By JEANINE ROZA
The Real Estate Quarterly
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Buyers often ask, "How will I know, when I've found my home?" I reply, "You will just know."

Unfortunately, a marching band won't greet you at the front door, there will be no red bow tied around the chimney, and don't be disappointed that a giant "Welcome Home" sign is not on the front lawn, because it will take more effort than that.

So how do you know? Again – you will just know.

Yes, I am a salesperson but this salesperson is not going to try to convince you of something that you don't want. I consider myself more of a listener and educator than someone who is selling a product. My commitment to assess your needs and goals and then provide you with options and information builds a frame of reference for workable strategy and good decision making.

You will know when you are home, because you will have learned as much from viewing homes that you liked as much from those you don't by making comparisons along the way. When you find your dream home, you won't care that it is not as big as you originally wanted, or that it only has one bathroom when you wished for two, because you are ecstatic that the floor plan is amazing, there is endless potential and you can't beat the price for such a fabulous location.

You will know the home is meant for you because you have seen what is out there; you will be well educated on the reality of the market; and, despite making unexpected compromises, you won't care because from the moment you walked in – you were home.

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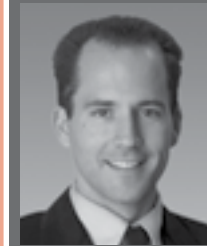
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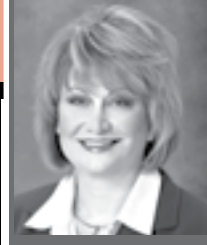
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| Address | BR /BA | Date | Value | Address | BR /BA | Date | Value |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| 95816 | | | | 921 45TH ST..... | 3 1..... | 20090210..... | 580,000 |
| 1908 22ND ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090313..... | 187,600 | 921 46TH ST..... | 5 2..... | 20090219..... | 676,968 |
| 1514 24TH ST..... | 2 2..... | 20090107..... | 138,842 | 1062 47TH ST..... | 3 3.5..... | 20090120..... | 1,375,000 |
| 1909 26TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090303..... | 295,000 | 731 48TH ST..... | 4 2..... | 20090310..... | 599,000 |
| 1904 28TH ST..... | 3 1..... | 20090218..... | 140,000 | 1380 48TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090123..... | 330,000 |
| 432 33RD ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090327..... | 405,000 | 1540 48TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090303..... | 240,000 |
| 1124 33RD ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090227..... | 315,000 | 1553 48TH ST..... | 3 2..... | 20090316..... | 366,000 |
| 1025 37TH ST..... | 3 2..... | 20090206..... | 343,000 | 649 54TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090319..... | 341,500 |
| 1348 37TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090223..... | 437,500 | 1518 55TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090302..... | 335,000 |
| 715 38TH ST..... | 2 2..... | 20090130..... | 388,000 | 1100 56TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090302..... | 250,000 |
| 1624 38TH ST..... | 3 2..... | 20090331..... | 668,000 | 1056 57TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090331..... | 150,000 |
| 1141 39TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090326..... | 485,000 | 1303 58TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090227..... | 359,000 |
| 3287 B ST..... | 4 2..... | 20090205..... | 340,000 | 1328 58TH ST..... | 3 2..... | 20090202..... | 340,500 |
| 2820 C ST..... | 3 1..... | 20090219..... | 244,000 | 4458 A ST..... | 3 1..... | 20090225..... | 345,000 |
| 3018 D ST..... | 3 2..... | 20090305..... | 310,000 | 4802 A ST..... | 3 1..... | 20090306..... | 355,000 |
| 2431 F ST..... | 4 1.5..... | 20090211..... | 570,000 | 5301 B ST..... | 3 2..... | 20090217..... | 368,000 |
| 2417 H ST..... | 3 1.5..... | 20090220..... | 667,000 | 4500 BRAND WAY..... | 2 1..... | 20090204..... | 380,000 |
| 3349 I ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090327..... | 84,500 | 3821 BREUNER AVE..... | 5 2.5..... | 20090227..... | 315,000 |
| 3226 M ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090312..... | 315,000 | 5104 C ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090203..... | 295,000 |
| 3326 M ST..... | 4 2..... | 20090313..... | 385,000 | 5800 CALLISTER AVE..... | 3 2..... | 20090112..... | 430,000 |
| 3239 MCKINLEY BLVD..... | 5 4..... | 20090320..... | 824,837 | 5505 CARLSON DR..... | 3 1..... | 20090305..... | 241,167 |
| 44 METRO LN..... | 2 2.5..... | 20090128..... | 400,000 | 4851 D ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090303..... | 387,000 |
| 1045 SANTA YNEZ WAY..... | 2 1..... | 20090211..... | 390,000 | 5669 ELVAS AVE..... | 2 1..... | 20090107..... | 319,000 |
| 3141 SERRA WAY..... | 4 2..... | 20090102..... | 140,000 | 3794 ERLEWINE CIR..... | 2 1..... | 20090213..... | 320,000 |
| 1323 SUTTER WALK..... | 0 0..... | 20090330..... | 450,000 | 5284 H ST..... | 2 2..... | 20090129..... | 362,500 |
| 1329 SUTTER WALK..... | 0 0..... | 20090129..... | 450,000 | 4233 J ST..... | 0 0..... | 20090331..... | 1,575,000 |
| 2229 T ST..... | 3 2..... | 20090330..... | 590,000 | 4235 J ST..... | 0 0..... | 20090327..... | 620,000 |
| 95819 | | | | 5277 L ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090128..... | 370,000 |
| 121 46TH ST..... | 3 1..... | 20090217..... | \$291,000 | 201 LA PURISSIMA WAY..... | 2 1..... | 20090320..... | 384,000 |
| 1430 40TH ST..... | 4 2.5..... | 20090331..... | 1,162,000 | 500 LA PURISSIMA WAY..... | 4 2.5..... | 20090305..... | 537,500 |
| 1733 40TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090213..... | 410,000 | 4112 MCKINLEY BLVD..... | 2 1..... | 20090309..... | 365,000 |
| 645 41ST ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090109..... | 350,000 | 506 MEISTER WAY..... | 3 1.5..... | 20090324..... | 415,000 |
| 1519 42ND ST..... | 3 1..... | 20090312..... | 553,000 | 5301 MONALEE AVE..... | 3 2..... | 20090123..... | 340,000 |
| 1848 42ND ST..... | 6 2..... | 20090115..... | 400,000 | 5842 N ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090108..... | 260,000 |
| 933 44TH ST..... | 2 1..... | 20090213..... | 370,000 | 453 PALA WAY..... | 3 1..... | 20090120..... | 430,000 |
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Ask Officer Michelle

Answering your questions on local law enforcement

By OFFICER MICHELLE LAZARK
Sacramento Police Department
Special to the East Sacramento 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 responsible 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 emis-

sions 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!

Finally, there is a city code section that states bicycles, motorbikes or motorized scooters are not permitted to be ridden or stored at the marina, with exception in designated areas only.

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Garden Tour raises \$43,000 for David Lubin Elementary

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Although not faces, these flowers from the tour really caught the eye. Photos by Ryan Rose



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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 22

Carmichael Oaks Educational Series

Learn about providing complete medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment in this special educational series hosted by Carmichael Oaks, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd., at 10 a.m. RSVP at (916) 944-2323.

MAY 23

Sink or Swim Cardboard Boat Race

The Arden Manor Recreation and Park District is celebrating summer by opening the Deterding Pool complex, 1415 Rushden Dr., with a splash. Arden Manor Recreation and Park District be hosting the first Sink or Swim Cardboard Boat Race to be held at

noon. There will be live music, BBQ, games and a boat showcase before the races begin. Teams of all ages are invited to participate in this fun event for the whole family. For the success of this event, we would love to extend an invitation to take the "Sink or Swim" Challenge and register a boat in the races.

MAY 27

Carmichael Oaks Educational Series

Learn about fraud targeted toward seniors in this special educational series hosted by Carmichael Oaks, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd., at 3 p.m. RSVP at (916) 944-2323.

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

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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 3750 Windmill Way in Carmichael at Manzanita and Windmill Way. For more information, call 988-6081.

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Art at SFCA

The Sacramento Fine Arts Center presents "Inner Views" from June 9 through June 27. The event is sponsored by the Northern California Arts. The show will present original artwork by local artists. Visit the Sacramento Fine Arts Center at 5330-B Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Visit them online at www.sacfinearts.org.

JUNE 1

Deadheading at Dusk

The Old City Cemetery Committee will be at the Historic Rose Garden tidying up the spent flowers on from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will be offering instruction on how to do it and serve light refreshments. Visitors may park across the street from the 10th Street Gate and meet at the cemetery entrance. For information, please call (916) 448-0811.

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 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 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-registra-

tion is required. Customers can register online at smud.org, e-mail etcmal@smud.org, or call 732-6738. For more information, e-mail Paul Gillaspay at pgillasp@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@carmichaelpark.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.

JUNE 6-7

Carmichael Band Festival

The Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band Association presents the annual Carmichael Park Community Band Festival at the Carmichael Park Amphitheater, 5750 Grant Ave. in Carmichael. This is a free event. There will be a community band, one every hour on the hour, both days from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Bring the entire family, a picnic, lawn chairs, and enjoy a lovely afternoon of music under the shade trees. For more information, call 489-2576 or visit www.sacwinds.org. More information is also available at 485-5322 or www.carmichaelpark.com.

JUNE 7

Special local speaker

Held Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Sierra Arden United Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave., come Hear Local Author Ted Robinson read from his book, "Water in My Veins: the Pauper Who Helped Save a President." This event is free admission. For more information, call 483-5501.

JUNE 9

Travel abroad

Attend a free information session about the Oaxaca, Mexico, Travel Study Program offered through Sacramento State, College of Continuing Education, 6 to 8 p.m. in Napa Hall, 3000 State University Drive East. Participants of the two-week program will at-

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JUNE 11

Computer Club Meeting

Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet from 1-3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael. Subject will be Picasa 3 Update to the free Google program for managing digital images by Ann Kerr. A question and answer session will follow the meeting. Visitors are welcome. For additional information, call 366-1687 or visit <http://missionoakscomputerclub.org>.

JUNE 13

Effie Yeaw Ice Cream Social

Held on Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., this event is a fundraiser to benefit the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. The event will also feature stories from Ted Robinson, a well-known speaker and author of "Water in My Veins: The Pauper Who Saved the President," his memoirs of serving in the military with JFK. Ice cream and other refreshments in the Robinson's lovely garden in the Arden-Arcade area. Call (916) 489-4918 to make your reservations. Tickets are \$25 per person and limited to ages 14 and older.

Susan Peters at the Park

County Supervisor Susan Peters will be holding "Office Hours" on Saturday afternoon in East Sacramento immediately before the popular "Pops in the Park" summer concert begins at Glen Hall Park in the neighborhood of River Park. Peters will set up a table at the park for residents who wish to drop by and discuss with her items of interest between 4 and 5:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary; visits will be handled on a first come first served basis.

JUNE 17

Genealogy Meeting

The Genealogy Association of Sacramento will hold its June Meeting on June 17 at 1 p.m. in the Belle Cooleage Library 5600 South Land Park Dr. The speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Bob La Perriere. He will speak about the Health issues for Women on the Overland Trail and Gold Rush medical issues. The meeting is free. Questions: Call Melanie Howard at 383-1221.

JUNE 20

Alive at 25

This program saves lives by changing the attitudes of 15 to 24 year old drivers toward risk taking behaviors. (\$40 fee) Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Safety Center, 3909 Bradshaw Rd., Sacramento, CA 95827. Alive at 25 is offered every third Saturday each month and space is limited. Register online at www.safetycenter.org or call 438-3385.

Scholarship Fundraiser

Hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation, Holy Spirit Branch is the 419 Scholarship Fundraiser. Enjoy an Italian Dinner with pasta, salad, and bread prepared by Sampino Fine Foods at the Holy Spirit Elementary School Cafeteria, 3920 West Land Park Dr. The event is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids in advance; at the door, tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$5 for kids. For more details, contact Gloria Lo Giudice at 208-5598.

"What's Blooming in the Cemetery"

Our beautiful Hamilton Square Garden will be featured on this Saturday morning tour at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery. The tour commences at 10 am 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.

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Historic ice cream parlors bring smiles to local faces

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

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

Gunther's Ice Cream 2801 Franklin Blvd.

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

Opened in 1940 at 5th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard

by German immigrants, Herman "Pop" and Iva Gunther, the business relocated to its current site in 1949.

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

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

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



Leatherby family members, (left to right) Sally, Patty, Alan and Jessie, stand inside Leatherby's Family Creamery at 2333 Arden Way.

Today, Gunther's makes more than 120 different flavors on site and offers 45 flavors every day, as well as homemade ice cream cakes and pies, fruit freezes, sandwiches and soups.

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

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

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

Vic's Ice Cream 3199 Riverside Blvd.

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

"We're the oldest, original family-owned ice cream parlor in Sacramento," Craig said.

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

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

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

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

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

Ice cream cakes and pies are also very popular at Vic's, especially the "Party Cakes," which include 10 different

flavors of ice cream and are frosted with vanilla ice cream.

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

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

Burr's Fountain 4920 Folsom Blvd.

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

Exclusively serving Vic's ice cream, Burr's was the creation of former Vic's employee, Jim Burr.

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

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

"Years ago, places like these were all over and every

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drug store had a soda fountain," Jim said.

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

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

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

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

Leatherby's Family Creamery

2333 Arden Way #A
7910 Antelope Road

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

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

Leatherby's co-owner Alan Leatherby, who is one of the 10 children of "Daddy Dave" and "Mother Sally" Leatherby, said that the Disneyland-like atmosphere of his business was best described by a customer, who said that Leatherby's should be called, "The Happy Place."

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

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

Like Gunther's, Vic's and Burr's, Leatherby's also takes the soda fountain approach by offering a variety of non-ice cream food items. These items include the extremely popular crab sandwich and other sandwiches, hamburgers, salads and soups.

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

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

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

Ice Cream Capital

With the city's tradition of ice cream parlors continuing,



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



East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong
Gunther's Ice Cream owners Rick and Marlena Klopp are dedicated to preserving the traditions of Sacramento's oldest ice cream parlor.

it can be interesting to note that Sacramento was once an ice cream capital.

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

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

But ice cream capital or not, the city still reigns in the lo-

cal ice cream world with the continuance of its extremely popular ice cream parlors and soda fountains.

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

On The Cover

Two scoops to happiness: Alyssa Alimema and Nick Brady, two employees at East Sacramento's historic Burr's Fountain, show off some sweet relief to beat the summer heat. (Photo by Ryan Rose)

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