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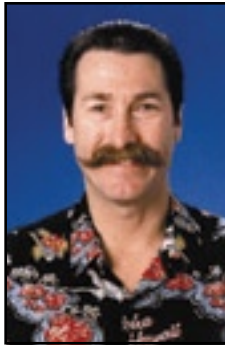
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Proposal to change McKinley Park Rose Garden presented

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The Frederick N. Evans Memorial Rose Garden, a popular East Sacramento landmark on the southeast corner of McKinley Park, was the topic of discussion at a special community meeting, which was held near the north side of the garden at the end of June.

With about 35 people in attendance at the June 20 gathering, City Councilmember Steve Cohn led a presentation regarding proposed "enhancements" to the garden.

The garden itself is a rich part of the city's history, having been introduced in October 1927 and planned and developed in a much smaller form than today's garden in the spring of 1928.

On Dec. 13, 1946, the garden, which was previously the site of a running track, was named after Evans, the city's first parks superintendant and an original member of the Sacramento Rose Society.

The well-known garden, which has grown from its initial 400 rose plants to today's 1,130 rose plants and is a popular site for daily visitors and weddings, has been the subject of concern, as its unhealthy plants and poorly maintained grounds have been met with the city's desire to increase the attractiveness of the garden. This plan also calls for making the garden's walkways compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Proposed plans for the garden include accessible walkways, an improved irrigation system, 6-inch-tall concrete planter curbs, an entry sign with the wording, "Frederick N. Evans

Memorial Rose Garden" (currently no sign at the park references the garden's full name), handicap parking spaces near the garden, an accessible drinking fountain and accessible benches.

A topic of concern for several people in attendance at the meeting was a proposal to eliminate the many memorial plaques in the garden and replace them with one large memorial sign.

Currently, many small, engraved plaques can be seen throughout the garden with often poetic messages such as the following dedication:

"Memories can never die. So when a loved one goes, through our treasured memories, love lives as a faded rose."

Rena Armstrong and her sister, Joan Freeman, who grew up in East Sacramento, were among those concerned about the proposal to remove the plaques.

Speaking against the permanent removal of the plaques, Armstrong said, "We heard that there was a possibility that they might be taking out the memorial plaques and we have a memorial plaque in here for our mother and our father. Since we do have such a direct connection to the memorials, we're doing everything we can to save them."

The dialogue begins

Well-represented at the meeting were members of the Sacramento Rose Society, which has been involved in the care of the garden's roses since 1940. And although seven society members were in attendance, the organization's representation would likely have been much greater had most of the society's members not been attending

an international rose conference in Vancouver.

Betty Ann Cassina, master consulting rosarian with the rose society, said that the society is a strong supporter of the motion to remove the memorials.

"The reasoning behind this removal would be to better maintain the garden and for continuity, since the memorials are not placed in any uniform order," Cassina said. "Also, it was an ill-conceived plan to put all these individual memorials in the garden. The garden is dedicated to Mr. Evans, not a bunch of individuals. I don't mean to be disrespectful to the families who have plaques there, but the plaques shouldn't have been placed in the garden in the first place."

The society's Vice President Ellie Longanecker explained that with the garden's current state, the society's association with the garden is in jeopardy.

"We are spending so much time taking care of plants that simply need to be replaced," Longanecker said. "There's an overgrowth of weeds and we're the only group supplying fertilizer. Something needs to be changed, because if it's not, we're considering withdrawing our voluntary services from the garden."

In support of the city's proposal to improve the garden, Orangevale resident Baldo Villegas, an entomologist, pest management specialist and chief consulting rosarian for the American Rose Society, said that he has offered to provide free-of-charge evaluations of each rose plant.

"My recommendation is to do a plant-by-plant evaluation to see which plants need to be replaced," said Ville-



East Sacramento News Photo/Lance Armstrong
Entomologist Baldo Villegas presents freshly-pulled nutcase – a weed known for its deeply-rooted seed

gas, who discussed the health of the garden's plants with attendees of the event. "After that, the diseased plants can be replaced. I am willing to do this (evaluation service) for free. I say, let us do the (proposed) changes. We can improve the varieties and make the place look a lot better, because (the plants) won't have a lot of diseases and other problems. Overall, I think (an enhanced garden) will be a wonderful place for Sacramento."

Villegas added that he strongly supports the proposal to raise the garden level from the walkway level, so that a new level of soil can be added, thus eliminating the current

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Know your neighbor

A neighborhood tradition: 41st Street's Fourth of July parade

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Of all the traditions of East Sacramento, perhaps one of the most interesting would have to be the 41st Street Parade, which is held each year on the Fourth of July.

Despite its somewhat primitive beginnings about 70 years ago, the parade has not only survived the test of time, but has grown by leaps and bounds; and all this without any form of advertising.

But advertising has never been a consideration for people living along the parade route, since the event was initially intended to be

nothing more than a neighborhood gathering.

And with this thought in mind, it should be no surprise that despite the continual growth of the parade throughout the years, the event retains its very fun, friendly and even a bit old-fashioned feel.

Once considered a private parade among neighborhood friends, the parade is now open to any visitors and draws people from such places as the Bay Area, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights and Vacaville.

A unique event

East Sacramento resident Penny (Anton) Kastanis, who grew up at 1400 41st St., remembers a much different 41st Street Parade.



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"I moved into the neighborhood in 1946 when I was 9 years old," Kastanis said. "Back then the parade was much smaller. It just ran (on 41st Street) from Folsom Boulevard to M Street. It was only one block long when we first started."

Today, the parade route begins at 41st and M streets and heads south on 41st Street toward J Street, continues one block east to 42nd Street, and heads north on 42nd Street to M Street before returning to 41st Street and heading south again.

The parade, which begins at 11 a.m., has grown into a daylong event with the 1-hour and 15-minute-

long parade, barbecues and various neighborhood fireworks shows, which begin at about 9 p.m.

For the second consecutive year, a community potluck will bring people together at 41st and M streets, as anyone can bring a dish and sit at tables, which will be set up within a closed-off section of the street. The potluck begins at about 6 p.m.

Kastanis, who moved back into her childhood home 12 years ago with her husband, Terry, a former District 7 city councilmember, said that the parade was started by Albert and Gertrude Reid, who lived at 1340 41st St.

Kastanis said that she fondly remembers Gertrude Reid, who was continuously very friendly toward the neighborhood kids.

"She loved the kids," Kastanis said. "She was very fond of children and the kids used to go over there and she'd always have cookies and watermelon and all sorts of things in the summertime. (Gertrude) was always outside and she would always be friendly to the children. What I remember about her more than anything else is how pleasant she was."

Kastanis added that she has fond memories of participating in the parade.

"The kids would march (in the parade) down to the Reids' house and have watermelon," Kastanis said. "When we just had the little parades, they were held in only our own neighborhood with only

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The day's festivities will include many neighborhood barbecues.



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During the 1940s, the parade consisted of about 30 neighborhood children, about half of who are shown in this photograph, which was taken in about 1946 in front the historic Guyer home at 1426 41st St.

Parade: Still strong after 70 years

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our little kids on our street. We would ride our bicycles up and down the street. It was a real family event."

Back when Kastanis was marching in the parades, about 30 other kids from her street also participated in the parade, including Paul and Silvia Guyer, Sally Flurey and Mary Taylor.

Many of these children wore red, white and blue clothing and decorated their bicycles, which is still a tradition that can be seen at the parade this weekend. The modern version of the parade, which includes about 1,000 participants, also includes dogs, cats, wagons and a small number of decorated, motorized vehicles.

A continuing tradition

Kastanis said that she is pleased to see the tradition

of the parade and its accompanying activities continue.

"I love traditions and it's nice to get together every Fourth of July and have people come over, sit in the front yard, have donuts and coffee and cheese and watch the parade and then have a barbecue and watch the fireworks at night," Kastanis said.

Little did Albert and Gertrude know that seven decades after founding the parade, this event would continue to be held each year and furthermore in the magnitude that it does today.

But based on the popularity of this continuously growing East Sacramento event, the Reids' efforts to create the 41st Street Parade should be appreciated for many more years to come.

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JANEY WAY MEMORIES



The story of the 'Janey Way gang'

Growing up secure in middle-class America



By **MARTY RELLES**
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I grew up in East Sacramento during the 1950s in a neighborhood called Janey Way. Not a very exciting sounding place, but it was extraordinary in many ways. First were the children. Forty-seven in all called Janey Way home, and referred to themselves as the Janey Way gang. If you lived there, you always had someone to hang out with. Life was good.

Janey Way was a dead-end street. No cross-through traffic, so only residents or friends came down the street. That made it a perfect touch football field or arena for games like tag, kick the can or shoot-em-up cowboys (most certainly a precursor to paint ball). "Bang, bang, bang, you're dead Relles," and "Dow, dow, dow, I got you, Viani," were sounds that echoed down Janey Way when I was growing up. Children on other blocks heard of the gang and envied us. Even my cousins wished they lived on Janey Way. Yes, it was a special place to live.

By far the most unique characteristic of Janey Way was "the pit," which abutted the houses on the east side of Janey Way. It spanned an area between M Street on the south, Elvis Avenue on the north, 62nd Street on east and Janey Way on the west. It was the remnant of an abandoned

sand and gravel plant needing backfill to restore it for residential use. For the Janey Way gang the pit was a playground, a Disneyland of the imagination. Rather than a place with swings and slides and teeter-totters, the pit was a big ravine filled with broken pieces of concrete, discarded lumber and piles of dirt and sand. It became a theater for military maneuvers, a stage for Old West gunfights, a place to build forts made of concrete and waste lumber, and a track for off-road bicycle races.

The pit had another unique feature. His name was Ole Man Charlie. The owners of the pit ostensibly retained Charlie as a watchman for the pit, but he did little watching. He mostly remained inside his little hovel on the north end of the pit. Charlie was part of the lore of Janey Way. His real name was Frank Smith (to the best of my knowledge), but Ole Man Charlie was his tag and it stuck. When he did come out of his shack to patrol the pit, kids scrambled for a place to hide. If we were lucky, he walked somewhere close by, giving us an exciting story to tell the gang. Mostly, however, Charlie remained in his house, out of site, an enigma. Was he dangerous? Who knows? He seemed dangerous to us. Such characters were but another part of the story that is Janey Way.

Janey Way has many stories that I hope to tell in some detail in future columns. See you in the next edition.



The entrance to East Sacramento's Janey Way off M Street as it looks today.

East Sacramento News Photo/Ryan Rose



Faces and places

Mission Oaks holds annual Father and Daughter Dance

Inviting fathers, grandfathers, daughters and granddaughters from across the region, the Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District held their 8th annual Father/Daughter Dance June 19 at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr. Dozens of doting dads and dancing daughters attended the event, enjoying good music and building great memories.

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In bloom: Jensen Botanical Garden is 'best hidden secret'

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In a meeting with the East Sacramento News at the Carmichael Recreation and Park District office in Carmichael Park last week, Tracy Kerth, the park district's recreation services manager, referred to the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden as "the best hidden secret in Carmichael."

But Kerth added that she does not care for the 3.5-acre public garden to be a secret, but instead encourages people in the community to take the time to find out about this community asset and enjoy its many offerings.

"It's a wonderful jewel in Carmichael that a lot of people in the community don't even know exists and you can go down there, have a picnic and spend time there," Kerth said. "Fair Oaks (Boulevard) is a well-traveled street and many people are in a hurry, but if you just stop and take a turn in there and walk around, you'll find it's a very lovely place. It's an absolutely beautiful spot and it's the best hidden secret in Carmichael."

The garden, which carries the name of its founder, Charles C. Jensen, is described as an oasis by many of its visitors. Guests are invited to take advantage of the serene environment of the garden, which is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd.

A space for solace

Despite its position directly off the boulevard, the garden carries with it a sort of peaceful sentiment, as if one was taking a walk in the wilderness – but a very well-groomed wilderness, nonetheless.

The garden, which features a wide variety of plants and trees, manicured lawns, walkways, benches and a pair of bridges over a small creek bed, was a dream fulfilled by Jensen.

This dream began in 1958, when Jensen had the initial plants and trees of his garden delivered to his property, where he first lived in a tent and then a shed with his wife Marguerite until his house was built on the property.

Among the first plants and trees to arrive to create his garden, which was developed as a place to be enjoyed by all, were magnolias, Japanese maples, azaleas and dogwoods.

Jensen's garden eventually drew attention for such attractions as its floral displays and its Coast and Dawn redwoods.

The garden, which was featured in a variety of newspaper articles, including an article in the New York Times, also served as a site for many weddings and picnics.

Jensen not only displayed plants and flowers, but he also sold them



The Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden is a 3.5-acre public garden, which is known for its wide variety of plants and trees, manicured lawns, walkways, benches and a pair of bridges over a small creek bed. The garden, which is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd., is open daily, from 8 a.m. to dusk.

to visitors. And at times, he even gifted plants and flowers, including the long-stemmed, cut camellias, which he sent to First Lady Pat Nixon.

The words of Jensen, who was self-taught in gardening and horticulture and an advocate of unsprayed cultivation, are preserved on a plaque at the entrance to the garden.

These words include Jensen's straightforward philosophy regarding landscape design.

"Landscaping is a matter of simple engineering," Jensen said. "You need the right slope, right light, right water, right drainage and the right location for the right plant. And I pick only plants that grow easily in this area and give a lot of bloom with little extra care; then I arrange the plants so they are pleasing to the eye."

Jensen passed away in 1974 at the age of 80 and through the efforts of the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden, Inc., which was formed by a group of concerned local citizens, his property was saved from being subdivided.

Two years later, the Carmichael Recreation and Park District took over the ownership of Jensen's former property.

Kerth, who has worked for the park district for nearly 25 years, described the first time she saw the garden in 1987.

"When I first saw (the garden), there was a lot of ivy," Kerth said. "They've slowly gotten rid of the ivy to put in botanical-type plants in the garden."

A community treasure

Carmichael resident Paul Tanner, one of the earliest Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden members, said that he is extremely passionate about helping to maintain and enhance the appearance of the garden.

Regarding the beauty of the garden, Tanner, who worked 400 hours in the garden last year, said that he enjoys its wide variety of plants, trees and wildlife, and added that his favorite trees in the garden are the dawn redwoods and a very large oak tree, which serves as a centerpiece of the garden.

Admiring this oak tree last week was Sylvia Bringas, who was raised in Carmichael.

"That's a beautiful tree," Bringas said. "I bet its hundreds of years old and it probably saw Native Americans."

Bringas added that she enjoys coming to the garden to "listen to the birds, sit and relax, take walks along the pathways and see the many colorful flowers."

While visiting the garden last week, Ron Harlos, who lives within walking distance from the garden, said that Jensen's former property is one of the most peaceful places in the Sacramento area.



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Paul Tanner, shown during a recent day volunteering at the garden, was the Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden's number one volunteer for 2008, in terms of hours worked. Tanner provided 400 hours of work in the garden last year.

"This place is incredibly peaceful," Harlos said. "It's a great place to get away, relax and be with nature."

For information regarding volunteer work or how to provide a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden, contact Pat Rhine at (530) 677-3179.

Alzheimer's Aid Society Memorial 5k Run/Walk

2nd Annual Alzheimer's Aid Society Memorial 5k City Championship Run and 5k Walk

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Alzheimer's Aid Society Memorial 5k Run/Walk. This event benefits the local Alzheimer's Aid Society.

The 1st Annual 5k Run/Walk generated over \$34,000 to the Alzheimer's Aid Society, with over 1,200 participants enjoying a beautiful morning in a beautiful setting for a wonderful cause. This Sacramento City Championship Run will begin and end at the historic East Lawn Memorial Park, 4300 Folsom Boulevard.

Please visit www.memory5k.org for online registration and additional information.

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East Lawn Memorial Park

DATE:
Saturday, July 25, 2009

TIME:
7:00am - 10:00am

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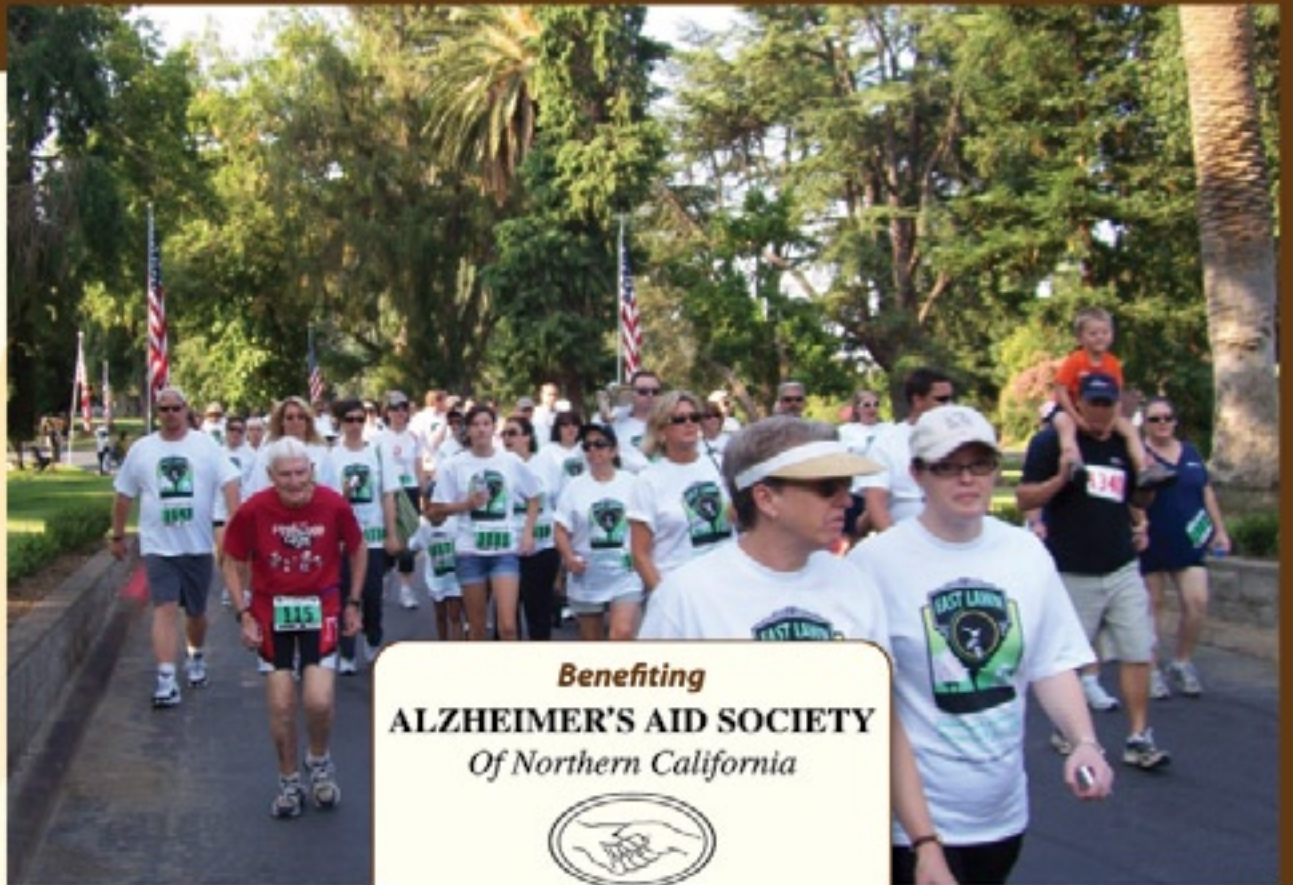
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Connecting with the community and the City Council

By **STEVE COHN**
 Sacramento City Councilmember
 Special to the East Sacramento News

New city budget in place

The City Council adopted the final budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2009. In closing a \$50 million gap, the council reduced expenditures by \$41.7 million, used \$8.3 million in one-time resources, and reduced staffing levels by 383 full-time equivalent positions.

By reaching agreement with the Sacramento Police Officers Association to extend their collective bargaining agreement by 3 years, the city was able to close its funding gap in the Police Department without reducing any police officer positions.

Unfortunately, attempts to do likewise with the labor unions representing the Fire Department and most non-safety departments, including Parks and Recreation, were unsuccessful, and as a result, the city will be instituting about 300 layoffs, including over 50 Firefighter positions, effective July 3, 2009.

Awards presented at Pops in the Park

We enjoyed unseasonably cool temperatures at the first three Pops in the Park concerts this year. Held each Saturday in June, record numbers of people enjoyed free family events with four different genres of music including oldies, blues, swing and country rock.

The East Sacramento Improvement Association announced their annual Sidney Pope Memorial Orchid and Onion Awards at the Bertha Henschel concert on June 20. The Orchid Award was given to 38th Street Neighborhood for their work on the new Setback Ordinance and their "diligence" in maintaining the historical context of the East Sacramento community. In the fall of 2008, a proposal was submitted to demolish an existing home on 38th Street (south of Folsom Blvd) and replace it with a new home that would have extended significantly closer virtually all of the houses on the street. The new language proposed by the 38th Street neighbors and adopted by council will trigger design review whenever a house

is proposed to be built or expanded in East Sacramento that would be closer to the street than the average setback of the two houses on either side.

The Onion Award was given this year for the third time to the blighted site of Express Furniture at 5108 Folsom Blvd. Also nominated was the site of the former Luis Mexican Restaurant building at 1218 Alhambra Blvd. This award is meant to be a good-natured nudge to folks to spruce up their properties.

Water rules strengthened

For the past 18 years, the city has been committed to meeting Best Management Practices through the Water Forum and California Urban Water Conservation Council. In order to meet these BMP's the city must enact and enforce an effective water conservation ordinance, and, given the latest drought situation, it is the right thing to do. The City Council voted in May to adopt a new Water Conservation Ordinance.

The major changes are the hours of watering and institution of fines for

violations. An Odd-Even watering schedule is still in effect. Addresses ending in an *odd* number may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Addresses ending in an even number may water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. There is *no* watering on Mondays. Watering is prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and water run off is prohibited. During the wet season, watering is limited to one day per week (after daylight savings time ends). At that point, addresses ending in an *odd* number will be permitted to water on Saturdays and addresses ending in an *even* number will be permitted to water on Sundays.

Washing of driveways and sidewalks is prohibited except for immediate fire or sanitation hazards.

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JULY

Small works, miniatures exhibition

Small Works, miniatures and maquettes features a broad array of small works, from turn of the century female sculptor Camille Claudel, shown currently in the Louvre, to young college students Christopher Dubois and Wesley Wright. This free exhibition, which runs from July 8 through August 23, attempts to display the diversity of miniatures as a whole, and will include a number of well-known national and international phenomena. A juried collection, Small Works provides emerging artists the opportunity to showcase their work among established greats.

Music Camp

Northminster Presbyterian Church is offering a week-long music camp for 2nd - 12th graders from July 6 to 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3235 Pope Ave. Children will have the opportunity to learn to play musical instruments including guitar, percussion, song flute, and chimes, do drumming, work with props and set decorations as well as participate in singing and movement. They will also be putting a musical together. The musical, Fruit for Thought, will be performed on Sunday, July 12, during the worship service (9:55 a.m.) Children are asked to bring their lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The cost is \$25. For more information, call 487-5192 or visit Northminsteronline.org.

Summer Concert Series

Parkside Community Church, 5700 S. Land Park Dr., will host area musicians to present Seven Summer Sundays + One Concert Series. The series funds the work and mission of Parkside Community Church. Suggested donations for each concert are: \$10 per person; \$30 per family; and a "Season Special" of \$65 per person for all eight concerts. Tickets may be purchased at the church office between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the door, or by phone at 421-0492. The concerts are the Sequential Sundays at 7 p.m. from July 12 to August 30. For more info, call 391-3317.

JULY 4

Fun Run/Walk

It's time for the 14th annual 4th of July Fun Run/Walk at Matsuyama Elementary. Everyone is invited to attend this community and family oriented event, which raises funds for the 2009-2010 sixth graders to attend the Sly Park Environmental Science Camp. The Fun Run/Walk is a 5K/8K event that take place on Saturday, July 4th. The race begins at Matsuyama Elementary School, 7680 Windbridge Drive. Check in begins at 7 a.m. and the race start time is 8

JULY 11

Ice tea tasting program offered

Anne Evans, a certified tea consultant, will present a free ice tea tasting program at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 11, at Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue. As well as sampling tea, participants will learn the history of iced tea, find out what bubble tea is, and play a game of TEAGO. Registration required by calling (916) 264-2920 or online at www.saclibrary.org. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Arden-Dimick Library.

Jensen Garden Work Day Volunteers

Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden will hold a garden workday Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 8/8, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5. The Jensen Garden is located at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael. For more info: Tracy Kerth (916)485-5322 ex 23 or email tracy@carmichaelpark.com.

See the Art

Glass and Clay Artist Evan Michael Barton, and Clay Tile Artists Vincent Monrel and Chris Kubi will join Fe Gallery Resident Artists Stephen Lyman (metal art) and Sheena Wolfe (fused glass) for a Second Saturday Reception July 11 from 6-9pm. There will be an art demonstration at 7:30 p.m. Fe Gallery is located at 1100 65th Street (north of Folsom Blvd., corner of 65th and Elvas), East Sacramento. For more information about the artists and the gallery visit www.FeGallery.com or call, (916) 456-4455. Daytime gallery hours

are currently from 8:30am to 4pm Monday through Friday and Saturday 10am to noon. The current show will run throughout July.

Free E-Waste Collection

Held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northeast YMCA, 3127 Eastern Ave. Funds raised will help send children to Jujitsu Summer Camp. Items Accepted Include your old or broken electronic equipment: monitors, TVs, computers, laptops, VCRs, stereos, speakers, keyboards, PDAs, cameras, telephones, cell phones, printers, copiers, scanners and fax machines, etc. For your security, CEAR Inc will shred all hard drives at their secure facility. Visit www.cearinc.com. For information, call the YMCA at: 916-483-6426

JULY 14

Special senior seminar

Talking to Your Doctor, presented by Lisa Smith-Youngs from Senior Connection. Learn how to get answers to your most important questions, how to keep notes and ways to prepare for effective appointments. Leave your next medical appointment feeling empowered and satisfied! 1:30-3:00 p.m. Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Sign up in advance by visiting or calling 808-5462.

JULY 16

Sacramento Job Fair

Held Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Northeast I-80, 5321 Dare Ave., this free job fair can help connect the unemployed or underemployed to new career oppor-

tunities. Come meet multiple employers face-to-face who will be hiring for all types of jobs. A variety of Colleges/Vocational Schools will also be in attendance to help you with all of your educational needs. For more information, visit us at www.goldenfutureexpos.com or www.goldenfuturecarefair.com. Parking is free

JULY 18

A night at the movies

Enjoy a night at the movies and see a classic film the third Saturday each month at Didion/Lewis Park Recreational Center at 6490 Harmon Dr. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie begins promptly at 7 p.m. Free admission, free popcorn and free prizes. See the following movies: "Roman Holiday" on July 18; "To Kill a Mockingbird" on August 15; and "Gaslight" on Sept. 19.

Art Show in Lyon Village

Cottage Affair in the Lyon Village Shopping Center at Fulton and Fair Oaks will host an artists' exhibit Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. See unique pieces by local artists. Admission is free.

Find your roots

More genealogical information is being made available online all the time. Learn about the web sites that will enable you to start researching your family's history at a free workshop at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, July 18, at the Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. Registration is required by telephoning the Sacramento Public Library (916) 264-2920 or visiting www.saclibrary.org.

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a.m. Fees are \$15 includes event T-shirt before May 22; after May 22, the fee is \$20. For more information, please contact Poh-Ling Oon at 424-0873.

Carmichael's Gala Parade and Fireworks Show

Begin your 4th of July celebration by attending the pancake breakfast (7am -11am) at Carmichael Park, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael. After, walk over and enjoy the Annual Elk's Club Parade (10:30 am) featuring many wonderful community floats, marching bands, equestrian entries, military units, antique automobiles, and much more! The parade route starts at Marconi/Fair Oaks and continues down Fair Oaks Boulevard to Cypress/Manzanita. The Grand Stand is located across the street from Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Avenue. Don't miss out on one of the Largest and Oldest parades in the region! For more information on float registration email Jim Warrick at jdwarrick@lanset.com or call the Elks Lodge at 489-2103.

Carmichael's Fourth of July Fireworks Show

The evening will culminate with the annual Fireworks Show at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael, CA 95608. Beginning at 4pm the Sacramento Firefighters Association will host free kids' activities, fire trucks, demos and music. Inflatables and free kids' activities will continue throughout the evening along with a performance by the Sacramento Valley Symphonic Band at 7pm a Touchstone Theater performance at 8 p.m. and the fireworks at approximately 9:15 p.m. The Fireworks display is sponsored by the Carmichael Recreation and Park District and Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District and new this year, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Fighter Association. For more information: call (916) 485-5322 or visit www.carmichaelpark.com.

JULY 8

Lower House Payment

Attend this free seminar to get answers on short sales vs. loan modifications. The meeting is 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on 4305 Freeport Blvd. RSVP Deb Luna or Anthony Carrillo at www.cookreality.net or 834-1947 or 833-6266.

JULY 9

Computer club meeting

Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Alan Drew with Wireless Toyz, will present: Everything you wanted to know about cell phones whether you have one or not. A question and answer session will follow the meeting. Visitors are welcome. For additional information call 366-1687 or visit our Web site: <http://missionoakscomputerclub.org>

JULY 10

Carmichael Geranium Society Meeting

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JULY 20

Medical care tips presented at Arden-Dimick Library

Local practicing family physician and author Davis Liu, M.D. will share valuable tips on receiving the best medical care and getting the most out of one's doctors' visits at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, at Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue. He covers this topic in depth in his book, *Stay Healthy, Live Longer, Spend Wisely: Making Intelligent Choices in America's Healthcare System*, with the critical information needed to make intelligent medical and related financial issues. Dr. Liu's book will be available for purchase and signing at the program's conclusion. For more information, telephone the Sacramento Public Library at (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

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JULY 22

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JULY 23

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JULY 24

Movie night at Arden Hills

With summer in full swing, Friday night is "Movie Night" at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa on July 24. Your family will love watching the kid-favorite animated movie "Toy Story" outdoors under the stars at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa, 1220 Arden Hills Lane, Sacramento, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more, call 916-482-6111 or visit www.ardenhills.net.

JULY 25

Lunch give-away

KSL Inc. Sack lunch Give-A-Way starting at 11 a.m. The event will provide a nutritious sack lunch to the kids in the Meadowview area on this day. KSL Inc. will visit the various park within the area as well as Coral Gable Apts., Nedrea Ct., Jarden Villa Apts., and Whispering Pines Apts.

Gourmet Cooking With Chef Linda

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JULY 25

Taiko Dan Concert

Sacramento Taiko Dan is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a concert at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre on July 25, 7:00 p.m. Sacramento Community Center Theater, 13th and L streets, in Sacramento. All seats \$20. Tickets on sale now at Tickets.com, the Community Center Box Office, Oto's Marketplace, The Yorozu, Osaka-Ya. For more information, please call 916-444-5667, email booking@sactaiko.org, or visit www.sactaiko.org.

JULY 27

Laugh Out Loud Yoga

Guided by Certified Laughter Yoga Leader Judy Knott, free classes meet once or twice a month in the Land Park and Elk Grove areas at 9:00 a.m. for just under an hour. This class will be held at Belle Cooledge Library. Laughter Yoga was created by a medical doctor in India and has spread to over 60 countries. For more information, call 539-1716.

JULY 29

Meal Planning 101 Class

Tired of the same old meals each week? It's time to shake it up, learn how to liven up your shopping list with new foods, healthy ingredients and swap favorite recipes, too! Don't miss a special "Meal Planning 101" wellness class at Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa, 1220 Arden Hills Lane, Sacramento, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For more, call 916-482-6111 or visit www.ardenhills.net.

AUGUST 1

Screen on the Green

As part of the "Screen on the Green" movie series, see "Babe, The Gallant Pig" Saturday at East Portal Park, 51st and M streets, for free.

AUGUST 8

Luther Burbank Class Reunion

Classmates: Attend the reunion for the Luther Burbank High School Class of 1989 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Ticket are \$75 per person. Contact information is at www.lbhclassof89.com

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Book-binding workshop

Sharon Tanovitz, of Art Ellis Supply, will demonstrate how to make a piano hinge book at a free art workshop at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 8, at Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento. This free class is for adults only, and all skill levels are welcome. Book binding materials will be supplied, but participants must bring the following tools: scissors, pencil, glue PVA, glue brush, bone folder, and ruler. These tools can be purchased at art supply stores. The art program series is sponsored by the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. For details, telephone the Sacramento Public Library (916) 264-2920 or visit www.saclibrary.org.

AUGUST 14-16

Ragtime Festival

The 11th Annual Sutter Creek Ragtime Festival will be held Friday from 4 p.m. through Sunday, August 16 at 4 p.m. There will be 31 musicians and groups playing in five different venues on Main Street, Sutter Creek. Special events include Silent Movies, a Youth Concert, and two concerts featuring all the musicians. Early Bird special All Event Badges are on sale for \$60 before July 15, and \$70 after. Daily badges, concert tickets and Silent movies tickets are also available. Reserve your badge now through the Mother Lode Ragtime Society, 11310

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AUGUST 15

A night at the movies

Enjoy a night at the movies and see a classic film the third Saturday each month at Didoon/Lewis Park Recreational Center at 6490 Harmon Dr. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movie begins promptly at 7 p.m. Free admission, free popcorn and free prizes. See the following movies: "To Kill a Mockingbird" on August 15; and "Gaslight" on Sept. 19.

AUGUST 16

St. Mary's Parish 78th Annual Festival

The annual festival is Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the parish, 1351 58th St., The event features two great bands: Q-Balls and Miller Hi Lites. Plus lots of wonderful attractions for the family and kids. Arts and crafts, festival booths, bingo, rock climbing, laser tag, water slides, shopping mall, chicken/pasta dinner, international selection of foods, and dancing. For more info, call 718-2766.

AUGUST 22

Fourth annual Kids Bash

Hosted by KSL Inc in partner with Bonnie Pannell, the 4th Annual Kid Bash will be held at Meadowview Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. At this event we have various games and contest such as our 3 on 3 B-Ball, Talent show, Relay races and entertainment and guest speakers. Along with the fun and games we provide a wide range of resources for the parents as well as a lunch to all those who attend and our ever so popular backpack and school supply give a way.

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AUGUST 29

SummerFest

SummerFest Beer, Wine & Art Festival is back for its Second Annual fundraising event benefiting the Alzheimer's Association's Sacramento to Memory Walk. Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's national, annual, signature fundraising event, raising more than \$220 million since 1989 for research, programs and services. Located along the scenic Sacramento River in Miller Park on Saturday from 1-5 p.m., this event will bring our community together for a beautiful summer afternoon and a worthy cause! The SummerFest Silent Art Auction will feature many of Sacramento's local artists, as well as items such as weekend getaways, limousine packages, signed collectors items, and more!

SEPTEMBER 12

BBO, Beer and Boogie

Hosted by Carmichael Oaks and Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, this special event held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. will benefit Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2009.

MONDAYS

Tai Chi at Hart Center

Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Instructor, Mamie Woo. Information at 808-5462.

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Instructor Pat Shaw teaches students to align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation, 3 to 4 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Information at 808-5462. Repeats Wednesdays, Fridays.

Gray Eagles meet

Gray Eagles, a social group for men and women, hears guest speakers on air shows, flying and warbirds, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., second Mondays of the month. Visitors welcome. Free, at the Hometown Buffet (private dining room), 4300 Florin Road. Information at 421-0844.

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 Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30free
 Bowling- Gold Rush Style, B.F. Hastings Building, 10:00-4:30.....free
 Shakespeare Lite, Waterfront Park, 4:00-6:00.....free
 Gold Rush Legacy Walking Tour, Sac History Museum, 11:00 am ...\$
 Architectural Walking Tour, Sac History Museum, 1:00 am.....\$
 Panning for Real Gold, Sac History Museum, 11:00-4:00\$

Attractions: Sunday, July 5

Musical Mark Twain: Gordy Ohlinger, Eagle Theatre, 11:00-4:00.....free
 Storytelling, Waterfront Park, 11:00-2:00.....free
 Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30free
 Bowling- Gold Rush Style, B.F. Hastings Building, 10:00-4:30.....free
 Shootout: Blue Canyon Gang, Waterfront Park, 4:00-6:00.....free
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Attractions: Saturday, July 11

Children's Games, Wharf, 10:00-4:30free
 19th Century Dancing, Eagle Theatre, 12:00-3:00free
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Attractions: Sunday, July 12

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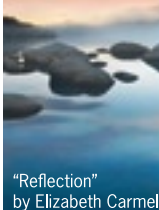
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Rose Garden: 'We just have to come up with the right plan'

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soil's longstanding problem with nutsedge. This weed is known for its nut-shaped seed, which extends about 6 inches from the beginning of its root; therefore requiring the seeds to be removed in order to completely eliminate the weeds.

Community comment

East Sacramento resident Scott Smoot shared one of many public rose garden suggestions, which were documented throughout the meeting by a city representative.

"I applaud the design of the garden and I can see that we all want

something grand," Smoot said. "But if you are going to do all this, you need somebody to manage the garden who has experience to maintain this with qualified help."

Longanecker added that it is important to utilize the professional assistance of Villegas, who has offered to donate some of his spare time and share his knowledge about roses free-of-charge.

"This is such a rare opportunity to be offered the free assistance of such a professional person as Baldo Villegas," Longanecker said.

Despite the proposed plan for the park's rose garden, questions regarding its funding continue to be in question.

Although the Sacramento Rose Society has raised \$20,000 for the placement of new rose plants in the garden, funding is still needed for such projects as amending the garden's soils, placing the concrete curb, adding the new irrigation system and creating ADA-accessible walkways.

Cohn said that he looks forward to having the garden's plan

in place in order to be in a better position to discuss raising funds for the project.

"I'm very confident once we have a plan we'll be able to fund it even without much in the way of city resources," Cohn said. "I just feel like there are just so many people attached in many ways to this garden. That's my feeling. I know I see it with Pops in the Park every summer. There are a lot of people willing to help out, so I know we can do that. We just have to come up with the right plan to take the next steps."

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Private property w/paved road leading to gated entrance. Located on 0.4 acres, includes hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, crown molding, 2 master suites (1 downstairs), 2 fireplaces, formal living & dining rooms, spacious family room, remodeled kitchen, sun room, home office & 3 car garage. You will not find this size lot & quality home in East Sac for such an amazing price. See www.EastSacColonial1.com \$785,000

LARA LABELLA PARKER 716-3313



BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED

This beautifully remodeled 3 bedroom home includes a family room and enclosed patio overlooking a park-like yard ideal for entertaining or growing your own produce in the separate garden area. The home was recently remodeled w/ decorator colors, crown molding, granite counters, dual fuel stove & refinished wood, travertine & slate floors, and dual paned windows. See www.1060PiedmontDr.com \$359,500

DAVID KIRRENE 531-7495



BETTER THAN ORIGINAL

4br/2.5ba 2500+ sf home. Three-phase stucco w/tile roof & dual pane windows make this 1944 Mediterranean better than the original. Gleaming wood floors, custom gas fireplace, beautiful & unique lighting, granite kitchen, custom alderwood cabinets with Subzero Wolf appliances combine to make this home one of a kind. Multi-zone central HVAC and whole-house fan also make it efficient. See www.70034thst.greatcustomhome.com \$959,000

TIM COLLOM 247-8048



CLASSIC FRENCH NORMANDY ESTATE

Loaded with charm! Breath-taking from the moment you walk into the formal entry w/stunning staircase & beautifully refinished random plank hardwood floors. Large living room w/inviting fireplace & beamed ceiling. Outdoor fireplace & patio. See www.1432-45thStreet.com \$1,250,000

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STORYBOOK TUDOR

Storybook Tudor on one of East Sacramento's quietest streets. As you walk through this home you will notice leaded glass built-ins, high ceilings, a vintage fireplace, spacious floor plan, CH&A and a large formal dining room. Newer roof and a completely remodeled kitchen. Simply a must see! See www.1640BerleleyWay.com \$474,000

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STUNNING CRAFTSMAN

Stunning 24' entry, with open floor plan. Wide plank cherry floors, huge kitchen /great room combo w/ fireplace, home theater & surround sound. Granite counters. Spectacular master suite with 3 closets, granite, custom cabinet sinks, spacious shower & tub. High ceilings throughout with lots of light. Oversized 3 car garage w/ lots storage. RV or boat storage. See www.gstreethome.com \$1,195,000

COLLEEN WIFVAT 719-2324

GREAT CURB APPEAL

Great curb appeal. Large Family Room **PENDING** bath remodeled approximately 12 years ago. Deck outside master bedroom. Private office. Your client will love it! 2 bedrooms 1 bath and nice as can be. See www.63151stst.eproperties.com \$349,000

JERRY KIRRENE 455-1001
DAVID KIRRENE 531-7495

EAST SAC CONTEMPORARY

Large 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths, over 1700 square feet on a large lot. Contemporary feel amongst a great established neighborhood. Minutes from downtown, light rail, and coffee shops. Very Large living room & family room with a spacious floor plan. See www.windermereDunnigan.com \$369,000

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MCKINLEY PARK

Wonderful McKinley Park home, 2 **PENDING** w/ 4 bedrooms & 2 baths, large kitchen w/ breakfast nook, hardwood floors, tankless hot water system, lots of architectural details, spacious living room w/ high ceilings & fireplace, large formal dining area w/ leaded glass built-ins overlooks a dramatic waterfall. A rebuilt 2 car garage w/ carriage doors & backyard ready for entertaining. See www.57733rdst.eproperties.com \$625,000

CHRIS BALESTRERI 996-2244

GREAT LOCATION

Phenomenal Mediterranean home located on arguably one of the best streets in East Sacramento. 36th Way on this curve offers a superb location with walking distance to McKinley Park. This home offers a large porch, central heat & air, vintage fireplace, large breakfast nook, coved ceilings and a spacious floor plan. Updated kitchen connects to the large backyard which is perfect for entertaining! See www.395-36thWay.com \$499,000

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